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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.

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

October Programs - two weekends of fun and education!

The District One Conference will be held on Saturday, October 4 at the International Institute. We will be joined by our friends from the Jamestown and Dunkirk-Fredonia Branches. Come learn the local slant on the human trafficking practice which is flourishing throughout the country and the world. Western New York has not escaped this tragic situation. Come join us in learning - Buffalo is hosting this, so let's heartily welcome our sister branches. Details on page 6.

The next weekend, October 11-12, will bring the very first "Seneca Falls Dialogue". Our branch is one of the sponsors of this weekend. Join in a celebration of Women's Rights, the 160th anniversary of the first women's rights convention Declaration of Sentiments, and the 60th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Details on page 7.

Save the Date!

The November branch program will be Tuesday, Nov 18 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." Detail will be in the next issue of the *Advocate*.

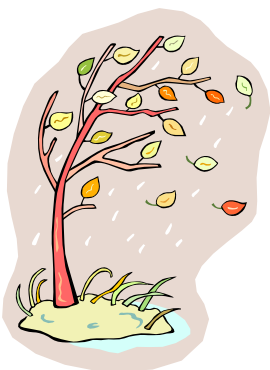
AAUW Gains Special Consultative Status with U.N. Council



WASHINGTON – AAUW has gained special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which initiates reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

For many years, AAUW has had a U.N. representative attending select meetings and monitoring issues affecting women and girls. The new designation allows AAUW to participate in international conferences, sign on to NGO statements, and share AAUW's expertise.

AAUW has a proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,200 international fellowships to women from more than 130 countries and partnering with leading international humanitarian organizations on initiatives to empower women.



President's Message

As I take on the duties of President, I am grateful for the support of the dedicated and professional women who serve on the Executive Board.

To our dear friend Janet , I send you our thoughts and individual prayers. Janet' s daughter has informed me that Janet enjoys receiving e-mails and welcomes hearing from AAUW members.

AAUW-New York State District One Conference will be held in downtown Buffalo on October 4th. The topic to be discussed, Problems of Human Trafficking in Western New York should entice members to attend. The venue is a must see for those of you who have not visited the International Institute on Delaware Avenue. The building was one of the many homes built on the elegant "mansion row" by the prominent families in the early 1900's. Come and enjoy networking with our sister branches Jamestown and Dunkirk-Fredonia.

Various women' s groups from Western New York will join in the celebration of the 160th anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. on October 11 and 12. It is a great opportunity to visit the museum dedicated to the founders of the Feminist Movement. For details see the website at www.SenecaFallsDialogues.org.

This month D'Youville College celebrates its Centennial Anniversary. Originally founded as a college for women in 1908, D'Youville College is now a co-ed institution with an international student body. Congratulations to the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart and to D'Youville alumni everywhere.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Collesano



Dues Reminder!



The start of the 2008-9 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 2007-8 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 printing of this newsletter. If you do not renew, this will be your last newsletter, so please get this taken care of soon. 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.

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Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups - Schedule 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 - von104@roadrunner.com.

PLEASE NOTE YVONNE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Group: American Biographies

When: Thursday, October 9, 2008, at 1:30 pm
Where: Amherst Library, Snyder / Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St. Snyder, NY.
Book: *Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Stacey Cordery
Discussion Leader: Susan Oliver
Contact: Jean Sylvester, 838-6780 or jeangroversylvester@yahoo.com
OR: Lillis McLean, 873-7467 or lillismclean@hotmail.com

Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: Wednesday, October 22, at 6:00 pm
Where: The Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY
Facilitator: Barbara Libby
Book: *The Chinese Maze Murders*, by Robert Van Gulik
Contact: Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769

Group: Dinner by the book

When: Wednesday, October 15, at 6:00 pm
Where: Café in the Square 4476 Main St. Amherst, 839-5330
Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael
Discussion Leader: Sharron Doerr
Book: *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls
Contact: Fran Witnauer, 688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com

Group: Green Thumbs Garden Study

When: TBA
Contact: Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne, 833-2251 or

Thinking of our Friends

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our friends who are dealing with adversity -

- Janet and Alan Fowler
- Lois Dabney
- Barbara and Dick Carier



hdhckh@msn.com

Group: Gourmet Food Interest Group

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

Group: ¡Adelante! Diversity Book/Discussion Club

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

Group: Knitting Group

When: Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 2:00 pm
Where: Sheridan Drive @ International Drive and Evans Rd.
(*Please contact Karen for exact location)
Contact: Karen Howard, 874-1389 or kkhoward@roadrunner.com



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
716/882-2925, maddoxm@dyc.edu*

American Society for Quality (ASQ) – WNY Six Sigma Conference. This will be ASQ’s biggest event since their 1964 National Conference held in Buffalo.

When: Thursday, October 16, 2008, 7:30 am through 4:45 pm.

Where: Millennium Hotel (next to Walden Galleria Mall)

Subject: “Six Sigma in Western NY”

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Government, Banking & Financial Services, Health Care, Food Service and Manufacturing.

Keynote Speakers:

- Mr. Chris Collins , Erie County Executive – “Six Sigma in Western NY – Transforming Erie County Government”
- Mr. Al Hammonds, Director Six Sigma - “Update on Lean Six Sigma County Projects”

Cost: Early (August 1, 2008) On Line – 1 or 2 members - \$150./each, 3 or more - \$140./each.

After (August 1st) – 1 or 2 members - \$200./each, 3 or more - \$180./each.

Walk-ins (day of event) \$250. at the door.

Full Time Students - \$50./student.

Register on-line now – www.asqbuffalo.org then click on 2008Conference to register.

ASQ Conference Chairman – John Lupiensi. ASQ Fellow – 716-830-4620 cell or 716-652-0941 office or sixsigma@roadrunner.com Also contact Mary Christ, 462-5034 as she is trying to organize a discount rate for AAUW members.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff Settles Suit with Columbia

In *Chichilnisky v. Columbia University*, Graciela Chichilnisky, one of Columbia’s most distinguished international economists and mathematicians, sued the university for pay discrimination under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Columbia did not admit to any wrongdoing. “I was awarded a substantive monetary settlement,” Chichilnisky said. “I am pleased and ready to move forward.”

Chichilnisky has been a tenured, full professor at Columbia since 1979. She studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the University of California, Berkeley and has two doctoral degrees, one in mathematics and one in economics. “Despite being internationally recognized for her research and publications, Professor Chichilnisky was still confronted by pay discrimination,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. AAUW contributed significant funds to offset Chichilnisky’s latest round of legal expenses. Members of New York City area AAUW branches attended her recent trial to show their support.

The case is Chichilnisky’s second suit against the uni-



versity for pay discrimination. In 1991, she alleged that the university had violated the Equal Pay Act and Title VII after she found out that her salary was roughly 30 percent lower than the median salary of her male colleagues in her department. She won a \$500,000 settlement in 1995. In 2000, Chichilnisky

went back to court, contending that the university retaliated against her and reneged on the settlement terms. She also claimed that her pay once again lagged dramatically behind that of her male counterparts. Columbia later filed counterclaims against Chichilnisky, charging that she had violated the university’s rules by not reporting that she had a second job and that she had breached settlement terms. View the full case summary of *Chichilnisky v. Columbia University* at <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/cases/chichilnisky.cfm>.

Mildred DeWitt AAUW NYS LAF VP

Chamberlin Loan Fund/Funds for Education awarded a total of \$9,700 in interest-free loans and grants in August. Approval of the allocation was given in an E-mail poll of the executive board conducted from Aug. 8 through Aug. 15. Loans totaled \$4,700 and grants amounted to \$5,000.

Awards were made to the following applicants:

- **Melissa Brown**, a junior in Grove City College majoring in psychology, \$1,500 loan and \$1,000 FFE grant.
- **Lakesha Dillard**, a sophomore in Trocaire College's nursing program, \$500 loan and \$2,000 FFE grant.
- **Allison Jacobs**, a sophomore in St. John Fisher College majoring in childhood education, \$1,200 loan and \$1,000 FFE grant.
- **Melissa Merriam**, a sophomore in University of Buffalo's nursing program, a \$1,500 loan, and \$1,000 grant.

Interviews were conducted July 19 in the Reinstein Library on Harlem Road. Dec. 1 is the deadline for the next round of applications.

Members who would like to participate in interviewing candidates should contact Pat Swift MacClennan at swiftscope@aol.com or call 837-2298.

Women working for associate, bachelor, master's or professional degrees are eligible for the Chamberlin loans and grants, established in 1937 by a member's legacy. Funds for Education loans and grants, funded by proceeds from the annual book sale, are available to men and women. All loans are interest-free. Applicants may receive up to \$3,000 each year of eligibility.

Pat Swift MacClennan, Chamberlin and Funds for Education Chair

Booksale Corner

Cathy Weiss and Judy Weidemann, chairs of the 2009 AAUW Scholarship Book Sale announce the sale will be held May 27 through May 31 at a location to be announced.



The chairs and the book sale executive committee set the date on Sept. 9 at the first meeting of that group. Meetings will continue on the first Monday of each month at Weiss' home with the exception of the October meeting, for which an alternative site will be announced.

Sorting began at the Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Service, 995 Kensington Ave., Wednesday, Sept. 17, and will continue every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the exception of the Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks. Members are invited to stop by and help sort for as long or short a period as convenient. on Wednesdays or any other day in which they have some free time.

The site will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when donations may be dropped off. Pickups will be limited.

Book marks detailing the collection process are being printed.

Pat Swift MacClennan

Did you Know?

The Education Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The AAUW Educational Foundation has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, the Educational Foundation is providing \$4.5 million in funding for more than 250 fellowships, grants, and special awards to outstanding women in the 2008-09 academic year. Due to the generous contributions of AAUW members across the U.S., a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities -- breaking down barriers so all women have a fair chance.

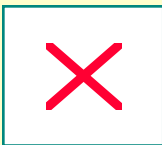
The Buffalo Branch has chosen over the years to set up two separate endowments as part of the foundation, helping women achieve their dreams and improving the chances for all women. Stories of some of the recipients will appear in the next few issues of the *Advocate*.

YOU ARE INVITED!

To the AAUW-NYS District Meeting on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 10 am
at the International Institute of Buffalo, 864 Delaware Ave. (883-1900).



Learn about the trafficking problem in Western New York, take a tour of the beautiful International Institute building and network with the other District One Branches:



Buffalo
Dunkirk-Fredonia
Jamestown

Coffee and Danish at 10 am followed by our presenter, Amy Fleischauer, Coordinator of Trafficking Victims Services for the Institute. Amy will also provide an overview of the refugee resettlement and other programs of the International Institute.

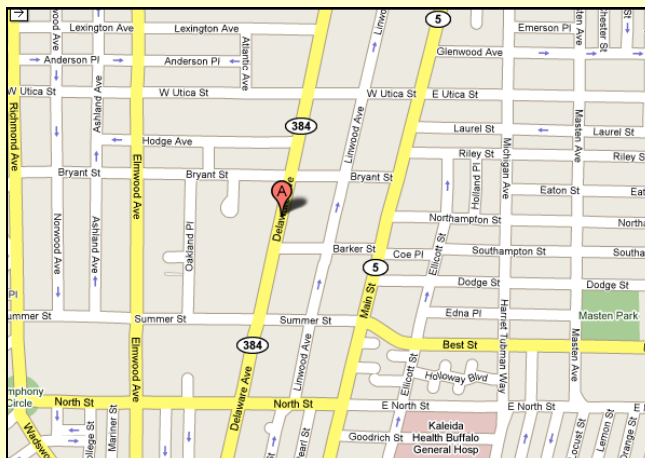
Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the day will end about 1:00 pm.

Chairperson Ann Vecchio and co-chair Lillis McLean. Cost \$10.00.

Contact Lillis at 716-873-7467 or lillismclean@hotmail.com
for a reservation.

Payment may be made at the door.

LEWISTON, NY (2008-05-15)
Western New Yorkers were shocked in December when a police sting closed down several massage parlors operating a sex slavery business. But members of the local human trafficking task force say no one should be surprised.





THE FIRST BIENNIAL SENECA FALLS DIALOGUES

Guests
Panelists &
Speakers



Congresswoman, NY
Carolyn Maloney
"The United States Congress and
the Women's Rights Agenda"



Director for the Division for the
Advancement of Women at the
United Nations
Carolyn Hannan
"Salute to Eleanor Roosevelt and
the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights"



Co-founders of the Uncrowned
Queens Institute for Research and
Education on Women, Inc.
**Drs.
Peggy Brooks-Bertram
and
Barbara Seals Nevergold**

A Weekend of

Leadership
Learning and
Celebrating
Women's Human Rights

In Historic Seneca Falls, Home of the Women's Rights
National Historical Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame

October 11 & 12, 2008

NY State Chiropractic College
2360 Route 89, Seneca Falls NY 13148

www.SenecaFallsDialogues.org

Come join us for meaningful Dialogue and for sharing stories
in Celebration of the 160th Anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention
and the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Panels and dialogues on:

- Indigenous Democracies
- What is Equality? The Law and Culture
- International Women Leaders and Politics
- Activism and Leadership

Special Events:

- 2008 Rededication and resigning of the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments
- The World Cafe - looking at the future of our political system and the next presidential campaign

- Candidates for President of the United States are invited to this event to respond to the question, "How would your administration support such women's rights issues as the Equal Rights Amendment, CEDAW, pay equity, and others?"
- Tours of the Women's Rights National Historical Park and The National Women's Hall of Fame
- Tours of wineries and local attractions
- Vendor tables of Women in the Arts and Women in the Media

See our website about how to share your stories of women in your family who have demonstrated courage, leadership and ingenuity.

To register, and for information about events, speakers, accommodations, sponsorship and intern opportunities, visit our website at **www.SenecaFallsDialogues.org**.

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

Wed, Oct 1 5:30-7 pm - Board Meeting, United Way, Delaware at Summer

Sat, Oct 4, 10 am-1 pm - District 1 Meeting, "Trafficking" at the International Institute

Sat-Sun, Oct 11-12 - Women's Human Rights Weekend, Seneca Falls

Wed, Nov 5, 5:15-8 pm - Board Meeting, Amherst Audubon Library

Tues, Nov 4 - VOTE! 

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

Wed, Dec 3, 5:15-8 pm - Board Meeting, Amherst Audubon Library

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

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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