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Deadline for the May issue is April 10. Please send articles to Betty Preble via e-mail: betty6935@adelphia.net. Articles received after that date will not appear in the next issue.



THE ROYCROFT INN

The American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch

presents

The Buffalo Branch Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting

*Join us at the historic **Roycroft Inn** for a delicious meal and celebration of our branch members, election of officers and recognition of this year's Woman of Achievement: **JoAnn Falletta**, Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and an optional complimentary tour of the Inn. The meeting is open to the public and we encourage you to **bring guests and friends**.*

Roycroft Inn

40 South Grove St. (park in lot across the street from the Inn)

East Aurora, NY 14052

Saturday, May 5, 2007

11:30 am Registration

12:00 Lunch, Awards, Annual meeting

Optional Tour of the Roycroft Inn afterwards



All menu selections include chef's choice of starch and vegetable, Inn made breads, ice cream or sherbet, fresh brewed coffee, tea and soft drinks.

- ♫ Roasted Salmon with an herbed breadcrumb crust, served with a lemon beurre blanc
- ♫ Pasta Primavera with crisp seasonal vegetables tossed with pasta and seasoned olive oil
- ♫ Phoenix Crepes with chicken, shrimp and vegetables in a thin French crepe with a parmesan and dill beurre blanc.

More details on pg 9

Name(s) _____

Telephone # _____ Cell phone # _____ (in case of emergency)

Cost: \$25.00/person (Please make checks payable to AAUW/EF)

Luncheon choices (number of each):

Roasted Salmon _____ Pasta Primavera _____ Phoenix Crepes _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Number taking tour of historic Roycroft Inn _____

Reservations and checks to: Linda Suchocki, 207 Fenton Street, Buffalo NY 14206 by **April 25, 2007**

Presidents' Message

Spring has Sprung! That means the Annual Scholarship Book Sale cannot be far behind. You will soon be receiving letters to sign up for sorting and staffing the site during presale and the sale. Please consider carefully, donating as much time as you can. If you are going to be out of town the week of the sale, remember you can donate toward the huge cost of renting the tables or contribute snacks for workers. We will be needing people to sit and re-price some of the old "new" books we still have. There really is something for everyone to do at home or at the site.

Remember, receipts from the book sale allow the branch to do all the things Leona Barback, VP Educational Foundation, listed in the February issue of the Buffalo Branch Advocate - College Bound Awards, Catalyst for Change scholarships, Grassroots Grants, mentoring, Tech Savvy, Sister-to-Sister Summit, Title IX research, and the Transitions program. Yes, the community donates all kinds of books to us, but we are able to give back to the community in many ways.

Because of the Annual Scholarship Book Sale, Sister-to-Sister and Tech Savvy, Western New York should be well aware of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW. Over 300 students, 100 parents and 25 teachers registered to attend Tech Savvy 2, coming from as far away as Dunkirk and Rochester. Did you see one of the two billboards advertising Tech Savvy? One was at 1641 Bailey Avenue and the other at Sycamore and Walden. Thanks to all involved in planning this fantastic event. Even after registrations were full, the branch received calls from more parents wishing to bring their daughters.

We are looking forward to the New York State AAUW Convention at the end of the month. The Buffalo Branch is allotted six delegates on its own. Others from the branch will also be attending in other roles - Tamara Brown is the state EF Vice President, Betty Preble is the state Communications Director and Suzanne Oliver is a past state President. Besides myself, Connie Combs, Stacey Johnson, and Lillis McLean will be representing the branch. We are entitled to two more delegates as well as alternates. Please call me if you would like to register to attend the convention, April 27-29, 2007 at the Gideon Putman Resort & Spa in Saratoga Springs, NY. The theme this year is "Women Making a Difference." For more infor-

mation, including a list of workshops, go to the state website, aauw-nys.org and click on "Convention."

We hope to see you all at the Roycroft Inn, Saturday, May 5, for the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. We will be presenting scholarships and recognizing JoAnn Falletta, Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, as the 2007 Woman of Achievement. Send in your reservation and invite a friend!

'Til next month,

Mary

Mary Kellner and Judy Malamas



(kellneraauw@yahoo.com
and tsagewood@aol.com)

Members in the News

Barbara Nevergold, Ph.D., co-founder of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women at the University at Buffalo, is one of five people honored this year by the State of New York with a 2007 Dr. Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award. She was also inducted into the WNY Women's Hall of Fame on March 12 of this year.

Marguerite Collesano received the D'Youville College Distinguished Service Award on March 7, 2007. Marguerite received the award for continued service to the College over the years including presidency of the Alumni Association and membership on the Board of Trustees.



MEET THE BOARD:

Teresa Gessner is co-chair of the Public Policy Committee.

Born in Poland, she attended schools in Persia, Lebanon and England and completed university studies in England, graduating with B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry from the University of London. Her professional career has included research in industry and academia, also teaching and guiding undergraduates, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Teresa has co/authored over 100 scientific publications on therapeutic and/or toxic effects of drugs and chemicals. She has served on many professional committees including grant reviewing Study Sections of the National Institutes of Health. Currently she is a retired research scientist of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and a Research Professor Emeritus of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

As member of Buffalo Branch of AAUW, Teresa has served several years on the Public Policy Committee while concurrently serving on the Board, first as the International Relations Representative and later as the First Vice-President (Program). She organized a Study/Interest Group on the international status of

women's civil and political rights and initiated the Branch's celebration of the March 8 International Women's Day.

Currently, she and Karen Stephenson are co-chairs of the Public Policy Committee which is working on voter education in relation to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The committee promotes civic education by addressing the issues of new voting systems, voter registration, and Kids Voting USA which includes teens voting. Also on the Committee's agenda are voter education on the issues of accessibility and affordability of quality education and retraining/continuing education, which are of vital importance for global competitiveness.



Suggestions Wanted!



A committee is compiling a list of other community organizations that are aligned with the AAUW mission in order to add cross-links on our branch website. Some groups are obvious and are well-known. However, there are probably many others that we are not aware of. If you have suggestions, please contact Susan Clements (835-1768 or susanjclements@aol.com) or Betty Preble (662-0608 or betty6935@adelphia.net) with the name of the group, a contact person, and the website address of the organization. Thanks!

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**Women Making
a Difference**

April 27-29, 2007 - Saratoga Spring, NY



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Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups - This Month's Schedules

Study groups are an excellent way to form friendships, network, educate and have fun. If you are interested in forming a new study group, please contact Janice Barber, study group coordinator (837-4558 or 849-6500) jbarber@btattys.com

Group: ¡Adelante! diversity book/discussion

When: April 11, 6 p.m.

Where: Talking Leaves Bookstore, 3158 Main Street, Buffalo

Book: *Money, A Memoir: Women, Emotions And Cash* by Liz Perle

Facilitator: Mary J. Christ

When: Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Event: **Encore** screening of *Treemonisha*, an opera by Scott Joplin in honor of National Library Day. Don't miss this: bring the youths!

Where: Frank W. Merriweather, Jr. Library, 1324 Jefferson Avenue at Utica, Buffalo

Contact: Sylvia P. Volk (881-1424 or Artisans-company@yahoo.com)

Group: American Biographies

When: April 10, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street, off Burroughs

Note: Accessible by Metro Bus Routes 48, 49 and 30

Subject: Gen. Robert E. Lee, General of the Confederate Armies during the Civil War/War Between the States

Book: Biography of your choice of General Lee
Discussion Leader: Suzanne Oliver

Next: *The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and The Triumph of Hope*, By Jonathan Alter

Contact: Mary Fiore (886-6727)

Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: April 25, 6 p.m.

Where: The Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore

Topic: Book selections for 2007-2008 and Leaders

May Book: *Chamomile Mourning* by Laura Childs (or any in the Tea Shop mysteries series)
Reserve: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: Current Events

When: April 5, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, east of Youngs Road

Topics: State and local issues

Facilitator: Members of the group

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: Dinner by the Book

When: April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Where: My Tomato Pie, Northtown Plaza, Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda

Topic: Book selections for 2007-2008

Come with two suggestions.

May Book: *Beyond the Sky & The Earth: A Journey into Bhutan*, by Jamie Zeppa

Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

Group: Education and Equity

Contact: Stacey Johnson (885-2486 or Jhnsn@buffalo.edu)

Group: Gourmet Food

Contact: Sylvia P. Volk (881-1424 or Artisans-company@yahoo.com)

Group: Green Thumbs Gardening

When: April 12, 7 p.m.

Where: Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library, 2580 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, across from St. Joseph Hospital

Topic: TBA

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

Group: Knitting Group

When: 4th Thursday, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Higher Grounds, Sheridan Drive, west of Millersport

Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)

Group: Quilting

This is a proposed study group.

If you are interested, please contact Mary Christ, amazingracesq@yahoo.com, or Janice Barber, study group coordinator.



PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

AAUW Buffalo Branch's standing Committee on Public Policy holds monthly meetings on **FIRST MONDAYS at NOON.**

The next meeting will be on Monday, **APRIL 2 at 12:00, at the Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave. Eggertsville**, NY 14226 (between Main and Sheridan; two blocks south of the intersection of Bailey Ave with Eggert Rd.).

For more **information and reservations** please call or e-mail: Teresa Gessner (716-634-5053 / tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu).

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. Please let me know that you are coming so that I can reserve appropriately. Thanks. -

Teresa Gessner

● DIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORT ●

BLACK HISTORY MONTH REPORT: The committee would like to thank all the brave souls who came out in inclement weather on Wednesday, March 14th to the Frank .W. Merriweather, Jr. Public Library to view the screening of *Treemonisha*, fun, frolicking history-making opera by America's foremost ragtime composer, Scott Joplin.

Wednesday, March 21st saw us back at the Merriweather Library for a live production of selections from the HBO Movie *The Water is Wide* performed by Down In My Soul Productions which concluded in a community sing-along led by Joyce Carolyn. This was an opportunity to show AAUW Buffalo Branch to the community - several youths asked for information about Tech Savvy and Sister-to-Sister and adults asked about AAUW membership.

In addition, a raffle was held for LAF featuring a US Post Office Black History tote bag and books, including *The Water is Wide*.

April ¡Adelante! Book/Discussion Group: *Money, A Memoir: Women, Emotions, and Cash* by Liz Perle on April 11th @ 6:00p.m. (see Study Group Announcement.) Our own Buffalo Branch Member Mary J. Christ, Sr. will be our facilitator. Mary J.

Christ, Sr. (nickname Kay) was born Carolyn Cooper, changing her name 25 years ago. Ms. Christ was born in Buffalo, but lived in NYC while studying chemical engineering at Pratt Institute and subsequently resided in Washington, D.C., Cincinnati, OH, and Los Angeles, CA. Among Ms. Christ's notable achievements in her early academic career have been a Regents Scholarship winner, a NACME (National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering) scholar, a Dean's List student, filing for a European patent while a co-op at Procter and Gamble, President of the Pratt Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and National Chairperson of the National Society of Black Engineers.

A single parent of three young adults, she is currently working on her Ph.D. in Applied Management and Decision Sciences at Walden University and will probably teach at the college level when she finishes her degree. She has worked for several local industries and federal government agencies.

Her area of interest is intellectual property and six-sigma, having made student presentations on these subjects and been published in that field. Ms. Christ owns approximately 20 patent disclosures and eight copyright registrations. She has a B.S. in Legal Information Systems from Empire State College, and an M.S. in International Business from D'Youville and is a notary public. In addition, she writes creative non-fiction and quilts to relax. Her volunteer work in the local community includes having worked with the Harlem Book Fair, the PTA, and as an elections inspector. As a member of the local AAUW Buffalo Branch, and a recent member of the Diversity Advisory Committee, she is looking forward to working with AAUW many years into the future.

REVIEW: In spite of women's supposedly massive buying power and growing presence in Fortune 500 boardrooms, many women are still awfully old-fashioned when it comes to cash. Why do they show so little interest in managing investments? Perle (*When Work Doesn't Work Anymore*) investigates these questions and others in this remarkable sociological study-cum-memoir. Perle also profiles dozens of everyday women, spotlighting the anxiety, embarrassment and guilt money causes them. Commentary from financial experts, sociologists and others helps demonstrate her thesis: women cannot afford to be

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ambivalent about money and must learn to separate feelings from finance. Perle's book raises more questions than it answers, which is part of its allure! [Publishers Weekly]

CALL FOR DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINEES: We are in the process of obtaining names of members of the community and organizations to serve on our new Diversity Advisory Committee to help plan future diversity events in addition to our continuation of the Annual National AAUW Monthly ¡Adelante! Book/Discussions. I thank you in advance for sending names and/or organizations to Sylvia at artisans_company@yahoo.com.

AND, place May 9 '07 on your calendar when we talk about the Newberry Book selection *Kara, Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata with Facilitators Gwen Ito and her young daughter, Hanna Ito.

Sylvia Volk, Diversity Chair

Legal Advocacy Fund Update

The 2007 pins have arrived! Every member donating \$100.00 or more shall receive one. This year, the 2007 AAUW Convention in Phoenix, AZ is highlighting LAF's 25th anniversary. A new 25th anniversary pin was developed for this celebration. It will be awarded to each member donating \$250.00 or more to LAF. Thus, a member donating of \$250.00 or more shall receive BOTH pins. The pins will be available at the NYS convention in April, as well as from the Association.

Any member receiving an Anniversary pin and purchasing a ticket to the LAF awards dinner at the 2007 AAUW Convention in Phoenix, AZ, will have VIP access to meet the honored Speaking Out for Justice awardees, Laura Leedy Gansler and Clara Bingham. They are authors of the book, *Class Action- The Story of Lois Jensen and the Landmark Case that Changed Sexual Harassment Law*. Anniversary pin and ticket purchasers will also meet featured LAF plaintiff Claire Schuster (Schuster v Berea College).

Claire Schuster began working at Berea College in Kentucky as an Assistant Professor of Nursing in 1995. She was awarded tenure in 2001 and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. When she received her salary letter in May 2002 a salary chart was included. She discovered that her salary was \$5,000 less than the average for other Berea professors at her rank and only \$600 more than the lowest salary within that salary range.

At the same time, she learned that the all-female nursing department had hired its first male faculty member at a salary that exceeded the salaries paid to female nursing faculty members, and that he had been hired directly into the associate level. At the time of his hire, he had significantly less teaching experience and professional experience in comparison to her eight years of teaching and 28 years as a nurse. In addition, he did not have the requisite six years of experience at the assistant professor level or any special qualifications that would have justified his higher rank and salary when compared to the other women faculty.

The nursing faculty expressed their opposition to the Chair of the Nursing Department. Schuster met with the dean in September 2002 to discuss her concerns further. She followed up with a letter summarizing their discussion. He responded via letter at the end of October asking her to wait to address her grievances until spring 2003. In February 2003, Schuster was informed by the dean that no change in salary decisions had been made. In November 2003, Schuster filed a complaint alleging sex discrimination. To date, \$5,000 from LAF has been awarded to her case.

Cheryl Papa, AAUW-NYS LAF VP

IT's that time -

AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Please be on the lookout for your 2007-2008 membership renewal form which we will be mailing to you in early April. We encourage you to take the time to review the information on the form which matches what we currently have in our database. This enables us to send you the Advocate newsletter and other relevant materials, as well as print your correct personal details in the Roster. The renewal form also lets us know about your interests so we can link you to appropriate groups and programs.

Wecome to our newest member!

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BUFFALO BRANCH POSITIONS FOR THE 2007 - 2008 YEAR

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following list of candidates to fill the 2007-2008 open elected positions for the AAUW Buffalo Branch of Directors. The voting for these positions will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Branch on May 5, 2007.

- President: Tamara Brown
- President-Elect: Janet Fowler
- Program Vice President: Susan McClary
- Membership Retention Vice President:
Co-Candidates: Kristin Bojanowski and
Michelle Norris
- Treasurer (Branch): Anita Kunkle
- Treasurer (Funds for Education): OPEN - need candidate
- Nominating Committee Chair: Joan Eschner

Washington Updates from the Association

Speaker Pelosi Congratulates Mia Hamm and Julie Foudy

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi congratulated Mia Hamm and Julie Foudy on their election to the National Soccer Hall of Fame in a historical year when, for the first time, the entire class selected will be comprised solely of women. Said Speaker Pelosi, "It has been my pleasure to work with Mia and Julie on preserving Title IX – the landmark civil rights law that for nearly 35 years has ensured equal opportunity for women and girls in athletics and education. Title IX has empowered hundreds of thousands of young women on the field and in the classroom to be stronger and bolder through a simple message: your education is crucial and your future is limitless." Foudy was a member of the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. In 2002, the Bush administration created the

commission to evaluate how current standards governing Title IX's application to athletics should be revised.

First Woman Named Winner of "Nobel Prize in Computing"

For the first time since the annual honor began in 1966, a woman, Frances Allen, is the recipient of the A.M. Turing Award, granted by the Association for Computer Machinery. This award is considered the tech industry's equivalent of a Nobel Prize in computing. Ms. Allen, who began her career as a computer scientist in the 1950s, plans to use the \$100,000 cash prize to establish a fund to help educate young girls in remote areas of the world where the opportunity to go to school is slim or nonexistent. AAUW has a proud tradition of working to encourage girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Book Sale News



At about the time you receive this Newsletter you should be receiving the Blue Packet listing all of the volunteer opportunities for the Scholarship Book Sale. Please give careful consideration to all the opportunities listed and return the forms to Judy Weidemann as indicated on the form. We need participation from everyone to make the 53rd Annual Scholarship Book Sale another great success.

Sorting continues on schedule. Sorting is every Tuesday morning at the Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services, 995 Kensington Avenue from 9:30 -12:30. There will be a sorting day at the Waters in East Aurora on March 23. This facility is located on Glead Avenue in East Aurora. It is best to call Judy Weidemann (655-3649) for directions if you have not been there before.

Judy Weidemann, Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator
Nora DeVoe, Book Sale Publicity Chair

AAUW-NYS PUBLIC POLICY

Five resolutions were passed at the 2005 and 2006 AAUW-NYS Conventions. Details for resources and action plans for all of them are available on the NYS website - aauw-nys.org.

- Child Care and its Economic Impact to Families in New York State
- Human Trafficking
- Promoting and Educating Women to Run for Elected/Appointed Office
- Pay Equity
- Equitable NYS School Funding

Learn what YOU can do about these important issues! And if you think a resolution is needed on another issue, contact your convention delegates (see pg 2) - or, better yet, go to the convention yourself!



Highlights of February Board Meeting

Buffalo Branch Meeting

Congratulations to Susan Clements who was voted the 2007 Emerging Leader of the Buffalo Branch. Two other marvelous candidates, Susan McClary and Michelle Norris, were also nominated.

Tamara Brown suggested the branch attend a performance of "The Best Woman" at the Ujima Theater Sunday, March 18. The board voted to become a member of the theater and branch members may attend at a reduced rate.

Chair Linda Suchoki was looking for volunteers to help organize the May luncheon at the Roycroft Inn.

The branch has volunteered to staff the Junior League Show House the morning of May 12 or 19. Sylvia Volk is compiling the list of volunteers.

The Buffalo Branch will rejoin the Interclub Council of WNY. Dues are \$25.

The branch is allowed 6 delegates to the New York

State Convention, April 27-29, in Saratoga Springs.

Educational Accounts and Charitable Projects

Suzanne Oliver shared the history of the Sister-to-Sister Summit. It will be held this year on Saturday, March 31 at Buffalo State College. Attendance averages 200 girls and 50 adults in various workshops. Volunteers were requested to help that day. Janet Fowler will join the Sister-to-Sister Board.

Dr. Susan McClary, Velma Cobb Chair, would like the scholarship application to be added to the website.

The recommended Chamberlain Loan candidates were approved

Due to high projected costs, the LAF fund raiser wine tasting event for April was canceled.

Janet Fowler donated a "Black Women of Distinction" tote bag. Tamara Brown and Sylvia Volk donated books for the bag to be raffled off for LAF at the two February events.

Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon

The luncheon this year will take place on Saturday, May 5th, at the historic Roycroft Inn. Please join us at this beautifully restored National Historic Landmark in charming East Aurora, N.Y. The Awards Luncheon is the culmination of a great year--it is a time to celebrate our branch's accomplishments, members, and officers. It is an opportunity to welcome incoming branch officers, who will be installed by AAUW NYS President Diane Haney, and especially to thank outgoing officers for their time, dedication, and leadership of our branch. It is also a chance to meet some of our many scholarship winners, and to congratulate our 2007 Woman of Achievement, Maestra JoAnn Falletta, Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

This year's event will be a delight to the senses, from the visually inspiring décor of The Roycroft to the delicious choice of entrees, sure to please every palate (you must try the melt-in-your mouth fabulous Phoenix Crepes!). The cost of the luncheon is only \$25 and includes salad, fresh baked breads, choice of entrée, dessert, and soda, coffee or tea. There will also be a cash bar. After the program, you are invited to have a complimentary guided tour of the Inn and are welcome to explore the many shops of The Roycroft Campus as well as those throughout East Aurora. Please plan on attending this year's Achievement Awards Luncheon as we know it will be a program long remembered and enjoyed. We hope you might also bring a friend as this is a great way to introduce them to the branch and to enjoy this jewel of local history.

Directions: From Buffalo: Take Rte 190 South to the NYS Thruway (Rte 90) West. Take exit 54 to the Rte 400. Exit from Rte 400 at Rte 20A / East Aurora. Turn right off the exit onto Rte 20A, which becomes Main Street. Continue through the Village and turn left onto S. Grove St. The Inn is on the left at 40 S. Grove St.

See <http://www.roycroftinn.com/> for more details on the Roycroft Inn.

For more information on the Awards Luncheon contact Linda Suchocki (823-4154 or suchock-

i207@cs.com) or Bev Schwiegerling (Home: 652-7182 Cell: 912-9456 or schwieg@adelphia.net)

Branch Names JoAnn Falletta 2007 Woman of Achievement

Maestra JoAnn Falletta, Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO), has been named as this year's Woman of Achievement. Maestra Falletta, acclaimed by the New York Times as "one of the finest conductors of her generation," was selected for her distinguished professional accomplishments and her inspiring leadership which have elevated the orchestra and our city to international prominence. She has led the orchestra in concerts and recordings that have been nationally and internationally broadcast and released. She founded the JoAnn Falletta International Guitar Concerto Competition which has brought international acclaim and attention to our community. She has been praised for her work, and has been invited to guest conduct many of the world's finest symphony orchestras. In addition to her work in Buffalo, she serves as Music Director of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and Artistic Director of the Honolulu Symphony. She has also held positions of Music Director of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director of the Denver Chamber Orchestra. She has been recognized as Buffalo and Erie County's Artist of the Year, and in 2006 was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame.



We hope you will join us this year in honoring Maestra Falletta. **See the front page for reservations for the luncheon - deadline April 25.**

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research .



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



The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon, Apr 2 - Public Policy Committee, 12 noon, Family Tree Restaurant

Wed, Apr 4 - Board Meeting 6 pm, Daemen College, Duns Scotus Hall, Room 221

Wed, Apr 25 - reservations due for the May 5 annual meeting/luncheon

Fri-Sun, Apr 27-29 - NYS Convention, Saratoga Springs

Wed, May 2 - Board Meeting, location TBA

Sat, May 5 - Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, 12 noon, Roycroft Inn, East Aurora

Sat, May 12 or 19 - Docents at Junior League Show House, 9:30-1:45, Silverthorne Mansion, 877 Delaware Ave

Wed, May 30 - Annual Scholarship Book Sale begins, 9 am, site TBA

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