



Keynote Speaker  
**Rose O'Keefe,**  
Author and Rochester History Buff

## Branch Lunch - Saturday February 8, 2014 Black History Month and Love

It's February, and time to celebrate Black History all month long and Love on February 14th!

We were lucky to find the perfect speaker, for this month's luncheon, Rose O'Keefe, has agreed to come and help us get a better understanding of how White, Black and Native American residents of the Genesee River Valley built our local history together. Rose has graciously offered to show us the historical video she created called "An Armchair Tour of Genesee Country: 1142 to 1872".

After the video presentation we will discuss the video and learn about her most recent book *Frederick and Anna Douglass in Rochester, NY: Their Home Was Open to All* (History Press, 2013). The book tells the lifelong love story of married abolitionists Frederick and Anna Douglass. Here's a short summary of the book:

"Despite living through one of our nation's most bitter and terrifying times, Frederick and his wife, Anna, raised five children in a loving home filled with flower, fruit and vegetable gardens. While Frederick traveled extensively, fighting for the freedom and rights of his brethren, Anna cared for their home and their family and extended circle. Their house was open to fugitives on the Underground Railroad, visiting abolitionists and house guests who stayed for weeks, months, and sometimes years at a time. Local author Rose O'Keefe weaves together the story of the Douglass' experience in Rochester and the indelible mark they left on the Flower City."

A little bit about our guest speaker— Rose O'Keefe moved to Rochester, NY, after graduating from SUNY–Potsdam, and soon began exploring the Genesee River Valley and Finger Lakes region on camping outings with friends and family. A firm believer in making local connections, Rose is a member of Friends of Ganondagan, Friends of the Public Library, History Buffs Buffet, New Society of the Genesee, Rochester Historical Society, Rochester Area Children's Writers & Illustrators, the Society of Children's Writers & Illustrators and Whistle Stop Writers. She is also an officer in Toast Master's Life Learners Club 4323, and the Business Association of the South Wedge Area.

Please come and enjoy a day out with your friends at AAUW on Saturday, February 8th.

RSVP by Tuesday, February 4th. Call our Events Director, Leslie Sellers at 585-435-7202 email: perkinsmansionevents@gmail.com

Schedule

### Lunch Menu

- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
- Bread Basket with Pumpkin chocolate Chip muffins and Date-Nut bread
- Winter Salad, mixed greens with pomegranate seeds, apple, feta and toasted walnuts.
- Warm Caprese Focaccia Wedge
- Dessert of warm Apple Crisp with maple drizzle and whipped cream

*AAUW will be 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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**GRAB AAUW ~ 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY. 14607 ~ Phone: 585.244.8890**

# Save the Date!

## NYS AAUW 2014 CONFERENCE

### April 25 - 27, Ellenville, NY.



*"A World of Wellness:  
Stimulating the Mind,  
Inspiring the Soul,  
Energizing the Body"*

The entire [registration packet](#) is now available.  
Please click [HERE](#) to register online.

The hotel registration form is also available in two forms. Both need to be sent to the hotel with your signature.

- Click [here](#) for a paper to print and fill in by hand.
- Click [here](#) for a form to fill out online, then mail with your signature.

**The election of officers for 2014-2016 can be found on the business meeting agenda.. The following candidates are listed below for each of the open offices:**

AAUW-NYS President:  
Edwina Frances Martin, Staten Island Branch

AAUW-NYS Development VP:  
Janice Brown, Jefferson County Branch

AAUW-NYS Program VP:  
Jane Pfeiffer Russell, Bath Branch

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A copy of the 2012-2013 GRAB- AAUW Annual Report is available in the library.

## AAUW STEM Math

For Girls in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

# February 18 - 20

 (February Break)  
**9am to 4pm**

### "The Pythagorean Theorem"

Come to explore the Pythagorean Theorem in a fun relaxed atmosphere through

**Activities—Games—Puzzles—Art projects**

Cost \$100 for all three days!

It includes lunch, a speaker from the **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) community, and a trip to the **RMSC's** exhibit: **Math Midway.**

The camp will be taught by a NYS certified mathematics teacher.

Please bring your calculator & laptop (optional)

### For more information & enrollment contact:

Ana DeTomaso

585.244.8890 email: [rochaaauw@aauwrochester.org](mailto:rochaaauw@aauwrochester.org)

**Place:** GRAB AAUW 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

## Messages from the Administration Team

**Letters for all your 2012 – 2013 membership dues** and donations will be coming soon. Please let us know if you did not receive yours in the mail.

Thank you

Beth Collins, GRAB AAUW Bookkeeper

### House policy

PLEASE... When scheduling a time or making an appointment to meet with others at the house, it is GRAB AAUW policy to advise either leslie or Ana. Your plans will be placed on the master calendar.

Thank you

# Seneca Falls Dialogues 2014

By *Barbara LeSavoy, PhD*  
 Director, Women and Gender Studies



## College and University Partners:

Call for Dialogues

**The 4th Biennial**  
**Seneca Falls Dialogues:**  
**October 17–19, 2014**

**EcoFeminism:** Cultivating Place and Identity

**Keynote Speaker:** Tanya Fields

Founder of BLK Project and Eco-Warrior, and recipient of Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL)

We invite students, activists, and teachers to participate in a weekend of dialogue on the following themes:

- Gender and the Environment
- Activism
- Food and Nourishment
- Politics of Space
- Sustainability
- Identities and Bodies

**Proposals** should include session title, 2–3 sentence summary of session focus/relevance to one or more of the conference themes, and 250–500 word description of the session's focus and organization. Dialogue participants will be invited to submit essay versions of their dialogues for inclusion in the inaugural online Seneca Falls Dialogues Journal.

**Proposal deadline: March 28, 2014. Send proposals and inquiries to [sbai@rochester.edu](mailto:sbai@rochester.edu).**

The Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues is a collaborative effort to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a site of feminist activism and intellectual exchange.

**The SFD is sponsored by** women and gender studies affiliates at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Monroe Community College, The College at Brockport, St. John Fisher College, University of Buffalo, SUNY Geneseo, University of Rochester, Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women, and The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning.

Visit <http://www.senecafallsdialogues.com> for information about the 2008, 10 and 12 Seneca Falls Dialogues. Information forthcoming on Seneca Falls Dialogues 2014, will be forthcoming.

# Seneca Falls, 1848

The first woman's-rights meeting in American History took place in a Methodist church in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19 and 20, 1848. The women responsible for calling this historic meeting had met for a social occasion only six days earlier, in Waterloo, a few miles from Seneca Falls. There, in the home of Jane Hunt, they prepared their now famous Declaration of Sentiments and eleven resolutions converging their aims for presentation at the meeting. The ninth was the demand, revolutionary for its time: "Resolved, That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves the sacred right to the elective franchise" (Stanton and Blatch 1922:I,146). The most controversial of the eleven resolutions in 1848, suffrage for women, was destined to become a central rallying point as the woman's-rights movement developed over the ensuing decades (The Feminist Papers, 241).

## 2014 SUSAN B. ANTHONY ANNUAL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

# February 12



Louise Knight in the garden at Hull House

photo by Joseph G. Barabe

The Susan B. Anthony Birthday Luncheon is held each year in mid-February to celebrate Susan B. Anthony's February 15th birthday, to honor contemporary women who continue her legacy, and to raise awareness of the education and inspiration programs that take place at and through the National Historic Landmark on Madison Street. The luncheon takes place at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

**GRAB AAUW has a table of 10, if you would like to attend and sit with us, please call Ana DeTomaso at 244-8890 ext. 2 ~ [adetomaso@aauwrochester.org](mailto:adetomaso@aauwrochester.org)**



# SUNSHINE

Good wishes to Pauline Sherwood, Catherine Browning,

And Mary Ellen Bigler who is recovering from hip surgery.

Nancy Johns

Please click in the icons below to visit our websites and social media





# Women Helping Girls

WHG welcomed Michele Groden back to the Planning Committee. She will resume her role of mentor coordinator. She hosted our first Mentor Gathering in December. The event was well attended. Mentors discussed among themselves how WHG as an organization can be more supportive to them as they relate to the girls.

The December event was filled with a variety of activities for the girls to participate in; one of which was holiday cookie decorating. Each girl left with a box of cookies to share with her family. The highlight of the event was the holiday greeting cards the girls made which were delivered to residents of Wilson Commencement Park.

The topic for January's meeting was "Women's Health" focusing on taking responsibility for our own health as individuals. The goal was to help the girls realize what they can do today to create a healthy life style and healthy body for tomorrow. Dr. Carolyn Jacobs facilitated the discussion.

February's monthly event will also focus on encouraging good health habits, with nutrition at the center of discussion. A local cookbook author is going to demonstrate how to prepare soul food in a healthier way.

Patricia Shurn Thompson, Chair WHG



(AAUW-Rochester in collaboration with AAUW-Buffalo!)

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

**8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**SUNY Buffalo North Campus Student Union**

**Fee: \$8**

*Fun workshops to inspire girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math and be better prepared to join the global workforce*

**Deadline for Registration: Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Ages: 6th to 9th grade girls**

**&**

**10th – 12th grade girls (SAT Prep & Academic Workshops)**

**Open to parents, grandparents, teachers, and counselors as well!**

# SAVE THE DAY! March 8, 2014



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS: POLITICS, EDUCATION AND WORK

### AN AAUW EVENT CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

GRAB AAUW will be hosting an International Women's Day (IWD) celebration in March 8, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Perkins Mansion on East Avenue in Rochester, NY.

Founded in 1911, IWD is a global event celebrating the economic, political, and social accomplishments of women – past, present, and future. Please join us and others from our community on IWD, as we recognize and celebrate women's achievements.



# From the GRAB-AAUW Team

## Susan B. Anthony & Equal Pay



*Susan B. Anthony*

According to Alice S. Rossi, in her book *The Feminist Papers: From Adams to de Beauvoir*, drive, executive ability, and a single-mindedness of purpose became enduring characteristics of Susan Anthony. She was impatient with whatever did not contribute directly to the battles she waged in her various campaigns for reform. She began as a teacher at the age of seventeen, and for many years she was a critical observer and then vigorous participant at teacher's-association conventions.

An early example of her courage and ability to press to the main point of an argument can be seen in her role at the 1853 state convention of schoolteachers. At this time women teachers could attend but could not speak at the convention meetings. Susan listened to a long discussion on why the profession of teaching was not as respected as those of law, medicine, and the ministry. When she could stand it no longer, she rose from her seat and called out, "Mr. President!" After much consternation about recognizing her, she was asked what she wished. When informed that she wished to speak to the question under discussion, a half-hour's debate and a close vote resulted in permission. Then she said:

It seems to me, gentlemen, that none of you quite comprehend the cause of the disrespect of which you complain. Do you not see that so long as society says a woman is incompetent to be a lawyer, minister or doctor, but has ample ability to be a teacher, that every man of you who chooses this profession tacitly acknowledges that he has no more brains than a woman? And this, too, is the reason that teaching is a less lucrative profession, as here men must compete with the cheap labor of woman. Would you exalt your profession, exalt those who labor with you. Would you make it more lucrative, increase the salaries of the women engaged in the noble work of educating our future Presidents, Senators and Congressmen (HWS I, 5114).

Susan's point on the wage scale of occupations in which many women are employed is as pertinent in the 1970s as it was in the 1850s. Equal pay for equal work continues to be seen as applying to equal pay for men and women in the same occupation, while the larger point of continuing relevance in our day is that some occupations have depressed wages because women are the chief employees. The former is a pattern of sex discrimination, the latter of institutionalized sexism (Rossi 390-391).

# THE MYSTERY COMPANY

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March  
22 & 29  
Advance  
Tickets  
\$65

## The Mystery Company and the Perkins Mansion Proudly Present: **MURDER: A LOVE STORY**

They've come to Casablanca hoping to finally escape the war. Some are desperate. Some are ruthless. Some are idiots. Of all the gin joints in all... suddenly she walks in, the one who broke Rick's heart. Can he find love once again? It could be the start of beautiful

*murder!*



Call 585-435-7202 for tickets & Information



GRAB – AAUW wants to celebrate with you your Birthday. Please send me your:

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

Day & Month of your birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

at <http://aauw-nys.org>

(Thank you, this will save the retyping of all your information.)

## AAUW NYS 2014 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 25-27, 2014 Honor's Haven Resort, Ellenville, NY

✉ Mail to: AAUW Convention Registration, Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker, Orchard Park, NY, 14127  
Phone: 716/662-0608 Email: [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred first name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First*

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Branch \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Position 2013-2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Position 2014-2015 \_\_\_\_\_

First time attending an AAUW NYS Convention

**Credentials Category: Please check one only.**

- Branch Delegate (*Check with your branch president*)
- Branch Alternate (*Check with your branch president*)
- Branch Member
- NYS Board of Directors member
- NYS District Coordinator, Nominating Team, Public Policy Team or Convention Arrangements Team
- Past NYS President
- Individual Member (*National Member; not a branch member*)
- AAUW College/University Member/Representative  
*Please list the college or university you represent.*

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Guest

**Convention 2014 Registration: Please check all that apply.**

- Advance registration/full convention (Fri-Sun) \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE – only \$45 if you register online!**
  - Companion registration (non-AAUW member) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Friday registration fee \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Saturday registration fee \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sunday registration fee \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Line Up for EOF – Line Dance Fundraiser \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - After March 15 add \$15 late fee to above rates* \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Convention Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER EARLY**

For drawing:  
\$500 scholarship  
for your branch.  
(See page 6.)

**Hotel/Meal Registration**

- I am registering for the hotel/meal package including room and 6 meals.  
*Note: You must register with the hotel by submitting the separate hotel registration form.*

**OR**

- I want to register for the meals **ONLY** and am **NOT** registering for the hotel package.  
Prices include meal, break, meeting rooms and all taxes and gratuities.

- Friday dinner \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday breakfast \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday luncheon \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday dinner \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday breakfast \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday luncheon \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Meals Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*For those not taking the hotel package:*

Total Convention Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AAUW NYS Refund Policy:**  
Before April 5 – 50% Refund  
April 6 – 14 – 25% Refund  
NO Refund after April 14, 2014

Make checks payable to AAUW NYS Convention.

Complete next page for workshop and meal selections.





If you are planning an event at the Perkins Mansion please contact Leslie Sellers, Events Director, at 244.8890, ext. 1 or 435.7202. You can also visit the Perkins Mansion website at <http://perkinsmansion.org/>

| Sun | Mon                             | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                     |
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| 26  | 27                              | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31   | 1                                       |
| 2   | 3<br>9:15am<br><b>Bowling</b>   | 4<br>10 am<br><b>Retired Teachers Bridge</b>                                  | 5  | 6  | 7<br>10:00 am<br><b>Duplicate Bridge A</b> | 8<br>12:00 pm<br><b>Branch Luncheon</b> |
| 9   | 10<br>9:15 am<br><b>Bowling</b> | 11<br>10-2:30pm<br><b>Crazy 8's Bridge</b>                                    | 12<br>12:00-1:30pm<br><b>Susan B. Anthony Annual Luncheon</b>                    | 13   | 14   | 15                                      |
| 16  | 17<br>9:15 am<br><b>Bowling</b> | 18<br>9:00-400:pm<br><b>STEM Math camp</b><br>4:00 pm<br><b>Board Meeting</b> | 19<br>9:00-400:pm<br><b>STEM Math camp</b>                                       | 20<br>9:00-400:pm<br><b>STEM Math camp</b><br><b>2:00pm</b><br>Mystery Book Club | 21   | 22                                      |
| 23  | 24<br>9:15 am<br><b>Bowling</b> | 25  | 26<br>10:00 am<br><b>Duplicate Bridge B</b><br>2:00pm<br><b>Tea &amp; Titles</b> | 27   | 28   | 1                                       |

**On Wednesday February 26 at 2.00 PM Tea and Titles** co-chair, JOY KINZ will lead the discussion on *FLIGHT BEHAVIOR*, the latest book by acclaimed author BARBARA KINGSOLVER.

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

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

**Mystery Book Club's** next author is **William Kent Kruger**. This series is set in northern Minnesota, usually on Ojibwe indian reservations. His protagonist is Cork O'Connor, who is part Ojibwe. There are 13 books in the series beginning with Boundary Waters, Purgatory Ridge, The Devil's Bed, etc. and the most recent being Trickster's Point. We will meet **on 2/20/14 at 2:00 at the House**. Hope to see you there.

Thanks. Lynne Mitchell

**Bridge**

- **Retired Teachers Bridge**  
Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
Carol Achilles – 421-0876
- **Duplicate Bridge A**  
Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10:00 a.m.  
Pauline Sherwood – 671.3556
- **Duplicate Bridge B**  
Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 am  
Jean Erskine – 266.5055  
Janet Miles – 787-0507
- **Crazy 8's Bridge**  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am  
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

**History & Archives**

Doris Meadows – 328.4059

**Holistic Health and Wellness**

Heide Parreño – 414.6312

**Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch**

Beverly Vaughan -383-0896

**Mystery Book Club**

Lynne Mitchell – 381.7145  
Bimonthly meetings

**Night Out At the House**

Rachel Adonis – 654.5259

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529

Bi-monthly social evening for members and guests.

**Poker**

Marilyn Tedeschi -244.4107

**Tea and Titles**

Maureen May- 385-1133  
Joy Kinz- 392.7134

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

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**The deadline for the  
March Newsletter is  
February 15, 2014**

Please email items to

**Ana DeTomaso**

**Newsletter@aauwrochester.org**

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 of GRAB.

## Board Members

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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.*