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*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.*



*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*



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## ***Upcoming Events***

April 28-30: AAUW NYS Convention

May 6: Achievement and Award Luncheon

Today - May 30th Book Sorting

***Please give a few hours of your time helping to complete the HUGE job of sorting books***

May 31 – June 4: Book Sale



# **Buffalo Branch Newsletter**

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**Buffalo Branch Home Page**  
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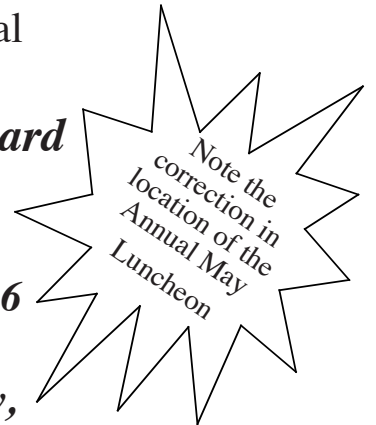
## ***Achievement and Award Luncheon***

***Saturday, May 6, 2006***

***Center for Tomorrow,  
University at Buffalo- North Campus***

Registration begins at 11:30AM, Lunch at Noon

***Please join us for presentation of the Annual Achievement Award, announcement of Velma Cobb and Catalyst for Change scholarship winners and celebration of our honorary and long-time members.***



May Program information on page 3 reservation form on page 15

## President's Message

How does one measure the success of an investment? In material terms the answer may be found in dividends, income, dollars earned. My mother would tell me that to whom much is given much is required. What you sow should be proportional to what you have received; a good investment is properly rewarded by giving more.

And so it is-- as we near the end of this year and look forward to a wonderful next year-- that we pause and look at how we have invested and what we have sown. The annual luncheon is always very special to me; it was the first official AAUW function that I attended. (Actually, it was the second; a quite memorable Dinner by the Book discussion was my first; Sue Grossman and I love to reminisce!) As a newcomer to the organization, I remember being impressed with the year's accomplishments and the dedication of the members. At my second luncheon, as we celebrated the branch's 110th anniversary, I remember enjoying the celebration of such a rich history as we looked forward to creating more history.

I have memories of other annual meetings, but I have to admit that this next one is just a little special to me. We started the year in

Deadline for the June issue is May 10. Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail at [jmeschner@verizon.net](mailto:jmeschner@verizon.net). Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the June issue.

September with a backdrop of a most horrific tragedy. Branch members responded in a way that we can only hope brought some relief. Along the way, we opened doors and opened minds. Just recently, in March and April, we worked together to inspire girls, their parents, and educators. Just listen to the words of one Tech Savvy student: Now I want to go to college. I'd say we earned a little interest on our investment!

So, as we get geared up for the fabulous 52nd Book Sale, we'll take a little pause. It has been a fabulous 115th year, and I end as I began: with my sincere gratitude to you.

Revering our past.... ushering in the future. We are not finished yet.

See you on May 6 at the Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon!

Tamara Brown



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## Registration form for Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon, Saturday May 6, 2006 Center for Tomorrow, University at Buffalo - North Campus

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to**

**AAUW Buffalo Branch Inc.**

**Deadline for reservations is April 21, 2006**

Please furnish any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Send reservation form and check to: Sharon Pilarski  
23 Fairway Lane, Depew, NY 14043

## AAUW Scholarship Book Sale Calendar

**Pre-Sale:** Beginning April 10<sup>th</sup> the Sorting Shifts will be:

**Every Weekday:** 9:00 to 1:00    1:00 to 5:00    5:00 to 8:00

**Every Saturday:** 9:00 to 12:00    12:00 to 3:00    [except April 15<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>]

**Book Sale: May 31st through June 4th**

**Wed. May 31st**    8:30 to 1:00    12:45 to 5:00    4:45 to 8:15

**Thurs. June 1st**    8:45 to 1:00    12:45 to 5:00    4:45 to 8:15

**Fri. June 2nd**    8:45 to 1:00    12:45 to 6:00    4:45 to 8:15

**Sat. June 3rd**    8:45 to 1:00    12:45 to 6:00

**Sun. June 4th**    11:45 to 3:00    2:45 to 6:00

**Mon. June 5th**    9:00 to 12:00

## AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our membership year is coming to a close and you will soon be receiving membership renewal letters in the mail. Please take the time to review the contact information we currently have in our database. This enables us to send you the Newsletter and other relevant materials. Also, let us know about your interests so we can link you to appropriate groups and programs, as well as investigate new programs. We have added a line to solicit your interest in becoming a mentor to a new member who lives in your area. A mentoring program will smooth the introduction of women into the association and branch. This will be a fun (and time-limited) way to become involved in helping a fellow member and the branch.

## Condolances

The Buffalo Branch sends its sympathy to the family of Dr. Ruth Muck who died on March 17, 2006 at the age of 95. Dr. Muck was a long time member of the branch. She started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and ended her career as an esteemed professor of education at Buffalo State College.

## Pictures From Tech Savvy



## Buffalo Branch Annual

### *Achievement and Award Luncheon*

**Center for Tomorrow**

**UB North Campus**

**Saturday, May 6, 2006**

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Lunch at Noon

*Please join us for presentation of the Annual Achievement Award, announcement of Velma Cobb and Catalyst for Change scholarship winners and celebration of our honorary and long-time members.*

Luncheon menu- choice of:  
Sliced Flank Steak w/Sauteed Red Onions  
and Mushrooms

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

OR

Turkey Breast in Lemon Pepper Sauce  
Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley

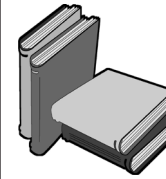
OR

Roasted Vegetables in Phyllo with  
Red Pepper Cream Sauce  
Rice Pilaf

Freshly Baked Rolls, Fruit Cup, Dessert  
and Beverages included

*Registration form on page 15*

## Annual Book Sale Will Soon Be Here



We hope you have returned the blue sheet to Judy Weidemann to indicate when you will be able to help with the Annual Scholarship Used Book Sale this year. If you did not receive the special mailing about the book sale last month, please let us know. You probably noticed the dates were incorrect. I am sure you figured out that the correct days were Wed. May 31, Thursday, June 1, Friday, June 2, Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4. We will be cleaning up the site, Monday morning, June 5.

You may still stop in anytime to sort books, even if you did not sign up for a shift that day or can only stay a little while. We are sorting Monday-Thursdays, 9 am-8 pm, Fridays, 9 am-5pm, and Saturdays (except May 6) 9 am-noon. If you would like to work at home, we will show you how to do research on the internet to price certain books.

You were asked to send the blue sign-up sheet back indicating a minimum of three shifts for both sorting and selling books. Friends and family are also needed Monday, May 1 to help set up the tables. Many people indicated on the book sale

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survey that they wished we would get the tables earlier. We will have the tables for the entire month of May but this will double the expense. Last year the tables cost \$2,092.50, our largest expense. A gift of \$10 or more toward the cost of a table helps offset some of the expenses.

Some of our regular customers were upset that we were not going to be open Friday or Saturday evenings so they could shop at the book sale after work. We have decided to be open Wednesday-Friday evenings until 8 pm. Therefore, the Friday, June 2 shifts will be 8:45-1, 12:45-5 and 4:45-8. Keep that in mind when filling out your sign-up sheets.

The date for the Cocktail Party at the Book Sale site has also changed. We invite all who are interested in seeing what is going on at the site, Monday, May 8, beginning at 5:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. A few desserts will be welcome also.



Mary Kellner  
Cathy Weiss  
Co-Chairs

## THANK YOU

A sincere thank You to the Buffalo Branch for the beautiful living plant basket and to all the Branch members who sent me "speedy get well wishes" during my recovery from recent surgery.

Janet Fowler

## Recipients of the 2006 Velma Cobb Scholarship

Two high school girls are recipients of the 2006 Velma Cobb \$1000 Scholarships given by the American Association of University Women.

The winners are Allyson Matlock of Frontier High School and Kursten Kyle O'Neil of Mount Mercy Academy.

## DIVERSITY COMMITTEE ¡Adelante! Book/Discussion Group:

The *Red Azalea* by Anchee Min, will be discussed on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Higher Grounds Café (new location), Sheridan Drive and Millersport. Facilitator: TBA. "Anchee Min grew up in a time and place where the soul was secondary to the state... where beauty was mistrusted and love could be punished by death. Her extraordinary story takes readers to China under Mao, revealing the brutality of oppression and the incredible resilience of the human spirit. "Scorching... powerful... a remarkable story" states the Chicago Sun-Times. If  
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## Tech Savvy Report

A special thank you to co-chair Betty Krist, other members of the planning committee, and the volunteers who gave their day to tap in to the technological talent that exists in our community.

We worked with many groups over the past 6 months to make sure that all girls everywhere in Western New York were invited. On Saturday, about 80 AAUW and non-member volunteers were rewarded with the opportunity to host approximately 202 girls and 88 parents, teachers, counselors, and other adults. The girls participated in 20 workshops where they chased after an otter, made raspberry lip balm and chocolate raspberry suppositories, performed probability experiments while making jewelry and other fun activities to illuminate the use of math and science in everyday life.

This shows us one more reason why the Book Sale is so important: One-third of the funding for Tech Savvy was made possible by our local educational foundation. It was an absolute blessing to have two sponsors for this event-- representing the industry and university alliances that are necessary if we are to achieve true equity. Our major sponsor the Praxair Foundation provided \$10,000 for Tech Savvy. Additionally, the School

of Engineering and Applied Science provided \$500 toward the pre-Tech Savvy reception.

We have already heard from UB's Engineering School, the Girl Scouts, the Buffalo Science Teachers Network, the Lackawanna Schools, and others about their inclusion in Tech Savvy 2007! Again, thanks. You have made girls in Western New York tech savvy.

Tamara Brown

## Welcome New Members

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80 Raymond Avenue  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
Cell: 570 2181

Ellen Reese  
49 Starin Avenue  
Buffalo NY 14214  
836 5027

Deborah Naybor  
PO Box 293  
Alden, NY 14004

Bernice Alpha  
303 North Park Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14216  
837-1531

## Educational Foundation Grants Announcement

If you or a woman you know needs funding for furthering their educational goals you might let them know that, applications for the 2007 to 2008 academic year will be available on August 1, 2006. We help support these so we hope Western New Yorkers will take advantage of them. Please refer to each program for application details, eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Here is a general out line of the grants to be awarded as detailed on the AAUW National Educational Foundation Web Site.

\* American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered.

\* Career Development Grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents.

\* Community Action Grants provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote

education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents.

\* International Fellowships are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the fellow's home country.

\* Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low.

\* University Scholar-in-Residence, located at a college or university, undertakes and disseminates research on gender and equity for women and girls.

Details regarding deadlines and each of the grants can be found by entering the following url: [http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)

To order multiple copies of the AAUW Educational Foundation fellowships brochure that includes these general descriptions for each fellowship program listed above, e-mail [aauw@act.org](mailto:aauw@act.org); call 319/337-1716 ext. 60; or write to the customer service center at

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Dept. 60  
301 ACT Drive  
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030

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you have already read this book, consider reading it once again and come and join in on the discussion with our facilitator.

HEADS UP: June 7, 7:45 p.m., Towne Rest., (Elmwood & Allen): *Trans-sister Radio* by Chris Bohjalian (2001.) Facilitator: TBA "*Trans-sister Radio* challenges all of our assumptions about gender, relationships, and sexuality. A powerful secret literally transforms four lives. ... The structure of the book is essential for understanding the (r)evolution of emotions that occur with the complex issues Chris Bohjalian explores through private lives made very public.. A demanding work that is often graphic, always gentle, and full of wisdom and surprising humor."

HISTORY OF AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club.

Many AAUW members share a love of reading, and that love, partnered with a desire to seek out books written from diverse perspectives, launched a new component of AAUW's diversity outreach program in 1996— AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club. Since then, AAUW members have enjoyed exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions, both in person and through e-mail. ¡Adelante! Book groups meet in bookstores, libraries, other public

venues, and online, gathering both members and nonmembers to talk about issues of social justice based on the month's selection. AAUW considers the ¡Adelante! Book/ Discussion Groups to be open to both AAUW members and members of the community-at-large in order to promote the AAUW mission of diversity and to also entice non-members to become members of their local branches (excerpted from the [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) website.) Note: It has been reported that many attendees who were not members of AAUW subsequently become members of AAUW.

Join us along with your friends as we embark on our selections each month!

AAUW Criteria for selection of books - Books included on the reading list will:

- \* reinforce AAUW's mission of diversity
- \* be fiction or non-fiction, be positively reviewed and be in print
- \* include books written for adults, young adults and/or children
- \* be reflective of but not limited to populations including new and non-readers, people with disabilities, rural and urban poor/homeless people, immigrants, incarcerated people/ex-offenders, and people generally discriminated against based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, language and social class
- \* reflect the theme for a particular month if that is appropriate. There are 12 selections per year.

Sylvia P. Volk

## Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: Please send study group information to Jan Barber, 139 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214-2311 or contact her at h (837-4558) or w (849-6500) or [jbarber@btattys.com](mailto:jbarber@btattys.com).

Note: If you are interested in forming a new study group, please contact Janice Barber, study group coordinator (837-4558 or 849-6500)

### Group: Adlente! diversity book/discussion group

When: May 2, 6:15 p.m.  
Where: Higher Grounds Coffee House,  
3622 Sheridan Drive at Millersport in  
New Trend Plaza  
Book: *"The Red Azalea"* by Anchee Min  
Contact: Sylvia P. Volk (881-1424 or  
[Artisans-company@yahoo.com](mailto:Artisans-company@yahoo.com))

### Group: American Biographies



When: May 9, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Eggertsville Snyder Library, 4622  
Main St., parking off Burroughs  
Book: *"James Madison"*  
By: Garry Willis  
Facilitator: Sue Oliver  
Next: *"Harriet Beecher Stowe"*  
By Suzanne Coil  
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

### Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club



When: May 24, 6 p.m.  
Where: Loughran's Restaurant,

4543 Main Street, Synder  
Topic: selection of books for next year  
Reserve: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

### Group: Dinner by the Book



When: May 17, 5:30 p.m.  
Where: My Tomato Pie, Northtown Plaza  
Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda  
Topic: Books for next year  
Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael  
Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887)  
Next: *"Truman"* by David McCullough

### Group: Education and Equity

When: May 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Where: Eggertsville –Snyder Library,  
4622 Main Street, Snyder  
Contact: Stacey Johnson (885-2486 or  
[Jhnsn@buffalo.edu](mailto:Jhnsn@buffalo.edu))

### Group: Great Decisions Discussion Group

When: May 4, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,  
Main Street, east of Youngs Road  
Topic: "Brazil: Invented Past and Hoped  
For Futures"  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8729)

### Group: The Green Thumbs Gardening Group



Contact: Janet Fowler (884-8698 or  
[Janalanf@aol.com](mailto:Janalanf@aol.com))

### Group: Knitting Group

When: May 23, 7-9 p.m.  
Where: Stonegate Apartments Clubhouse,  
Wherle Drive, Williamsville  
Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)

## Another Way to Make the Book Sale Successful

One of the largest costs of the Book Sale is the rental of the tables. A gift of \$10 toward the cost of a table helps offset some of the expenses.

The fewer dollars we have to spend on operational costs the more money will be available for our local and national scholarships and local educational programs such as Tech Savvy. What a success this was this year! Over 200 young girls participated! Indications are they would like it to be an annual event.

We need support from as many members as possible. Some of you are unable to help out with the sorting or selling. A donation for table or tables would certainly make you part of this huge effort and would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks available to: AAUW Buffalo Branch EF. Thanks to your generous support we will have funds again to spend for the girls and women of our community.

Send To Leona Barback  
62 Lynn Lea St.  
Williamsville, New York 14221

If you have any questions, please call Leona at 633-1982.

## Education and Equity

The Education and Equity group met in March, and agreed that we would introduce the AAUW position on various issues that fall under this rubric "education and equity." To do so, we feel that the mission statement is key to the understanding of the position that AAUW takes on any issue. "The American Association of University Women (AAUW) promotes education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change."

The AAUW Educational Foundation report *Separated by Sex: A Critical Look at Single-Sex Education*, found "no evidence that single-sex education is better than coeducation." AAUW is "committed to attaining an equitable learning environment for all students in our coeducational public schools. Policy-makers must look for solutions that benefit coeducational public schools, which more than 90 percent of elementary and secondary students attend."

Next meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at Eggertsville-Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street, Snyder NY 14226.

The education issue for this meeting is Charter Schools. Open to all members.

Stacey Johnson