

BUFFALO BRANCH ADVOCATE



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November Program Highlights the Buffalo/Niagara Region's Stunning Architecture

The October visit of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference offered Western New Yorkers a unique opportunity to re-connect with the cultural history of the region through its diverse architecture. Henry McCartney, Executive Director of Preservation Buffalo Niagara, will give us an overview of that conference in our **November 9 program to be held at 2 pm in the United Way building**. Mr. McCartney will educate us on the treasures that we see every day and the spirit of experimentation that made them possible. Please join us for an armchair tour of the Darwin Martin Complex and its restoration, the Guaranty Building (a terracotta masterpiece) and ongoing preservation efforts by grassroots grants organizations and private individuals that resulted in the renovation of the Larkin Building, Statler Towers and the Lafayette Hotel.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Please contact Joan Trinchera, 649-9469 or trinch84@hotmail.com for a reservation.

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DECEMBER 3, 2011 -SATURDAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Featuring the Holy Angels School Singers

Registration: 11:30 AM Luncheon: Noon to 2:00 PM

CANISIUS COLLEGE FACULTY DINING ROOM - STUDENT CENTER (see pg 4 for location specifics)
2001 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14208

Registration is limited to 40 attendees.

Complete the form below and mail with your check.

Registration form for Annual Holiday Gathering – Sat., Dec. 3, 2011

Registration at 11:30AM, Lunch at Noon

Menu: Chicken salad croissants with cheese, lettuce and tomatoes; Greek pasta salad; Assorted gourmet cookies; coffee and tea. Vegetarian option: Grilled vegetable croissants

Mail to: Joan Trinchera, 84 Pleasant Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075 (649-9469 for questions)

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE REGISTRATION AND CHECKS: November 28, 2011

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person) payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Names of Guests: _____

Vegetarian option: _____ (how many?)

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

Barb's Beliefs

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

You've read this powerful thought before. Did it make you stop and think about what you would actually want to change? What is the issue foremost in your mind? Sure, you think about your family first. What affects them? What worries you about the future for your children and grandchildren? Is it a social issue? An international concern? Perhaps a community or civic unease? A fiscal problem? I hope it's not all of these! But are you aware that AAUW is the umbrella under which any of these disquieting problem areas can be addressed? We are part of a very large and active group of women and men who care about all of these matters. We have magnificent support for each other from our national headquarters down to our own branch of dedicated and knowledgeable members. If you want to know what is happening in any of the areas you care about, you can call or e-mail the members listed in this newsletter. If you don't see any information about what you have in mind, call one of your presidents. We can tell you what we know, and together we can figure out how to take it further. Chances are that others in Buffalo Branch have some of your same interests. Maybe we can find a small group of thoughtful committed citizens.

Barbara Carier

Betty's Rambles

The movie "Iron Jawed Angels" was shown at the District Conference on Saturday, Oct 8 in Dunkirk. It was an absolutely beautiful day for a drive, but a terrible day to be inside! However, the movie made it worthwhile. Every time I see something about the women's suffrage movement I am reminded of the sacrifices our foremothers made so that we can vote. It was important to them, enough to put their lives on the line – is it important to us? To vote, yes, but also to cast EDUCATED votes? Are we becoming knowledgeable on all the issues? Turnout for local elections is traditionally lower than the "big" ones, but what affects more directly than our local leaders? Be sure to vote. Talk to your mother/sisters/daughters/nieces/granddaughters /friends – all the women in your lives! November 8 is approaching quickly, so there's not a whole lot of time left to prepare. As Alice Paul said - "There will never be a new world order until women are a part of it." We are part of it, so let's be sure we're an effective part!

The second thing that struck me as I watched the movie was a reminder of the hate in the world for the ideas that people misunderstand or disagree with. These women, just marching peacefully or standing quietly with their signs, were the targets of anything people could lay their hands on. Does this sound familiar? AAUW has long fought against bullying, sexual harassment, and inequitable treatment of any type. As we go through our daily lives, let's keep this in mind.

Betty Preble

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BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS

The Buffalo branch offers a variety of interest groups. They afford opportunities for new friendships, fun, and sharing skills and interests. Anyone having an idea for a new study group starting this year, please contact Judy Malamas, tsagewood@aol.com or 632-0461.

Schedules for the Month:

Clueless Book Club

When: Wed, Nov. 30, 6:00 pm

Where: Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Facilitator: Kate Collins

Book: *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

To Reserve: Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769

Dinner by the Book

When: Wed, Nov. 16, 2011, 5:30 pm

Where: Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Facilitator: Jan Marino

Discussion Leader: L. Barback, N. Miller

Book: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

To Reserve: Fran Witnauer, 688-5708 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com.

Questions: Leona Barback, 633-1982 or Marilyn Carmichael, 228-8626

The Knitting Group

When: Thurs, Nov. 17, 2-4 pm

Where: Barnes & Noble on Transit near Main St.

Contact Leader: Margaret Fischer, at 632-8269 or margaretjf@roadrunner.com

All knitters – beginners or advanced – are welcome to join us.



Announcement from the Book Sale Committee

If you are interested in learning tips for pricing special books for the book sale from local dealer Kevin Ransom, note that he will join us for a meeting on Monday, Nov 14 at 7:00 pm. Please call Sue Licata at 837-1074 or Cathy Weiss at 688-6181 to let us know of your interest. There will be limited space.

Movie Watchers Group

Film: *Oranges and Sunshine*

When: Sun., Nov. 13, 1:30 pm

Theater: TBD

Post film meeting place: TBD

Leader: Maria Coppola

Questions: Contact Maria at marcoppola@gmail.com or 289-8149

To Reserve: by Wed., Nov. 9 via email to Maria

Film overview: *Oranges and Sunshine* tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals of recent times: the deportation of thousands of children from the United Kingdom to Australia.

This is a film being released the end of October. Likely theaters will be the Amherst Dipson or Eastern Hills Mall.

Restaurant-of-the-Month Group

Restaurant: Poppyseed

Where: 3670 McKinley Pkwy., Blasdell 14219

When: Sun., Nov. 27, 5:30 pm

Questions: Contact Maria at marcoppola@gmail.com

To Reserve: by Fri., Nov. 25 via email to Maria

About Poppyseed: This menu has something for everyone and offers some interesting flavor combinations that cover many different cuisines.

Link to menu:

<http://www.thepoppyseedrestaurant.com>

Separate checks available.

Interested in a bridge group? Contact Jackie Trace, 883-1906.

Interested in a travel group? Contact Barb Carrier, 839-0933 or bcarrier@roadrunner.com or Joan Trinchera, 649-9469 or trinch84@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!

Kudos to Joan Trinchera, Marguerite Collesano, and Barb Carier for a wonderful September potluck supper and program. The food was delicious and the program was JUST the right length. It was great to have the time to socialize with our “old” friends! The Grassroots Grants recipients were informative and the scholarship winners were delightful, both reminding us of all the good work we support in this community. It’s wonderful to see new interest groups forming – thanks to Judy Malamas and Maria Coppola for that. Thanks to Susan McClary for putting together such a nice easy-to-understand display of all our local scholarship and grant opportunities. Sue Oliver brought materials explaining the national educational and legal advocacy funds. We need to remember the important tasks our national organization is accomplishing with our contributions to Washington. We look forward to a year of such wonderful programming!

Nominating Committee for 2012 Slate of Officers

by *Stacey Johnson*

The following officers – Secretary/Parliamentarian, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer for Fund Raising, Education Accounts and Program Treasurer, Scholarship Chair, Nominating Committee Chair and two two-year term nominating committee members - will be elected at the 2012 Annual Luncheon Meeting.

If you or someone you know has the qualifications and would like to be considered for any of the above positions to serve starting July 2012, please call Stacey Johnson (885-2486) or email jhnsn@buffalo.edu, with your suggestions. You may see the position descriptions at the AAUW Buffalo Branch website: <http://www.aauw.buffalo.edu/index.htm>.

DATES TO NOTE:

- Wed, Nov 2, 5:45 pm – Buffalo Branch **Board Meeting**, Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga.
- Wed, Nov 9, 2 pm **Branch Program on the National Preservation Conference** (Buffalo Niagara Preservation), United Way, Delaware at Summit St., Contact Joan Trinchera at 649-9469 to reserve place.
- Sat, Dec 3, 11:30 am-2 pm - **Branch Holiday Gathering** with the Holy Angels High School Singers
Location: Canisius College Faculty Dining Room in the Student Center
Chair: Judy Weidemann
- Wed, Dec 7, 5:45 pm – Buffalo Branch **Board Meeting**, Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca
- Wed, Jan 4, 5:45 pm – Buffalo Branch **Board Meeting**, Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga.
- Sat, Jan. 21, 2 pm **UB Women’s Health Initiative**
Location: Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca
Speaker: Jean Wactowski-Wende, PhD
Chair: Betty Krist



Canisius College December Program

The Richard E Winter '42 Student Center at Canisius College is located behind “Old Main” (the building with the Gold Dome). The parking lot is off Hughes Street, between Jefferson and Meech Avenues.

A campus map is available on the Canisius website –

http://www.canisius.edu/admissions/PDFs/Web_Campus_Map2000.pdf



Book Sale Corner

Everything is in order at the book sale sorting site as we write; in fact it is too orderly. What's missing? The tons and tons of books that send us into our traditional frenzied and frantic state of disarray.

You can help us build an inventory to rival last year's record collection by distributing some of our *We Want Books* bookmarks. They are available at the site, or call 837-2298, or e-mail swiftscope@aol.com and I will get them to you. Distribute them far and wide. Also tell anyone you know who wants to get rid of books that we will receive them on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 at Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services, 995 Kensington Ave.

Meanwhile money keeps coming in from previous sales. Barbara Libby, book sale treasurer, reports receiving \$1,646.55 from GIGGIL sales of our discards since July 1.

Barbara is one of four new members on the steering committee. Also new this year are Peggy Meini, Sue Licata, and Cindy Koch. Holdovers from previous years are Judy Weidemann and Judy Clare, chairs; Cathy Weiss, Pat Baker, and Pat Swift MacClennan. Branch presidents Barb Carier and Betty Preble are very helpful ad-hoc members.

Members who want to get involved in researching and pricing our collectible and specially-priced books will have an opportunity to get some expert advice when Kevin Ransom, who specializes in this work, conducts a workshop for book sale workers. The date, time, and location will be announced.

A book sale committee motion to donate \$100 to the Buffalo and Erie County Library Fund Drive was approved by the Branch board with the amount amended to \$200.

Pat Swift-MacClennan, Booksale Committee



New Members

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Cynthia Mehary, VP Membership Recruitment

Scholarships!

Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship

Since the Buffalo Branch is in the process of funding the Hillary Rodham Clinton American Fellowship, it might be a good time to review the criteria for awarding these grants. American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, the quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

The branch board named the grant for Hillary Clinton because of her continuing advocacy for women and girls here in the U.S. and around the world.

In the Middle East, she has been accused of meddling in Egyptian affairs because of her persistent references to women's rights. She has worked to connect the Middle East's hunger for a new way forward with her categorical imperative: the empowerment of women. She has been quoted as saying, "I believe that the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century."

Her influence on international women's issues really began to be taken seriously when she was named the Honorary Chair of the US delegation to the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women that took place in Beijing.

She is as concerned as we are with the plight of girls who are forced to marry as young as 9 years of age and are sold into slavery. She is the convener of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. We feel that it is appropriate to honor Hillary Rodham Clinton for the proactive work she has been doing to advance conditions for women and girls around the world.

Sue Oliver, AAUW Funds Chair

Chamberlin Loan/ Funds for Education

Dec. 1 is the next deadline for students residing in or attending college in Western New York who have completed at least one year of college to apply for the Chamberlin Loan/ Funds for Education interest-free loans and/or grants of up to \$3,000. Information and application forms are available at www.aauw.buffalo.edu. Additional information can be obtained by calling 559-3037 or e-mailing chamberlinfund@yahoo.com

Loans and grants are awarded twice a year and students may reapply annually for up to four years. Funds for this program are provided by members' bequests, private donations and proceeds of the Branch's annual used book sale to be held May 30 –June 3, 2012 at a place to be announced.

AAUW members (except for those serving on the board) and their children are eligible and we urge you to pass on this information to your friends, relatives, students and colleagues.

Pat Swift-MacClennan, Chamberlin/FFE Chair

Help Wanted

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The Sister-to-Sister Connection of WNY, a project of the **American Association of University Women** and particularly the **Buffalo Branch of AAUW** in conjunction with many community organizations, strengthens girls' voices, and identifies actions that promote better opportunities for all youth.

Sister-to-Sister focuses 90% of its efforts and funding around the yearly Summit for girls. The Summit is an intensive day of programming focused on issues specific to pre-teen and teenage girls. Activities at past Summits have included interactive theater, discussion session, special activities, and speakers. Major focus topics include relationships, school pressure, peer pressure, body image, teen pregnancy, racism, drug abuse, and stress. Special activities have included various ethnic dance groups, a non-traditional job fair, teen reality theater, campus tours, web page design, and many others.

If you are interested in helping with Sister to Sister please let me know. There are all sorts of jobs, large and small, that help to make this a success. With your permission I will give your email to Natasha Perkins, Chair of StoS so that she can send a reminder of the planning meeting for StoS which will be held at the Towne Restaurant, 186 Allen Street in Buffalo at 5:00 on Tues. Oct. 25. Please let me know if you are interested even if you cannot make the organizing meeting.

Thanks!

Sue Oliver, Buffalo Branch liaison to Sister to Sister

Start Smart Workshops to Tackle Gender Pay Gap

AAUW and the WAGE Project will provide Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops throughout the 2011-12 academic year to prepare college women to negotiate for salaries and benefits as they enter the job market. There are currently more than 40 workshops scheduled across the country.

The WAGE Project Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable, tax-deductible organization established for one purpose: to end discrimination against women in the American workplace in the near future. To do that, WAGE inspires and helps working women to take the steps needed so that every woman is paid what she's worth. The nickname, WAGE, reminds us of the goal we pursue: Women Are Getting Even.

[Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops](#), piloted by WAGE in 2007 and 2008, are presented by trained facilitators to provide young women with a tool to combat the [gender pay gap](#). AAUW's own research shows that just one year out of college, women earn only 80 percent as much as their male counterparts earn. The pay gap continues to grow from there. Start Smart helps to ensure that graduating women know how to negotiate for equitable pay and appropriate benefits for both their short- and long-term economic security.

"In this period of increasing job insecurity and economic uncertainty, programs that set women up for continuing success are more necessary now than ever before," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Women are frequently discriminated against in their pay, and they need to be empowered to ask for what they so rightly deserve. AAUW aims to do just that — empower women through education and training."

"Over the last two academic years, the partnership between the WAGE Project and AAUW has already enabled thousands of young women on campuses all over the country to participate in Start Smart workshops. These women not only learned how to determine the salary they should seek when starting a career after graduation but also developed confidence that they can get paid what they are worth," said WAGE Project President Evelyn Murphy.

Start Smart workshops are free for student participants, who receive information on how to negotiate better starting salaries and benefits and then practice these skills through role-playing exercises. Workshop topics include how the gender pay gap affects women's earnings over a lifetime, how to develop a budget and know one's bottom line, and how to benchmark salaries and benefits.

Start Smart and other [AAUW leadership programs](#) are funded in part by the generous contributions of AAUW members.

Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair

College/University Relations

If you know of anyone currently enrolled in a member college or university, please tell them of their eligibility for [e-student affiliate](#) status. E-student affiliates receive electronic copies of AAUW's publications and research and have access to all AAUW's [student affiliate benefits](#), including the vast array of leadership and professional development resources, the more than \$3 million in fellowships, grants, and awards, access to local branch scholarships, and opportunities for networking and outreach on campus and beyond through collaborations with local branches on relevant community initiatives. In our area University at Buffalo, SUNY College at Buffalo, SUNY College at Fredonia, SUNY College at Brockport, SUNY College at Geneseo, Alfred University, Genesee Community College, Jamestown Community College, University of Rochester, and the Rochester Institute of Technology are members. If you know of students currently enrolled at another college not listed, please call me at 885-2486 and I will see if their college is on the list.

Stacey Johnson, College/University Chair

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By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.



Breaking through Barriers

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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