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(note new address, please!)

September Potluck

"Is Equity Still an Issue?"

Our annual Potluck Dinner is Monday, September 10, 2007, at Saint John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell Street (corner of Michigan Avenue, at the foot of the 33 Expressway in the Medical Corridor, near Roswell Park) in Buffalo.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., members and friends can survey exhibits created by Buffalo Branch study/interest groups and various committees. This is a great chance to find out more about activities and how you can get involved. Members will be able to answer your questions and tell you how you might participate and expand your enjoyment in AAUW.

Lilly Ledbetter is our guest speaker during the dinner discussion. She will address the topic "Is Equity Still an Issue?" After her opening comments, potluck attendees may ask questions about her case and her journey to the Supreme Court.

Please join us as we welcome Mrs. Ledbetter and understand better how we may positively address inequities in the workplace. See page 3 for more background information.

Please call Potluck Chairwoman, Marguerite Collesano, with questions about the potluck. Please contact Nicole Hamm, Reservations Chair, at 649-5198 with questions about reservations. You may also e-mail aauwpotluck@cs.com. The form on page 11 must be returned by September 1.

**New Location
- see pg 11!**

Join with the League of Women Voters for a Forum on the Constitution at 2:30 on Constitution Day, September 17!

There will be two parts to this important program. First, Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Federal Magistrate, Western District of New York will speak on "The Independence of the Judiciary", a most timely topic. This will be followed by a panel discussion on "Civil Liberties in the 21st Century". The panel moderator will be Jim Ranney, News Director, WNED AM Radio and the members of the panel will be Lee Coppola, Dean of the St Bonaventure School of Journalism, William H. Gardner of Hodgson Russ and Robert Klump from the Canisius College Department of Political Science. See page 10 for program details.

President's Message

*My girl child must have a voice louder and clearer
than mine.*

*She must be able to move with certainty-- shoes on
her feet,*

walking with dreams at her side.

The present I have given her is not enough.

Her arms are different;

they will reach for the sky where freedom lives.

- Nepalese mother's poem

I awoke this morning to a very happy sight. My hibiscus is blooming. I love to see the large, milky blooms. It seems that literally overnight the plant decided to demonstrate her full potential.

However, there is a bitter side to this sighting: I associate the hibiscus with the certainty of the onset of fall. It reminds me that summer is almost over and that there is a lot of work to do.

I see a parallel to our mission in AAUW. We dream of and work towards a world of endless opportunities - a place where girls have the chance to learn and where women are increasingly represented across many diverse fields. And, happily, we have seen the realization of many of those dreams. You may have seen the front page article in *The Buffalo News* discussing the increasingly high performance of girls in school. We see more girls enrolling in all fields and more women enrolling in college.

However, these gains in learning have not translated to equitable earning potential and economic stability. Two recent AAUW research efforts *Beyond the Pay Gap* and *Your Mother's Retirement Security* show this. As my hibiscus shows its lovely blooms today, women still earn about 77 cents for every dollar made by a male counterpart, and women still represent about three-fourths of the elderly poor. Like the Nepalese mother, I wish for something a little *different* for our daughters.

Lilly Ledbetter also found herself staring at a seemingly rosy picture. Retiring as the lone female supervisor in a Goodyear plant, she was quite happy-- until she received an anonymous tip to take a look at her co-workers' salaries. Many of you know of her recent Supreme Court battle, and verdict's sour effect on pay equity cases. Mrs. Ledbetter tells me that *she has a story to tell*. It goes without saying that her fight requires courage and strength in solitude, and it is be-

cause of the anticipated high interest in her visit that we have found it necessary to move the Potluck to accommodate more members and guests. I join you in looking forward to meeting her at our September Potluck dinner.

Please bring a guest to the Potluck as we start the year's discussion. The theme of women's economic equity and security is woven throughout our entire program year. This will give a chance for reflection on the important issue of equity. I also suspect that we will have many opportunities for advocacy and action-- including showing our support for the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act*. The summer is almost over.... There's a lot of work to do!

I am so happy to be a part of *this* branch, and I'm looking forward to greeting each of you and your guests at the Potluck!

Tamara



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About our Potluck Speaker

Supreme Court Plaintiff in Recent Pivotal 5-4 Decision Joins Buffalo Branch on September 10. Register Today to Attend!

Lilly Ledbetter will address the Buffalo Branch at the kickoff potluck on September 10. With the July passage of the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act* by the U.S. House of Representatives, Ms. Ledbetter's battle for equity – to the Supreme Court – against one of America's industrial giants is a top topic for office and political debate.

In one of the frequently-occurring narrow decisions, the Supreme Court ruled on May 29 that workers may not sue employers on the basis of discrimination due to unequal pay occurring years earlier.

Lilly Ledbetter was the only female supervisor at a Goodyear tire facility near Birmingham, Alabama. After working nearly twenty years in this position, she learned that she had been consistently paid significantly less than the lowest paid male worker despite having more experience than several of her counterparts. After reviewing the evidence, a jury found that her employer had unlawfully discriminated against her on the basis of sex. This verdict was later overturned, and the Supreme Court concurred that

“In our view, the court does not comprehend, or is indifferent to, the insidious way in which women can be victims of pay discrimination”

Ledbetter had waited too long to sue – even though she filed her complaint when she learned of the pay inequity.

In the dissent read aloud by Justice Ginsberg speaking: “In our view, the court does not comprehend, or is indifferent to, the insidious way in which women can be victims of pay discrimination”. She followed with commentary that in the ruling the Court had ignored real world employment practices. She urged Congress to correct the Court's mistake.

And, Congress responded. Less than one month later, the House Labor committee passed the Act. Another month later, the House of Representatives passed the Act. Legislation review is now in the Senate's hands.

Those who are elated by the increased opportunity for education across our population are somewhat deflated when all workers cannot achieve equitable treatment. Join the branch on September 10 for this very relevant and rewarding discussion, and learn about even more ways that AAUW – nationally and locally – is working in issues of education and equity.



Dues Reminder!

The start of the 2007-8 year is upon us and we are looking forward to a year's worth of exciting, informative, and enjoyable programs. AAUW Buffalo Branch also offers terrific study and interest groups and the camaraderie of like-minded women. We want to remind our members that the 2006-7 member year expired on July 1.

If you have double asterisks next to your name on the address label, it indicates that we had not received your dues as of the mailing of this newsletter. If you do not renew, you will not receive future mailings so please mail in your dues. We want you all to keep receiving our newsletters so that you don't miss out on a single event. Please send dues to Freddie Cheek, 406 Maynard Drive, Amherst, NY 14226.

AAUW-NYS Reminders

Three offices are up for election at the 2008 convention - President, Program VP and Educational Foundation VP. The nomination deadline is October 15. See the NYS website (aauw-nys.org) for details.

And - Hold the date!

The 2008 convention will be April 25-27 in Cooperstown, NY at the beautiful Otesaga Resort and Hotel. Join us for an inspiring and enjoyable weekend!



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 forming a new study group, please contact Yvonne Curry, study group coordinator: 716-553-3925 or von104@sprynet.com

Group: ¡Adelante! Diversity book/discussion

When: October, 2007

Where: TBA

Note: Details about this group will be given at the Potluck dinner 9/10/07

Contact: Sylvia Volk, 881-1424.

Group: American Biographies

When: September 11, 2007, 1:30 pm

Where: Eggertsville Snyder Library, 4622 Main St., Parking, off Burroughs

Note: Accessible by Metro Busses: 48, 49 and 30

Book: *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism*, by Megan Marshall

Discussion Leader: Suzanne Oliver

Contact: Mary Fiore 886-6727

Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: September 26, 2007, 6:00 pm

Where: The Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

Book: *Thrones, Dominations*, by Dorothy L. Sayers and Jill Paton Walsh

Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769



Group: Current Events

When: September 6, 2007, 1:30 pm

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

Topics: Politics, Taxes, Etc

Facilitator: Members of the group

Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769

Group: Dinner by the Book

When: September 19, at 5:30 pm

Where: The Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Ave-



nue, Kenmore, NY

Book: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards

Contact: Marilyn Carmichael or Leona Barback

Note: If you would like to join Dinner by the Book, contact Fran Witnauer: 688-5708 - grandmafran44@yahoo.com. **Please note**

Fran's new phone number! All meetings for this group are on Wednesdays at 5:30 at The Plaka Restaurant -

Group: Green Thumbs Gardening

When: Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 7:00pm

Where: Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library, 2580

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR
Sept. 19	<i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i>	Kim Edwards
Oct. 17	<i>Eat Cake</i>	Jeanne Ray
Nov. 14	<i>The Double Bind (and/or) Before you know kindness</i>	Chris Bohjalian
Dec. 12	<i>About Alice (and/or) Travels with Alice</i>	Calvin Trillin
Jan. 16	<i>The Samurai's Garden</i>	Gail Tsukiyama
Feb. 20	<i>The Namesake</i>	Jhumpa Lahiri
Mar. 12	<i>Nineteen Minutes</i>	Jodi Picoult
Apr. 16	2008-09 BOOK SELECTION Meeting	
May 21	<i>The Constant Princess</i>	Philippa Gregory
June 18 (2 books)	<i>The Awakening and A Year by the Sea</i>	Kate Chopin / Joan Anderson

Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, NY, across from St. Joseph Hospital

Topic: TBA

Contact: Janet Fowler: 884-8698 - janalanf@aol.com

Group: Gourmet Food Group

When: October 18, 2007 (3rd Thursday) at 7:00 pm

Where: Organizational meeting & tour of The Lexington Co-Operative Market, 807 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo (near Lancaster & Lafayette Aves.)

Contact: Sylvia Volk, 881-1424.

Group: Knitting Group

When: TBA

Where: TBA

Contact Adrienne Kotler, 688-0740

PUBLIC POLICY

Buffalo Branch Public Policy welcomes biennial emphasis on equity and plans WAGE Club circles

AAUW-NYS Public Policy Director Nancy Mion, points out in her article on "Moving Forward With Pay Equity" (*Focus*, Spring 2007) that our new mission statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research" reinforces our commitment to equity. She states that pay equity is essential and points out that college women 25 and older receive 75% of the pay of their male peers.

At the 2007 NYS Convention a call was issued to launch WAGE Clubs – small groups of women who share personal stories about sex discrimination on the job. They gather information and proceed to work together calling for change of the conditions and for pay equity.

AAUW-NYS already is a founding member of the NYS Pay Equity Coalition (NYSPEC) and has been lobbying for the NYS Fair Pay Act. The NYS Assembly has passed the act every year since 2002 but the State Senate refuses to act on it.

Our Branch's WAGE Club activities could add an important push to our elected legislators from our region and invigorate their support for pay equity for women. This should also help bring about support in the Congress for the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1338/S.

766) and the Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2019/S. 1087).

There is a new momentum for such legislation. It stems from the AAUW Educational Foundation research study on the gender pay gap, released in April 2007. This striking report, *Behind the Pay Gap*, found that just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn. Even after considering hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows.

AAUW Educational Foundation Research Director Catherine Hill, Ph.D. already testified before a hearing of the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor concerning the findings of the report, which she coauthored

VISIT THE PUBLIC POLICY TABLE DISPLAY AT THE POT LUCK. SEE YOU THERE!

Teresa Gessner and Judy Weidemann
(Public Policy Co-Chairs)

Highlights of the May Board Meeting Branch Business

Aurora Hahn, representative from HSBC, reported on our Olga Lindberg investments. Ms Hahn shared that the bank makes contributions to groups concerning education and environmental issues. Leona Barback suggested that members interested can join the finance committee. The committee will get together before meeting with Aurora again at HSBC.

Mary Kellner reported on the N.Y.S. Convention. We earned 15 awards!

Cathy Weiss spoke about the Interclub Council. We will join in September. Cathy is a delegate.

Judy Clare will present the list of new officers at the Annual Luncheon. Marilyn Todd will nominate Lyn McDonald for chairman of Funds For Education from the floor at the luncheon.

Marguerite Collesano is chairwoman of the September potluck dinner.

Educational Accounts and Charitable Projects

Mary distributed the Tech Savvy report. Tamara Brown thanked all who participated. She said Praxair and the University at Buffalo are ready to participate again next year.

Stacey Johnson shared the names of the Catalyst For Change Scholarship winners.

Judy Clare gave a Book Sale Committee update. The variance for the DWS site was approved with the stipulation that a fire alarm system be installed. She said that we need more members to volunteer to be table chairmen.

Judy Malamas

Tentative Branch Programs 2007-08

The Program Committee has been hard at work planning some great offerings for the upcoming year. Our theme this year is *Equity Issues for Women*. Members are encouraged to mark these on your calendar and to plan to bring a friend. Note that each program will have its own detailed explanation when the event gets closer. Here are some highlights.....

Mon, September 10, 5:30pm

Potluck dinner with program & exhibits - exciting details on page 1

Mon, September 17, 2:30pm

A Forum on the Constitution at Canisius College in cooperation with the League of Women Voters

Details on page 10

Sat, October 6, 9:30am

A Program on disABILITY History
Holiday Inn, Airport

Join us for a breakfast buffet, a history of the Museum of disABILITY and a Kids on the Block puppet skit to commemorate Disability Employment Awareness Month and Disability Awareness History Month

Sat, October 13

AAUW District 1 Fall Conference

Come meet members of our sister AAUW branches from Dunkirk-Fredonia and Jamestown to discuss current issues and share successful programs.

Mon, October 22

Friends of Women's Rights National Park

This program will present a speaker on the topic of Human Rights for Women Around the World.

Sat, November 10, 9:00am

Yoga, Stress and Holistic Intervention

Deerhurst Presbyterian Church, Kenmore

Stress is a fact of our modern lives. Join Renee Scott as she demonstrates the use of yoga to bring us to inner calm. Because of the nature of this program, there will be a limit of 30 people.

December TBA

Of course we want to get together to celebrate the holidays with festivities! Watch for details.

January TBA

Womens' Town Meeting

"What are your concerns?"

A community-wide forum to discuss whether equity is still relevant today.

Wed, January 30, 7:00pm

Meeting the Climate Change Challenge

Unitarian Universalist Church

Note - This year we will try to arrange a ride-share system for all events.

of Amherst

If you have an interest in solutions to energy issues, green buildings, smart growth and urban sprawl, please attend this function with Dr. Walter Simpson of UB.

February TBA

UB Women's Basketball Outing

See a UB Women's basketball game and celebrate National Girls & Women in Sports Day.

Sat, February 9

Freedom Crossing

Castellani Gallery at Niagara University and lunch at Apple Granny's in Lewiston.

This exciting new regional Underground Railroad interpretive center tells the story of the Underground Railroad on the Niagara Frontier through multi-media presentations.

Sat, March 8

International Women's Day Dinner

Samuel's Grand Manor, Clarence

Join us for an established tradition of information and conversation on some very timely topics.

Sat, March TBD

Tech Savvy 3

University at Buffalo

Tech Savvy, a program on the technological future for girls, enters its third year. Activities are planned for girls in grades 6 - 9 as well as for interested adults.

Sat, March 29

Sister To Sister

Buffalo State

The 11th year for this speak-out program for girls.

Tues, April 8, 6:00pm

Preventing Identity Theft

A presentation from the FBI on ways to prevent stolen identity. This timely topic is important to members of all ages.

Sat, May 3, 11:30am

Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

A celebration of the hard work of all our branch volunteers and a chance to visit with old friends.

There are also a few other programs still in development, including our fantastic Book Sale. Watch for further details on how you can get involved with the most important fundraiser of our Branch.

Welcome to our newest members!

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all area code 716.



Personals

Ilene "Joyce" Swartney, former Buffalo State College faculty member and associate dean, died Sunday, June 3, in Sarasota, Florida at the age of 71. Dr. Swartney earned her Ph.D. in science education/chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. She joined the Buffalo State faculty in 1968, teaching secondary science methods and materials to undergraduates, and a course for graduate students in the elementary school curriculum. She later became the associate dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Education. She retired in 1994.

Well-known for her educational expertise and an active member of the National Science Teachers Association, the Association for the Education of Teachers of Science, and the American Association of University Women, Dr. Swartney was highly sought after for science workshops and speakers' forums both locally and internationally.

A memorial mass at the Newman Center is planned, tentatively on September 11. A science education scholarship fund is being arranged in Joyce's honor. Memorial donations may be sent to: Buffalo State College Foundation, "In Memory of Dr. Joyce Swartney", 1300 Elmwood Ave., Cleveland Hall 319, Buffalo, NY 14222.

So many AAUW members knew her well and remember her fondly. She was a faithful, long, and energetic member of AAUW, being involved in the Investment Club, and Dinner by the Book for years. She was one remarkable lady, an outstanding educator, and a wonderful friend.

Peg O'Brien died several weeks ago. No further information is available. Condolences may be sent to her family at 5281 Greenhurst Road, Williamsville, NY 14221-2809.

Alicia Radt, daughter of branch member Clarine Radt, died on July 7, 2007. Alicia was a worker at many of our Book Sales. There will be a memorial service for her in September.

SISTER TO SISTER:

The 10th successful Sister to Sister Summit was held on Saturday, March 31 at Buffalo State College.

To celebrate this momentous event, we invited past board members and other women who worked so hard to get this great event for girls underway to a special "thank you" luncheon.

This was a good time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. The luncheon participants voiced some ideas that will be taken to the board meeting in August. We looked at what we considered to be the things we need to keep in the present structure of the Summit and what we would like to address in the future. We agreed to continue to provide the girls with a safe place to talk about issues that affect their lives. Some of these issues are; peer pressure, STDs, bullying, body image, violence, and teen pregnancy. We would also like to resume a mentoring project. The third concern was to acquaint girls with possible careers and the education needed to attain them.

The Sister to Sister Connection of WNY 2007-2008 board is composed of the following members: Chandra Banks - Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers, Janet Fowler - AAUW, Dr. Geraldine Bard - Buffalo State College/Project FLIGHT, Carol Griffith - FWPN/AAUW, Brenda Battleon - AAUW, Peggy Meinel - AAUW, LuAnne Brown - Kaleida/Women and Children's Hospital, Suzanne Oliver - AAUW, Susan Clements - AAUW, Ida Parker - Buffalo Prenatal/Parinatal, Karen Edmond - Planned Parenthood, Natasha Perkins - Preventionfocus, Julie Polka - Ka-

leida/Women and Children's Hospital, Lameyci Smallwood - Buffalo Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Shawn Thurmond - Buffalo City Schools, Ellen Trautman - Buffalo Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Vanita Evans - FWPN, Francesca Lamonte - Nichols School (Youth Member)

Our bylaws require that there be 3 AAUW members on the board. As you can see, we have 6 AAUW members. We will also have two more Youth Members shortly. We bring in additional community participation by asking many other organizations interested in girls to serve on the Summit Committee.

I have decided to pull back from many of the responsibilities connected with the board and Summit. However, I will continue to sit on the board and help with various activities.

At this time we have Vanita Evans who has agreed to Chair the Board of Directors and Chandra Banks who will Chair a mentoring event sometime during the following school year.

Thank you for your continuing support. This is a very important event for girls. Anytime you would like to participate on the board or help with the Summit Committee, please let me know.

Suzanne Oliver



Book Sale 2007 Wrapup



Another successful scholarship Book Sale was held from May 30 to June 3, 2007. \$61,867 was collected at the booksale itself. In addition, over \$700 was received in table contributions. Expenses were \$9,404, which included \$1,051 for the exploration of a possible new site. The Book Sale Executive Committee is very grateful to all those who helped make it a success.

Dunkirk-Fredonia Invitation

Members of the branch have been invited to join the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch for their September 8th meeting, to be held at the Alumni House-located at the Central Avenue entrance to the SUNY Fredonia Campus at 10am on this date. The speaker is AAUW-NYS President Diane Haney. Cost is \$8.00 for an "All American Breakfast", payable at the door. Send reservations by Sept 1 to Pam Westman (907 Swan Street, Dunkirk, NY 14048) of the Dunkirk-Fredonia branch.

October Meeting Presented by the Diversity Committee

The Buffalo Branch Diversity Committee encourages you and your guests to join us at this enlightening and entertaining program:

EXPERIENCE WNY'S OWN UNIQUE MUSEUM OF disABILITY HISTORY AND THE PERFORMING TROUPE KIDS ON THE BLOCK (KOTB)

with Douglass A. Platt, Curator, *The Museum of disABILITY History*
and Brie Hofshneider, Coordinator of *Kids on the Block (KOTB)*

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn Airport 4600 Genesee Street Cheektowaga
*Fully Accessible to All**

Breakfast Buffet and More!

Join us for Breakfast: Beef hash, eggs, pastries, potatoes, fresh fruit and beverages
\$17.00 per person

R.S.V.P. Respond with form and check to:

Sylvia Volk, 33 Linwood Ave., #502, Buffalo, NY 14209 by October 2, 2007

Questions: sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com

The Museum of disABILITY History and Kids on the Block are projects of People Inc. The Museum of disABILITY History <http://www.museumofdisability.org> is dedicated to advancing the understanding, acceptance and independence of people with disabilities. The Museum's exhibits, collections, archives and educational programs create awareness and a platform for dialogue and discovery. Kids on the Block relays the message that being different is a universal condition that should be celebrated! <http://www.people-inc.org/kidsontheblock/> People Inc. exists to enable individuals in Western New York with disabling conditions to function in an accepting society, and to decrease the incidence of disabilities.

Consistent with its mission to create an environment that supports, uses, and values the full potential of all its members, leaders, and staff; to seek and value a diverse membership, in principle and in practice; and to eliminate barriers to full participation in AAUW on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class, the Buffalo Branch Diversity Committee encourages you and your guests to join us at this enlightening and entertaining program.

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Yes! I will join you at the Holiday Inn on October 6, 2007
My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$17.00 per person) payable to the AAUW E.F. Buffalo Branch
Name:
Address:
City, State, ZIP:
Phone:
Email:
*Please indicate any special needs:
I would like a ride to the meeting - please circle → Yes No

Constitution Day Program

Monday, September 17, 2007 2:30-4:30PM

Regis Room North, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo New York

THE BUFFALO / NIAGARA LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

In Cooperation With

American Association of University Professors

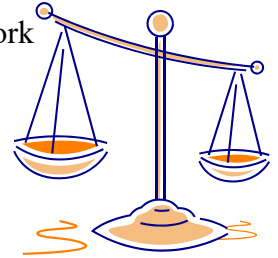
Erie County Bar Association

American Association of University Women

Network of Religious Communities

Canisius Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta

Canisius Chapter of Phi Sigma Alpha



Presents

A FORUM ON THE CONSTITUTION -

Independence of the Judiciary and Civil Rights in the 21st Century

To commemorate Constitution Day September 17, 2007 public forums will be held nationwide to promote increased understanding of the courts and protection of civil rights.

The speaker and panel will address these issues.

2:30 pm Welcome: Peter Gailie, Chair, Department of Political Science, Canisius College

Marian Deutschman, LWV/BN, Past President

Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Federal Magistrate, Western District of New York

Topic: "The Independence of the Judiciary

Q&A

Panel: "Civil Liberties in the 21st Century"

Moderator: Jim Ranney, News Director, WNED AM Radio

Panelists:

Lee Coppola, Dean, St Bonaventure School of Journalism

William H. Gardner, Hodgson Russ

Robert Klump, Department of Political Science, Canisius College

Q&A & Refreshments

Open Parking on the Campus

The event is supported in part by a grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund and the Program on Constitutional and Legal Policy of the Open Society Institute.

For more information please call the LWVB/N at 884-3550.

NEW LOCATION FOR POTLUCK DINNER

Healthy Growing Pains

Tamara Brown, President, 649-9871

We are happy that our Branch is thriving and healthy. With our increased membership and a dynamic speaker on a currently-debated topic, we have found it necessary to move the Potluck from its long-standing traditional location. Many, like me, have had a fondness for this welcoming home for so many years, so it is recognizably a sentimental occasion.

In response to a last-minute request, Saint John Baptist Church has graciously opened its doors to the Branch. Many of you may have visited or will recognize the church – one of the largest and most active congregations in Western New York. On the behalf of my church, I am pleased to welcome fellow Branch members for this event.

The Board joins me in the sincere hope that everyone will help the Branch welcome Lilly Ledbetter – and hopefully many visitors from the public and media – to discuss the importance of workplace equity.

We look at this as a win-win.... We will hope to schedule a monthly program at the welcoming Christ United Methodist Church in the near future, and we are increasingly expanding our partnership with the greater Western New York community.

Please feel free to call me with any questions about the new venue.

Directions from Route 33

Take the 33 Expressway toward downtown Buffalo. Exit at Locust Street; stay in the right lane. At the traffic signal (Michigan Avenue), turn right. (The church is at the corner.) Take an immediate right into the parking lot.

Directions from I-190

Take the 190 toward downtown Buffalo. Exit at Elm Street. Continue down Elm Street; stay in the right lane. At the traffic signal on Genesee Street, turn right. Proceed one block to Michigan Avenue. Turn left onto Michigan Avenue (toward Roswell Park Cancer Institute/ Buffalo General Hospital). Proceed through the signal at Goodell Street, and take an immediate right into the parking lot.

Note - There are approximately 150 spaces in the parking lot; therefore, we expect that all Potluck attendees can be accommodated. **Please enter the church through the entrance at the parking lot.**

Potluck Dinner Reservation Form

September 10, 2007, 5:30 p.m. **Deadline for reservations is September 1.**

Name _____ Phone: _____ Number of Reservations: _____

Name(s) of Guests _____

I will contribute the following for myself: (Guests are free.)

_____ \$9.00 _____ \$3.00 and a dessert

_____ \$3.00 and a salad _____ \$3.00 and a vegetable or meat casserole

I would like a ride to the potluck - please circle → Yes No

Each dish, equivalent to a 8"x13" baking dish, should feed 8 to 10 people.

Make reservations payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and mail to:

Nicole Hamm RE: Potluck 2727 Christopher Blvd., Hamburg, NY 14075

Phone: 649-5198 e-mail: aauwpotluck@cs.com

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wed, Sep 5, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at the United Way

Mon, Sep 10, 5:30 pm - Annual Potluck dinner at Saint John Baptist Church

Mon, Sep 17, 2:30 pm - Constitutional Forum at Canisius College (Regis Room North)

Wed, Oct 3, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at the United Way

Sat, Oct 6, 9:30 am - disABILITY history and brunch at the Airport Holiday Inn

Sat, Oct 13 - District 1 Conference

Mon, Oct 15 - Deadline for submitting AAUW-NYS nominations and bylaws change suggestions

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