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## ***Upcoming Events***

**October 5:** Board Meeting

**October 8:** National Women's Hall of  
Fame Induction - Seneca Falls

**October 15:** AAUW District Conference,  
White Inn, Fredonia.

**October 29:** Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's  
Darwin Martin House

**November 2:** Board Meeting

**November 14:** Women of the Americas  
Dinner



# Buffalo Branch Newsletter

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October 2005

## ***October Program***

**October 29, 2005**

**11:00AM**



## **Martin House Complex Tour**

More information on page 3, directions on page 4, and reservation form on page 11

## President's Message

Greetings.

I originally started drafting this month's message to talk about our new national theme (*Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security*) and, well, trees. Foremost in my mind was a poem attributed to a Buddhist nun, also known as Sumangala's Mother:

*At last, I am a woman free!  
No more tied to the kitchen,  
Stained amid the stained pots  
No more bound to the husband who thought  
me less than the shade he wove with  
his hands.  
No more anger, no more hunger.  
I sit now in the shade of my own tree.  
Meditating thus, I am happy, I am serene.*

Then came the hurricane we've come to know as Katrina. As this tragedy still unfolds, I am reminded, sadly, that those who are the most vulnerable in our society-- children, the elderly, the poor, often women-- are seldom afforded the benefit of planning or relief. Certainly, this disaster adds another dimension to having the shade of one's own tree. The

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state of current events also refreshes our resolve to promote positive societal change and to do what we can to increase opportunities for education and equity. We are reminded that the work performed by this branch is important. This month and next, our work takes us any many directions: from celebrating the induction of past and present "heroes" into the Hall of Fame to awarding future *College Bound* "heroes" for their creativity; from enjoying the restoration of architecture to building new bridges with sister branches in our district. October will be very busy. I hope to see many of you this month as we all work to help women live in the shade of their own trees.

-Tamara



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### Reservation Form for October Program, Martin House Complex Tour October 29, 2005 11:00AM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost \$9.00 per person Total included \_\_\_\_\_

Return reservations by **October 15** to  
Betty Krist, 116 Iris Avenue, West Seneca, NY 14224-2747  
Call Betty (675-4059) if you need assistance.

Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch.

Please be aware that our group tour is subject to cancellation in the event that restoration construction prevents site access on October 29. Should that occur you will be notified by phone several days before this event.

### Reservation Form District Fall Conference October 15, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$12 per person**

Make reservations payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and mail to  
Diane Silvestro, 6 Belvoir Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221-3614

### SENECA FALLS, NY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME BUS TRIP

October 8, 2005 Mary B. Talbert and Hillary Rodman Clinton Induction

Ticket price: Adults is \$155. No. of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seniors (65 and over)/Students: \$135.00 No. of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_  
Down payment of one-half must be made by August 31; (Balance when reservations are confirmed.)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tele #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check(s) payable to: Uncrowned Queens Inst.  
and mail to Uncrowned Queens, 984 Parkside Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216*

## Diversity Committee and AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

Join us on Friday, October 7, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. on National Diversity Day at Alice's Restaurant, Sheridan Drive for our 1st Book Review and Discussion of *The Pearl of the Antilles* by Dr. Andrea O'Reilly Herrera (2000.) A guest facilitator will lead this meeting. National Diversity Day, October 7, 2005, is officially listed in the 2005 Chase's Calendar of Events (pages 525-526). National Diversity Day is a day to celebrate and embrace who we are, despite our differences, no matter what race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, nationality, or disability. It is day to reflect on and learn about different cultures and ideologies. It is day to vow acceptance and tolerance. It is day to consciously address these areas at educational and religious institutions, as well as in the workplace and at home. National Diversity Day is an annual event on the first Friday in October (Diversity Awareness Month). Contact Sylvia Volk, 881-1424, for further information. And, don't forget,,,

September 26, 2005 Diversity Event: On September 26th, at noon. The Uncrowned Queen's Institute will sponsor a re-dedication ceremony of Talbert Hall on the North campus at the SUNY University of Buffalo;

President John Simpson has agreed to welcome the participants and say a few words.

10/ 8/2005 - AAUW CO-SPONSORED DIVERSITY EVENT - "GET ON THE BUS TO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME." The Buffalo Branch AAUW is pleased to partner with Uncrowned Queens and the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club in sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Falls, NY. On Saturday, October 8th, Mary B. Talbert, Hillary Rodman Clinton, Maya Lin and 7 others will be inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame.

You can reserve your ticket now to attend the Induction Ceremonies and luncheon. Space is limited, so we encourage you to make your reservations now! We leave at approximately 9:00 a.m., returning to Buffalo at 9:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows and include round-trip bus fare and tickets to the luncheon and Induction Ceremony: Seniors/Students: \$135 and Regular: \$155. One-half deposit required at time of reservation. Reserve your ticket now or visit <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens/>. Click on events then on October 8 Buss Trip for reservation form. Or call Barbara Nevergold at 834-7302 (h) Or 849 6727 ext. 159. Reservations are going fast so sign up early.

Sylvia Vollk, Diversity Chair

## October Program: Martin House Complex Tour

Join us on Saturday, October 29, 2005 as we tour Frank Lloyd Wright's five-structure Darwin D. Martin House Complex, one of his most notable Prairie House designs now under restoration.

Our 90-minute tour will begin at 11:00 AM (rain or shine) at the Barton House, 118 Summit Avenue. See the directions for driving and free parking on page 4. You may wish to plan to spend some time after the tour at the Wisteria (Gift) Shop in the Barton House.

Cost of the tour is \$9.00. **Reservations must be made by October 15** sent to Betty Krist, 116 Iris Ave, West Seneca NY 14224. Check the reservation form in page 11.

Since considerable walking and numerous stairs are involved, some people may find this tour strenuous. Good walking shoes are advised. When the restoration is complete the facility will be handicapped accessible.

Only exterior photographs of either the Martin or Barton house are permitted.

Here are some facts about the Martin House:

- The official name of the nonprofit organization that is restoring the Martin House Complex is the Martin

House Restoration Corporation.

- The complex that encompasses the Darwin D. Martin House and the George F. Barton House, as well as the grounds where the pergola, conservatory and carriage house will be reconstructed, is called the Martin House Complex.
- 125 Jewett Parkway is the address of the Darwin D. Martin House. 118 Summit Avenue is the address of the George Barton House.
- The original complete Martin House Complex was 29,080 square feet.
- The National Historic Preservation Act (of 1966) created the National Register of Historic Places. The Darwin D. Martin House Complex has been on this list since 1975.
- The Martin House was named a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1986.
- The Martin House Complex is located within the Parkside East Historic District, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.
- The Parkside Community was laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1876 and was part of the first coordinated system of public parks in America.

Additional information is available at [www.darwinmartinhouse.org](http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org)

Betty Krist

### **Driving and Free Parking Directions to Martin House Complex**

**125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, New York  
(Park at the Buffalo Zoo)**

#### **From New York State Thruway (90)**

Take exit onto Route 33 West (33-W)  
Take exit onto Route 198 West (198-W)  
*see below*

#### **From New York State Route 198:**

Exit at Parkside Avenue (Northbound  
– towards Buffalo Zoo).  
Proceed four blocks to the second traffic  
light and turn left into the parking  
lot of the Buffalo Zoo (located at the  
intersection of Parkside Avenue and  
Jewett Parkway). As you enter the lot,  
take a parking ticket to raise the gate. (Be  
sure to bring the parking ticket with you  
when you check in for your tour – you  
will be given a token to cover the cost.)

### **Call for Committee: Attracting AAUW's X Generation**

This year we are looking to enhance our relationship with students in the various colleges in Western New York. This is an important part of our overall goal to attract for new members and establish activities for members who may have just graduated,

entered the work force or are starting a family. To further this goal I have been given the position of Education/College Liason. I am hoping to get a group together to discuss the many issues of the women in these areas and to set up a couple of networking functions throughout the year. As a second year member of AAUW-Buffalo Branch I would like to share my enthusiasm with you about the exciting things that we can do and learn from one another. I am sure you will find that getting involved, even if it is sharing an idea by e-mail, will enrich your experience with AAUW and will help us to meet another goal for this year, diversity. Please send an e-mail to mgutrie@mandtbank.com or call me at home 877-5484 and let me know if you would like to join this fledgling group or if you have any ideas that we can use.

Michelle Norris- Education/College Liason

### **LAF and Holiday Gift Giving**

Why is it important to give to the Legal Advocacy Fund? We are women helping women in AAUW and this is a tangible way we can put our words into action. The women, whom we help to earn higher degrees through our EF contributions, also need our help when they experience discrimination in their academic pursuits. EF and LAF are partners in the AAUW mission of creating positive societal change. Won't you become a

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## **KIDS VOTING**

Members are once again asked to help with Kids Voting. This worthwhile activity encourages children to become involved in the voting process early in their lives.

We will man the voting area at School 81, 140 Tacoma in Buffalo on Election Day, November 1, 2005.

Call Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 for further information.

## **Highlights from the June 30, 2005 Board Meeting:**

Turnover to New Officers: Janet Fowler handed the gavel to Tamara Brown our new Branch president.

Book Sale: Mary Kellner reported that gross receipts for the book sale were \$77,150. There are still a few outstanding bills. Stacy Johnson motioned to commend the committee!!! The committee did state that more volunteers are needed for next year, especially during the sorting phase. It was also agreed that publicity was excellent.

### New Programs Scholarship Committee:

Joan Trinchera updated us on the organizations that have applied for \$5,000 under the Educational Projects and Grants. The following organizations applied: Girls Scouts of America, Uncrowned Queens, Mount St. Mary's, Salvation Army, Literacy Volunteers and the Life Cycle Center. No individual applicants were received.

Janet Fowler also recommended that the Scholarship committee continue and also suggested that they make recommendations for the following funds: Olga Lindberg, Dorothy Payne, and the Peterson Estate. A new chair must be appointed since Tamara Brown is now Branch President.

## **Educational and Fun...**

It's not too late to register for the **District 1 Fall Conference**. Plan to get away for the day at the historic White Inn in Fredonia, New York with other branches in our district. The conference fee of \$12 includes continental breakfast, full luncheon, and materials. Please call Diane Silvestro at 631-3349 by October 5 to make a reservation. (Please also see information in September newsletter and registration form on page 11.)

## Dinner By the Book 2005-2006 Book List

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book and Author</i>	<i>Discussion Leader</i>
Wed. 22 Sept. '09	<i>The Red Hat Club</i> Haywood Smith	Susan Grossman
Wed. 20 Oct. '09	<i>Inside the Kingdom</i> Carmen Bin Laden	Julia Piquette
WED. 17-Nov '09	<i>The First Desire</i> Nancy Reisman	Marilyn Carmichael
Wed. 15 Dec. '09	<i>Three Junes</i> Julia Glass	Mary Ann Hope
Wed. 19 Jan. '06	<i>Atonement</i> Ian McEwan	Leona Barback
Wed. 16 Feb. '06	<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i> Carson McCullers	Sharon Doerr
Wed. 16 Mar. '06	<i>The Kite Runner</i> Khaled Hosseini	Lynne Tauriello
Wed 27 Apr. '06	<i>The Analyst</i> John Katzenbach	Fran Witnauer
Wed. 18 May '06	Annual Potluck Marilyn Todd's Home	Marilyn Todd
Wed. 22 June '06	<i>Truman</i> David McCullough	Norma Millar

### Welcome New Members

Lanaya D. Burnette  
702 Columbus Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14213  
881 2851

Meredith L. Clark  
702 Columbus Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14213  
881 2852

Ms. Pauline Dyson  
86 S. Cayuga Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221  
633 2041

Essie A. Leskow  
17 Falmouth Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221  
635 5079

Mrs. Sharon Meer  
123 Kingsview Court, Williamsville, NY 14221  
689 9114

Mrs. Carolyn Nerber  
143 Ames Avenue, Tonawanda, NY 14150  
834 9821

Mrs. Carole Reid  
69 Henel Rd. #1, Amherst, NY 14226  
832 0459

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partner in this important work of AAUW too?

Need some ideas for gift giving?

As the gift giving season approaches, perhaps a contribution to LAF would be the perfect gift for the person who has everything. LAF would not send the notification until a week before the holiday in case it is a surprise. It would be put it in an appropriate holiday card, so please indicate which holiday you are celebrating. As with each donation, I will need the donor's name, address, as well as information on the recipient.

LAF is also doing 2 fundraisers for the season. We are selling \$25 gift certificates – For each one purchased, \$2.50 goes to LAF. Given as a gift or used for a night on the town, Simply Certificates are a perfect purchase. Good at 150 Merchants: restaurants, ski resorts, and golf courses. (Check out the merchants at [www.simplycertificates.com](http://www.simplycertificates.com))

Red, White and Pink Poinsettias will also be for sale. We would have plants delivered to Salvatore's to be picked up at our Holiday lunch.

- 4 ½” pots \$4.00;
- 6 ½-7” - \$7.00;
- 8”- \$13,
- 10” - \$23.00

The deadline is November 24<sup>th</sup> for reservation and payment for both.



Call 651-0663 or email [sapfair@adelphia.net](mailto:sapfair@adelphia.net) to reserve items of your choice.

Sharon Pilarski

## Global Issues in Women's Human Rights

The International Relations committee will resume under the leadership of our new International Representative, Isabel Marcus. The group will meet in Williamsville on Wednesdays from 7-9. (Fall dates are September 21, October 19, and in November; spring dates will be scheduled later.) Dr. Marcus brings a wealth of experience to this study group. A professor of law at the University of Buffalo, she is a founder of the Institute for Research and Education on Women and Gender. Her research interests are in the areas of family law, domestic violence, and women's international human rights. This study group is looking for new members. To join the group, please e-mail Dr. Marcus at [imarcus@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:imarcus@acsu.buffalo.edu). She also welcomes members to suggest topics for future group discussions.

## Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: Please send study group information to Jan Barber, 139 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214-2311 or contact me 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 the study group coordinator

### Group: Great Decisions Discussion Group

When: October 6, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, east of Youngs Road  
Topic: "Challenges in Iraq"  
Presenter: Myra Menti  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

### Group: American Biographies

When: October 11, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St. at Burroughs, parking on Burroughs  
Book: "James Madison" by Garry Wills  
Contact: Sue Oliver (652-1230)  
Next Book: TBA

### Group: Gardening

When: October 13, 7 p.m.  
Where: the Reinstein Memorial Library, 2580 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga.  
Topic: Preparing the Garden for Fall & Winter



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

### Group: Dinner by the Book

When: October 19, 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Plaka's Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Ave., Kenmore  
Topic: "Inside the Kingdom" By Carmen Bin Laden  
Facilitator: Julia Piquette  
Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or 856-3150w)  
[Fwitnauer@buffaloplace.com](mailto:Fwitnauer@buffaloplace.com)  
Next Book: "The First Desire" by Nancy Reisman



### Group: Knitting Group

When: 4th Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.  
Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Ln. behind Wherle Golf Dome  
Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)  
[aikotler@earthlink.net](mailto:aikotler@earthlink.net)



### Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: October 26, 6 p.m.  
Where: Loughran's Restaurant, Main Street, near Harlem  
Book: "The Sunday Philosophy Club" By Alexander McCall Smith  
Facilitator: Margaret Haas  
Reserve: Sue Grossman (837-8769)  
Next : Martha Grimes' pub series of books

## New Study Group - All About Gardening

Structure: A special interest group dedicated to gardening interests and education.

Coodinator: Janet Fowler



I have been asked by many to begin a study group on this topic for over a year. Now that my presidential term has ended, the study group can begin.

Meetings will be monthly, probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. I would like the topics to include gardening education, some hands on learning, sharing of ideas, touring some gardens, etc. As a Master Gardener I believe I can coordinate a wealth of education and information to share with the members.

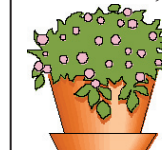
The first meeting will be Thursday, October 13 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the Reinstein Memorial Library, 2580 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga. We will discuss a name, what we want to gain from the group, topics, where we want to meet and the structure of the meetings going forward.

The topic for the first meeting will be preparing the garden for fall and winter. Catalogs will



also be available for spring bulb ideas.

If interested in joining or for information or directions, call Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or email [JANALANF@aol.com](mailto:JANALANF@aol.com).



Looking forward to seeing you at the first meeting!

## Buffalo Branch Helps Hurricane Survivors

In an effort to provide relief to Hurricane Katrina survivors, the Buffalo Branch raised funds at the September potluck for the AAUW branch in Mobile, Alabama. Funds raised at the potluck have already been sent to the branch which is working with a coalition to assist 2000 families made homeless due to the disaster. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this effort.

## Cards Appreciated

Ruthe Sicherman, a life member of the branch, recently suffered a fall and two pelvic fractures that have resulted in her relocation to an apartment at Amberleigh, an independent senior living complex in Amherst.

Cards may be directed to her new address:  
Ruthe P. Sicherman  
2330 Maple Road, Apt. 260  
Williamsville, NY 14221