



NYS District 1

# Buffalo Branch Advocate

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The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the previous month. Articles received after that will not appear in the next issue.

Please send articles to Betty Preble via e-mail:

**[betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)**

Please also contact her if you would like to receive the Advocate via e-mail.



You are Cordially Invited to Join AAUW Buffalo Branch Members at

## A HOLIDAY RECEPTION & MIXER

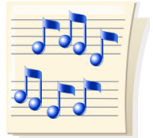
Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Gilda's Club**

1140 Delaware Avenue near West Ferry, Buffalo, New York 14222

Parking is available on West Ferry or possibly in the lot at Amigone Funeral Home. There is also a very small lot located behind the club off of West Ferry.

Musical entertainment will be provided by young women from our local high schools and colleges.



The mission of Gilda's Club is to provide a place where people with cancer and their families and friends can join with others to actively involve themselves in building social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care. Free of charge and non-profit, Gilda's Club offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a non-residential, homelike setting.



Although certainly not required, please consider bringing an item from the Club Wish List to the reception with you. Suggestions include 41 cent postage stamps, unscented hand lotion, paper towels, tissues (unscented, white; cube boxes), plastic flatware, microwave popcorn, coffee, tea, or gift cards from Wegmans, Tops or Office Max. See <http://www.gildasclubwny.org/> for more information.

Questions? Contact Nancy Langer at [NMLanger@aol.com](mailto:NMLanger@aol.com) or (716) 984-5146.

Please return reservation form with payment by **December 12, 2007** to:  
Nancy Langer, 115 Woodbridge Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14214-1623

*Yes! I will join you at the Holiday Reception on December 18, 2007*

My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 per person) payable to AAUW-EF is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate any special needs or whether you need assistance with transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Did you know?

That you can benefit AAUW while doing your holiday shopping on amazon.com?

Simply go to the AAUW website, click on the "ShopAAUW" link, then click on the line that says "Every purchase helps to support the mission of AAUW". That will take you to amazon.com where you can shop to your heart's content and further the AAUW mission at the same time!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Bertha Boston, who recently retired from a wonderful career at the University at Buffalo. Bertha was the Assistant to the Chairperson for African American Studies at the University and is the Community Representative for our AAUW Buffalo Branch.



## Interest In Program

by Jann Mirchandani, AAUW NYS Program VP

I joke that I don't know anyone in my town except through my kids. I tease the kids that I only put them in activities so *I* have an opportunity to get out and meet people.

Opportunities to socialize are important. Connecting with and connections to others are often what gives us a sense of who we are. As such, many of us joined AAUW for the myriad of interest groups that provide these kinds of opportunities to connect with others.

I hope that, in addition to enjoying these personal benefits, many of you will join us in forwarding the mission of AAUW: promoting equity and education for all girls and women. AAUW is first and foremost a grassroots activist organization. There are many opportunities within AAUW to better your community through mission-based programs. And *that* gives me a great sense of pride and connection as well.

## Are YOU Tech-Savvy?

**Help!**

- Do you know how to use Word/Word Perfect most efficiently?
- Do you know when you should use columns vs tabs vs tables?
- Do you know how to add attachments to your e-mails?
- Do you know what a "pdf" file is?
- Do you know how to do a "mail merge"? (personalized letters, labels, etc)
- If you use a spreadsheet program (Excel, Lotus, Works) do you know how to sort the records?
- Do you know how to set up the homepage you want in your browser?

If the answer to any of these questions was a "NO", or if there are other instances where you think "there's got to be a better way", we'd like to help! I propose to set up an e-mail list of people who are interested in "tech tips" of various sorts. Please send an e-mail if you're interested - include a question! If I don't know the answer I'll try to find it for you!

Let's catch up with our kids!

Betty Preble, [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)

## AAUW-NYS Convention Update

Convention offers a variety of workshops geared to-



wards leadership development, personal development and "all things" AAUW. Our goal is to provide something for every member.

Workshops topics this year include:

- Child Care/Wage Equity
- New Recruits - Recruiting The Next Generation
- Leadership Development
- Health Care
- Storytelling as a Means to Action

## Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups - Schedule for the Month

Study groups are an excellent way to form friendships, network, educate and have fun. If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please see the "contact" person associated with that group. For further information please contact Yvonne Curry, study group coordinator: 716-553-3925 - von104@sprynet.com.

### Group: American Biographies

No meeting scheduled for December, 2007  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769  
Contact: Mary Fiore 886-6727

### Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

No meeting scheduled for December, 2007  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769

### Group: Current Events

No meeting scheduled for December, 2007  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769

### Group: Dinner by the Book

When: Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 5:30 pm  
Where: **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE** for December, 2007 Meeting:  
Spilios Family Restaurant  
5175 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY 14221  
633-2040

Discussion Leader: Fran Witnauer  
Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael  
Book: *About Alice* (and/or) *Travels with Alice* by Calvin Trillin  
Contact: Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or email at [grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

### Group: Green Thumbs Garden Study

When: **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** for December - Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 7:00pm  
Where: Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library, 2580 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, NY, across from St. Joseph Hospital  
Topic: Knowing and Caring about your Holiday Plants  
Contact: Janet Fowler: 884-8698 or [Janalanf@aol.com](mailto:Janalanf@aol.com)

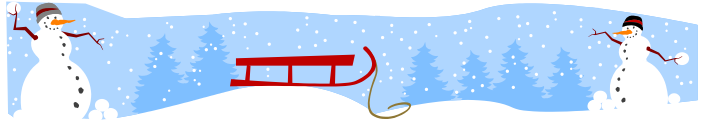
**Green Thumbs schedule** of upcoming meetings -

- Thursday, January 10, 2008 – Houseplants, and possible visit to an indoor garden

- Thursday, February 14, 2008 – Growing Degree Days relating to disease/pest management
- Thursday, March 13, 2008 – Soil testing with the Master Gardeners and soil amendments
- Thursday, April 14, 2008 – Favorite Perennials and the story behind them
- May – Visit to Russels Tree & Shrub Farm to select "Group plant of the year"
- June – Annual Garden Tea, location to be announced

### Group: Gourmet Food Interest Group

Where & When: December - TBA  
Contact: Sylvia Volk, 881-1424 or [sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com)



### Group: ¡Adelante! Diversity Book/Discussion Club

Where & When: December - TBA  
Contact: Sylvia Volk, 881-1424 or [sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com)

### Group: Knitting Group

Where & When: December - TBA  
Contact: Adrienne Kotler, 688-0740 or [ai-kotler@earthlink.net](mailto:ai-kotler@earthlink.net)

## ACTION GROUPS:

The next meeting of the **Public Policy Committee** will be on Monday, December 10 at 5:30 pm at Perkins Restaurant, 8444 Transit Road

The **Education and Equity** meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11 at 6 pm at the Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore

# Book Sale Corner

## BOOK SALE GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

**Book Sale Certificates** are a great gift for the Holidays. They are available in denominations of \$2 and \$5. Contact Karen Howard at 874-1389 for information. You may mail a request to Karen at 150 Warren Ave, Kenmore NY 14217. Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope.

## BOOK SALE NEWS

Sorting continues each Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Services 995 Kensington Ave. Books may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.



The search is on for a suitable site. We need 16,000 square feet of space and adequate parking. It needs to be available from April 1, 2008 through June 8, 2008. A site in Amherst or Tonawanda is preferred. Please pass on the names of developers who could help to Judy Clare 633-1294 or [clare273@cs.com](mailto:clare273@cs.com)



## AAUW Transitions Conference

The 4th Transitions Conference for women beginning or returning to college will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Educational Opportunity Center on Washington St. in downtown Buffalo. The conference will be a half-day program with many interesting workshops.

The committee is looking for members to work on this exciting event. Help is needed for a variety of committee jobs -- planning for the conference, presenting workshops, outreach, etc. If you are interested in helping women overcome the obstacles facing them and preventing them from attending college, please contact Transitions Chair, Sandra Williams Bush at 867-3631 or [swbush@email.com](mailto:swbush@email.com).

## HIGHLIGHTS, AAUW OCTOBER BOARD MEETINGS

### AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH

A preliminary proposed Branch Budget for 2007-2008 was presented by Anita Kunkle. Susan McClary presented the 2007-2009 Program Committee Report. Our goal is 100 new members for the coming year. The importance of Civic Education in High Schools was discussed. In regards to voting machines, it is important to have a paper trail during elections. Tamara would like to have a Women's Town Meeting next year to discuss topics that are important to women and girls.

### EDUCATION ACCOUNTS AND CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Leona Barback gave a preliminary report on the budget for 2007-2008. Lyn McDonald gave a report on the funds for education. Don Sabo will be returning his Title IX funds because his attempts to launch his research effort were unsuccessful

*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 .*



*AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.*

*The AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Wed, Dec 5, 5:30 pm** - Board Meeting, United Way

**Mon, Dec 10, 5:30 pm** - Public Policy at Perkins

**Tues, Dec 11, 6pm** - Education & Equity at Plaka

**Tues, Dec 18, 5:30-7pm** - Branch Holiday Reception at Gilda's Club (see page 1 for details)

**Wed, Jan 2, 5:30 pm** - Board Meeting, United Way

**Wed, Jan 30, 7 pm** - **Branch Mtg - save the date!**

Walter and Nan Simpson will present a program on climate change, energy conservation and a green lifestyle at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst.

**Fri-Sun, Apr 25-27** - AAUW-NYS Convention at Cooperstown, NY

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:** Dinner by the Book is meeting at a different location and the Green Thumbs Garden group is meeting on a different date. Details on page 4.

This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo, NY on November 24, 2007.  
Moving? Please contact Freddie Cheek, 716-835-6945.



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