

COME TO THE CONVENTION NEW YORK STATE AAUW CONVENTION APRIL 20-22, 2012



Peggy Kelland,
AAUW-NYS V.P.
Program

Join us at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa in Fairport, located on a beautiful hill outside Rochester, for a weekend of learning, inspiration, and fun. This year's theme, "The Women's History Trail - Walking In Their Footsteps," celebrates the historic sites and contributions of women in central and western New York to the Women's Rights Movement. If you arrive early Friday afternoon, you can start with a tour of the Susan B. Anthony House and after tour the GRAB Perkin's Mansion.

Take a stroll on the various paths on the hotel grounds before the President's Reception, which precedes the President's Dinner and keynote address by Kathy Kelm, head of "The Big Teal Machine," AAUW's volunteer lobby corps in Washington, D.C. After dinner join members from around the state in Military Bridge, a social mixer so well-received last year that we are playing it again. No bridge knowledge necessary!

After a leisurely Saturday breakfast, you will participate in the annual business meeting of AAUW-NYS: hearing about the accomplishments of the past year, asking any questions you may have, and electing officers for the next- two year terms. The meeting will be followed first by a presentation by Dot McLane, National Association Director-at-Large, and then by District Caucuses, thus

on all levels of AAUW beyond the branches. At the Awards Luncheon branches will be recognized for their achievements during the year and we will hear two LAF speakers, Edith Arana, plaintiff in Walmart vs. Dukes and Noreen Farrell, Director of Equal Rights Advocate, a nonprofit law firm.

The Saturday workshops will feature historically significant individuals and groups in the progress of women in New York State. The four choices will include: "The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence," "Harriet Tubman: Champion of Freedom," "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women of Buffalo", and "Elizabeth Cady Stanton Slept and Worked Here," After the workshops we will come together for "The Big Picture: Women and the U.N. Millennium Development" with Jane Roberts, and recognitions for My Sister's Keeper.

Be sure to check out the offerings in the LAF silent auction and the branch and state exhibits. Relax with yoga, or swim laps for this year's international fundraiser before the cocktail hour, entertainment, and installation dinner. The speaker will be Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, a longtime friend of AAUW. After dinner we will participate in a dialogue on The Future of the Women's History Trail.

Sunday will begin with the Counterpart Breakfast, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with branch and state officers or to spend informal time with our speakers. This year we will have a second workshop session on Sunday morning, with a choice of "Chautauqua Women: Inspiration and Influence," "The Seneca Army Depot Peace Encampment," "The Temp Economy: From Kelly Girls to Permatemps," and "Clean Money,Clean Elections."

The Branch Showcase this year will be a special presentation by the Bath Branch of "Momoirs," a delightful entertainment and a successful fundraiser. The final luncheon will offer us goals for the future with "2020: Project Women" and calls to the Summer Leadership Conference and the 2013 State Convention.



■ Mission

The American Association of University Women 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.

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.



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From the President's Desk

March has proved itself another exciting month for us at GRAB.

There were two major events that rocked the Perkins mansion and filled it to capacity.

Amanda Jackson-Jacobs and her team created an **International Women's Day** event that included many of our programs along with community groups and colleges students coming together in celebration. Our **Emerging Leaders winners** from **WHG, Crystal Perez**, from **WHW, Lucienne Nicholson** as well as myself for **AAUW leadership**, and **Ruth Scott for Community Leadership** were honored.

Patty Brown from **All Occasions Catering** together with eleven community vendors and AAUW had a **Gala Tasting Event Party**. It was the happening of the season showing off the Perkins Mansion with flowers, tents, photographers, a band with dance challenges, chocolates and more. AAUW members are invited to attend this event. Thanks to Patty and her team and a special thanks to **Kim Hostutler**, for donating wine and to Vickie and all the AAUW volunteers who helped to make this event such a success.

We were proud to honor a request for tables outside the Mansion during the St. Patrick's Day parade this year. The US Air Force Auxiliary requested our permission to use the front of our house for the **Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program** (girls and boys ages 12 to 18) to sell coffee and donuts. www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com,

Finally, a word about the **AAUW State Convention** this month April 20-22, 2012 at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa. This will be a fun event you will not want to miss. Many of you will want to commute. You can register as a members (or guest) online and choose the workshops, speakers, meetings, and entertainment. You can order dinners and lunches from the package or order à la carte at the Horizon Lounge which will be open with a full service menu. Woodcliff's view and spa accommodations are wonderful. Be there or be square!

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Gala Tasting



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Civil Air Patrol



Civil Air Patrol



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Conversing on Diversity: An Exchange of New Ideas, New Language and New Consciousness

The presence of diversity was obvious during the celebration of our second International Women's Day on March 8. There was an intergenerational and global participation in food, dance, art and display.



A change of consciousness on being "woman" was evoked by the dance "Public Spaces" by Marielys Burgos- Melendez and Angie Muzzy. The Philippine dance, "Kappa Malong-Malong" depicted the rhythm and sound of the Maranao, (Muslim Philippine culture) in a colorful and practical way of demonstrating various ways of wearing a "Malong" a tubular circle of cloth used as a skirt. The Chinese cultural dance is described:

"The folk dances of the 840,000 Dai Ethnic Group in China enjoy not only wide popularity but great diversity. Most of them imitate the movements of subtropical creatures. The percussion instruments used for accompaniment include elephant-foot drums, gongs, and bronze drums. Different dances have their one special drumbeat and drum vocabulary. The drumbeat is not only the tempo of a dance but a kind of language for people to communicate their feelings. The attire of the Huayao Dais looks gorgeous. The jacket made of silk is fully decorated with silver bells and tassels. Huayao Dai has always been known as descendants of the country, the national culture has a long history. Huayao stands for flowery-waist belt in English. Flower belt is like a beautiful rainbow in the hands of the ancient nation of affluence farming, peace and harmony--a vision of a better life."



These are the images of diverse international women of GRAB/AAUW;
Photos taken by Taunja Isaac, new member of GRAB/AAUW and Diversity Team

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



By Marlene Gordon
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Welcome these new GRAB Members and Associates:

Mary Champagne-Myers received her BA in German and Secondary Education and her MS in Education and Reading from Nazareth College, as well as her CAS in Educational Administration from SUNY Brockport. She was a secondary teacher and an adjunct professor at RIT. A Past President of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, she organized state and local meetings of up to 900 attendees. She is interested in travel, reading, and becoming more involved in our community.

Jane Murray hails from both coasts, having grown up in the Boston area and resided in the California Bay Area for many years. She received her associate's degree in Business Administration at Laney College in Oakland and pursued a career as an executive secretary. Her interests include knitting, cooking, and astrology, and she has completed in-depth astrological charts for many notables, including Marlene L. Gordon. She claims, however, that the major talent she brings to GRAB is her sense of humor, a claim which members of our Poker Club can verify.

Elaine Zander received her associate's degree from Rochester Business Institute and worked as a medical secretary. An avid bridge player, she decided to join our ranks as a member, and we are delighted to welcome her.

Marilyn Barron-McDonald received degrees from MCC and Framingham State College in Massachusetts. She is a speaker, a coach, and the owner of Talk Shop. She brings her skills in communication and her interests in exercise, reading, and bridge, and she looks forward to participating in many of our interest groups and committees.

Barbara Hoffman is an active member of the Susan B Anthony neighborhood here in Rochester. She brings to GRAB many skills and vast experiences in fund-raising, community-building, organizing, and activism. A long-time friend, she looks forward to participating in Women Helping Women, the Holistic Health Committee, and the Art Forum.

Wow! Another crop of exciting, enthusiastic and talented women to make waves and friends in our community!

Ladies, let us Spring Forward!

Marlene Gordon
VP for Membership



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Public Policy



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Public Policy Advocacy Day will be celebrated by AAUW/NYS in Albany on Tuesday, April 17, Equal Pay Day. We will be advocating for issues such as pay equity, violence against women and children, child care, and reproductive rights. The day will begin at 10:00 with a welcome from **Assemblywomen Ellen Jaffee and Addie Russell**. At 10:30 we will be briefed on effective advocacy techniques from a professional lobbyist and a member of the state legislature. A panel discussion on the key topics of pay equity and women's and family issues will conclude the morning program.

Each branch will schedule its own meetings with its respective senators and representatives between 12:30 and 3:00pm. The Assembly will also issue a proclamation for AAUW in the afternoon. If you are interested in or able to attend, please let me know so that we can notify our representatives.

Please make your reservation to attend this important day in Albany, April 17, 2012, at <http://aauwppd2012.eventbrite.com>.

If you cannot attend the trip to Albany, be aware that Rochester now is having a nationally known investigative journalist and author David Cay Johnston speaking on Equal Pay at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South on April 17 at 7pm.

On March 24, Mary Jo Colligan will come to us. Mary Jo is the New York State Director of Dress A Girl Around the World. She will talk about the program, its history and goal. She and others from the local group will display sample dresses and talk about their participation in the program. On Saturday April 7, Mary Jo and friends will return to the house for a sewing event. You are all encouraged to come out and participate in this very important activity. We are accepting donations for this project. There is a list on the bulletin board at the house. Lists were handed out at the February Table Talk and they will be available at the March Talk also. Bring your donations to the house. Felice will tell you where to leave them. If you can come out and help us, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail. We need everyone to make this a success!

On April 27 former member Linda DeVeronica will visit Table Talk and tell us about all the changes at St. Joseph's Village. Plan to come to both of these upcoming Table Talk presentations. I am quoting Shirley Miller, "you always learn something at Table Talk". In that light remember that all are invited and if there is someone or something you would like to hear or hear about next year, now is the time to let me know.

Happy Spring!

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF ROCHESTER



2012 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner



OPEN TO PUBLIC

\$35 per person & \$25
students

\$30 for AAUW members

E-mail or call for

reservation by

Thursday April 12, 2012.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Marilyn Tedeschi

Thursday, April 19th ~ 5:30 PM

DIPLOMAT BANQUET CENTER

Diplomat Way 14606 - off Lyell Ave.

Tea & Titles

On Wednesday April 25 at 2:00 pm, EDITH THOBURN will lead this month's discussion, reviewing David McCullough's latest book "THE GREATER JOURNEY." McCullough is a highly acclaimed writer, whose writings have won many awards. This book, his latest, is a fascinating story of the influence of Americans in Paris during the 70-year period from 1830 to 1900.

Do join us for refreshments and active discussion.

Iov Kinz and Maureen Mav

Knit Group.

The Knit group will meet on April 12 at ten o'clock in the Dining Room. We have been asked to make some hats for hospital patients undergoing cancer treatment. This will mean that we will certainly need some new hands for this project. The hats can be knit, crocheted, or sewn from regular cloth or fleece. To do this and still maintain our projects for others such as Alternatives for Battered Women, Sojourner House, Rochester Public School #9, Visiting Nurses and Hope Hall we will certainly need more Helping Hands. Please let us know if you can assist us by coming to the April meeting or by emailing or calling me. Perfect attendance at our meetings is not required. However, partaking in coffee, cookies and conversation is encouraged.

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History and Archives Interest Group

History Committee

Mark your calendars and SAVE the date: **Thursday, May 17 at 1 pm** Oral History Presentation – Everything You Wanted To Know About Oral Histories But Were Afraid To Ask! Anyone who is interested in this topic will not want to miss this. All are welcome.

Contact: Doris Meadows at dmeadows@rochester.rr.com
 or Evelyn Bailey at EVB16@rochester.rr.com

Join Us:

Lectures and Lunch Interest Group

Greetings!

Our April meeting will be moved to be in conjunction with the AAUW - NYS Convention being held April 20 - 22 at the Woodcliff Hotel. Please register for this wonderful event at www.aauw-nys.org. Three full days of exciting, educational and inspirational speakers and programs. Be sure to attend!

Also mark your calendars for Wednesday May 2nd at Perkins Mansion as we celebrate Spring with Rachel Neece, an Eastman School of Music major. Member Rosemary Pautz has planned this musical event featuring guitar. Any questions, please call Rosemary (585) 381 - 3599.

May's program will begin at 11am with lunch to follow. Reservations may be made with \$20 check payable to GRAB AAUW. Send to Carol Zavada 21 Cottonwood Lane Pittsford, NY 14534

Many thanks to all who have supported Lectures & Lunch events! We enjoyed putting together these programs for you and we look forward to seeing you at our last gathering in May.

Mystery Book Club

Mystery Book Club met to discuss D. Stabenow's series, often set in Alaska's back country, featuring Kate Shugak, an Aleut native. We learned lots about Alaska but were not tempted to take up residence between forest fires, oil spills and angry bears. Our next author is I.J. Parker who writes about life in 12th century Japan featuring Sugawara Akitada, a government official. His titles include: *Rashomon Gate, The Hell Screen, The Dragon Scroll, Black Arrow, The Convict's Sword*. We hear the Fairport library is a good place to find them.

Next meeting May 10, 4 p.m.

Sayonara
 Lynne Mitchell



Lorie Seagren
Art Forum Director

Some news about our member artists who are participating in our Rochester area venues:

Mary Lou Swicklik is exhibiting at *A Different Path Gallery*, 27 Market Street, Brockport, NY. March 30 through April 28. The opening reception is April 13 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Everyone is invited to stop in and check out some of Mary Lou's new work.

Laura Jackett, Joyce Pearson, Nancy Richards and Lorie Seagren are represented in the 15th annual Photographer's Path juried exhibit at High Falls Art Gallery located at 60 Brown's Race through April 27. This is a very large exhibit featuring work by approximately 100 regional photographers. So if photography is a favorite of yours, stop in. Be sure to check the hours for both of these venues before you go.

You will soon see different work by our member artists and guests. It certainly is time for us to see our winter images switched out—replaced by work more springlike. No matter how early spring is, I believe that it is truly here to stay.



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GRAB AAUW: at large in the Community

On March 14, 2012, member Dr. Barb LeSavoy and I continued with this month's celebration of women by co-facilitating a Talkback at the Little Theater following the public viewing of *Afghan Star*. Kaitlin Legg, Program Assistant at the University of Rochester helped to coordinate the event. Though the documentary is modeled after the American Idol TV series, the similarities can detract from the more pressing message of the day, the rights to personal expression in public space. *Afghan Star's* theme is a page right out of Radical Feminist Carol Hanisch's slogan "The Personal is Political." In this documentary where the oppressive Taliban seek to continue to impose the code of silence, intending to annihilate the voice of women in public space, some young women defiantly entered the competition to sing in the public sphere, an act punishable by death according to the Taliban edict. The documentary invites a conversation about art as an expressive political tool to defeat tyranny. It also serves to underline once more that tyranny is a collective experience imposed on the individual by the polity and that the only way to defeat it is to move it from personal space to the political arena.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The following members have contributed to the 2011-2012 Annual Appeal:

Monique Adams, Jane Arundel, Lorraine Cappellino, Patty Taylor Brown, Catherine Browning, Sarah Carbone, Jill Cicero, Sarah Collins, Liz Cook, Nancy Dewan, Barbara Drachman, Jean M. Erskine, Mary Clarke Fields, Cathy Foster, Teresa Francek, Vickie Fumia, Marie Ginther, Marlene Gordon, Ginger Goyer, Margaret Harrison, Elsie Herden, Susan Hoover, Carol Hopkins, Lois Inman, Bonnie Jackson, Nancy Jones, Joy Kinz, Joan Kohout, Sue Lawrence, Helen Lindley, Mary Jean MacEwen, Myrtle Merritt, Anne Miller, Mareen Mulley, Lynn Mitchell, Elizabeth O'Neil, Heidi Parreno, Dorothy R. Pecoraro, Aggie Perry, Carole Ross, Grace Schlageter, Jean Schmidt, Marilyn Tedeschi, Edith Wolf, and Carol Zavada.

Thank you for your generosity!! Gifts totaled \$7,870.

Myrtle Merritt, Vice President for Development



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Women Helping Girls

Women Helping Girls looks forward to Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

April 17 - Dress A Girl Around the World

This is the official WHG event of the month of April. The girls will be picked up from school on this Tuesday and taken to St. Cecilia's on Culver to join the local chapter in making dresses and dolls for girls in 3rd world countries. We will also be supplying material for the dresses and food for the chapter dinner - a community and world-wide service event.

April 22 - ROCtheRunway (Fundraiser)

WHG girls will participate in this fundraiser with various responsibilities; helping the models dress, handing out programs etc. Proceeds of ticket sales will be given to WHG.

We are looking forward to this fabulous event held at the Memorial Art Gallery!

April 27 - Sankofa

A dance event hosted by a local college!

April 28 - Spencerport High School (Fundraiser)

Courtney Willison (Lilac Queen and a speaker at WHG during the 2010-2011 school year) is heading up her Senior Class fundraiser to benefit WHG! This will be a dance/arts event and involve our girls. A unique experience for all.

We are looking forward to a full month of events and interaction with our community.

Amy Kauffman

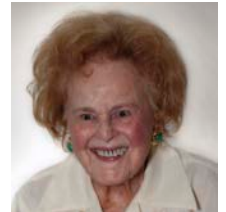
Event Coordinator, Women Helping Girls, AAUW

Website: <http://womenhelpinggirls.org/>

Member Milestones

REMEMBERING

DR. RUTH P. OAKLEY



Dr. Ruth P. Oakley, an honorary life member of AAUW (over 50 years), passed away on February 27 at the age of 96.

Dr. Ruth, as she was affectionally called, will be remembered for her loyal attendance at our Branch meetings. After she gave up driving, she utilized the limo services arranged by President Marilyn Tedeschi so that she could continue to participate. Those of us who were fortunate to spend time with her during the "happy hours" will cherish the memories of this remarkable woman.

Born in Rochester, Dr. Ruth attended East High School and enjoyed literature and Latin. Math was her least favorite subject. She received her B.S. with a major in chemistry from the University of Rochester in 1937. She went on to the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She was one of four women in a class of 50 graduating in 1941. She served her internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in 1942 for the next two years she served at the University Hospital in Cleveland. In 1944 Dr. Ruth returned to Rochester to begin a private practice on North Goodman and, at the same time, served on the staff of Rochester General Hospital until 1967.

In 1967 Dr. Ruth was asked to be the Director of the Women's Program at the John L. Norris Clinic. This was a women's alcohol recovery program. After four years she asked to take over for men also. Of her work at the clinic, she said, "It didn't make any difference to me what their income was. I just wanted to see them recover. The most rewarding part of being a care provider was seeing someone recover." Dr. Ruth retired in 1980.

She was an active lifetime member of St. Mark's and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church where she founded the Rosewood Society. In addition to membership in her Church and AAUW she was a member of the Monroe County Medical Society, The American Society of Internal Medicine and the Episcopal Church Home Auxiliary.

Her travels included most European countries, China, Singapore, Japan, Philippines, Antarctica, Alaska, Thailand and India. Hobbies included making her own clothes, sewing, crocheting, and handling all of her home improvement projects. She moved from her home on Rosewood Terrace to River Edge Manor of the Episcopal Home in June, 2010.

Beginning Bridge Group – Marlene Gordon, Phone: 402-5529

If you are interested, please call Marlene Gordon at 402-5529 for the next meeting date.

Bowling – Mary Louise Riter, Phone: 381-4368

We still have room for more bowlers! We meet every Monday at 9:30a.m. at Clover Lanes. Please call me if you are interested.

Bridge

Retired Teachers Bridge – Contact person: Carol Achilles (421-0876). Meets the First Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge A - Meets the First Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge B – Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00

Luncheon Bridge – Meets the 3rd Thursday at 10: a.m.

Contact person: Nancy Jones (288-7913).

*****Bridge leaders: Please call our head caretaker Blake Kowalski at 489-2539 the night before to give him your set up numbers.**

Holistic Health and Wellness – Heide Parreño, Phone: 585-256-7372 or E-mail: orostar@aol.com

Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch – Beverly Vaughan, phone: 585-383-0896 or E-mail bvaughan@rochester.rr.com

Mystery Book Club – Bimonthly meetings, Contact Lynne Mitchell: 381-7145 for more details.

Poker – Poker Club - Marilyn Tedeschi - next meeting will be in May.

Tea and Titles – Maureen May, email maureensmay@yahoo.com and Joy Kinz, cjkinz@rochester.rr.com

Lecture & Lunch – Contact Mary Louise Riter: 381-4368 or Helen Beveridge: 248-8284.

April 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 10-3-FF- Retired Teachers Bridge	4 12:30-2pm Great Decisions	5	6 10:00-3pm Bridge A 7-9pm Holistic Health	7
8	9	10 10-3-FF- Crazy 8's	11	12 10-12 Knitting	13	14
15	16	17 4-5:30-BR- AAUW Board Mtg	18 12:30-2pm Great Decisions	19 10-3-FF- Ladies Duplicate Bridge	20 AAUW NYS Convention	21 AAUW NYS Convention
22 AAUW NYS Convention	23	24	25 10:00-3-FF- Brdge B 2-3:30-Lib- Tea/Titles	26	27 12-1:30 Table Talk	28
29	30					

We are need of an Interest Group Director, someone who can encourage members to join and/or create new groups for others to enjoy as well. Remember any member can start an Interest Group!

Call Marilyn Tedeschi for more information 585-244-8890 Ext.102

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**The deadline for the
May Newsletter is
April 15, 2012**
Please email items to Felice at
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We welcome suggestions or
contributions to include in future
newsletters. Please contact us at the
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■ Vision

GRAB AAUW Is a World Class Lifelong Learning & Teaching 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

Diversity for GRAB AAUW is a mosaic of gems reflecting persons from different age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic, socio-economic, health and spiritual cultures including the culture of the Deaf, each with unique ideas and abilities.

■ 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.