

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Buffalo Branch

June 1960 The Branch supported the New York State AAUW sponsored Equal Status Jury Bill. All Erie County state legislators were contacted both personally and by mail. \$1444.00 was contributed to the 1959-1960 Fellowship Program. This amount represents a \$5.10 per capita contribution based on the Branch membership of December 1959.

June 1962 The role of "The College Woman as a Community Asset" was emphasized at Branch meetings. The Status of Women Committee collected materials for an educational exhibit and assisted the Buffalo YWCA in the planning and presentation of a Job Opportunities Clinic directed toward employment opportunities for the mature woman. One project was to organize a group for volunteer work at the Erie County Home and Infirmary and we were assigned a monthly meeting for the blind.

June 1963 The topic "Megalopolis - Niagara Frontier Version" was selected by the Program Committee as the unifying theme for the year 1962-63. A study revealed that one-half of the membership of the Branch lives outside of the City of Buffalo, a major change from the earlier days when almost all of the members resided within the city limits. With its membership scattered widely throughout the metropolitan area, it became important for the Branch to consider seriously the increasing urbanization of the Niagara Frontier, with its accompanying problems, and to define its role as a metropolitan organization.

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June 1964 Such new endeavors as the new Mathematics, accelerated program for the gifted child, improved and expanded program for the handicapped child, the new approach and to the vocational training program, Educational TV with statistical results. As an outcome of the program theme for the general meetings during 1962-63, a Megalopolis study group continued to meet. Housing was the topic selected for study. The year's work ended with a field trip to inspect parts of the city where blight is spreading and to see the low income housing projects in the city.

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June 1978 Solar energy and energy conservation were the topics for the March meeting. Distributed child care booklets "You Are Your Child's Best Teacher" and "You Are Still Your Child's Best Teacher" to ~~lower~~ income mothers. A visit to Tiffit farms was part of Branch's two-year program to promote places of interest in Western New York.

June 1979 The Politics of Food group tested the feasibility of cooperative food buying. Education topic group inaugurated a program designed to improve children's reading skills. Funds they raised were matched by RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and used to purchase books for elementary school children. Nuclear Energy as a viable alternative energy source was the topic of a debate at the February meeting.

June 1980 The Branch initiated an ERA button project that promises to be an excellent fundraiser for ERA and Action for Equity. We entertained our Association President Mary Grefe in March at a luncheon where well over a hundred people from all over the state had an opportunity to hear her. We gave our membership an opportunity to hear both local and Canadian leaders in the environmental struggles of WNY.