



## November Program: Mentoring Program Kickoff!

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of young women? Please join us at St. Monica's Campus of the NativityMiguel Middle School for our kick-off event.

**Where:** Former St. Rose of Lima School, 201 Winston Rd. at Parkside, 2nd floor

**When:** Saturday, November 20th, 2010, 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm

**Why:** To learn about the needs of young women in high school and the benefits of mentoring.

**Speakers:** Nancy Langer, president of Buffalo's NativityMiguel School

Linda Drajem, AAUW Diversity Chair

NativityMiguel Middle School graduates from the St. Monica campus

Additional experienced mentors

Light snacks and refreshments will be served!

\*Please park in the lot behind the school and enter through the door at the top of the stairs.

### Registration form for the November Program

Return to Yvonne Curry, 172 Hamlin Rd., Buffalo, NY 14208, by November 15, 2010

My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

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

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

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

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

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

## REMINDER:

## Loans & Grants Applications are Due December 1

Just a reminder, applications for the branch's interest-free college loans and grants are due December 1. Pass on this information to your family, friends, colleagues and students. Funds for Education money is available to male as well as female students. Chamberlin Funds are for women only.

Applications for Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education loans and grants are available at [www.aauw.buffalo.edu](http://www.aauw.buffalo.edu) or by writing to the Chamberlin Loan-Funds for Education chair, American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch, PO Box 397, Amherst, N.Y. 14226-0397. Prospective applicants also may request applications at Chamberlin-fund@yahoo.com. or by calling 559-3037.

## Dates to Remember:

- Sat, Nov 20**, Mentoring Program Kickoff
- Sat, Dec 11**, Holiday Event, Protocol Restaurant
- Sat, Jan 15, 2011**, LAF Fundraising Luncheon, Protocol Restaurant
- Fri, Feb 4, 2011**, Domestic Violence-Campus Assault, UB Center for the Arts
- Sat, Mar 12, 2011**, Tech Savvy 6
- Sat, Mar 26, 2011**, Sister to Sister
- Sat, May 14, 2011**, Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- Wed - Sun, June 1-5, 2011**, 57th Annual Book Sale

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## President's Message

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The NYS District I meeting, hosted by the Jamestown Branch, was held at Chautauqua Institute on October 16th. The theme of this meeting was *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants*. Buffalo members Barbara Carier, Maria Coppola, Stacey Johnson, Lillis McLean, Sue Oliver, Diane Silvestro, and Sylvia Volk attended. We heard about the other branches' activities and learned much from hearing about the different women who were discussed at this meeting: Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman presidential candidate, and Marian White, archaeologist, were presented by the Buffalo Branch; Katherine Stoneman, lawyer; and Bertha Stoneman, botanist were presented by the Jamestown Branch; Ann Burns, the first woman chief of police, was presented by Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch. These women accomplished much in the face of adversity.

On October 30th the Branch program is at Daemen College where the new Eco Trail, built in a non-functional area, will be featured. Daemen students and alumni are very happy with this new 'green' addition to the campus.

Book Sale sorting is ongoing. Books may be delivered to the Kensington-Bailey site on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We need to keep this in mind for the upcoming months as we move toward another tremendous book sale. Book donations to the sale are very welcome, as are cash donations for table rentals.

The Chamberlin Loan deadline is soon approaching. If you know of someone who may be eligible for an interest free loan or a grant, please direct them to our Branch website. We want to support as many Western New York women students as possible. Funds for Education is used to support women and men students, and the deadline is the same as Chamberlin.

At this time AAUW's Public Policy emphasis is on Every Vote Counts. This reminder is that it is up to all of us to get out and vote; and to get out the vote, come November 2nd.

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, think of the many ways that our Branch contributes to the Community, and of the many ways that we, as members, benefit from AAUW. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to make friends and colleagues from my association with AAUW Buffalo Branch and to participate in the many programs and events that our branch sponsors.

Let's keep our enthusiasm for our 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:

Have you considered joining a study or interest group? They are a great way to meet people, network, learn and have some fun. You can join one by contacting the person listed below for each group who can provide you any information you need to get started. Remember that guests are welcome at a limited number of meetings for each interest group. If you would like to suggest a new Study Group or bring back an old one, please contact Study Group coordinator Anita Kunkle @ 649-8863 or email [amkun05@msn.com](mailto:amkun05@msn.com).

### American Biographies:

**When:** Thurs. Nov. 11, 1:30 PM.

**Where:** Eggertsville/Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street

**Leader:** Lillis McLean, 873-7467. New members welcome! Contact Lillis for additional information.



[mcarmichael45@aol.com](mailto:mcarmichael45@aol.com).

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

### Knitting Group

**When:** Weds. Nov. 10, 2 P.M.

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

**Leader:** Anita Kunkle @ 649-8863 or email [amkun05@msn.com](mailto:amkun05@msn.com).



Knitters of all skill levels are most welcome. Plans for knitted donations to Haven House are upcoming. Join us!

### Dinner by the Book + Clueless Book Club:

**When:** Weds. Nov. 17, 5:30 PM.

**Where:** Original Pancake House, 2075 Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst.

**Leader:** Lynne Tauriello

**Book:** "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," by Steig Larsson.

**Facilitator:** Fran Witnauer **Leader:** Mary Crocker **Questions:** Leona Barback, 633-1982 or [barleo@roadrunner.com](mailto:barleo@roadrunner.com), or Marilyn Carmichael, 228-8626 or



### Writing Workshop Group

The Writing Group will be meeting as a non-AAUW group and will not be listed in newsletter moving forward. Contact Linda at 553-0864 for additional and ongoing information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The December meeting will be a lunch at The Protocol Restaurant on Saturday, December 11, 2009, 12:00pm - 2:30pm at 6766 Transit Road in Williamsville. The Program will feature holiday entertainment.

## Correction

In the October issue of *The Advocate*, the article on our Olga Lindberg Scholarships winners should have been attributed to Tamara Brown, not Maria Coppola.

### Registration form for December 11 Holiday Branch Program

Mail to: Yvonne Curry, 128 Hamlin Road, Buffalo, NY 14208 by December 3, 2010

My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$22.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

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

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

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

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

Entree choice (indicate number of each) \_\_\_\_\_ Char-Broiled New York Strip Steak

\_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Filet of Boston Scrod \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Wellington

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

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

## LAF Benefit Featuring Lauren Belfer, Saturday, January 15

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will host this year's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Benefit at The Protocol Restaurant at 6766 Transit Road in Williamsville.

This is the only LAF fundraiser this year, so please mark your calendar and plan to help support this vital aspect of AAUW that continues to help us break barriers.

There is a cash bar and non-members are welcome, as always.

Author, Lauren Belfer will present "*Fact into Fiction: Writing A Fierce Radiance*." Jonathon Welch of Talking Leaves books will also be on-hand with copies of the book for purchase (a portion of the sale benefiting LAF) and Lauren will be happy to sign books at the event.

\$5.00 of the luncheon fee is a donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

### Registration form for the January LAF Fundraiser

Mail to: Judy Malamas, 379 Sagewood Terrace, Williamsville, NY 14221 by January 5, 2011

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

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

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

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

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

Entree choice (enter number of each) \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled chicken & gorgonzola over tossed greens

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon with Dill Sauce \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta with Vegetables

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

I am unable to attend the luncheon but enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to LAF.

\$5.00 of luncheon fee is a donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

### Kind Thanks!

Thanks to the following members for their work on 2010 Olga Lindberg Scholarship Committee and the follow-up publicity: Kristin Bojanowski, Elizabeth Casciani, Stacey Johnson, Betty Krist, Shelly Martin, Betty Preble, and Joan Trinchera.

Sincerely, Tamara Brown, Olga Lindberg Chair

## The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference, January 14, 2011

Nicholas Kristof, author of *Half The Sky*, will be the keynote speaker for the next CTAUN Conference on January 14, 2011 at the United Nations. Register early!

The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Teaching for Action. All 192 member states of the United Nations have signed a time-bound agreement to work toward eradicating extreme poverty worldwide by addressing hunger, primary education, gender equality, child mortality, maternal health, HIV/AIDS, and environmental stability all through global

partnerships. At the ten-year mark, an assessment of progress on meeting these 8 MDGs is under way. Join with CTAUN and other educators for a day of learning, evaluating, analyzing and sharing at UN Headquarters in New York City. Key UN representatives and world experts will expand your knowledge, deepen your awareness, and supply you with ideas, tools and inspiration to encourage global citizenship among your students and colleagues.

Visit the website: [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org) for registration details.

## Book Sale Corner

by Pat Swift-MacClellan



The amazing turnout at the book sale sorting site has been gratifying and productive. Maybe it was the foul weather that forced everyone to put off all that autumnal yard work but the mums' loss was our gain. Thanks to all those hard working members who have sorted hundreds of books this early in the year.

The stream of donations, however, never ends (we hope) and good weather or bad your help at 996 Kensington Avenue is always needed. New faces certainly are welcome.

Please do not come empty handed. We need lots of boxes, of the smallish kind. Those you find at your neighborhood wine shop work beautifully. We also are looking for milk crates to keep our boxes of sorted books off the damp floors.

The book sale committee is exploring some projects that may increase donations this year including a partnership with a mall to provide donation receptacles. And we are always looking for a site for the sale. Any leads will be appreciated.

In the meantime, please save any paper bags you collect at Wegman's and any plastic bags you collect from anywhere. It helps to have the paper bags doubled in plastic bags. These will be needed for the bag sale that traditionally closes the sale.

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## Wanted: A Few Good Women to Serve on Tech Savvy Committee

by Tamara Brown

Tech Savvy 6 will be held on Saturday, March 12. Planning is underway. The committee meets one evening per month October - February and holds special bag-stuffing and set up meetings in March. Members may also begin to sign up now to volunteer on the day of the event. People are especially needed to take leadership roles around new skills development workshops.

The Branch hosts about 500 girls and the adults in their lives to inspire careers in science, technology, engineering, and math during a fun and informative day. Volunteers need not have a background in STEM to participate.

Please contact Tamara Brown at 649-9871 if you would like to volunteer in any way.

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## Approved September Board Meeting Highlights

By Taylor Page

### Branch Board of Directors

The August 11th minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report for 2010-2011 was accepted.

The Buffalo Branch-Chamberlain Account audit report was accepted.

The increase in cost to cover the additional 2010-2011 program expenses and the updated program list were accepted.

### Education Accounts and Charitable Projects, AAUW Buffalo Branch, Inc. [501c(3) entity]

The August 11th minutes were accepted.

The motion to provide a \$1000 sponsorship for Project Homeless Connect was accepted.

The revised Educational Foundation report was accepted.

The Educational Foundation audit report was accepted.

The Book Sale audit report was accepted.

Alison Marcus has been approved as the recipient of the Jacquie Walker Scholarship.

Jennifer Hermann has been approved as the \$10,000 recipient and Bridget Obzud as the \$5000 recipient of the Olga Lindberg scholarships.

*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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