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## April Program: Human Trafficking

When you hear the words "human trafficking," chances are good that you think of under-aged prostitutes in Malaysia or child laborers in Saudi Arabia or Guatemala.

Elizabeth Fildes wants you to think instead of Amherst, Lancaster and Orchard Park. She knows first-hand that human trafficking happens absolutely everywhere and has been a key figure in nearly every local investigation into human trafficking the past five years.

And no one has been as close to the victims. She has seen victims as young as of a girl 12 and as old as a woman in her late 60s. She has heard first-hand of their horror stories, many including details so brutal, some investigators find it hard hearing them.

We are pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Ms. Elizabeth Fildes, Director of the Western District of NY Human Trafficking Task Force & Alliance.



**Guest Speaker: Ms. Elizabeth Fildes**

**Director of the Western District of New York**

**Human Trafficking Task Force & Alliance**

**The International Institute**

**864 Delaware Avenue**

**10:00 Registration & Refreshments**

The cost to attend the event is \$5.00. A continental breakfast will be provided. Please let Peggy Meinel know if you are planning to attend. She can be contacted at 834-0439 or via e-mail at [aurorapm1219@aol.com](mailto:aurorapm1219@aol.com). Payment will be accepted at the event.

## Junior League Decorators' Show House Volunteering Opportunity: April 30 to May 22

The Junior League of Buffalo has asked our AAUW-Buffalo Branch members to participate in their 16th Annual Decorators' Show House.

The 2011 Show House is The Bayliss-OShei Residence at 360 Depew Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

The Bayliss-OShei Residence was designed and built by Architect Harvey Staring Horton for William H. Bayliss and his family in 1935. The house is open to the public Saturday, April 30th through Sunday May 22nd. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 am until 12:30 pm and 6:00 until 8:30 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am until 4:30 pm; Sunday: 11:00 am until 4:30 pm

If you are interested in taking part in this great fundraising event, please contact Maria Coppola at [marcoppola@gmail.com](mailto:marcoppola@gmail.com) or call 289-8149. Please see page 6 for further details.

## Dates to Remember:

- **Sat, Apr 2**, Human Trafficking Event
- **Wed, Apr 6**, 6:00 pm, Board Meeting at Ebenezer Church
- **Fri - Sun, Apr 15-17**, NYS AAUW Convention, pg. 6
- **Mon, Apr 18**, Book Sale Sorting Starts at the Book Sale Site, pg. 4
- **Wed, May 4**, 6:00 pm, Board Meeting at Ebenezer Church
- **Sat, May 14**, Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- **Wed - Sun, June 1-5**, 57th Annual Book Sale, pgs. 4-5
- **Wed, Jun 8**, 6:00 pm, Board Meeting at Ebenezer Church
- **Thurs-Sun, June 16-19**, AAUW National Convention

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## President's Message

News of the terrible earthquakes and the tsunami, which devastated Japan and moved across the ocean to land in Hawaii and on the coast of Oregon, was devastating. The people of Japan and of the United States who have been affected by these events are in our thoughts at this terrible time. Each of us, I know, will be thinking of how we can help.

International Women's Day has come and gone. It was celebrated on the 100th anniversary of this day, established on March 8, 1911. It celebrates the labor of women in the workforce.

We enjoyed a program traveling through Haiti's art, history, and land. We also heard of micro loans made to women in Haiti and Tanzania. Poetry written by two of our members was enjoyed.

Look for a notice about a Haitian art exhibit in the next month or so. There will be one at WNED TV where there will be art for sale. The Art Gallery in Port au Prince was destroyed in the last earthquake. Purchasing art would be a way to support Haitian artists and let them know that we appreciate their talents.

I'm pleased to report that the Book Sale Committee has found a site for the 57<sup>th</sup> AAUW Buffalo Branch Book Sale.

Seeing 400 girls walking from UB's Student Union to the Center For the Arts is an impressive sight. This was only one view of the young girls learning about science, technology, engineering and mathematics at this year's Tech Savvy.

Tamara's volunteers did a splendid job of taking care of the arrangements, the girls, the directions and everything else, including a workshop for a speaker who missed her flight to Buffalo. My daughter Sarah and her friend Nancy

brought their daughters, and were very impressed with the way the day went. Tamara Brown is to be commended for planning and coordinating this multifaceted event.

On April 2, we'll be at International House to hear about Human Trafficking. This is an ongoing social problem and the AAUW "My Sister's Keeper" theme reminds us of our responsibility to those less fortunate than us.

Our interest groups are going well. Remember that we are always open to new ideas for new interest groups. If you would like to start a new group, please let Anita Kunkle know.

The NYS AAUW convention is in April and some of us will be going to learn about other branches and to bring back new ideas for our branch. The Convention is in Glen Cove, Long Island.

Several proposed changes in the Bylaws were sent to those of you via email. They are also on the NYS website. The NYS Board has voted to increase the NYS dues by \$3.00 effective next year. The proposed bylaws change will allow the board to make that decision.

If you wish to become more involved in our Branch activities, please contact the person responsible for the area in which you are interested; or contact me at [jhnsn@buffalo.edu](mailto:jhnsn@buffalo.edu) and I will connect you with the right person.

Remember AAUW promotes equity, education and philanthropy for women and girls throughout their lives.

Sincerely,

Stacey Johnson

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# Buffalo Branch Study & Interest Groups

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## Schedules for the Month:

The Buffalo branch offers a variety of interest groups. Study Groups afford opportunities for new friendships, fun, and sharing your skills and interests. For further information, contact the leader identified with a particular group or Study Group Coordinator Anita Kunkle, 649-8863 or email her at [amkun05@msn.com](mailto:amkun05@msn.com).

### American Biographies:

**When:** Thurs., April 14, 1:30 PM

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

**Book:** "John Adams" by David McCullough

**Leader:** Lillis McLean

**Questions:** Contact Lillis, 873-7467 or [lmclean366@yahoo.com](mailto:lmclean366@yahoo.com)



### Dinner by the Book:

**When:** Weds., April 20, 5:30 PM.

**Where:** Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

**Book:** Book Selection for 2011-2012

**Facilitator:** Judy Malamas

**Questions:** Leona Barback, 633-1982 or [barleo@roadrunner.com](mailto:barleo@roadrunner.com), Marilyn Carmichael, 228-8626 or [mcarmichael45@aol.com](mailto:mcarmichael45@aol.com)

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



### Clueless Book Club:

**When:** Weds., April 27, 6 PM

**Where:** Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

**Topic:** Annual Book Selection, 2011 - 2012. **Please come with 2 + book suggestions**

**Facilitator:** Members of Clueless Book Club

**To reserve:** Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769

### Knitting Group

**When:** Thurs., April 28, 2 P.M.

**Where:** Barnes & Noble, 4401 Transit Road

**Leader:** Margaret Fischer, 632-8269, [margaretif@roadrunner.com](mailto:margaretif@roadrunner.com).

Coffee bar and refreshments are available.

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## New Members

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## February Board Minutes

Due to inclement weather, the AAUW Buffalo Branch Board was not able to meet in February. The March meeting did take place, so Board Meeting Highlights from March will be in the May issue of The Advocate.

# Book Sale Corner



We have our Book Sale Site and are now ready to roll. The 57th Annual Buffalo Branch Book Sale will take place from June 1 - 5, 2011. We have the same site as last year, the Office Depot Plaza at Sheridan Drive and Eggert Road.

The Site will be open on April 18, 2011 for continued sorting. We look forward to welcoming members to sort. Many more books will be dropped off at the Sale Site, so plan on lending a hand. The site will be open for sorting Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will be open on Tuesday evenings until 8:00 PM. We will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be closed on May 14, the day of the Branch Luncheon. If this is a first time for you, experienced sorters will be there to help. Part of the great tradition of the Book Sale is the high amount of member participation. We are suggesting that members volunteer for three (3) shifts, however, all volunteer help is welcome.

Return the volunteer coupon for sorting at the Sale, located at the bottom of page 5, to Judy Weidemann. We are looking forward to another exciting and productive Book Sale. We have accomplished so much good with the proceeds of the sale each year! See you at the Sale Site!

Leona Barback

Judy Clare

Pat Swift

Judy Weidemann

Cathy Weiss

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## PRE-SALE Sorting and Setup

Starting April 18. Drop in whenever convenient – for an hour or a full day!

**Weekdays: 9:00 - 5:00, except 9:00 - 8:00 on Tuesdays**

**Saturdays: 9:00 - 1:00 (except May 14)**

We are in need of very hard working, talented, attractive (even in their well-worn work clothes) and cheerful volunteers!

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## Book Sale Shift Volunteer Sign-up

The Book Sale is Wednesday, June 1 through Sunday, June 5. Please sign up as soon as possible. We need to ensure that our staffing needs are met. Sales shifts are:

**Wed: 8:30-1:00, 12:45 - 5:00 and 4:45 - 8:15**

**Thurs-Fri-Sat: 8:45 - 1:00, 12:45 - 5:00 and 4:45 - 8:15**

**Sun: 11:45 - 3:00 and 2:45 - 6:00**

*Note: Job Descriptions are on the AAUW Website: [aauw.buffalo.edu](http://aauw.buffalo.edu).*

# Book Sale Report

by Pat Swift MacClennan

With any luck when you read this our 100,000 to 150,000 books will be ready to be moved from 995 Kensington Avenue to the sale site at 2309 Eggert Rd.

Cathy Weiss and Judy Weidemann were successful in obtaining the same site as last year's sale and we are anticipating a moving date in mid-April. The facility in the Office Depot Plaza at Sheridan Drive and Eggert Road will be reconfigured slightly as part of the building has been cordoned off for another business.

However, the owners' agents are providing us with additional space in a vacant store next door and will arrange for easy access to it. As you will read elsewhere in this issue

much help will be needed to make the 57th sale, June 1-5, a success. Sorting will begin at the site late in April. (Watch the Website for the specific date. ) Take a look at the sorting schedule and come by as often as you can for as long as you can.

The coming days are going to be long and arduous ones for the book sale organizers. It will help a lot if you can commit early on to the volunteer sign-up.

Our first year of working with Giggil, the on-line book sellers, is nearing an end and a tally of our profits from the arrangements is \$1,710.90. Giggil will once again pick up our left over books after the sale.

## IMPORTANT BOOK SALE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Besides the need for shift volunteers (see pg. 4) we have additional needs. They are:

**Table Donors:** Consider donating \$15 for each table. More than one table can be donated. Table donors will be acknowledged at the Sale. Please send table donations to Leona Barback, 62 Lynn Lea, Williamsville, 14221. Checks may be made payable to AAUW Buffalo.

**Good Guys:** We desperately need strong men before the Sale and immediately after it to set up and take down tables and do other "heavy work." Contact Judy Weidemann at 655-3649

or [JWeide7170@aol.com](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com), to volunteer husbands, sons or friends.

**Refreshments During The Sale:** Book Sale workers appreciate the availability of food and drink during the Sale. Contact Judy Weidemann to volunteer.

**Tech Savvy Women or Men:** We need people willing to check out customers on the computer in order to keep their names on our mailing list. Computer literate volunteers are needed for this job. Call Judy Weidemann to volunteer.

### VOLUNTEER COUPON

I will work at the Book Sale on the following days and times:

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Return this coupon to: Judy Weidemann, 21 Nye Hill Rd. East Aurora, NY 14052, call her at 655-3649, or e-mail to [JWeide7170@aol.com](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com)

## 2011 Chamberlin Grant Awards

Six thousand dollars in grants were awarded to two Chamberlin Fund/Funds for Education applicants in the Dec. 1 cycle. The action recommended by Chamberlin interviewers after interviews conducted in January was approved by the Branch board at a special meeting on Feb. 17.

Awardees are Jeannethe King and Natalie Do. A third applicant was ruled ineligible and indicated she will reapply in the next cycle.

Jeannethe is a graduate student in Long Island University where she has been working for a combined bachelor and master's degree in athletic training and sports science.

Natalie, a graduate of University at Buffalo, is attending the physician assistant program at D'Youville College and expects to finish next year.

Interviewers included Stacey Johnson, Michelle Norris, Diane Silvestro, Elaine Cusker and Pat Swift MacClennan.

June 1 is the application deadline for the next Chamberlin cycle. Instructions and forms are available on [www.aauw.buffalo.edu](http://www.aauw.buffalo.edu).

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## NYS 2011 Convention, April 15-17, Glen Cove, LI

The 2011 Convention will be held April 15-17, 2011 at the Glen Cove Mansion on Long Island. Details and registration information are starting to roll out - check the materials available on the workshops, speakers, leisure (including the EF walk and the MSK swim), and facilities that are listed on our website at [www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm](http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm). It sounds great!!

This year, two branches (in attendance!) will win the opportunity to give a \$500 local scholarship, courtesy of funds left to the state when the Queens Branch disbanded.

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## 2011 Junior League Decorators' Show House Volunteer Info

Below is a list of shifts for volunteering at the this year's Show House. Please select the dates and times you would like to be at the house, and either call Maria Coppola at 289-8149 or email her at [marcoppola@gmail.com](mailto:marcoppola@gmail.com). Be sure to leave the date of the shift(s) you want, the time slot, your name, a phone number, email address or both so your participation can be confirmed. The house is shaping up beautifully. It will be a wonderful event and the Junior League of Buffalo always appreciates help from other community organizations!

Fri, May 6th 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sat, May 7th 1:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sun, May 8th 10:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Sun, May 8th 1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sun, May 15th 1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sat, May 21st 1:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sun, May 22nd 1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## The Buffalo Branch Awards Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Join us at the historic **Roycroft Inn** for a delicious meal and celebration of the Buffalo Branch. There will be election of officers and recognition of this year's Woman of Achievement. The meeting is **open to the public** and we encourage you to **bring guests**.

In addition to presenting the Achievement Award during this luncheon, we will be honoring 25 and 50 year branch members. We will also present Membership Awards, the Buffalo Branch Recognition Award, Educational Foundation Named Gift Recipients, plus winners of our Velma Cobb Scholarships and Catalyst for Change Awards.

### *The Roycroft Inn*



**40 South Grove St.**

**East Aurora, NY 14052**

**Saturday, May 14, 2011**

**11:30 am Registration**

**12:00 Luncheon, Awards, Annual Meeting**

**(park in lot across the street from the Inn)**

Lunch includes chef's choice of starch and vegetable where appropriate.

*Inn-Made breads, lemon sorbet, and freshly brewed coffee, tea and soft drinks.*

- Roycroft Cobb Salad with chopped egg, bacon, Gorgonzola cheese, scallions, avocado, grilled chicken and basil dressing served with soup du jour
- Inn-Made Country Vegetable Cheddar Quiche served with fresh house salad
- Poached Salmon lightly poached in white wine, served with a lemon tarragon sauce and fresh house salad

#### **Registration form for the May 14 Luncheon**

Mail to: Beverly Schwiegerling, 130 Rolling Green Lane, Elma 14059 by **Saturday, May 7, 2010**

My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch EF is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cobb Salad \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Quiche \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: contact Bev Schwiegerling 652-7182 or schwieg@roadrunner.com)

#### **Directions to the Roycroft Inn:**

Take Thruway exit 54 (Rte 400.) Exit from Rte. 400 at Rte. 20A / East Aurora. Turn right off the exit onto Rte. 20A, which becomes Main Street. Continue through the Village and turn left onto S. Grove St. The Inn is on the left at 40 S. Grove St. Park in the lot across the street from the Inn.

*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.*



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