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The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the previous month.

Articles received after that may not appear in the next issue.

Please send articles to Betty Preble via e-mail:

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Please also contact her if you would like to receive the *Advocate* via email.

LAST CHANCE!

If your label has asterisks by your name, this is your last issue of the *Advocate* unless you send in your dues to Freddie Cheek, 406 Maynard Drive, Amherst, NY 14226.

QUILTING

Saturday, Nov 7, 1:30 - 3pm

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Lafayette Square, Buffalo

Estelle Anderson has always loved sewing and making quilts ("It comes so easy for me"). However, unlike many other quilters, Estelle does not come from a family of quilt makers.



Daisy Estelle Anderson of Buffalo N.Y. is a graduate of Buffalo State College who majored in home economics, graduated with honors and was inducted into Phi Upsilon Omicron, the National Honor Society in Home Economics, . She later received a Masters in Elementary Education. A retired teacher with 25 years in the public schools in Buffalo, she is also the past Diocesan Chairman of the Layette Program of the Ladies of Charity.

Estelle is a self taught folk quilter who has exhibited in numerous local and regional shows in Western New York including such venues as the Buffalo Museum of Science, the Burchfield-Penney Art Gallery, the Wilcox Mansion, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Estelle believes a quilt is more than a colorful and warm decoration for the home. For many African Americans, a quilt embodies the hopes and struggles of slaves yearning for freedom between the late 1700's and the end of the Civil War Although written documentation is scarce, the oral history of quilts in the Underground Railroad is rich and interesting. As a descendant of a slave family, Estelle has studied the encoded patterns in quilts.

Please join us at the downtown library on November 7 at 1:30 to enjoy Estelle's warm and fascinating presentation about the history of quilts.

Lunch includes a cup of tomato basil soup, a small salad, a choice of sandwich (turkey club, black-bean hummus wrap or chicken salad wrap) a cookie & a drink.

Questions? Please contact Yvonne Curry, email yon104@roadrunner.com or call 553-3925. **Registration form on page 5 - deadline November 5!**

Looking Ahead: Saturday, Dec 12, 2009 - noon-2:30

Holiday Gathering at the Friar's Table

Program Details next month.

Luncheon: \$25/ person

Registration form on page 5 - deadline December 1!



UPDATED!!!



President's Message

The Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting was a birthday celebration in memory of Eleanor Roosevelt and a great beginning for the year. The evening included an appearance of our Woman of Honor, Eleanor Roosevelt (impersonated by new member Mary Callahan), who read from her column *My Day*.

Jacque Walker, WIVB-TV Anchorwoman, was present to introduce Megan McNally, winner of the Jacquie Walker Scholarship. Ms. Walker is a true friend and supporter of AAUW Buffalo Branch and our work.

The dinner discussion featured Katie Allison, Director of Training for the Ophelia Project, winner of the 2007 AAUW (National) Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award. The organization, which is headquartered in Erie, Pennsylvania, works to reduce relational aggression and creates safe places for all women and girls to obtain full intellectual and developmental capacity.

Thank you to the committee who made the evening so enjoyable: Betty Krist, Tamara Brown, Yvonne Curry, Mary Callahan, Judith Clare, Sue Boulter, Betty Preble, Bev Schwiegerling and Leona Barback.

The November 7th program will feature Estelle Anderson, Quilter (age 86). Join us at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Lafayette Square, for a fascinating presentation of her work: A history and display, including embedded codes used in the Underground Railroad. Quilting is one of America's most important folk arts, a legacy of women's creativity and creating art in cloth.

Members should be aware that reservations will be required by November 6, 2009 for the December Holiday Gathering at the Theodore Roosevelt House, 641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York. The Program will feature a Victorian Christmas with a vintage fashion show. Visiting the Theodore Roosevelt Historical House is always special.

Historical Aside: Uncle Teddy gave his niece away at the marriage ceremony of Eleanor Franklin (17 March 1905). He was in New York to review the St. Patrick's Day Parade, make two speeches, and, "in between perform his familial duty. After the couple exchanged vows, according to Eleanor, her Uncle spun about and headed directly into the library for refreshments leaving the young couple standing alone, as the

majority followed the President to hear his stories. The ceremony served well as a metaphor for the early years of Eleanor's marriage – which were for her years of struggle to establish a place for herself". (Cook. Eleanor Roosevelt Vol. I)

Lastly, but certainly not least, Joan Escher has been appointed Treasurer of the Buffalo Branch. I look forward to Joan serving on the Board for her expertise with numbers and her pleasant humor.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Collesano



* Life was meant to be lived, and curios- *
* ity must be kept alive. One must *
* never, for whatever reason, turn his *
* back on life. *

* People grow through experience if they *
* meet life honestly and courageously. *
* This is how character is built. *

Eleanor Roosevelt

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For renewal questions, contact the VP of Membership Retention, Susan McClary (636-2854 or smcclary2@verizon.net).

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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.

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 contact Study Group co-ordinator Anita Kunkle @ 649-8863 or email amkun05@msn.com.

American Biographies

When: **Thursday, Nov 12 at 1:30 pm**

Where: Eggertsville/Snyder Library, 4622 Main St, Snyder

Book: *What Fresh Hell Is This?* by Marion Meade or any biography of Dorothy Parker

Discussion Leader: Sue Oliver

Questions: Call Lillis McLean, 873-7467 or cell phone 830-6709.

No meetings in December or January - February's book selection will be works by Mary Chestnut

Clueless Mystery Book Club - No Nov Meeting

Dinner by the book

When: **Wednesday, Nov 18, 2009 at 5:30 pm**

Where: Dandelions Restaurant, 1340 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY (688-0203)

Book: *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

Discussion Leader: Sandy Ihlefeld

Facilitator: Leona Barback

RESERVATIONS (REQUIRED): Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com

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Did you Know? There are TWO Buffalo AAUW funds within the national Education Foundation program. Your Buffalo EF dollars are at work around the country. Learn about the current awardees:

Community Action Grant: Carbondale, IL Branch https://svc.aauw.org/fga/fellows_directory/index.cfm?rid=2406

Selected Professions: Sara Goldgraben, New York Medical College

https://svc.aauw.org/fga/fellows_directory/index.cfm?rid=2441

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

September Board Meeting Highlights



The board met after the summer hiatus and passed both a General Board Budget which included additional startup funds for the Travel programs and amended the EF Budget to add additional funds for scholarships and grants. A Branch Governance Committee was set up to look at changing the entire organization to a non-profit charitable organization, instead of two separate organizations. We do very little lobbying so we should be able to fit within the legal guidelines for a non-profit charitable organization. In addition we accepted the changes to our bylaws mandated by the national organization. Over the summer the executive committee was polled and passed several scholarship awards. We also requested a scholarship chair person to be named by Marguerite Collesano to look into the scheduling of scholarship deadlines. We also discussed the terrific board/leadership training we received this past August. One of the suggestions was to advertise the next one in the Advocate so that any member can join the board in the training thus developing a pool of potential leaders.

Leona Barback, Secretary

Please Welcome our New Members:

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This 'n That

THANK YOU

To **Diane Schultz Silvestro**, who responded to the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch request posted last month. She not only donated a bed to Elinor's House, she even delivered it!

Lorna Berlin, a Buffalo AAUW member and a member of the American Watercolor Society, has donated her works over the years toward our fund raising efforts. Interested in watercolor painting classes? Contact Lorna at 633-9450 to learn more.

Jackie Pacos, of the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch, sends this:

The Women's Wine Club meets the 2nd Tues of every month at Verbena on Maple in Williamsville. \$55 for Hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, dinner & desserts all paired with wines. \$22-of the \$55 is donated to Aids Community Services.

The "Handbag Happy Hour" sponsored by Aids Community Services (ACS) is on Wed Feb 24, 6-9pm. location tba. Information available on the ACS website: <http://www.aidscommunityservices.com/>

More Honors for Our 2003 Branch Woman of Achievement

President Barack Obama announced in September that **Esther Sans Takeuchi**, Ph.D., Greatbatch Professor in Power Sources Research in the University at Buffalo School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the highest honor awarded in the U.S. for technological achievement.

Takeuchi, a UB faculty member since 2007, is the first UB professor to receive this honor. She received the medal from Obama at a White House ceremony on Oct. 7.

Details in the Buffalo News -

<http://www.buffalonews.com/cityregion/story/821047.html>

This year's **Jamestown AAUW What's New Fair** is November 14 from 10 - 5 and November 15 from 10 - 4 at the Jamestown Community College Hamilton Collegiate Center. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12. Fun and a great way to start your holiday shopping! Contact Mary Lenda (mlenda@hotmail.com or 716/753-0744) for tickets and details.

"Old" Friends - message from Sylvia Volk

I have heard through the "grapevine" that Nancy Ryther would appreciate cards from her old friends. Nancy was a long-time member of our branch and the leading spirit behind the American Biography Book Group.

Nancy Ryther
Oneonta Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
330 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, NY 13820

BOOK SALE CORNER



Sorting for the 2010 Scholarship Book Sale has begun at Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services, 995 Kensington Ave. Help is needed on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until noon. Members of the Book Sale Committee will be present to assist newcomers and old timers as well. Come and work for as long or as short a time as pleases you. There already is a good inventory to work from, but more books always are needed. Bookmarks with all the information for donating books are available at the sorting site. Please pick up a handful and distribute them where you think they might generate some donations. Donations can be dropped off at the sorting site Monday-Thursday 10 am - 4:30 pm. If you need assistance with your delivery, please be sure you come during the sorting times so that one of our booksale volunteers can help.

New This Year!

Explore the World through the Director's Travel and Study Series

2010 tours set for Asia and South America

The Vietnam and Cambodia: Women and Their Worlds tour, set for February 19–March 7, 2010, will provide an intimate look at the impact and influence of women in these ancient civilizations. AAUW President Carolyn H. Garfein will serve as host. An enthusiastic and experienced traveler, Garfein has held many AAUW leadership posts on both the national and state levels.

The Women of Peru — A Tour of Discovery trip set for July 16–28, 2010 will be hosted by AAUW Director of Fellowships and Grants Gloria Blackwell, who also manages AAUW's relationships with international partners, such as CARE. Blackwell's professional background includes long-term engagement at the Institute of International Education and positions as a Peace Corps staff member and volunteer in Africa.

Learn more on the AAUW website -

http://www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/pressreleases/travelSeries_091709.cfm

Registration form for November 7 Branch Program

Mail to: Yvonne Curry, 172 Hamlin Rd. Buffalo, NY 14208 – by November 5, 2009

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$12.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sandwich choice (please circle one) → Turkey Club Black-bean Hummus Wrap Chicken Salad Wrap

Names of Guests: _____

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

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Registration form for December 12 Branch Program

Mail to: Joan Trinchera, 84 Pleasant Ave, Hamburg, NY 14075 by December 1, 2009

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$25.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entree choice (please indicate number of each) → _____ 10 oz Prime Rib _____ Stuffed Chicken Breast
_____ Tilapia Francaise _____ Pasta Primavera

Names of Guests: _____

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

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, 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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wed, Nov 4, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

Nov 5 - Deadline for registering for the November program (see pg 5)

Sat, Nov 7, 1:30 pm - "Quilting History" at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (see pg 1 & 5)

Tues, Dec 1 - deadline for next Chamberlin applications

Wed, Dec 2, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Key Private Bank, 550 Essjay Rd, Williamsville

Sat, Dec 12, 12 noon - Luncheon and program at the Friar's Table. See pp 1 and 5.

Fri-Sun, April 23-25, 2010 - AAUW-NYS Convention in Cooperstown, NY

Wed-Sun, June 2-6, 2010 - 56th Annual Booksale!

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