



## 57th Annual Book Sale Begins June 1

By the time you receive this the 57th AAUW Scholarship Book Sale may be underway. What is likely the biggest in the sale's history was months in the making and the sale committee appreciates all the hard work that many members put into making it likely the most profitable.

There is still time to share in this event, which, to borrow the words of a local car salesman, is HUGE. There are many shifts to be staffed during the five-day event and traditionally a large percentage of the membership volunteers. That has been what makes AAUW and its book sale the envy of just about every other women's organization in the area. Buffalo Branch is renowned for its active, hands-on, involved and very generous group of women. Only you can keep that image alive. If you have not already signed on, call Judy Weidemann at 655-3649.

If you get this in time, be sure to stop by Thursday, June 2, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, to meet Buffalo News food writer Janice Okun who will be on hand to autograph copies of her latest book, "Buffalo Cooks With Janice Okun." Janice is a delightful person who has a great sense of humor and is always willing to chat. She has been a generous donor to the sale over many decades.

Alert your friends, neighbors and colleagues who have college-age children that application forms for the \$5,000 Jacquie Walker scholarship will be available at the site during the book sale and already are accessible on our Web site at [www.aauw.buffalo.edu](http://www.aauw.buffalo.edu).

Please see page 4 for volunteering and other information.



### Dates to Remember:

- **Wed - Sun, June 1-5,** 57th Annual Book Sale, pgs. 4-5
- **Wed, Jun 8, 6:00 pm,** Joint Board Meeting, incoming and outgoing members, at Ebenezer United Church in West Seneca
- **Thurs-Sun, June 16-19,** AAUW National Convention
- **Fri-Sun, July 15-17,** AAUW-NYS leadership conference at Cazenovia College

## Looking Ahead to 2011—2012

Fall will be here before we know it, so this seems like a great time to begin thinking about new study and interest groups. Here are a few of the ideas that have been suggested:

- **Restaurant of the Month Group** – A group for foodies and those who just like to get out and experience tried, true and new restaurants around town.
- **Political Inquiry** – A group that would read and discuss current non-fiction focusing on international and national politics affecting world events and public policy
- **Movies and More** – This group would view a movie once a month at one of the small or independent local theaters, then discuss it in a nearby diner or coffee shop afterward.
- **Walkers and Talkers** – This group would plan early evening or weekend morning walks during good weather months.

These are merely suggestions but if any are of interest to you, or you have been thinking about a group you'd like to start, please send an email to [BuffaloAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloAAUW@gmail.com) no later than July 15 so we can plan. Please include your name, the group you'd be interested in and whether or not you would be willing to be a Group Leader. We will need those!

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## President's Message

This is the last president's message that I will write, as my year is coming to an end as your President. This has been an eventful year and we have seen some changes in our branch structure.

Our Branch is among only a few in NYS to attain not-for-profit 501(c)(3) status, making all your AAUW branch expenditures tax deductible (and sales-tax exempt). This is a great move, especially now that AAUW has added philanthropy in its mission statement.

Thank you to all the Board officers and directors for their guidance through this change. I thank them for working with me to provide proper leadership so that our branch members may benefit from programs and interest groups that maintain the vibrancy of the Buffalo Branch.

I am so proud of the members of the Buffalo Branch. At the NYS Convention our Branch received the following awards:

- Top ten total Educational Opportunities Fund Contributions in 2010
- Top ten per capita contributions in 2010
- Top Ten Branches New York State 2010 Total Contributions
- 2011 21st Century Program Award 1st Place for Buffalo Branch Legal Advocacy Luncheon
- 2011 21st Century Program Award 1st Place International Program for Haiti: Past,

Present, and Future

- 2011 Newsletter of Excellence Award

The May luncheon was a huge success due to the diligent stewardship of Beverly Schwiegerling, Annual Luncheon Chair. Among the highlights was awarding this year's Buffalo Branch Achievement Award to Mary Travers Murphy

Elizabeth (Betty) Preble was nominated and received by acclaim the award for her service to the Board, to committees and to me, as president. Betty exemplifies the knowledgeable, giving university woman of AAUW. She has been a constant resource throughout the year.

The 2011-2012 officers were elected and duly installed by NYS AAUW President Eileen Hartman. Eileen traveled from Rochester to honor us with her presence.

In July the new Board will take its place, and I will be Nominating Chair. I hope that you will help me identify prospective leaders for our Branch, just as you have helped me to succeed as your president.

Please keep your enthusiasm for AAUW and remember the mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Sincerely,

Stacey Johnson

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# Buffalo Branch Study & Interest Groups

## 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. Anyone having an idea for a new study group starting Sept. 2011, please contact Anita Kunkle, 649-8863 or [amkun05@msn.com](mailto:amkun05@msn.com).

### American Biographies:

The American Biographies book club, which met on the second Thursday of the month at the Eggertsville/Snyder library, has been discontinued because of loss of membership. Please contact Contact Lillis McLean at 873-7467 with any questions.

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

**Book:** *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

**Leader:** Julianne LaMar

**Facilitator:** Lynn Tauriello

**Questions:** Leona Barback, 633-1982 or [bar-leo@roadrunner.com](mailto:bar-leo@roadrunner.com)

**To reserve:** Contact Fran Witnauer, 688-5708, or [Grandma-fran44@yahoo.com](mailto:Grandma-fran44@yahoo.com)



### Clueless Book Club:

**When:** Weds., June 22, 6 PM

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

**Topic:** *Necessary as Blood*, by Deborah Crombie

**Facilitator:** Stacey Johnson

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

### Knitting Group

**When:** Thurs., June 23, 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. No need to reserve. Group will meet July 28 and August 25, same time and place.

### Dinner by the Book:

**When:** Weds., June 15, 5:30 PM.

## New Members

### Kathleen Betsko

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## HELP WANTED: Newsletter Publisher/Editor, 2011-2013

Ladies, the Buffalo Branch is in need of a newsletter editor to take over the reins from Maria Coppola.

The Publisher/Editor is charged with collecting newsletter copy from members, assembling the newsletter, and working with Assistant Editors to get it proofed and ready for print.

Other tasks include requesting member mailing labels monthly, getting the newsletter printed and dropped off at Lancaster High School, where they are folded, taped and addressed, then picking them up and taking them to the Post Office.

The job and requires about 6 -10 hours per month, mainly over a two week period. Some of the tasks, though, can be shared.

This is supposed to be a two year role, but if you are up to the task and willing to take it on for one year, please call Maria Coppola to discuss at 289-8149. Current templates are in Microsoft Publisher but it can be done in Microsoft Word.

## Have you paid your dues?

Thank you to those members who paid your dues. A reminder to others that the deadline has passed. Dues must reach Freddie Cheek no later than June 15 in order to include your information in the 2011-2012 roster.

# Book Sale Update

By: Judy Weidemann



## Annual Luncheon

Some Book Sale volunteers were honored at the annual luncheon on May 14 with AAUW named gifts. These gifts are made possible through funds we donate to the Educational Foundation. We tried this year to honor volunteers who had not been named in previous years. Roseann Scibelia, manager of our sorting site, Kensington Bailey Housing Services, and the late Vince Tarzia were among those honored.

Anita Kunkle and Judy Weidemann, Co-Chairs of the Personnel Committee for the Book Sale issued a call for volunteers both for the Pre-Sale sorting and the Sale. Forms were put on tables for members to volunteer for the Sale. Numbers of volunteers are low this year. Please give all the time you can spare and encourage others to do the same.

## On-site Events

On Tuesday evening, May 24, the AAUW membership committee sponsored an Open House from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM for new and prospective members at the Book Sale site. All members were welcome to attend. Books, with the exception of collectibles, were available for purchase.

On Wednesday, six girls from Nativity Miguel Middle School will volunteer at the Book Sale site between 2:30 and 4:00 PM. Nancy Langer, former branch member is president of the school. Linda Drajem will bring the girls.

## Site Activities

Saturday, May 21, 2011 was the final day for book drop-offs. Volunteers are working hard to get the books sorted. This means that books are being added to the tables. If table chairs have not been to the site for a while, please stop in to integrate the additional books.

We are still low on our volunteer numbers for the Sale. Be sure that you are signed up. Call Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 or email at [JWeide7170@aol.com](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com) to volunteer. There are sign-up sheets at the site also.

Judy Clare is working very hard as Site Manager. She is the "Go-to" person these days. Thank you, Judy. Here's to the most successful Sale ever!

## Sales shifts

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

Mon: 9:00 - 12:00 (clean up)

## OTHER IMPORTANT BOOK SALE NEEDS:

**Table Donors:** Consider donating \$15 for each table. You can donate more than one and will be acknowledged at the Sale. Made checks payable to AAUW Buffalo. Send to Leona Barback, 62 Lynn Lea, Williamsville, 14221.

**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.

**1,000 Bags - Paper in Plastic:** We need these for the bag sale held on the sale's final day. The committee is asking all members to request paper and plastic when shopping at grocery stores. We are looking for 'standard' size bags (like those at Wegmans) -please bring them to the sale!

# 2011 AAUW-NYS Leadership Conference, July 15-17

The 2011 AAUW-NYS Leadership Conference will be held July 15-17, returning to the campus of Cazenovia College, in the charming village of Cazenovia, NY.

Cost for the entire weekend, including two nights lodging and six meals: \$95 if registering online (<http://www.aauw-nys.org/RegistrationForms/caz2011form.htm>), \$100 if registering in writing.

All members are welcome to attend - you do not have to be a board member to participate. Details available on the state website at [http://www.aauw-nys.org/Cazenovia\\_2011.htm](http://www.aauw-nys.org/Cazenovia_2011.htm).

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## AAUW DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2011  
Host: AAUW Branch of Jamestown, NY  
Theme: 21st Century Women: The Road to Social and Economic Growth  
Speaker: Isobel Coleman, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations



Place: Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY ([www.Clweb.org](http://www.Clweb.org))  
Time: Lecture 10:45 a.m. at Amphitheatre; Ticket good from 9 am – 8 pm  
Cost: \$23.50/person plus \$12 for a box lunch. (Make check payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch and mail them to – Maggie Irwin, 33 LaSalle Avenue, Jamestown, NY14701)

For additional information, email Maggie at [Mirwin@stny.rr.com](mailto:Mirwin@stny.rr.com) or visit:

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### Thinking about graduation presents?

Consider a membership to AAUW! You can “give a grad a gift” of one year’s national membership at no cost to you at all – see [svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfm](http://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfm). Add state and branch membership (just \$15 for our branch since NYS waives the “GGG” dues) for a gift that will provide her with a year of supporting the AAUW mission and learning about our organization.

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## April Board Meeting Highlights

By Taylor Page

- This was the first meeting of the new organization, American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch Inc.
- Branch members potentially attending the national convention in June include Betty Preble, Suzanne Oliver, Marguerite Collesano, Tamara Brown, and Stacey Johnson.
- The proposed slate of officers was accepted by the Board.
- Cynthia Mehary presented a membership update indicating that four members have joined since the March Board meeting.
- Betty Preble presented position descriptions, which were proposed by the Governance Committee and accepted by the Board. The committee proposed a bylaws change: “treasurer for national AAUW Funds and other local scholarships” to “Education Accounts and Program Treasurer”
- Diane Silvestro proposed the following Scholarship committee motions, which were accepted by the board: 1. All scholarships for college students should state that applicants must be a resident of or attending school in the 8 counties of Western New York specified. 2. All scholarships should state that an interview may be required for all scholarships/grants/loans.
- Betty Krist made a motion to recommend that Alexa Rommeich and Shilpa Sridhar be awarded the Velma Cobb scholarships. The motion was seconded by Joan Eschner and accepted.
- Barbara Carrier presented the AAUW calendar for 2011-2012 which indicates the responsible person for each action throughout the year. She requests Board members to e-mail her any additional tasks that should be added to the calendar.

*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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