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If you would like to receive the *Advocate* via e-mail, please also email Betty with that request.

Welcome to the 2009-10 AAUW year and Happy Birthday, Eleanor Roosevelt!

Join us for a special program on Monday, September 14 as we kick off the new AAUW year at our annual potluck supper!

**NEW Location: Ebenezer United Church Of Christ -
630 Main Street, West Seneca, N.Y. 14224**

Directions:

- From the North or South, take Interstate 90 to Exit 54 which will take you onto Route 400.
- Exit onto Union Road, turning right at the traffic light.
- Proceed 1/2 mile on Union, turning left at the traffic light at the crest of a hill (Main Street).
- Parking is available at the side of the church or across the street.



Bring a guest for the fun and learn about the programs and interest groups for the coming year. A highlight of the event will be Jacquie Walker presenting the \$5,000 scholarship named in her honor to the awardee. A birthday cake to celebrate Eleanor Roosevelt's 125th birthday will be a special dessert at the end of the supper.

Potluck Dinner Reservation Form

September 14, 2009, 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 EF and mail to:

Betty Krist RE: Potluck, 116 Iris Ave, West Seneca, NY 14224

Phone: 675-4059 e-mail: kristbj@verizon.net

President's Message

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the last days of summer and looking ahead to a grand year with the AAUW. And a Grand Year it will be, as we will honor, celebrate and promote the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1982) throughout the year.

In her own words, *"I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on"*. Certainly, words to inspire AAUW members.

Join us on September 14 for the Annual Potluck Supper when we will kick off a new year with a cake to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday. She was born October 11, 1884 in New York, New York.

"Like Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt transcended her role as wife of a President of the United States and, in a far more public life, devoted herself to causes of humanity with a spirit, grace and tenacity that ultimately won her an unprecedented place as First Lady of the World." (from American History Research Associates)

Review the program offerings for a variety of activities highlighting Eleanor Roosevelt. I would like to suggest a wonderful biography *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Kearns writes about the war years in the FDR White House and the role played by the First Lady. You also might enjoy a group discussion of the book with the biography interest group, which will meet in September. Tamara Brown is planning a panel discussion about *Fabulous First Ladies and Their Evolving Impact on Society*. Also in the works is a trip to the First Ladies Museum near Cleveland, Ohio. These events are all planned for the coming year.

Again, in Eleanor Roosevelt's words, *"One thing life has taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else."*

Sincerely,

Marguerite Collesano



REMINDER - DUES ARE OVERDUE!



If the mailing label on this issue has asterisks by your name we do not have a record of having received your 2009-2010 AAUW dues. Please send your

check, along with any change in address/phone number/email address to Freddie Cheek, 406 Maynard Drive, Amherst, NY 14226-2929. Please contact Freddie or Susan McClary if you have any questions.

Welcome to our newest member:

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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 Anita Kunkle, study group coordinator: 716-649-8863 or amkun05@msn.com. 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.

American Biographies

When: **Thursday, September 10 at 1:30 pm**

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

Lillis McLean will lead the discussion of *No Ordinary Time; Eleanor and Franklin during the war years*. The author is Doris Kearns Goodwin, who won a Pulitzer for this book.

Any questions: Call Lillis McLean @ 873-7467 or cell phone 830-6709.

Clueless Mystery Book Club Wednesday, Sept 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Friendly's Restaurant, Maple Road at Sweet Home Road

Book: Any Inspector Maigret Mystery, by Georges Simenon

Facilitator: Margaret Fischer

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

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Dinner by the book

When: **Wednesday, Sep 16, 2009 at 5:30 pm**

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

Book: *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean

Discussion Leader: Norma Millar

Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael

RESERVATIONS (REQUIRED): Fran Witnauer

688-5708 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com

FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Leona Barback, 633-1982 or

barleo@roadrunner.com

or **Marilyn Carmichael**, 228-8626 or

mcarmichael45@aol.com

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Knitting Group

When: **Thursday, Sept 24, 3 pm**

Where: Sheridan Drive @ International Drive and Evans Rd.

(Please contact Karen for exact location)

Contact: **Karen Howard**, 874-1389 or

kkhoward@roadrunner.com

Volunteer Opportunities for AAUW members

Help Promote Self-Sufficiency for Refugee Women - Volunteer with Jericho Road Ministries!

JRM is a not-for-profit serving refugees and low-income residents on the West Side of Buffalo. One of their programs, Financially Fit, offers free basic financial education to refugee women, empowering them with the knowledge needed to successfully navigate our culture's financial systems, manage their limited resources, and embrace a healthy financial lifestyle. Consider partnering with JRM by giving of your time to provide child care during these classes. This is a vital way to make participating in the program possible for these women, many of whom are single-parents. To sign up or to learn about other JRM volunteer opportunities, please call 716-348-3000 to speak with Stephanie or Nicole. Thank you!

Stephanie Smith

Jericho Road Ministries

716-348-3000, ext 405

716-531-3450 (cell)

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Ed note - Ms Smith spoke at our June joint board meeting about the many programs being offered by the Jericho Road Ministries and was invited to submit this information for the *Advocate*.

Coming up next month - save the dates!

The District One Fall Conference will be hosted by the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch this year.

Date: Sat., Oct. 10, 2009

Location: The White Inn in downtown Fredonia (52 East Main St.)

Time: 10 AM with registration beginning at 9:30

Theme: Advocacy



The speaker will be Chautauqua County Family Court Judge Judith Claire, well known as a children's advocate in the area.

This is our chance to meet with members of the other two branches in our district (Jamestown and Dunkirk-Fredonia).

A Travel Opportunity

An overnight visit to the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio is being organized by LWVB/N, AAUW, and Friends of the Women's Right's National Park. The library is devoted to educating people about the contributions of First Ladies and other women in history. (<http://www.firstladies.org/>)



The group will leave on the afternoon of Friday, October 16 and return on Saturday, October 17. We will travel by private cars. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn in Canton, Ohio for Friday evening. You may reserve your room by calling 1-800-544-4444. Be sure to say that you are part of the Women's Event Group. If you need someone to share a room with contact Bev Schweigerling at 652-7182.

A special feature of the trip will be a talk by Buffalo attorney and first woman president of the New York State Bar Association, Mary Ann Saccomondo Freedman. Ms Freedman will speak on the two Buffalo First Ladies, Abigail Fillmore and Frances Folsom Cleveland.

For further information and to register contact Bev Schwiegerling at 652-7182 or schwieg@roadrunner.com.

Watch for details on both these events in the next Advocate!

May Board Meeting Highlights



On May 6, 2009 the Board met.. The treasurer requested more input for next years budget. We were informed that \$290.00 was made for LAF at the May Luncheon. Two Catalyst for Change grants were approved, one to Alyssa Jones for \$3000 and one to Ruth Simmons for \$3000.

The board agreed that a policy would put in place to prevent board members from receiving personal benefit from the organization.

It was also agreed that a one time scholarship of \$5000 would be set aside from this years book sale funds in honor of Jacquie Walker, who has been honorary chair and given our sale a great deal of publicity through her TV station and website.

Leona Barback, Recording Secretary

2009 Scholarship Book Sale



The success continues! Despite the difficult economic times, the Fabulous 55th Annual Scholarship Book Sale took in \$60,140.32 - a figure slightly higher than last year. 4,884 customers came to the sale. \$1,470.50 was collected

from Presale activities. \$717.00 was donated to defray the table expense. After expenses are paid, our profit will be at least \$50,000. This money will go to the Educational Foundation of AAUW as well as to local scholarships and community efforts.

The success of the Book Sale is measured in the money earned. It is also measured in the other benefits to our branch. It was said at the wrap-up meeting of the Book Sale Committee that the feeling during the Sale and during the long months of preparation was so positive. Members worked well together sorting at Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services and at the sorting and the actual sale at the Eggert Road site. There were over a dozen faithful sorters who came to Kensington Bailey on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from September, 2008 to April, 2009. At the Eggert Road site, 120 members volunteered their time to sort and participate in the Sale.

More members moved into leadership positions at the Sale. There were seven members on the Executive Committee. They were Pat Baker, Leona Barback, Judy Clare, Barbara Emer, Pat Swift, Judy Weidemann, and Cathy Weiss. Pat Baker worked with the fine Table Chair Committee who took their responsibility very seriously. We are so grateful to the "Good Guys" who helped us. Larry Clare and Fred Howard were with us all year. Other "Good Guys", Stanley Collesano, Dick Emer, James Falletta, Ron Kellner, Mike Marino, Bill Powers, Carl Ressman, and Vince Tarzia, helped us at critical times when heavy lifting and/or heavy persuasion was required. The Treasurer's staff under Leona Barback functioned beautifully. Mary Kellner came back to help during the Sale. Thank you, Mary.

Pat Swift did the publicity for the Sale and what excellent publicity it was. It seems we were every-

where on TV and in the newspapers. The most notable publicity was from Channel 4. Jacquie Walker, our honorary chair, saw to it that we were well covered. We are very grateful to her for her efforts for us this year and in past years. Because of this, a one-time only \$5,000 Jacquie Walker scholarship was initiated. Judy Clare went to the branch board requesting approval of this scholarship. The board unanimously agreed to honor Jacquie in this way. Jacquie will present the Scholarship at the September 14, 2009 Pot Luck Dinner.

A change this year was charging admission on all days except Sunday. This did not seem to affect attendance. Sorters were asked to be especially careful this year about pulling out newer books – 2005 on. A higher price is charged for these books.



The Fabulous 55th Scholarship Book Sale continued in the pattern of success of previously held sales. A big thank you goes to the committee.

Members were Ruth Auer, Jill Brown, Kate Collins, Barbara Engler, Margaret Haas, Karen Howard, Jean Hubbard, Cynthia Koch, Lillis McLean, Sharon Meer, Deborah Naybor, Suzanne Oliver, Roberta Ross, and Barbara Smith. A big thank you also to all members and friends who worked so hard to achieve this success.

Judy Weidemann, Co-chair with Cathy Weiss

And, as always, looking ahead!

Work on the 2010 Scholarship Book Sale, to be held June 2 through June 6, is underway.

The sorting site at the Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services building at 995 Kensington Ave. is being set up and sorting will begin there in mid-September.

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pickups are limited and may be arranged by calling 874-1389 in the Northtowns and 655-1166 for the Southtowns. For other areas, call 674-3462.

When sorting begins, volunteers will be needed on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Pat Swift-MacClennan

2009-2010 CLUELESS SCHEDULE - 6pm

DATE	BOOK & AUTHOR	FACILITATOR	LOCATION
Wednesday	ANY INSPECTOR MAIGRET MYSTERY	Margaret Fischer	FRIENDLY'S
23-Sep	By Georges Simenon		
Wednesday	<i>DEATH ON A RIVERWALK</i>	Kate Collins	FRIENDLY'S
28-Oct	By Carolyn Hart		
November	NO MEETING		
Wednesday	<i>THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY</i>	Fran Witnauer	DANDELIONS
16-Dec	By Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows		
	(Joint Meeting with Dinner by the Book)		
Wednesday	<i>ANATOMY OF DECEPTION</i>	Sue Yarborough	FRIENDLY'S
27-Jan	By Lawrence Goldstone		
Wednesday	<i>TYRANOSAUR CANYON</i>	Karen Howard	FRIENDLY'S
24-Feb	By Douglas Preston		
Wednesday	<i>GRAND NIGHT FOR MURDER</i>	Suzanne Grossman	FRIENDLY'S
24-Mar	By H. Paul Jeffers		
Wednesday	ANNUAL BOOK SELECTION 2010-2011	Members of	FRIENDLY'S
28-Apr	Come with 2+ book suggestions	Clueless	
Wednesday	<i>STATE OF THE ONION</i>	Jean Hubbard	FRIENDLY'S
26-May	By Julie Hyzy		
Wednesday	ANY BOOK IN THE MORGUE MAMA SERIES	Barbara Libby	FRIENDLY'S
23-Jun	By C. R. Corwin		

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

If you have not yet read about the exciting national convention which was held the end of June in St Louis, please go to the AAUW website (<http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2009/index.cfm>) to see all that happened (including videos of the speeches). The most contentious issue was the proposal to open membership to all - that did not pass. However, some other major changes were adopted. And Buffalo was honored for being Number ONE in the country in contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt fund plus being Number TEN in the country in total contributions to the programs of AAUW. (EF, LAF and the Leadership & Training Institute). Kudos to us!!!

DINNER BY THE BOOK * AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUP

2009 - 2010

17 years & counting!

DATE	BOOK & AUTHOR	DISCUSSION LEADER (DL)/ FACILITATOR (FA)
Wed.	<i>The Madonnas of Leningrad</i>	DL Norma Millar
Sept. 16	Debra Dean	FA Marilyn Carmichael
Wed.	<i>Keeper of the House</i>	DL Marilyn Carmichael
Oct. 21	Rebecca Godwin	FA Lynne Tauriello
Wed.	<i>The Book Thief</i>	DL Sandy Ihlefeld
Nov.18	Markus Zusak	FA Leona Barback
Wed.	<i>The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society</i>	DL Fran Witnauer
Dec.16	Annie Barrows	FA Sandy Ihlefeld
		JOINT MTG. w/Clueless
Wed.	<i>Exile</i>	DL Marilyn Todd
Jan. 20	Richard North Patterson	FA Joan Spencer
Wed.	<i>The Tortilla Curtain</i>	DL Judy Malamas
Feb. 17	T. C. Boyle	FA Mary Crocker
Wed.	<i>Loving Frank</i>	DL Barbara Wallshauser
Mar.17	Nancy Horan	FA Sharon Doerr
Wed.	Annual Book Selection	DL Judy Malamas
April. 21	for 2010-2011	
Wed.	<i>Vivaldi's Virgins</i>	DL Cherie St. Pierre
May. 19	Barbara Quick	FA Jan Marino
Wed.	<i>The Soloist</i>	DL Sharon Doerr
June.16	Steve Lopez	FA Karen Kolb

LOCATION: Dandelions Restaurant, 1340 North Forest Road, Williamsville - 688-0203

We meet for dinner by 5:30 pm. Following dinner, our facilitator brings us up to date with announcements and introductions. Our volunteer discussion leader then presents a review of the book with discussion. We encourage all present to participate in the discussion whether they have read the book or not. A guest is welcome once. To continue to attend the book club, the guest must join the AAUW Buffalo Branch.

QUESTIONS??? Please contact either Leona Barback 633-1982 or Marilyn Carmichael 228-8626.

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 9, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

Mon, Sept 14, 5:30 pm - Potluck Supper at United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca (see pg 1)

Wed, Oct 7, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

Sat, Oct 10, 10 am - District One Conference at the White Inn (see pg 4)

Fri-Sat, Oct 16-17 - Trip to National First Ladies Library (see pg 4)

Sat, Dec 12, 1 pm - "Victorian Christmas Celebration" with Vintage Fashion Show at the Theodore Roosevelt site. (Details next month)

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

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