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## 56th Annual Book Sale Opens June 2!



The 56th AAUW Scholarship Book Sale will open June 2 with what looks like a record number of books, which may mean bigger profits this year.

There is still a lot of work yet to be done as books have been flowing into

the site and need to be sorted and distributed. There are more than 100 tables to be filled and arranged before opening day. Each table has a specific category of books and one may be in your area of expertise. Come in and check it out.

Collections ended May 22 and that will give us a week to clear the decks. We urge anyone with any time to spare to help us get ready for opening day.

There still is a need for help during the sale and if you have not signed up, please consider doing so soon. There are openings for all the jobs from floor workers to cashiers to checkers to greeters to hostess, etc. You can check out all the jobs on the Website, then give Barb Emer a call. You will find a sign-up form on page 5.

Work does not end on closing day, though. There is a need for lots of help Monday morning, June 7, to pack up the leftover books and equipment, and for some light housecleaning.

You can preview the sale, buy books, discuss your job preferences and meet some new members on May 25, when the site will be open for a New Members' party and general preview for all members. Hope to see you there.

Pat Swift-MacClennan, Booksale Committee

## Pre-Book Sale Event & New Member Happy Hour

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010, the AAUW Buffalo Branch is hosting an occasion to meet, mingle, and network at the Book Sale Site, 2309 Eggert Road, Tonawanda (next to Office Depot), at the corner of Sheridan Drive and Eggert Road from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

5:30 pm - Enjoy light refreshments, browse, and purchase books

6:15 pm - A ten-minute presentation about the Book Sale

Meet board members and various AAUW Buffalo Branch study group and committee chairs. Buy new and used books (collectibles excluded) before the Book Sale opens to the public on 6/2/10. Books published before 2006 are 50¢ to \$1; 2006 or newer are \$2 to \$5 .

Pay no admission fee. Admission on the morning of June 2 is \$10.

Helpful, but not necessary: RSVP to Bev Schwiegerling at 652 -7182 or [schwieg@roadrunner.com](mailto:schwieg@roadrunner.com)

### Dates to Remember:

- **Tues, May 25, 5:30 pm**, New Member Meeting
- **Wed-Sun, June 2-6** - 56th Annual Book Sale!
- **Wed, June 9, 6pm** at Ebenezer Church, Joint outgoing and incoming board meeting
- **Fri-Sun, July 9 - 11**, Summer Leadership Conference, Cazenovia College

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# President's Message

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Dear Members,

As my term ends I have a feeling of happiness for all that was achieved by our Buffalo Branch these past two years. I wish to congratulate the Board for an outstanding year.

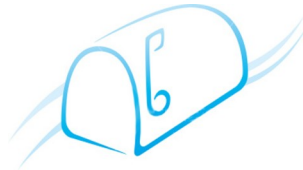
Yvonne Curry, V.P. Programs, chosen by our Board as an emerging leader, was honored at the New York State Convention. The programs were diverse, fun, and informative. Most importantly, we reached out into the community to invite or join efforts with various organizations. These include the Center for Bioinformatics, Peace House, Praxair for Tech Savvy 5, the Junior League of Buffalo, and most recently, a program about First Ladies at the Twentieth Century Club.

Ruth Fierro-King has been elected Treasurer of the AAUW State Board.

The Branch donated \$16,000.00 to the Educational Foundation, money raised from the hard work of the many volunteers of the Annual Book Sale. Our Branch is 10th in the Nation for giving to AAUW EF and #1 in the State in both actual dollars and per capita.

The State Convention Awards include:

- Silver Overall Programming Award
- #1 Place in International Programming
- Excellence in Newsletter and Website



Our various endowments made it possible for significant support of local scholarships.

In September 2009, a Governance Committee was appointed to review and amend the Branch By-Laws. The first stage of that work has been completed. In addition, the Finance Committee, which met regularly for two years, has streamlined all our Educational Accounts. For these two time consuming tasks, I wish to thank Betty Preble, Dr. Betty Krist, Anita Kunkle, Judy Weidemann, Ruth Fierro-King, Beverly Schwiegerling, Joan Eschner, and Dr. Susan McClary. I also want to thank Barbara Carrier for her sound advice and Tamara Brown for her leadership.

It has been a wonderful experience for me to serve as President. It is gratifying for me to be in the company of such remarkable and inspiring women. My best wishes to Dr. Stacey Johnson, our new President.

Sincerely,

Marguerite

“Happiness is not a goal, it is a by-product.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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## THE BUFFALO BRANCH ADVOCATE

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# Buffalo Branch Study & Interest Groups

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## Schedules for the Month:

Study groups are an great way to form friendships, network, learn and have fun. If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please see the "contact" person listed for that group. Reminder - guests are welcome at a limited number of meetings of each interest group. To remain an active participant in an AAUW sponsored group, branch membership is required. Anyone having a suggestion for a new Study Group or wishing to re-activate a former one, please call Study Group coordinator Anita Kunkle at 649-8863 or email her at [amkun05@msn.com](mailto:amkun05@msn.com).

**American Biographies** No meeting in June. Contact Lillis McLean ([lillismclean@live.com](mailto:lillismclean@live.com), 873-7467)

### Dinner by the Book

**Selection:** *The Soloist*, by Steve Lopez

**When:** Wednesday, June 16th, 5:30 pm

**Discussion Leader:** Sharon Doerr

**Facilitator:** Karen Kolb

**Where:** Dandelion's, 1340 N. Forest Rd. at 5:30

**Questions:** Contact **Leona Barback**, 633-1982 or via email at [barleo@roadrunner.com](mailto:barleo@roadrunner.com)

**RESERVATIONS (REQUIRED):** Contact Fran Witnauer, 688-5708 or [Grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:Grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

### Clueless Mystery Book Club

**Selection:** "Any Book in the Morgue Mama Series"



**Facilitator:** Barbara Libby

**When:** Wednesday, June 23rd, 6:00 pm

**Where:** Friendly's, 4350 Maple Road

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

### Knitting Group

**When:** Wednesday, June 9, 2:00pm

**Where:** Barnes & Noble, 4401 Transit Rd.

**Note:** Group will continue meeting at the same location and same time, 2nd Wednesday in July and August.



### Writing Workshop Group

Nothing planned at this time. Contact Linda Drajem at 553-0864 or [ldrajem@roadrunner.com](mailto:ldrajem@roadrunner.com) regarding a possible June meeting.

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## Have you paid your dues?

Thank you to those members who renewed your dues. A reminder to others that the deadline was May 15. If dues are not sent to Freddie Cheek by June 15, we will not be able to include your information in the 2010-2011 roster.

## Please Welcome Our Newest Members

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## Chamberlin Loan Funds Still Available

There is still time to apply for the current cycle of Chamberlin Loan Funds for Education loans and grants. June 1 is the deadline for applications but that is slightly elastic, so if you know someone who is interested, please refer them to the Website for information and applications. We most often can accommodate them a week or two after the official cutoff. Loans and grants of up to \$3,000 are available.

## May Issue Correction

Our apologies to new member Stephaine Jones, who was incorrectly listed as "Stephanie Jones" in last month's issue.

## New Officers Elected!

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The following people were elected to office and installed at the May Luncheon. All are two year terms unless otherwise noted.:

- President: Dr. Anastasia Johnson (1 year)
- Co-Presidents Elect (1 year): Barbara Carier and Betty Preble
- Vice President for Membership Recruitment: Cynthia Mehary
- Vice President for Educational Foundation: Dr. Betty Krist
- Recording Secretary: Taylor Page
- Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Casciani
- Nominating Committee (1 year terms):
  - Marguerite Collesano, Chair
  - Kristin Bojanowski
  - Donna Fitzgerald
  - Leona Barback
  - Marian Bass

NEW ELECTED  
OFFICERS  
ASSUME THEIR  
NEW ROLES ON  
JULY 1.

These terms will begin July 1, 2010. Congratulations to all!

## National Center for Bullying Prevention Comes to UB

The University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education will become the site of a national center for the prevention of bullying, abuse and school violence, thanks to the largest gift in the school's history. The gift from UB alumna Jean M. Alberti, PhD, a clinical and educational psychologist based in Chicago and former local elementary teacher, will establish UB as a proactive national resource on the prevention of bullying and other antisocial behavior among school children.

"We need to change the way people look at this problem to reflect the message that bullying is child abuse by children," said Alberti, who participated in the daylong symposium at UB on the topic. "No one I've ever heard or read about talks about bullying in that language. Until we change the language, we can't change people's understanding of the problem."

To learn more about the new national center and the symposium announcing Alberti's gift, go to [www.buffalo.edu/news/11280](http://www.buffalo.edu/news/11280).

Submitted by Diane Silvestro

## Changin' Times are Here!

At the Saturday annual meeting, the Buffalo Branch of AAUW and the Educational Accounts entity of Buffalo AAUW voted to approve the Plan of Merger and its attached Bylaws proposed by the Governance Committee as announced in the April and May issues of the Advocate. It is now time for the legal process to start. The governance committee will be working with our attorney to file the official papers, etc. Hopefully this will be finalized by the end of the year, but this will require state action (New York State, not NYS AAUW) and we know how everything there is moving along these days. The merger will be invisible to most of the membership but it does mean that our local dues will be deductible on our tax returns and that everything we purchase should be sales-tax-exempt.

The Governance Committee will continue to work to modify the position description manual as well as the board and branch policy book. All these documents are available on the branch website (click on the "Branch Tools" button on the left side of the homepage) – if you have suggestions or comments, please forward them to any of the committee members –

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- Betty Preble, 662-0608, [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)

We will keep you posted on the legal process in future issues of the Advocate.

# Highlights, NY Convention, April 23 – 25, 2010

The 2010 New York State Convention was held at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown, NY over the weekend of 4/23 – 4/25. The Buffalo branch was represented by five of our members, three of whom serve on the State Board of Directors. Those on the State Board who attended were Ruth Fierro-King, State Treasurer, Lillis McLean, Diversity Director, Betty Preble, Administrative Director. Also attending were Suzanne Oliver, past State President and Anita Kunkle, branch delegate. Anita was appointed to serve as an alternate to the State nominating committee from the 1st District.

Officers presented to serve in 2010 – 2012 were unanimously elected. The positions filled and newly elected State officers are: President, Eileen Hartman, Program V.P., Peggy Kelland and Educational Fund V.P., Lisa Davis Clark.

The Buffalo Branch was recognized for numerous achievements. We are the top branch in NY for LAF contributions, with \$11,344, \$6,200 more than the #2 Westchester branch. We were also recognized as a Star branch for giving \$20/member to LAF. In addition, our branch took 3 baskets to be raffled for LAF. Many of the baskets were outstanding and “shopping” in the LAF basket room was great fun!

We took Silver for overall programming, two notches down from the previously attained platinum. Criteria for improving our standing include strategic planning, programs, membership development and visibility. We do presently excel in monthly programs as we received 1st place for our international program, *Progress in Equity: North American Women*, held as

part of International Women’s Day on March 6.

Yvonne Curry was recognized as our Buffalo branch Emerging Leader. Yvonne was responsible for the diverse set of programs that were held during the year.

We are in the Association Hall of Fame for our participation in the “Every Member Get a Member” campaign begun in July 2006. Since its inception, our branch has recruited 31 new members through the successful efforts of 17 members.

We took an Award of Excellence for our Website and newsletter. Thank you to our editors, Maria Coppola, Betty Preble, Judy Weidemann and Betty Krist.

There were many workshops offered. Of particular interest was one on “Too Sexy Too Soon: How Media Images Affect Young Girls”, presented by Deborah Borie. Of the many topics covered by dining room speakers was “Girl Scouts Partnership Programs for Branches”. For additional information visit the state website; [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org).

Despite a chilly and overcast weekend, the Otesaga Resort staff provided a beautiful setting for an outstanding assembly of AAUW delegates and officers from throughout the state. The theme, *Breaking Through Barriers*, provided a basis for guest speakers, considering future plans, and conversations focused on our mission to bring about equity for women and girls throughout the world.

Submitted by Anita Kunkle

THANKS TO  
MARGUERITE  
COLLESANO,  
WHO CREATED  
TWO BASKETS  
FOR THE LAF  
BENEFIT WHICH  
BROUGHT IN  
\$63.

The book sale is Wednesday, June 2 through Sunday, June 6. Please sign up as soon as possible as we need to ensure that our staffing needs are met.

## VOLUNTEER COUPON:

Please choose your sales shift(s) below:

Wed, June 2	Thurs, June 3	Fri, June 4	Sat, June 5	Sun, June 6
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In addition, we need people to help clean up the morning of Monday, June 7. Please indicate if you can help. We especially need STRONG people to help take down tables and re-box the leftover books.

I can help that morning!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return to Barbara Emer, 250 Capen Blvd, Amherst, 14226, or email to [emerbj@roadrunner.com](mailto:emerbj@roadrunner.com)

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



AAUW

**Breaking through Barriers**

*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, philanthropy 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.*

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