



# 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)

## Resources for Domestic Violence Victims

The November branch program will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 6 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst . Linda Ray, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center of Erie County will be speaking on "Resources for Domestic Violence Victims."



We'll begin with finger foods and socializing - the presentation will then start at 6:30.

The reservation form is below. Please note that there is a November 10 deadline, and **we must have a minimum number reserved in order to hold the program.** If the numbers are insufficient, the meeting will be cancelled and those who have reserved will be notified.

The church is located at 6320 Main St in Williamsville (across the street from ECC North) and there is ample free parking

The FJC offers free help for victims of domestic violence: safety planning, legal assistance, spiritual care, law enforcement, and counseling for the citizens of Buffalo and Erie County.

**Registration form for November 18 Branch Program. Send to:  
Susan McClary 17 Brendans Dr, E. Amherst 14051 by November 10, 2008**

My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

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

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

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

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

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# President's Message

The September Pot Luck Supper was a happy gathering of our membership. Our speaker, Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW Policy Advisor, spoke with enthusiastic support and praise for the local branches, emphasizing that the locals are the key to a strong national AAUW.

AAUW encourages us to start preparing now to ensure women's voices and issues are heard on Election Day, November 4, 2008. Be sure that you are registered to vote and that your voter information is current. Be informed, find out how your elected officials voted on issues important to women and girls.

Here is a reminder for those members who have yet to renew. Please send your annual dues to Kristin Bojanowski or Michelle Norris. Yvonne Curry, Study Group Coordinator, may be reached for questions or suggestions. Thanks to Linda Drajem, a Writer's Group is in the works. Linda has published her poems and is well known in the local community for her involvement in the National Teacher's Writing Project. The Writer's Group will be an important addition to our organization.

As you read this message, I will be traveling with my family in Italy. I plan to read my e-mail wherever I find an internet cafe. Oh, the wonders of 21st Century Technology.

Sincerely,

*Marguerite Collesano*




# Chamberlin News

The branch's Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education committee is accepting applications for 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 December 1.

Awards of up to \$3,000 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](http://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 [Chamberlin-fund@yahoo.com](mailto:Chamberlin-fund@yahoo.com) or by calling 559-3037.

*Pat Swift-MacClennan, Chamberlin and Funds for Education chair*




**I need your help!**  
I am recruiting college/university affiliate AAUW members. Do you know a senior administrator contact from one of the area colleges? If so, please let me know. The personal contact can make all the difference!

*Michele Maddox*  
College/University Relations Director  
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## Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups - Schedules for the Month

Study groups are an excellent way to form friendships, network, educate yourself 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 or von104@roadrunner.com.

### Group: American Biographies

When: **Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 1:30 pm**

Where: Amherst Library, Snyder/Eggertsville Branch, 4622 Main St., Snyder

Book: *Einstein His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson Discussion Leader: Jean Sylvester

We will also hear Lillis McLean's report on her trip to Tanzania

Contacts: **Jean Sylvester:** jeangroversylvester@yahoo.com or 838-6780 and **Lillis McLean:** lillismclean@hotmail.com or 873-7467

\*Note - there will be no meetings in December or January.

### Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: **No Meeting in November**

\*Note - the December meeting will be at Friendly's Restaurant

Contact: **Suzanne Grossman:** 837-8769

### Group: Dinner by the book

When: **Wednesday, November 19, at 5:30 pm**

Where: Café in the Square, 4476 Main St, Amherst

Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael

Discussion Leader: Sandy Ihlefeld

Book: *The Known World*, by Edward P. Jones

Contact: **Marilyn Carmichael**, 228-8626 or mcar-michael45@aol.com.

### Group: Green Thumbs Garden Study

When: **TBA**

Contact: **Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne**,

hdhckh@msn.com or 833-2251

### Group: Interest

When: **TBA**

Contact:

**Sylvia Volk**, sylviafolk.aauw@yahoo.com or 881-1424



### Gourmet Food In-Group

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

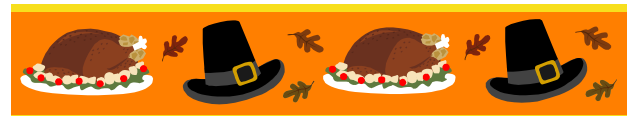
When: **TBA**

Contact: **Sylvia Volk**, sylviafolk.aauw@yahoo.com or 881-1424

### Group: Knitting Group

When: **no meeting until January, 2009**

Contact: **Karen Howard**, 874-1389 or kkhoward@roadrunner.com



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!:

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## Looking ahead - save the dates!



The date for the **December Holiday Gathering** is **Monday, December 8, 2008** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The location is the Art Gallery of the Charles Burchfield Nature and Art Center at 2001 Union Road near Clinton Avenue in West Seneca.

The Community Outreach Committee is proud to announce a breakfast seminar on the **“Challenges for our Women in the Military: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.”** Dr. Terri Julian, PhD, program manager of the Batavia VA Medical Center will be our guest speaker. The event will be held at the VA Medical Center on Bailey Avenue. Please block out time on your busy calendars for **Saturday, January 24, 2009** from 9:30 – 12:00. Check out next month’s newsletter for more details.



**Call for volunteers.** We are in the planning stages for our February and April programs. Fabulous topics have been chosen, but we need people to serve as chairs. This only involves being responsible for collecting the reservations/checks and bringing the snacks. Contact Susan McClary if you are able to help (eeyore123@verizon.net or 636- 2854). Sign up with a friend!

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## Advocate’s Corner

Did you know that AAUW was instrumental in passing the Family Medical Leave Act in 1993 which guarantees an employee will keep his/her job for up to 12 weeks to take off for care of a child, spouse or family member?

This leave is unpaid, though, and many families are unable to take advantage of the time. Please join AAUW in supporting a Federal Paid FMLA that has already passed the House.

Please become a Two-Minute Activist by going to <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> and support this by emailing your Congressional Representatives.

*Michelle Norris*

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## Booksale Corner

With the sorting site up and running and several critical positions filled, the Book Sale executive committee shifted into high gear last month. Sorting is continuing Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Service, 995 Kensington Ave. All members and their friends are welcome to participate. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, books on tape, games and puzzles may be dropped off the same site Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Bookmarks requesting donations are available and any member willing to distribute some of them should contact Judy Weidemann, sale co-chair.

Weidemann and Barbara Emer once again will chair the committee that solicits and schedules volunteers to staff the sale. Their performance last year resulted in what many think was a record turn-out of workers immediately before and during the sale. The chairs can use some help this year and the job is ideal for members whose work/family obligations limit their participation in what is arguably the branch’s most important function. Contacting potential sale workers requires limited time and commitment. Newer members may find it an easy and rewarding entrée to Branch activities. Contact Judy (jweide7170@aol.com or 655-3649) or Barb (emerbj@roadrunner.com or 833-9144).

Finally, Deb Naybor has agreed to take on the most critical book sale site job: floor layout and table allocations. Deb’s expertise as a land surveyor and her experience with and dedication to the sale means the job will be as well done as ever.

*Pat Swift MacClennan*



The 53rd Annual AAUW...

# WHAT'S NEW FAIR



Fun Holiday Shopping while benefiting the Jamestown AAUW branch!

## Jamestown Community College

Hamilton Collegiate Center, Jamestown, NY

Nov. 8 • 10AM-5:00PM

Nov. 9 • 10AM-4PM

Admission \$3.00  
Children 6-12 \$1.00  
JCC/JBC Students \$2.00  
With ID

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A Conference for Educators and Concerned Citizens

Friday, 30 January 2009 9:15 am to 5:30 pm  
United Nations Headquarters New York City

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)  
www.teachun.org

Co-Sponsored by UN Department of Public

## New publication from the Women's Sports Foundation

*Go Out & Play: Youth Sports in America* was published on October 8th. This is a nationwide study of U.S. girls' and boys' involvement with sports and physical activity. The lead researcher, Don Sabo, Ph.D., is a member of the Buffalo Branch. You can access the report on the WSF website - [www.womenssportsfoundation.org](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org). The 188-page report will provide very useful information to advocates for girls' health, gender scholars and researchers, sports administrators, coaches, or parents with children involved with sport.



## Did you Know?

The Buffalo Branch has chosen over the years to set up two separate endowments as part of the AAUW Educational Foundation, helping women achieve their dreams and improving the opportunities for all women.

The current recipients of a Community Action Grant from one of these endowments are Betty Harrel (a past AAUW-NYS president) and Irene Keyes of the Poughkeepsie, NY Branch. Their branch project creates a continuum of programs called *Equity for Life*, which sows the seeds of equity for girls in early childhood and continues to empower them through adulthood. Programs provide information and literacy support for new mothers, books for preschoolers, math and science activities for school-aged children, mentoring for middle-school girls, and equity resources for college women.

The other endowment is currently funding post-doctoral research by Linzy Brekke-Aloise, at Stonehill College, in Massachusetts. *Fashioning America: Dress and Citizenship in the Early Republic* is the name of the project. Her research focuses on the intersection of politics and material culture, specifically, the ways in which objects were used to forge gender, racial, and political identities and communities in early national America. Her scholarship also explores the way fashion was organized and promulgated as a science. She is working to turn her dissertation into a book.

*By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.*

*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 a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Tues, Nov 4 - VOTE!** 

**Wed, Nov 5, 5:45-8 pm** - Board Meeting, Amherst Audubon Library

**Tues, Nov 18, 6 pm** - Branch program at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst

**Wed, Dec 3, 5:45-8 pm** - Board Meeting, Amherst Audubon Library

**Mon, Dec 8, 5:30-7:30 pm** - December Holiday Program, Art Gallery of the Charles Burchfield Nature and Art Center

**Wed, Dec 10** - 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**Sat, Jan 24, 9:30 am-12 noon** - January Program on "Challenges for our Women in the Military", VA Medical Center

**April 24-26** - AAUW-NYS Convention at the Sagamore on Lake George

**June 26-28** - AAUW Convention in St Louis, MO

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