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Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

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

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EMBRACING PEACE

BRANCH DINNER SCHEDULE

- 5:00 - 5:45 pm Social Hour
- 5:45 - 6:30 pm Welcome & Dinner
- 6:30 - 6:45 pm Meeting
- 6:45 - 7:00 pm Dessert
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Program

Tickets: \$25

Call Ellen Lewis to RSVP by Friday September 5th,
3pm at 585-435-7202 or elewis@perkinsmansion.org

DINNER MENU

Endive Salad with:

- Olives & Clementines & Pickled Feta Pomegranate Vinaigrette Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken
- Tahini, Lemon, Kalamata Olive Sauce ~or~ Roasted Barramundi (A Mild White Fish)
- Warm Tomato Tapenade Mediterranean 7-Grain Pilaf Stuffed Baked Tomato
- Sautéed Eggplant, Caramelized Onions, Raisins, & Fresh Herbs

Plated Dessert

Trio of Tiny Pies
Pecan Pie • Chocolate Hazelnut • Lemon
Garnished with Strawberry & Sprig of Mint Gluten Free will receive Fresh Fruit as dessert.

Branch Dinner: Immigration Thursday September 11th

Welcome Back!!!

This year's program offering promises to be exciting, insightful and provocative with current and timely topics.

- * Did you know that we have 11 million people working and living in the shadows?
- *Were you moved by the news coverage witnessing thousands of children seeking freedom and asylum?
- *Do you want to understand how we can build a better future for all those coming to our shores seeking freedom? These questions and more we all bring to this topic.

Our guest speaker, **Walter H. Ruehle** has practiced Immigration law for over three decades in three law offices that provide legal representation to the poor. Currently, he is the Director of Immigration Program of the Legal Aid Society of Rochester. He is also the Director of Upstate New York Immigration Law Program of legal offices in Syracuse and Albany.

You don't want to miss this! Bring a friend and join us for networking, dinner and program!

Special thanks to our program committee members, Dr. Betty Baer, Barbara Bayer, Nita Brown, Helen Cheves, Marlene Gordon, Cynthia Herriot and Cheryl McKeiver.

"If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going."

Harriet Tubman

Gaynelle Wethers, Programs VP

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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Letter from the President



As I sit and watch the sun go down on Canandaigua Lake, I think back to when I began my tenure as GRAB president. I remember being excited about all the changes that I wanted to see happen.

Today, 5 years later and the sunset of my tenure as


president, I am as excited about the changes that are happening now at the Perkins Mansion as I was then. This excitement seems to be shared by friends and members alike. Since the August newsletter went out, we had more renewals and new members joining in August. The new members are joining and asking where they can be of most service because they want to become active members. There is a renewed interest in our Women Helping Girls Program. Gaynelle and Laurene are actively recruiting members to serve on the WHG program committee. Nita Brown has come forward to lead our STEM Initiative this year with Jen Gkourlias from the Young Women's College Prep Charter School. Cynthia Herriot-Sullivan has taken on our public policy program planning several events this year. Also a new member Mary Keller has expressed an interest in revitalizing our library.

Just as exciting on the house side shows that there is an increase in donations to support the maintenance of the house. Our development committee has taken on new members with new ideas to raise money for the house. We also received a bequest from Elizabeth O'Neill for the house and for the Education Loan Fund. This summer, members have donated carpet cleaning, window cleaning and the Friends of the Perkins Mansion has been working on ways to increase its membership.

Ellen Lewis, our new events manager and AAUW member, is dedicated to making the Perkins Mansion a place that will support AAUW mission based programs. The goal is to make the Perkins Mansion a self-sustainable, profitable learning and teaching center for women and girls in the Rochester area. Clearly, we are following the plans and values the board has developed this past summer. Thank you all for joining again and getting involved. The power of a group of women with a common vision and one voice is all that is needed to change the world. I believe, the women at GRAB, will be a leading force for change here in Rochester.

Onward!

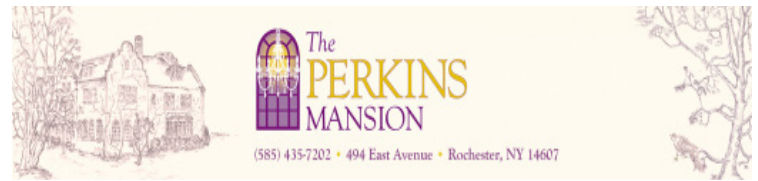
Marilyn Tedeschi, President

SAVE THE DAY
Saturday, October 25, 2014
District 2
Conference 

The District 2 conference will be held Saturday, October 25, 2014 in Rochester, NY at the AAUW house. The theme of the conference will be "Common Core Checkup: Year 2".

Registration and coffee will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. Further details for the conference program will be provided in mid-September.

To learn more about the **Common Core** click [here](#)



The Common Core Standards set consistent and clear expectations for what students must know at the completion of each grade from kindergarten through high school. The standards establish expectations in three academic areas:

Mathematics: The Common Core Standards for mathematics focus on gaining essential understanding to help students acquire a deeper knowledge of only the most important concepts and develop the skills to tackle mathematical problems in the real world. The standards call on students to develop deeper knowledge and higher-level skills in each successive grade, so it's vitally important that students get a handle on the material covered in each grade.

English language arts (ELA): The ELA standards are structured to build foundational literacy skills in early grades and to continue to equip students with reading and writing skills as they progress into middle and high school. The standards gradually increase in complexity from grade to grade, so pay special attention to the additional concepts and skills added from one grade to the next.

Literacy: The literacy standards establish reading and writing expectations for students in social studies, science, and technology. These standards provide few specifics on what students need to read or write, focusing instead on how students should read and write in these courses and how to evaluate what qualifies as good writing.

By Jared Myracle

THave you noticed some changes around the house???? Thanks to an anonymous donor we have clean windows on the first and second floors.....inside and out. There is definitely a noticeable improvement. Keep your eyes open for the new awning going up on the patio. The rotted pergola has been removed and a new awning will be installed over the entrance way as well as over the entrance ramp. Our annual Francie Wilcox Card Party raised the funds for this improvement.

Behind the scenes Vickie replaced our washing machine that "died" just before two days of weddings with "loads" of table linens to be done. Roofs on the shed, painting of carport ceilings, windows replaced in the basement, clearing of the gate, roof and gable leaks patched, squirrels removed from the attic are a few of the many projects completed this summer. There is always more to do.

ADOPT-A-YARD

The "Adopt a Yard" committee will be mailing this year's maintenance invoices on September 1. If you don't receive yours please call the house and leave a message and we will be happy to send out another one. If you wish to increase your holdings you can do so at this time or at any branch meeting. A "yard" is still a bargain at \$25.00.

Anne Miller, House Co-Chair

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY Q. CHAPIN, RECIPIENT OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIVING LEGENDS AWARDS



The Mohawk Valley has a rich history of community involvement. No one knows that better than the Oneida County historical Society, which recognizes exemplary community members each year through its Richard W. Couper Living Legends awards and the Dr. David and Carolyn Ellis Historical Hall of Fame inductees. The honors go to local residents, past and present, whose actions have improved or reflected well upon the Mohawk Valley.

Every year, five people are inducted into the Hall of Fame, and two to five Living Legends are chosen. While the Living Legends inductees are chosen by the Historical Society board, the Hall of Fame inductees are chosen by the Blue Ribbon Panel, a group comprised of about 100 people, including village historians, area business leaders and volunteers.

One of this year's Living Legends is Mary Chapin, a well known women's rights historian and lecturer. According to the Historical Society, Chapin has been actively involved in the community for more than 40 years, serving as a member of the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and the Business and Professional Women of the Mohawk Valley.

"I was surprised and delighted," Chapin said of receiving the honor. "I thought it was an award for all of the women who worked for our program.... I'm going to acknowledge them at the dinner."

The program Chapin spoke of was the eight years she and a small group of women spent collecting about 117,000 total signatures to get Susan B. Anthony Day recognized in New York. In 2004 their efforts were rewarded, and Susan B. Anthony Day became the first state-recognized holiday honoring women.

<http://www.uticaod.com/article/20140803/News/140809865>

Mahjong for Beginners

Penfield Community Center
October 1st - November 5th
Wednesdays from 2pm - 4pm
\$26 - includes Mahjong Cards

Barbara Drachman



NIGHTS OUT!!! September 4th

WELCOME BACK!!!

Reacquainting, Reconnecting and Renewing!
Bring a friend! Stop in after work!

5:00 -6:30p.m.

Wine and Munchies \$5.00

Please r.s.v.p at 585-244-8890 ext. 2



When you think about inviting people to get together - for a birthday, anniversary, wedding, shower, club meeting, reunion, memorial service, recital, training session, retirement party or other occasion - think of The Perkins Mansion, the home of GRAB-AAUW. and call Ellen at 435-7202 to create an extra-ordinary experience.

NEW GRAB AAUW FUNDRAISER:

AMAZON WILL DONATE 0.5% OF YOUR PURCHASE TO GRAB AAUW.

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GRAB AAUW has been approved as a donor designation eligible agency for the United Way Campaign.

Donors who choose to designate should use the United Way Designation Form and indicate AAUW-Greater Rochester Area Branch, donor designation number 2609 as a recipient of their gift.

VAWA Party

Celebrating 20 years of National Commitment to Ending Domestic Violence & Recognizing Unfinished Business

Thursday October 23, 2014

ALTERNATIVES for **Battered Women** (ABW) and **AAUW** invite you to join us for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA 1994).

It will be a special evening honoring **Congress-Woman Louise Slaughter**, whose tireless efforts over many years made possible the triumphant passage of VAWA in 1994 and in subsequent years, most recently the multi-year battle for its renewal in 2013.

Location: Perkins Mansion
494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Free Network & Celebration Event!!!

All Welcome; Cash bar, appetizers provided.
RSVP to AmberL@abwrochester.org or call ABW at 585-232-5200 ext. 227



You are cordially invited to the Annual YWCA's Empowering Women Luncheon to hear incredibly moving stories of achievement from just a few of the women we serve.

Keynote speaker is **Elizabeth Smart**. The abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child kidnap cases of our time. She will share her inspirational message of hope for a rewarding life after tragedy.

Table of ten tickets for \$600

Location: Riverside Convention Center

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Cost: \$60

RSVP by September 20th

Make check payable to YWCA and mail to GRABAAUW
Attn: Stephanie Augonis, Table Captain
494 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607
Questions email: Stephanie.augonis@gmail.com

UN DAY



Specifically Promoting Gender Equality Empowering Women and Girls & Improving Maternal Health

October 24th, 2014 from 8:15-12:30 at
The Strong National Museum of Play
One Manhattan Square Drive - Free Parking

Keynote speaker: To be Announced
Four breakout Panels on:

- Violence,
- Economics,
- Children,
- Health Care

Register by email unar@unar.org
Suggested reading and prep materials

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF ROCHESTER
Chapter of UNA-USA





AAUW Annual Francie Wilcox 2014 Card Party

September 20 from 10 am – 3 pm

Join us for a day of card playing Fun!!

Bring friends to play cards and / or games,
including but not limited to:

Quiddler * Duplicate Bridge * Party Bridge
Poker * Bunko

DOOR PRIZES!
TABLE PRIZES!!
AND RAFFLES!!!

\$80.00 for a table of 4 per day

\$20.00 per person per day

A tasty lunch of the usual Card Party fare is included and will be prepared by Branch members. If Games are not your thing, come for lunch only at noon for only \$15.00

If unable to attend, donations are appreciated.

Remember the Dr. Nora Wilcox Challenge!

In memory of her mother, Francie Wilcox, Nora will match our earnings dollar for dollar!

Call Carol Achilles by Friday, Sept. 12th for Reservations!

585-421-0876

Or email Carol at: bobachilles@aol.com

Make checks payable to: GRAB AAUW

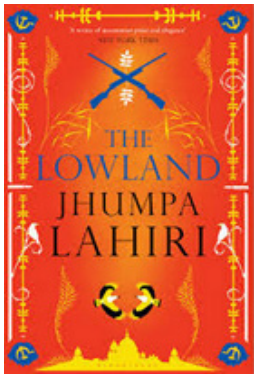
Send Payment & names to: Carol Achilles: 3 Alleyn's Rise, Fairport, NY
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This year the proceeds are earmarked for fireplace inserts in Dining Room and Library!

Card Party Donations

If you can not attend the Card party please consider sending a check as a donation. Your money will be doubled: \$15 becomes \$30, \$30 becomes \$60, \$100 becomes \$200

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 10-2:30pm-Retired Teachers Bridge	3	4	5 10:30am-Bridge	6
7	8	9 10-2:30pm-C.Bridge	10	11 5:00PM Branch Dinner	12	13
14	15	16 4-6pm-Board Mtg.	17	18	19 Card Party	20 Card Party
21	22	23	24 10-2:30pm-BridgeB	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



Tea and Titles

Wednesday October 22, 2:00 pm at the Perkins Mansion

EDITH THOBURN will lead the discussion on THE LOWLAND, the latest book by acclaimed Indian- American author JHUMPA LAHIRI. Ms. Lahiri is the winner of numerous awards. The Lowland is her most ambitious book to date, and tells a moving family story.

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

Note: Tea and Titles meets MONTHLY (with the exception of July and December, when we do not meet).

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 8's Bridge

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

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell – 381.7145
Bimonthly meetings

Tea and Titles

Maureen May- 385.1133
Joy Kinz- 392.7134
Monthly meetings

Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch

Beverly Vaughan -383.0896
Night Out At the House!

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529
Cynthia Herriott
Gaynelle Wethers

Social evening for members and guests!

****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 the
October Newsletter is
September 15, 2014
Please email items to
Ana DeTomaso
adetomaso@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 dis-
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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 Marie Ginther if you are interested.
1 Trustee is needed for the Charitable Trust Fund. Please call or email Marilyn Tedeschi if you are interested.**