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THE ROYCROFT INN

The American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch



presents

The Buffalo Branch Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting



There is still time to RSVP for the May luncheon - **deadline April 25!**

Please join the branch on Saturday, May 5th at the beautiful and historic Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, NY for the Buffalo Branch Achievement Award Luncheon and Annual Meeting. This year, we are recognizing Maestro JoAnn Falletta, Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, as our Woman of Achievement.

Plan on arriving early, as beginning at 11:30 am there will be a musical prelude on violin and cello by gifted musicians Natalie Leising and Benjamin Rood.

In addition to presenting the Achievement Award during this luncheon, we will be honoring 25 and 50 year branch members, as well as presenting Educational Foundation Named Gifts to several branch members and friends of the branch. We will also be presenting Velma Cobb scholarships to two outstanding local high school girls. At the luncheon, we hope you will join us in welcoming AAUW New York State President Diane Haney who will be installing our incoming branch officers.

Following the luncheon, if you have the time, you are invited to be part of a guided tour of The Roycroft Inn to learn more about this national historic landmark.

For information about the May 5th luncheon, please call Linda Suchocki at 823-4154. Additional info on page 3.

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

Dear Members,

I know Mary touched on this topic last month. So the fact that I'm addressing my entire message to the Book Sale lets you know the seriousness of the situation.

I have attended two Book Sale Committee meetings within the last month and I came away both times with this message. It is now time for you and me to step up to the plate and do our share as members of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW. So far there have been about 8 or 10 (I'm being generous) members who have sorted books and picked up books at libraries and homes. They alone can not make this year's book sale a reality, let alone a success. These same ladies have anguished over getting a site for this year keeping in mind that we want it to be as worker friendly as possible. But "beggars can't be choosers" as the saying goes. We have to accept what is offered. As of today, April 2nd, we know we will have a site at the Sheridan Plaza where we were last year. Which building is yet to be determined. We thought we had a lovely site as of a few days ago, but that fell through. Of course we are hoping for one particular building, but there are hurdles to get through before we'll know,

which won't be until April 26th. Because of that, our sorting time on site will only be three weeks before the first day of the sale, May 30th. Many, many hands will be needed to get everything in order for opening day.

When you receive your letter asking you to volunteer, please consider being generous with your time, especially in those three weeks before the sale. If for health reasons you are unable to donate your time or can only give a few hours, please consider donating money to help cover the cost of our expenses which eat into our profits that go to provide scholarships; the reason for the sale.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

Judy

Mary Kellner and Judy Malamas



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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

Board Members, Please Note:



The May Board meeting will be at St. Stephen's Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wherle Dr, Cheektowaga.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You should already have received your 2007-2008 membership renewal letter and information form which were mailed in April. Please remember 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. If you did not receive a renewal letter and form (Honorary Life Members were not sent forms), please contact Freddie Cheek at 835-6945 or fscheek@adelphia.net.

More May Luncheon Information:

If you have not been to East Aurora recently, you may want to take some additional time to see the area. Check the village website (<http://www.east-aurora.ny.us/>) for information. Vidler's (<http://www.vidlers5and10.com/>) is an institution in the village that you're sure to enjoy and "Explore & More" (<http://www.exploreandmore.org/>) is a childrens' interactive museum to keep in mind for future trips with your kids or grandkids.

Do you know the way?

Directions to the Roycroft: 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 suchocki207@cs.com) or Bev Schwiegerling (Home: 652-7182 Cell: 912-9456 or schwieg@adelphia.net)

COME MEET DIANE



Diane Haney, the current New York State President of AAUW, will visit Buffalo May 4-5 to install the newly elected branch board members at the May luncheon. You are all invited to a reception Friday, May 4, from 4:30 -6:30 pm at Salvatore's Gar-

den Place Hotel, 6615 Transit Rd, Williams-ville. Because of all the activities of our branch, she is quite excited to be coming and meeting more of our members. If you can join us for appetizers and a cash bar, please call Judy (632-0461) or Mary (741-8127) so we will know how much food to order. You are also welcome to join us afterwards when we treat Diane to dinner at a nearby restaurant. We need to know if you plan to go with us to make the correct number of reservations.



THE BUFFALO BRANCH ADVOCATE is published monthly as a bulletin of events for members and as an update on AAUW issues and programs.

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**Booksale -
all hands needed -
see insert!!!**

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 or jbarber@btattys.com

GROUP: AAUW Buffalo's ¡Adelante!

Book/Discussion Group

TOPIC: Asian Pacific American Heritage

Month's selection: *Kira-Kira* (Newbery Medal Book) by Cynthia Kadohata (Ages 11upward)

FACILITATORS: Gwen Ito and daughter Hanna Ito

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 9, 6:00p.m. 07

LOCATION: Talking Leaves, 3158 Main St.

Buffalo, NY 14214

Small moments shine the brightest in this poignant story; told beautifully and lyrically in Katie's fresh, honest voice

JUNE 13 07 Book: *Out on the Street: Stories of Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Youth* by

Joyce Tenneson and Charles Decker,

PoliPointPress, 2006 GLBT Pride Month

Facilitator: Katie Jones, SUNY Buffalo

CONTACT: Sylvia Volk, 716-881-1424 or artisans_company@yahoo.com

Group: American Biographies

When: May 8, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Discussion Leader: Mary Fiore

Next: Jane Addams, Founder of Hull

House and Nobel Prize winner, 1860-1935

Read a biography of your choice.

Contact: Mary Fiore (886-6727)

Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: May 23, 6 p.m.

Where: the Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore

Book: *Chamomile Mourning* by Laura Childs (or any other book in the Tea Shop series)

Discussion Leader: Suzanne Grossman

Next (with "Dinner by the Book"): *The Year of Magial Thinking*, by Joan Didion

Reserve: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: Current Events

When: May 3, 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: May 16, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Olympic Restaurant, corner of Military and Elmwood, Tonawanda

Book: *Beyond the Sky & The Earth:*

A Journey into Bhutan, by Jamie Zeppa

Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael

Next (with "Clueless Mystery"): *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion

Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or

Grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

Group: Downtowners Networking

This is a **proposed** study group for working members to meet for lunch to discuss topics of mutual interest.

If interested, please contact Karen Bartkowiak

(883-3331 ext 311 or karen@compeerbuffalo.org or

Janice Barber, study group coordinator)

Group: Education and Equity

Contact: Stacey Johnson (885-2486 or

Jhnsn@buffalo.edu)

Group: Gourmet Foods

Contact: Sylvia P. Volk (881-1424 or

Artisans-company@yahoo.com)

Group: Green Thumbs Gardening

When: May 10, 7:30 p.m.

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

Topic: Container Gardening

Contact: Janet Fowler (884-8698 or Jana-

lanf@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 for quilters and those interested in quilting.

If you are interested, please contact Mary

Christ (amazinggracesq@yahoo.com) or

Janice Barber, study group coordinator.

Diversity Report by Sylvia Volk

Thank You! A huge heartfelt THANKS! to all, including the Buffalo and Erie County. Public Library, who made the April screening of Treemonisha, along with the additional raffle for LAF, a success. Once again, AAUW has placed its best foot forward in the Buffalo community.

Women's History Marches On: You may wish to check out the following websites for more information: National Women's History Museum Online (www.nwhm.org); Global Fund for Women (www.globalfundforwomen.org); National Women's Hall of Fame (www.greatwomen.org); and the Women's Rights National Historical Park (www.nps.gov/wori/).

Notable Women: profiled in the most recent newsletter from our 60th Senate District's Antoine M. Thompson brought to light the diversity of additional local and NY State women we should be aware of: Sojourner Truth (1797-1883); Susan B. Anthony (1829-1906); Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910); Belva Lockwood (1830-1917); Madam C.J. Walker (1867-1919); Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940); Margaret Sanger (1883-1966); Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962); Lena Horne (1917-); Bella Abzug (1920-1998); Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005); Rita Moreno (1931-); Alice Walker (1944-); Beverly Gray (1950-2005); Ellen Kennedy (1938-); and let us not forget our own Barbara Nevergold.

Notable Book to Read: In March we heard Clotilde De-decker speak about "Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America" by Karennia Gore Schiff (Miramax-Weinstein, 2006.) This book was listed in the March 25th NY Times Book Review as being a book "not-to-miss." Check the book out at your local library!

Diversity Advisory Committee: We are still receiving names of a representative selection of community and AAUW Buffalo members who would be interested in serving on a Diversity Advisory Committee (to meet 2-3 times per year) to plan future programming. Contact Sylvia if you are interested.

¡Adelante! See the Interest Group page for details on our meetings.

Additional *Kira, Kira* Information: Facilitator Gwen Ito, a native Buffalonian, is a writer and former teacher of ESL (English as a Second Language). She earned her B.A. from Yale University and M.Ed. from the University at Buffalo. She has lived and worked in Washington, D.C., and Chicago. From 1995 to 1997, she lived in Sapporo, Japan, on the northern island of Hokkaido. Hanna Ito was born in and lived in Sapporo, Japan, until age one and a half. A sixth grader at Nardin Academy, she resides with her mother on Buffalo's West Side. Hanna enjoys writing, drawing, studying Spanish, skiing, and spending time with family and friends. She has visited Japan twice since moving to the United States and hopes

to visit again someday soon.

BOOK OVERVIEW: *Kira-Kira* (Newbery Medal Book) by Cynthia Kadohata (Ages 11 upward)

In Cynthia Kadohata's lively, lovely, funny and sad novel -- winner of the 2005 Newbery Medal -- the Japanese-American Takeshima family moves from Iowa to Georgia in the 1950s when Katie, the narrator, is just in kindergarten. Though her parents endure grueling conditions and impossible hours in the non-unionized poultry plant and hatchery where they work, they somehow manage to create a loving, stable home for their three children: Lynn, Katie, and Sammy. Katie's trust in, and admiration for her older sister Lynn never falters, even when her sisterly advice doesn't seem to make sense. Lynn teaches her about everything from how the sky, the ocean, and people's eyes are special to the injustice of racial prejudice.

The two girls dream of buying a house for the family someday and even save \$100 in candy money. When Lynn develops lymphoma, it's heartbreaking, but through the course of her worsening illness, Katie does her best to remember Lynn's "kira-kira" (the Japanese word for glittery, shining) outlook on life. Small moments shine the brightest in this poignant story; told beautifully and lyrically in Katie's fresh, honest voice. (Ages 11 to 14 and adults) --Karin Snelson, Amazon.com

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, **MAY 7** 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*



AAUW 2007 Theme Highlights:

Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security

In 2005, AAUW—the Association, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Leadership and Training Institute—committed to a focused, strategic alignment of programs with mission. Theme is the basis for all programming, which is the clearest expression of mission: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

Campus/Higher Education

Planning for an Economically Secure Future

- **RESEARCH:** *Behind the Pay Gap* examines earnings of female and male college graduates in the first 10 years after graduation, the widening pay gap, and influencing factors (Release: April 24, 2007). A report distribution guide with ideas for outreach to college campuses and communities will be available, along with press release templates members can send to local media for visibility and to raise community awareness.
- **EDUCATION:** Campus Action Projects were awarded to 11 college/university teams to create and implement projects that address the ongoing gender pay gap and identify solutions, including field of study. www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm
- **EDUCATION:** The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will take place June 7–9, 2007. This 20-year tradition helps students to build skills and networks across the country. This year's conference features advocacy, leadership, real world, and health and wellness workshop tracks. www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2007
- **ADVOCACY/RESEARCH:** LAF will release a report on Office of Civil Rights investigations of campus sexual harassment complaints (Release: Summer 2007).

• **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include enforcing Title IX and improving campus climates (www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/positionpapers/titleIX.cfm); improving college affordability via the Higher Education Act and Patsy Mink Fellowship; and opening up nontraditional fields for women and girls through the Perkins Vocational Education Act and other programs. www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages

Ongoing

- **PHILANTHROPY:** Fellowships, grants, and awards of over \$3.4 million in 2007 will fund 199 American and international women scholars pursuing graduate education, selected professions, and career development. www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants
- **RESEARCH:** *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus.* www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm
- **RESEARCH:** *Tenure Denied* reports on faculty tenure denial in LAF-supported plaintiff cases. www.aauw.org/research/tenuredenied.cfm

Workplace Equity

Equal Pay Day and Beyond

- **ADVOCACY:** Communication strategies for Equal Pay Day, April 24, 2007, include e-postcards and letter-to-editor campaigns. Technical assistance will be provided for branch/state activities.
- **ADVOCACY/EDUCATION:** The Pay Equity Resource Kit provides resources about the wage gap issue and ideas for taking action. www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm
- **EDUCATION:** An LAF web page on pay equity gives a legal overview of equal pay issues on the federal and state levels. www.aauw.org/laf/library
- **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include creating more family-friendly workplaces and addressing sex discrimination—pay equity and related issues. www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages
- **EDUCATION:** The National Girls Collaborative Project, an NSF-funded partnership with Puget Sound Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, focuses on increasing the number of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by coordinating and sharing information and resources of local community projects on regional and national levels. AAUW members serve as regional liaisons. www.aauw.org/education/ngcp



Improving Retirement Security

- **RESEARCH:** The Mom's Retirement Security poll reports on intergenerational knowledge of family economic matters. www.aauw.org/research/mothersdaypoll2006.cfm
- **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include protecting Social Security from privatization. www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm

Ongoing

- **ADVOCACY:** Includes LAF plaintiff case support for women on campus fighting sex discrimination, plus volunteer attorney network resources. www.aauw.org/laf

Community/Lifelong Learning

Financial Literacy

- **EDUCATION:** An AAUW/Prudential partnership, *Financially Fit for Life*, pilots intergenerational panel discussions about women's critical financial matters (Spring 2007). www.aauw.org/financialLit/announce.pdf
- **EDUCATION:** AAUW of Florida's *Financial Independence for Girls* program is described online, sharing a highly successful branch/state-developed program. www.aauw.org/financialLit/FIG.pdf
- **EDUCATION:** The ¡Adelante! April 2007 book selection is Liz Perle's *Money, A Memoir: Women, Emotions, and Cash*, a study of women's financial decision making. www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/06.cfm
- **EDUCATION:** Media watch for articles and reports on women's financial issues. www.aauw.org/bulletin/mission/documents/retirementSecurity.pdf



Voter Education Campaign

- **ADVOCACY:** *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual* provides branches/states with resources to increase women's civic participation and voter turnout. Powerpoint presentations introduce program and grassroots organizing. www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/index.cfm

Global Connections

- **EDUCATION:** *One Shared World* partnership "program-in-a-box" materials focus on connecting American women to efforts to help developing countries overcome poverty through education and economic progress. www.aauw.org/international_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm
- **EDUCATION:** *Imagining Ourselves* partnership platform connects women ages 20 to 35 worldwide to create change. Includes discussion guides, online dialogues, artistic expression. www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW_IMOW_intro.cfm

Community Action

- **PHILANTHROPY:** The 2007 *Community Action Grants* total \$220,000 for 30 projects across the country, with seed money to support innovative projects promoting education and equity for women and girls. www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm

Welcome to our newest members!

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AAUW MEMBERS MADE A DIFFERENCE !

Equitable School Funding has become an immediate reality in NYS so that all children in NYS will have a sound basic education. A press release from the Campaign for Fiscal Equity stated that after a fourteen year court battle, NYS schools would receive an historic investment of resources. On April 1, 2007, the state legislature voted to enact an unprecedented increase of \$1.76 billion in education aid for fiscal year 2007-08, bringing total funding to \$19.64 billion.

At the 2005 AAUW-NYS Convention, it was "...resolved that AAUW NYS and its branches shall work at all levels to insure passage of legislation that provides equitable and adequate school aid to all the children of New York." Legislation was passed on April 1 that basically accomplished this.

You are encouraged to send a "Thank You" E-mail to your legislators who voted for Equitable School Funding. From our area, the Assemblymen who voted "yes" include The Hon. Michael Cole, Francine Del Monte, Dennis Gabryszak, Stephen Hawley, Sam Hoyt, Crystal Peoples, Robin Schimminger, Mark Schroeder, and Jack Quinn. The Senators include The Hon. George Maziarsz, William Stachowski, Antoine Thompson, and Dale Volker. Find e-mail addresses at

http://www.aauw-nys.org/pp_contactofficials.htm.
Click on NYS Senate homepage and/or NYS Assembly homepage then click on legislator's name.

Here is a sample letter you might want to adapt:

Dear

*I am a member of the American
society of University Women (AAUW)
NYS, a constituent, and a voter.*



*Your commitment to the children of NYS as
evidenced by your support of the recent legislation
that provided equitable school funding is greatly ap-
preciated.*

*I know that I can count on you for your con-
tinued efforts on behalf of our children.*

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Address

Condolences

Ruth M. Seitz, longtime AAUW member and professor at D'Youville died April 3, 2007 at the age of 88. Born and raised in Buffalo, Miss Seitz graduated from Buffalo State College and Penn State University with a master's degree in education. After teaching in Pennsylvania for several years, she returned to Buffalo. She taught in the Buffalo Public Schools and then D'Youville College, where she was a professor of education for 21 years before retiring in 1983.

After her retirement, she became an active community volunteer and founded the Niagara Frontier Reading Council. Until recently, she was a weekly volunteer for Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, reading material for broadcast to the area's blind. She was also an active volunteer and patron of many of the cultural organizations in Buffalo.

She had been a member of the Buffalo AAUW branch for over forty years, serving as the branch president in 1984-85 and an active participant in the booksale up until last year.

"A wonderful woman who strongly believed in the Buffalo Branch and AAUW" - *Suzanne Grossman*

Did you know that our branch has a "Grassroots Grants" program? There are three categories -

- Individual Projects
- Community Organizations and/or Neighborhood Enrichment Programs
- High School Leadership Projects.

The grants are for up to \$1500 each, and the application deadline is July 15. The application will be available online by 4-21-07 @ aauw.buffalo.edu. More details next month, or contact Joan Trinchera (Joan_Trinchera@hud.gov) with questions.

Association Convention
June 29 - July 2, 2007, Phoenix, AZ
<http://www.aauw.org/convention/Conv2007/index.cfm>



Highlights of March Board Meeting

Branch Business

Branch delegates to the NYS Convention, April 27-29, 2007, will be reimbursed \$250 each for expenses. The delegates will be Lillis McLean, Stacey Johnson, Constance Combs and Mary Kellner. Buffalo Branch is entitled to 2 more delegates.

A committee will be formed to establish a page on the branch website with links to other community organizations.

Janet Fowler reported for the nominating committee.

Tamara Brown and Susan McClary may attend the National AAUW Convention in Phoenix, June 27-July 2, 2007.

Educational Accounts and Charitable Projects

The Lucille Brownell \$1000 endowment will be transferred to Funds for Education as a named gift from EF funds.

Ingrid Wetherbee, Lyn McDonald, Mary Kellner and Adrienne Kotler volunteered to help Susan McClary with the interviews for the Velma Cobb Scholarship, Saturday, March 24 and 31.

Cathy Weiss reported there are 2 possible sites for the Book Sale on the corner of Sheridan and Bailey. Cathy was given authority to spend the money necessary to request a variance from the NYS Building Commissioner in order to use the DSW Shoe Warehouse for the book sale.



2007 Velma Cobb Scholarship winners announced:

Shuchen (Susan) Song – Susan is a senior at Amherst High School. She is number one in her class of 247. She is a National Merit finalist, a National AP Scholar, and in NYSMA Conference All – State orchestra. Her extra-curricular activities include reading, being on the school tennis team, and working as a physics lab assistant. Susan has been accepted to MIT, where she plans to do a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Katelynn Benzing – Katelynn is a senior at Immaculata Academy. She is number one in her class of 50. This year she was captain of the school's basketball team and vice president of the National Honor Society. She is an assistant religious education teacher, a town Youth Court member, and works on the school newspaper. Katelynn enjoys math and science and plans to study either engineering or optometry in college.

Susan McClary, Velma Cobb Chair



Chamberlin and Funds for Education now accepting applications!

The branch's Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education is accepting applications for its interest-free loans and grants that go to Western New York women and men enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs in accredited colleges and universities. Deadline for applications is June 1.

Awards are given on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and potential for achieving academic goals. Funds are provided by bequests to the branch and proceeds of the annual Scholarship Book Sale.

Applications for Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education loans and grants are available at www.aauw.buffalo.edu or by writing to the Chamberlin Loan-Funds for Education chair, American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch, PO Box 397, Amherst, N.Y. 14226-0397. Prospective applicants also may request applications at Chamberlinfund@yahoo.com. or by calling 559-3037.

*Pat Swift MacClennan,
Loan Funds & Funds for Education Chair*

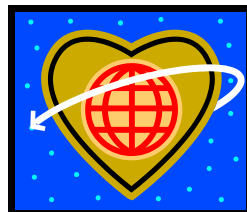
**Have you signed up
for the booksale?**

International Relations

Here is news of two of the speakers at the 2006 International Women's Day Celebration. Parwana Habibi, the exchange student at East Aurora High School learned that when she returned to her home in Afghanistan in June of 2006 she would be forced into marriage to a very undesirable person. Parwana courageously sought asylum in Canada. It was granted to her in November. She is now finishing high school in Canada.

The Buffalo News has reported that Jonathan Powers who spoke to us about War Kids Relief for children in Iraq is considering a run for Congress in the 26th District.

If you are interested in contacting the speakers at the 2007 International Women's Day Celebration, here



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

Wed, May 2 - Board Meeting, 6 pm, St. Stephens Church, 750 Wherle Dr., Cheektowaga

Sat, May 5 - Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, 11:30 am, 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-Sun, May 30-June 3 - Annual Scholarship Book Sale

Mon, June 4 - Book Sale clean up, 9 am

Fri-Mon, June 27 - July 2 - AAUW National Convention, Phoenix, AZ

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