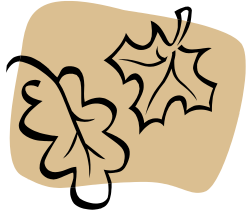




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# Buffalo Branch Advocate

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**September is always busy! TWO great programs to start out the year!**

## Annual AAUW Kick-Off Potluck

Monday, September 15, 2008, 5:30 PM

Saint John Baptist Church

184 Goodell Street

*corner of Michigan Avenue, near Roswell Park & the Medical Corridor  
Buffalo, New York 14202*

### *Dinner Discussion*

#### *Advocacy, Policy, and Women's Democracy*

*This special program kicks off the AAUW Buffalo branch's focus on democracy with a look at women's impact on this exciting election season, AAUW's Get Out the Vote efforts, and the important public policy issues affecting the lives of women*

*Our special guest from the national office*

Lisa Maatz

AAUW Director of Public Policy

Lisa's biography is on page 3

**Reservation deadline is September 4.**

Details & Reservation Form on page 11.

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### **Constitution Day Discussion:**

**Race, Drug Sentencing, and Disenfranchisement**

September 17, 2008, 7:00 PM

Daemen College 4380 Main Street, Amherst New York

Participants: Dr. Edward Cuddy, Professor of History, Daemen College  
The Honorable Robert Russell, City Court Judge  
The Honorable Mark Farrell, Justice, Town of Amherst  
Glenn Pincus, Assistant District Attorney, County of Erie

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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.

# President's Message

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly gone and we are ready to begin a new year.

Our first two board meetings (September 3 and October 1) will be held at the United Way building on Delaware Ave at Summer Street. The times are a little early - 5:30 PM to 7 PM. We will look for a more central place and better timing for the rest of the year.

At the Pot Luck Supper on September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *Advocacy, Policy, and Women's Democracy* with Lisa Maatz from the National Office. Details on page 11.

On Wednesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, The League of Women Voters has invited us to co-Sponsor a "Constitution Day Program". Details on page 7.

November is still a surprise, which Judy Weideman will host. For December's Holiday gathering, Nancy Langer is working on some fun entertainment.

January sounds really interesting. It will be about returning women veterans, put on by the Federated Women's Program.

In February our program features Black History of Women. March brings us the International Women's Day Celebration as well as Tech Savvy. April, of course, is Sister to Sister and May the Annual Luncheon. June is the Book Sale. In August there will be a Tea Party at Judy Weidemann's. Of course there may be changes, but this gives us a good revue of what is to come.

Sincerely,

*Janet Fowler*



## 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 by mid-September, you will not receive future mailings, 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. Or bring your check to the potluck!

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## Welcome to our New Members!

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### Did you know?

The Association is considering major changes in the structure of the organization. It is important that every member be informed about the proposed changes. The plans as they are unfolding are available on the Association website - [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Sign into the member center, then choose the option of "Strategic Process". We all need to be informed!

## Biography of Lisa M. Maatz, our Potluck Speaker

Lisa Maatz has served as the Director of Public Policy and Government Relations at the American Association of University Women since 2003. During that time, she also spent 16 months serving concurrently as the Interim Director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Since 1881, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for all women and girls. As AAUW's top policy advisor, Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, through the executive branch and in coalition. Maatz has done similar work for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and was a legislative aide to U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). Her grassroots advocacy career began when she was the Executive Director of Turning Point, a battered women's program recognized for excellence by the Ohio Supreme Court. Maatz is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio University, has two Master's degrees from Ohio State, and holds an adjunct appointment with the Women and Politics Institute at American University. Honors include the Women's Information Network's Young Woman of Achievement Award (she now serves on that organization's Advisory Council), and the Mentor Award from the Public Leadership Education Network. Maatz has also received a mayoral appointment to the Washington, DC Commission on Women.



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## Directions to St John Baptist Church

### Directions from Route 33

Take the Route 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 I-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.**

## 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.

### Group: American Biographies

When: **Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 1:30 pm**

Where: Eggertsville-Snyder Library, 4622 Main St. Snyder

Book: *Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Stacey Cordery

Discussion Leader: Susan Oliver

Looking ahead -

When: Oct 9 and Nov 13, 1:30 pm

Where: Eggertsville-Snyder Library, 4622 Main St. Snyder

Book: *Einstein, His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson

Discussion Leader: Jean Sylvester

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, September 24, at 6:00 pm**

Where: The Plaka Restaurant, 2904 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore

Facilitator: Suzanne Grossman

Book: *Jack in a Pulpit* and / or *The Crane-fly Orchids*

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

See the year's schedule on pg 5

### Group: Dinner by the Book

When: **Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 pm**

Where: Café in the Square 4476 Main St. Amherst, NY 839-5330

Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael

Discussion Leader: Fran Witnauer

Book: *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn*

Contact: **Fran Witnauer:** 688-5708 or

grandmafran44@yahoo.com

See the year's schedule on pg 6

### Group: Green Thumbs Garden Study

When: **TBA**

Contact: **Janet Fowler:** 884-8698 or Jana-

lanf@aol.com

### Group: Gourmet Food Interest Group

When: **TBA**

Contact: **Sylvia Volk,** 881-1424 or

sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com

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

When: **TBA**

Contact: **Sylvia Volk,** 881-1424 or

sylviavolk.aauw@yahoo.com

### Group: Knitting Group

When: **TBA**

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. If you know a senior administrator contact from one of the area colleges, please call me. I would love help with this, and we all know that knowing the decision makers can improve our chances of gaining college affiliate members.

*Michele Maddox*

*College/University Relations Director*

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

## 2008-2009 CLUELESS SCHEDULE

DATE	BOOK & AUTHOR	FACILITATOR	LOCATION
Wed, Sep 24	<i>JACK IN A PULPIT and/or THE CRANEFLY ORCHIDS</i> by Cynthia Riggs	Suzanne Grossman	PLAKA
Wed, Oct 22	<i>THE CHINESE MAZE MURDERS</i> by Robert Van Gulik	Barbara Libby	PLAKA
November	<b>NO MEETING</b>		
Wed, Dec 3	<i>IN A STRANGE CITY</i> by Laura Lippman	Kate Collins	FRIENDLY'S
Wed, Jan 28	<i>IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER</i> by Julia Spenser Fleming	Shirley Havice	FRIENDLY'S
Wed, Feb 25	<i>ODDS AGAINST</i> by Dick Francis	Frances Witnauer	FRIENDLY'S
Wed, Mar 25	<i>DEATH IN AN ORCHID GARDEN and/or DEATH OF A POLITICAL PLANT</i> by Anne Ripley	Norma Millar	FRIENDLY'S
Wed, Apr 15	ANNUAL BOOK SELECTION FOR 2009-2010 Come with 2+ book suggestions	Members of Clueless	PLAKA
Wed, May 27	<i>SOUTHAMPTON ROAD</i> by Anne Perry	Karen Howard	PLAKA
Wed, Jun 24	<i>THE MERLOT MURDERS and/or CHARDONNAY CHARADE</i> by Ellen Crosby	Jean Hubbard	PLAKA

**All meetings will be at 6 p.m. Suzanne Grossman is the contact person (837-8769).**

## DINNER BY THE BOOK AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUP

For reservations, call Fran Witnauer (688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

Meet at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by review & discussion

DATE	BOOK & AUTHOR	FACILITATOR (FA)/ DISCUSSION LEADER (DL)	DINNER LOCATION
Wed.	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	DL Fran Witnauer	Cafe in the Square, 839-5330
Sept. 17	Betty Smith	FA Marilyn Carmichael	4476 Main St. Amherst
Wed.	<i>The Glass Castle</i>	DL Sharron Doerr	Cafe in the Square, 839-5330
Oct. 15	Jeannette Walls	FA Marilyn Carmichael	4476 Main St. Amherst
Wed.	<i>The Known World</i>	DL Sandy Ihlefeld	Restaurant Choice will be
Nov. 19	Edward P. Jones	FA Marilyn Carmichael	announced at prior meetings.
Wed.	<i>Luncheon of the Boating Party</i>	DL Marilyn Carmichael	tba
Dec. 17	Susan Vreeland	FA Leona Barback	
Wed.	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i>	DL Maryann Hope	tba
Jan. 21	Greg Mortenson	FA Marilyn Carmichael	
Wed.	<i>Back When We Were Grownups</i>	DL Leona Barback	tba
Feb. 18	Anne Tyler	FA Fran Witnauer	
Wed.	<i>Keeping the House</i>	DL Norma Millar	tba
March. 18	Ellen Baker	FA Sandy Ihlefeld	
Wed.	ANNUAL BOOK SELEC-	FA Judy Malamas	tba
April. 15	for 2009-2010		
Wed.	<i>Harriet and Isabella</i>	DL Pat Weber & Colleen Frey	tba
May. 20	Patricia O'Brien	FA Lynne Tauriello	
Wed.	<i>Water for Elephants</i>	DL Lynne Tauriello &	tba
June. 17	Sara Gruen	Norma Heimerl	
		FA Mickey Hice	
<p><i>QUESTIONS? Please contact either co-leader&gt; Leona Barback 633-1982 or Marilyn Carmichael 228-8626 or email&gt; mcarmichael45@aol.com</i></p>			

# Constitution Day Discussion: Race, Drug Sentencing, and Disenfranchisement

September 17, 2008

7:00 PM

Daemen College 4380 Main Street, Amherst New York

*The discussion will take place in the Alumni Lounge in Wick Center. Wick Center is the third building on the right of the Main Drive.*

Participants: Dr. Edward Cuddy, Professor of History, Daemen College  
The Honorable Robert Russell, City Court Judge  
The Honorable Mark Farrell, Justice, Town of Amherst  
Glenn Pincus, Assistant District Attorney, County of Erie

Sponsored by: The League of Women Voters, Buffalo Niagara  
American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch  
The Rosary Hill/Daemen College Alumni Association

Note: Admission is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Judy Weidemann by September 12, 2008 with your reservation(s).  
Phone 655-3649 E-Mail JWeide7170@aol.com

## GRASSROOTS GRANTS

The Grassroots Grants Program is pleased to announce our awardees for 2008-2009. A total of \$7,500 will be awarded to the following 5 recipients:

- Action for Mental Health – to develop an educational effort directed at county systems. The goal is a service network for female ex-offenders and their children. A conference will be held on the lack of discharge planning.
- ENERGY Tutoring After School Program – will make biographies of women available to refugee students in grades 2 thru 6 by purchasing books. Some will be taken home and some will be available at the ENERGY site at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- Girl Scout Council of Buffalo and Erie County – summer camperships for 10 urban and rural girls for camp fees and transportation.
- Niagara Arts and Cultural Center – Young Women's literacy program to include reading, journaling, video and audio recordings. Target audience is girls in the inner city of Niagara Falls.
- St. Monica Scholars – Fund a program called Womanfocus Supper Club through Preventionfocus to teach alternatives to high risk behaviors in minority refugee girls in Buffalo Eastside inner city. Target is girls ages 12-18.

How wonderful it is to see how our Buffalo Branch Education Foundation is advancing education and self-development for females in Western New York! Please stop by our display at the September Potluck supper club to see some results from previous Grassroots Grants awards.

*Joan Trincherà, Chairperson*

**Save the Date!**  
The AAUW-NYS District 1 Conference will be in Buffalo this year! Join our Jamestown and Dunkirk-Fredonia friends at the International Institute on Oct 4 to hear Amy Fleischauer discuss the problem of human trafficking in Western New York. More details in the next issue!

**Potluck Specials!**  
Bring a friend and get a prize!  
Learn who the new Olga Lindberg scholarship winners are!



## 2008 AAUW Scholarship Book Sale Final Report

### PLEASURE AND TREASURE

It is with great pleasure that I present the report of the Fantastic 54th Annual Scholarship Book Sale. For me, the pleasure comes from seeing the many members who worked throughout the year to sort, from those friends who came to help, from the camaraderie that exists as we work together for a noble cause, from the anticipation when opening a box of books, and from the eagerness of our customers as they prepare to find their treasures! Truly, this book sale of ours is a unique treasure, looked forward to by the Western New York Community, and by our Buffalo Branch as we seek to raise funds for scholarships and projects.

A moment I will treasure occurred when seeing the look of wonder on a young teen's face as he gazed intently at the "rare" book case, fascinated by an old volume of poetry covered in worn suede with gilt letters. Upon finding out it was priced at only \$4.00, he happily paid and clutched his treasure tightly.

I'm sure each of you has experienced a moment to treasure during our sale. It is with these memories propelling us into the future, that we strive to continue our educational mission.

This year our income from all sources was about \$59,000. Our expenses were about \$18,000, netting us \$41,000 for scholarships and projects. In spite of higher expenses (mainly rent and tables) we have a very respectable amount to distribute. Congratulations and thanks to all our hard working members, friends and spouses!

It would take several pages to name all of you who helped in some way—135 members (15 new to the fun) sorted books into 34 categories, arranged 240 tables of books, cheered us on our way (thanks, Barb Smith!) asked where they could help, and bought bags of books (their treasures!) 20 friends came willingly and so did 14 men (mostly spouses.) The total hours worked during the year were staggering and a testament to the dedication of our members. We are always looking for ways to lessen the load and would encourage our younger members to "catch" the booksale bug.

We could not bring this event to pass without our "Good Guys" who help in so many ways. Larry Clare concentrated on handling discards and recycling-- keeping our floor space open. Paul MacClennan was our "box" man, providing cut-downs and stacking boxes. Dick Emer, Don Sabo, Ron Kellner, Alan Fowler, Vince Tarzia, John Evanco, Mike Marino, and Jack Mack helped in numerous ways. Fred Howard was our lone pick-up person, and with a friend who had a large truck, picked up the contents of garages and delivered boxes of books. With his nifty ladder, he hung our many signs.

Jacque Walker returned as our Honorary Co-Chair—a repeat from 2004. Jacque is always gracious and very supportive of our goals and our sale. Publicity was ably handled by Pat Swift MacClennan. News articles were in local papers announcing the acceptance of book donations. The Buffalo News put in a picture with article. We appeared on Channel 7 with Mike Randal on the 4:00 news and twice on Channel 4 with Jacque Walker. We were heard on radio—WBFO. A real coup was Buffalo Spree Magazine's naming us as a Top Five destination in June!

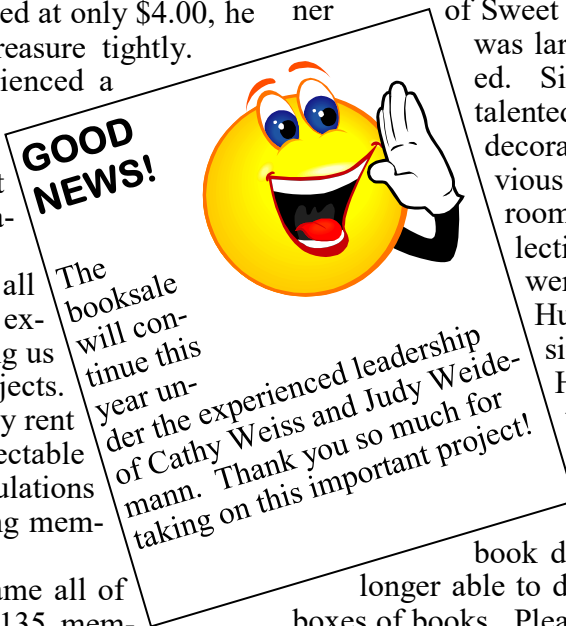
The sale site, in Crawford Furniture Plaza on the corner of Sweet Home and Sheridan in Amherst,

was large, clean, bright and well located. Signs were again updated by our talented Ruth Auer. The room was decorated with the large posters of previous years' publicity photos. The room dividers used around the Collectible and Specially Priced section were loaned to us by Habitat for Humanity, now located at Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services. We continue to be welcome at this location to sort and store books in the basement area. It will also be our main drop-off place for

book donations. Our members are no longer able to do the heavy work of picking up boxes of books. Please let everyone know that books can be dropped off Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Three members generously donated garage space this past year: Marion Fay, Jean Hubbard and Judy Weidemann. With a sale the size of ours, space is always needed.

One of the major expenses each year is the rental of tables—especially since we keep them so long (7 weeks this year). Thank you to the 28 members who



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very generously donated \$942 toward table expense. This was a significant amount.

New to the sale this year was the \$1 admission charged on Thursday, the second day. This netted us \$1138 and helped offset the expense of rent. To thank our customers, we held a Gift Certificate Raffle. Entry blanks were free with a paid admission and prizes were certificates donated by local businesses and members. The winners are posted on the Branch Web Site.

No matter how many books are sold, we are always left with some. Seven charities came at the end of the sale to select books with our compliments. Amvets came and picked up 275 boxes of books. The remaining 100 boxes of books were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul by Calvin and Julie LaMar, Fred, Larry and Dick. Fred removed all of our property to be stored in Jean Hubbard's garage.

Thanks must also be given to the businesses that supported our sale: Able Table and Party Rental provided the tables at a reduced cost. Advanced Graphics and Printing again donated all the book marks. The UPS Store provided copy services at a low price. Assisting us in the search for a site were Brenda Sorg of Benderson Company, David Doerr of Hunt Commercial Real Estate, and Jeffrey Lipuma of CBRE. We thank Gary Blum of Sheridan Centre LLC for providing the space for our short-term rental.

Thank you to the Book Sale Committee for making this sale happen, and especially to my executive committee. Pat Baker, Pat MacClennan, Barb Emer, Judy Weidemann, Janet Fowler and Mary Kellner supported me, guided me, encouraged me and did their best to convince me that I could lead this sale. You expertly carried out the assignments for which you volunteered, and your collective wisdom has benefited this community of book lovers.

There is one person to whom our gratitude must be

extended posthumously: Charlie Weiss. Charlie has always been a huge supporter of our sale, particularly in the areas of Science Fiction (his passion) and Psychology (his field of expertise and also a passion). Each year he would lovingly check each book on his science fiction table, making sure it belonged there. He would do the same for the psychology table. Then he would casually, but cunningly peruse the other categories for misplaced books, respectfully questioning their locations. He researched collectibles, picked up



donations, and was a devoted partner to Cathy in all she did. Although very ill, he came to the site in May to prepare the Science Fiction table one last time. As usual, it was a best-selling table. Thank you, Charlie. May the Force be with you.

(For those who may not know, Charles Weiss, devoted husband of Catharine Weiss, beloved father of four children and grandfather of ten, passed away on July 17.)

*Convenor  
Judy Clare*

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## Mothers Clubs of Tanzania



At the 2007 International Women's Day dinner, one of the featured guests was Kathy Mang-Haag. She spoke about the Mothers Clubs of Tanzania, a program of loans for the poorest people in Tanzania to aid them in developing small businesses. Kathy is off to Tanzania for a year to distribute small loans to poor women as well as work with them to achieve their goals for self sufficiency. All of the donated funds reach the women of Tanzania. So far over 5,000 women have benefited from the loans with a 98% repayment rate. Local humanitarian and **Buffalo AAUW member Lillis McLean** will accompany her for part of the journey.

Check out the web site: <http://mothersclubstanzania.com> to learn more about this fine organization.



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 Hanman**  
"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**



Wesleyan Chapel

Elizabeth Cady Stanton House

60th Anniversary Plaque

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- International Women Leaders and Politics
- Activism and Leadership

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- 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**.

**Participate in the September Potluck Discussion....**  
**What impact do you have on policy?**  
**What impact does policy have on *YOU*?**

*Did you know that there's a presidential election just around the corner?*

It's a little hard to miss. It's even harder to minimize the role that women have played during this election season-- and our continuing impact on politics and policy.

Arguably, few can bring illumination in these areas better than Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy. From her work with AAUW members lobbying on *The Hill* for pay equity and other core AAUW issues to her work to carefully communicate the subtle meaning behind policy decisions-- Lisa has her eye on equity and her hands in the advocacy that help define our organization. (Plus, personally, she's just great to talk with and loves AAUW and our members! Her comments are not to be missed.)

The new AAUW mission statement promotes the importance of advocacy in our quest for equity. So, what better time to invite a friend than on September 15 as we engage in a conversation on how what we do impacts policy-- and how policy impacts us?

So, make your reservation today for the Annual Potluck dinner, beginning at 5:30 on Monday, September 15, 2008, at Saint John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell Street (just off the 33 Expressway), in Buffalo.

We have an increasingly active branch, so members and friends alike will enjoy the chance to learn about this year's branch programs while mingling before dinner. Branch study groups and committees will have information on activities and plans for the year. As well, members will be available to answer questions and welcome prospective members.

Every year branch members' culinary skills prove something else: Dinner is also not to be missed.... And for those who are busy or stove-challenged, the Potluck Committee has listened to your comments, and this year we are trying a blended approach to the buffet. Along with members' favorite, delicious dishes, proceeds will also be used to purchase roast beef and turkey.

For more information, please call:

Marguerite Collesano (853-6480) - food

Nicole Hamm (649-5198) - reservations

Susan McClary (636-2854) - program & ride share information

This is the first program of the year... Please kindly return your reservations before September 4th so that the committee may adequately prepare for members and guests.

*Tamara, Marguerite, Nicole, Barbara, and Susan, 2008 Potluck Co-Chairs*

**Potluck Dinner Reservation Form**

September 15, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

**Deadline for reservations is September 4.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 and a dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 and a salad

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 and a vegetable or meat casserole

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

Each dish, equivalent to a 9"x13" baking dish, should feed 10 to 12 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

*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, Sep 3 - 5:30 pm** - Board Meeting, United Way, Delaware at Summer

**Mon, Sep 15 - 5:30 pm** - Potluck Supper (see pgs 11 and 3)

**Wed, Sep 17** - Constitution Day at Daemen College (see pg 7)

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

**Sat, Oct 4** - District 1 Meeting, "Trafficking" at the International Institute

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

**April 24-26** - AAUW-NYS Convention at the Sagamore

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

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