



Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

The American Association of University Women Promotes Equity for Women and Girls through Education, Philanthropy and Research.

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Keynote Speaker

Lynn Sherr

*award-winning
journalist & biographer*

Her most recent work, Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space, aptly illustrates the wonderful legacy of Susan B. Anthony

LOCATION

Joseph A. Floreano
Rochester Riverside
Convention Center

REGISTRATION

To RSVP, call Stephanie Augonis by Friday, February 6, 3:00 pm at 233-6180 or Stephanie.augonis@gmail.com

A Celebration of Stellar Women

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

CELEBRATING SUSAN B. ANTHONY!

Annually our membership is encouraged to support the **Susan B. Anthony Luncheon**. The theme this year is **A Celebration of Stellar Women on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from Noon to 1:30 p.m.** The AAUW is supporting this event with a table of 10. Right now, we have already one full table. Let's see if we can make it 2 tables of 10!

We know Anthony as a Women's Rights Activist and that she dedicated her life to the suffrage movement. She was responsible for women having the right to vote with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Anthony, a Quaker, was also active in the antislavery movement.

In honor of her work in this movement, I would be remiss not to include her remarks since it is Black History Month.

Anthony on Harriet Tubman:

The most wonderful woman Harriet Tubman is still alive. I saw her the other day at the beautiful home

of Elizo Wright Osborne -- the daughter of Martha C. Wright -- in company with Elizabeth Smith Miller -- the only daughter of Gerrit Smith, Miss Emily Howland -- Rev. Ames H. Thaw -- and Miss Ella Wright Garrison -- the daughter of Martha C Wright and the wife of Wm Lloyd Garrison Jr. all were visiting at Mrs. Osbornes -- a real love feast of the few that are left -- and here came Harriet Tubman!

Susan B. Anthony
17 Madison St.
Rochester, New York
Anthony on Sojourner Truth at the National Convention of Rights Association, May 10, 1867

Miss Anthony announced that they would have another opportunity to hear Sojourner Truth and of those who need not know, she would say that Sojourner Truth was a slave in this state. She is not a product of the barbarism of South Carolina but the barbarism of New York and one of her fingers was chopped off by a cruel master in a moment of anger.

AAUW is a powerful advocate and viable leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

In principle and in 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.

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From the President's desk

Along with the many exciting New Year changes happening at GRAB, we welcome a new tenant to our home. The tenant is Quad A and will occupy the room on the second floor known as the elevator room. Quad A is a not for profit organization that provides Rochester youth with innovative after school programs. These programs help students achieve success in academic and behavioral skills - from activities combining Athletics and the Arts in ways that leads to Academic Achievement (Quad A). Many of Quad A's community partners are also our community partners! We see a connection in the work we both do. We are excited to welcome the staff of Quad A; three "go to" women who quickly fit into the AAUW culture and joined our 2nd floor coffee club! Please welcome Dr. Seanelle Tracy, newly appointed Executive Director of Quad A, Theresa Bertolone, and our own Cheryl McKeiver.

Another major change we see as we pull into our driveway, is the progress of the property at 474 East Avenue. The building is quickly being refurbished into 9 luxury apartments and the new tenants should be moving in within a few months. The six bay garage to serve the 9 luxury apartments is almost erected and changing our view completely. We hope, after facade, trim and landscaping are complete, we will see a much prettier picture than the one we do now. We have been promised by the new owner that an architectural landscaper has planned a wonderful garden that will bloom throughout the year. Feel free to call or email me with questions or concerns. I surely miss Beverly Vaughan who was taking the lead on these neighborhood changes. The development committee will be meeting next week to discuss their plans for a memorial brick garden. Nancy Jones will take the lead on the memorial brick project. We are also considering plantings for a memorial garden in memory of Beverly Vaughan. Please let me know if you would be willing to work on this project with me.

I urge you to attend the AAUW State Convention in April. The Convention is being held on Grand Island this year at the beautiful Byblos Niagara Resort. This year also marks AAUW Buffalo Branch 125th Anniversary. The Buffalo Branch is known throughout western New York for their annual book sale that nets approximately \$50,000 per year! This year is the 61st year that they have been doing this with 100% of that money going to scholarships. This is an amazingly organized volunteer group of women living the AAUW mission. As a gift to the Buffalo Branch, I am asking that those attending the state convention in April, bring a box of books for the branch to sell at their sale on May 27-

31, 2015. If any of you would like to contribute books, and are not attending the conference, please let me know and we will collect what we can deliver the week of April 13. Please google Buffalo AAUW book sale to see what kind of books they will and will not accept. And, if you can, try to attend this unique sale. It is well worth the drive.

Onward and Upward!

Marilyn

2015 Local Election

The nominating committee is comprised of two board members Barbara LeSavoy, PhD, and Helen Jae Cheves and three GRAB AAUW branch members, Ruth Scott, Angela Clark Taylor, and Miranda Wilcox.

Positions to be filled are:

- President
- Development Vice President
- House Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer for Membership

Elected officers will take office on July 1, 2015.

All GRAB AAUW branch members can participate in the nomination process. Nomination deadline is April 15, 2015. To nominate an individual or self-nominate, send an email nomination to:

Barbara LeSavoy, blesavoy@brockport.edu Or
Helen Jae Cheves, Consult@Iistepsahead.com

Nominations can also be mailed directly to AAUW to the attention of Barbara LeSavoy or Helen Jae Cheves
GRAB AAUW, 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

2015 National ELECTION

one member, one vote

The AAUW Board of Directors has approved the following slate of candidates to run for office in the 2015 AAUW national election. Complete biographies of the candidates will be posted here in late January 2015.

Candidate for President, Patricia Fae Ho

Candidate for Vice President, Alicia Hetman

Candidates for the Board of Directors:

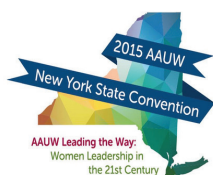
Rebecca Norlander	Ellie Hill	Sue Barley
Judith Pfeil	Traci Jensen	Maria Ellis
Glenda Price	Melissa Johnsen	Malinda Gaul
Martha Joh Reeder	Dot McLane	Sally Goodson
Pamella Thiel	Eileen Menton	Eileen Hartmann

AAUW national voting will begin on April 15 online and will close on June 19, 2015. If you wish to have a paper ballot, you may request one beginning April 1 through May 8. Ballots must be mailed by May 26, 2015. Additional dates and information are on the site.

Voting opens April 15 and closes June 19. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 17th - 19th, 2015



THE 2015 AAUW NEW YORK

STATE CONVENTION:

AAUW Leading the Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century
[Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa, Grand Island, NY](#)

Workshops :

1. Education: Erin Prangley, AAUW Associate Director of Government Relations
2. Voting Rights: "Women and the Vote: Past, Present, Future"
Edwina Frances Martin, AAUW-NYS President. Note - CLE Accredited!
3. Building Women Candidates: Jane Russell, AAUW-NYS Program Vice President
4. Domestic Violence: Mary Travers Murphy, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center of Erie County
5. Eleanor Roosevelt and Leadership "Eleanor's Alphabet Soup": Joan Monk

The Convention 2015 Planning Team would like to incorporate branch work in the workshop regarding Women and the Vote, by featuring information on work being done in connection with upcoming suffrage centennial celebrations (NYS in 2017 and 19th Amendment in 2020). Is your branch engaged in activities related to the Women's Suffrage Movement? If yes, please share it with us. Would you be willing to share what you are doing with other branches as a part of the Women and the Vote workshop? If so, please contact Mary Lou Davis, maryloudavis125@gmail.com, and Nancy Mion, myown220@aol.com.

NYS Convention 2015 Registration

Full convention:

- Member in a single room (Fri-Sun) (\$385.00)
- Non-member in a single room (Fri-Sun) (\$475.00)
- Member sharing a room (Fri-Sun) (\$275.00/person double)
- Non-member sharing a room (Fri-Sun) (\$365.00/person double)
- Friday only, member registration fee and dinner (\$50.00)
- Saturday only, member registration fee and all meals (\$105.00)
- Saturday only, guest registration fee and all meals (\$150.00)

- Sunday only, member registration fee and both meals (\$70.00)
- Sunday only, guest registration fee and both meals (\$100.00)
- Saturday lunch only (\$25.00)
- Saturday dinner only (\$40.00)

For more information or to register, click [here](#)

Awards - As in previous years, several awards will be given out at this year's Convention, some of which require application submission. Please remember that the application deadline for the following awards is February 16th:

- Emerging Leaders: [Application](#)
- 21st Century Program Awards: [Application](#)

Tech Savvy Girls..

Brilliant and Resilient

Saturday, March 14, 2015-SUNY Buffalo

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Once again, GRAB AAUW will participate in this great event. Tech Savvy is a daylong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform families about STEM education and careers.

Tapping into Our Technological Future...

Girls Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Featuring fun, exciting, hands-on workshops to inspire success and career exploration for 6th to 9th & 10th to 12th grade girls in Western New York.

Join us for a special 10th Anniversary Motivational keynote address by Linda Cureton, CEO of Muse Technologies and former Chief Information Officer, NASA.

Who is invited: Girls in grades 6 to 9 are invited, plus those in grades 10 to 12 for the On a Roll program, which includes SAT prep and workshops. Adults are also invited.

For more information click [here](#).



Lorraine W. Clement - Feb. 3
 Barbara R. Drachman - Feb. 22
 Lois M. Gauch - Feb. 21
 Patricia Houlihan - Feb. 1

Shirley Miller - Feb. 14
 Lynne M. Mitchell - Feb. 6
 Esther Blackman - Feb. 29

Women Helping Girls

Honoring Rosa Parks

Saturday, January 31st

GRAB AAUW, 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY

2:30 - Welcome/Introductions Refreshments
Video Viewing of Rosa Parks

3:30 -Break Table Talk

4:15 -Report Out

4:30 -Wrap Up

RSVP: elewis@perkinsmansion.org



Mahjong - New Interest Group Forming!!

Linda Dinino will teach a six-week beginning Mahjong class. The group will meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Wednesdays from January 21 to February 25. If interested, email Linda Dinino at linda.dinino@gmail.com or call 586-6888. Or you may call Stephanie Augonis, Membership VP, at 233-6180. If we do not have eight participants, we will postpone this interest group until the SnowBirds return, and the rest of us emerge from our homes up north.

New Program Coordinator

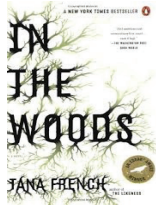
Please welcome Beth Garver Beha, who is just starting with GRAB AAUW. Please introduce yourself to her when you come to the house.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, March 5

2.00 - 4:00 pm

We will meet to discuss Inger Wolfe's investigator Micallef, who describes the old folks home as filled with "spry annoyances" (don't we all hope). Our next author is Tana French, who writes about the Dublin, Ireland Murder Squad. Titles: *In the Woods*, *The Likeness*, *Faithful Place*, *Broken Harbor* and *The Secret Place*. - Again "creepy" - we're told.



Co-chair: Lynne Mitchell

Tea and Titles

Wednesday, February 25

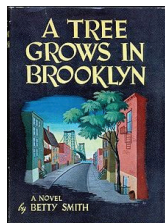
2.00 - 4:00 pm

SHARON CLARK will lead the discussion on "A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN" by BETTY SMITH.

This book is a profoundly moving story of childhood and family relationships. It is described as an American classic about a young girl's coming of age at the turn of the century.

Do join us for refreshments and active discussion. All are welcome to attend.

Co-chairs : Maureen May- 385-1133 and Joy Kinz-392-7134



Night Out!!!



A Taste of New Orleans

Gumbo, Jambalaya, Hurricanes, Red Velvet Cake, Bread Pudding, And More!

Tuesday February 17, 2015
AAUW 464 East Avenue, Rochester, NY
5-7 PM

\$25.00 *Includes one drink

AAUW RSVP to Ellen Lewis

By February 5th: \$20.00

After \$25.00

585-425-7202

elewis@perkinsmansion.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 10:00am-2:30pm <i>Retired Bridge</i>	4	5	6 10:00am-2:30pm <i>Duplicate Bridge A</i>	7
8	9	10 10:00am-2:30pm <i>Crazy 8's Bridge</i>	11 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong	12 Noon Susan B. Anthony Luncheon	13	14
15	16	17 4:00pm-5:00pm Board Mtg 5:00pm-8:00pm Nights Out!!!	18 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong 2:00-4:00pm Tea & Titles	26	27	28

The Susan B. Anthony Legacy Dinner

Hosted by the Susan B. Anthony Center at the University of Rochester

"Honoring Tomorrow's Leaders"

Join us for a 60-year tradition to celebrate the achievements of women in the University of Rochester community and Susan B. Anthony's Birthday. The dinner is sponsored by the UR Women's Club and the Susan B. Anthony Center. Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 6:30pm. Staybridge Suites, 1000 Genesee Street, Rochester. For more information, please email sbac@ur.rochester.edu or call (585) 275-8799 by Friday, January 30, 2015.

Interest Groups 2014-2015

Retired Teachers Bridge

Meets the 1st Tuesday at 10 am
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

Duplicate Bridge A

Meets the 1st Friday at 10:00 am
Pauline Sherwood – 671.3556

Duplicate Bridge B

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am
Jean Erskine – 266.5055

Crazy 8s Bridge

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell – 381.7145
Bi-monthly meetings

Tea and Titles

Maureen May- 385.1133
Joy Kinz- 392.7134
Monthly meetings

Preserving and Canning

Michele Conners- 507-9572

Nights Out At The House!

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529

Cynthia Herriott

Gaynelle Wethers

Mah Jong

Linda Dinino- 586—6888

Stephanie Augonis- 233-6180

****Bridge leaders: Please call Blake Kowalski at 489.2539 the night before to give him your set up numbers.**

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The deadline for articles for the March Newsletter is February 15, 2015

Please email items to
rnacalvar@gmail.com

We welcome suggestions or contributions to include in future newsletters.
Please contact us at the mailing address above.

Articles submitted are printed at the discretion and policy of GRAB.

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Vision

GRAB AAUW is a World Class Lifelong Learning, Teaching and Study Center for all generations of Women & Girls and seen as a key Community Resource and Driving Force for any and all Women's Issues in the Greater Rochester Area.

Diversity Statement

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AAUW Promise

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

3 Trustees are needed for the Education Loan Fund. Please call or email Judith Trabert if you are interested.