

GRAB/UNAR TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2012



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On the evening of Thursday, March 8 (5:30-8:30 pm), the Greater Rochester Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (GRAB AAUW) and the United Nations Association of Rochester (UNAR) will celebrate International Women's Day 2012 at the Perkins Mansion, 494 East Avenue. This year's theme is "Connecting Women and Girls—Inspiring Futures." The program will showcase a variety of art forms and highlight project partnerships. Dr. Anne Kress, Connie Mitchell, Lucienne Nicholson and Crystal Perez will be honored for their continuing work to improve and connect the lives of women and girls.

GRAB AAUW will have representation from a broad segment of organizations and programs including the Arts Forum, College and University Partners, Diversity, International Relations, Public Policy, Women Helping Women (WHW) and Women Helping Girls (WHG). GRAB AAUW's community partnerships include the Rochester Genesee Valley Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Center for Youth, University of Rochester, SUNY Brockport, Hobart and William Smith College, Monroe Community College,

Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Edison Technology High School and UNAR.

UNAR will present a Chinese Cultural Dance coordinated by Xuechen Bao and a Philippine Cultural Dance choreographed by Merle Snow.

Angela Clark, Program Manager of the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Rochester, and a number of student award winners will display art selections from their recent Art Show.

Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, Director of Women and Gender Studies at SUNY Brockport, will give a brief history of IWD. Dr. LeSavoy and Lucienne Nicholson will facilitate an intergenerational two-part activity which begins with a cultural dance performed by two Brockport graduate students, Marielys Burgos-Melendez and Angie Muzzy. Dr. LeSavoy and Ms. Nicholson will also lead group discussions and related activities.

During the celebration, we will collect donations for two international projects, Dress a Girl around the World and the Latham Mission Foundation School in Haiti. The goal of the Dress a Girl project is to protect young girls from human trafficking. It has been shown that wearing nice dresses is an important deterrent to traffickers. The Rochester Chapter of the Links is collecting items to assemble in survival kits for girls who attend the Latham Mission Foundation Schools. These kits contain feminine hygiene supplies, so girls will not have to miss school each month. Donations of feminine hygiene projects, lingerie and new panties are requested.

The diversity team, headed by Heidi Parreño, is preparing an array of delicious dishes representative of a variety of countries around the world for our buffet. The cost for the program is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members and no charge for students. Please email or call (244-8890) Felice with your reservation(s) by Monday, March 5.



■ 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

I think the 2012 NYS AAUW Convention is going to be one of the most exciting and inspiring of our NYS conventions. We have invited AAUW National Directors, politicians, college students, history site directors and visionaries of the trails future.

This is your chance to speak, question and walk among these great women of today. Below, you will find a letter from State Program Director Peggy Kelland, but because of space constraints, the list does not give the guests and speakers the vast breadth of their work and achievements. Each woman you meet and listen to will elevate and inspire you to Break through Barriers of your own. Please pay special attention to attending the Sunday morning "Momoirs" play performed by the Bath Branch and also the Sunday Lunch with speakers Susan Zimet, President and founder of *2020 Votes for Women*. She and her husband, Steve Auerbach, **will show us the marketing and vision for the year 2020—the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. What will be happening in preparation for full equality for our now 10 year olds who will vote for the first time in the year 2020? Come and hear the exciting plans.**

Do not miss this Convention. Register early at www.aauw-nys.org. I believe it will be a sell out!

Marilyn

Peggy Kelland,
AAUW-NYS V.P.
Program



AAUW-NYS Convention April 20-22, 2012 at the Woodcliff in Rochester:

The state convention is a wonderful opportunity to hear exciting speakers, learn more about our history and challenges, make new acquaintances from around New York State, and expand your involvement in AAUW - all in a luxurious setting, fueled by fine meals and invigorated by leisurely exercise opportunities.

Speakers: Kathy Kelm, head of the AAUW Volunteer Lobby Corps, and Louise Slaughter, Congresswoman from New York, will be our keynote speakers. Jane Roberts, cofounder of 34 Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund, is our international speaker. We will also have an LAF litigant and speakers on the Women's History Trail and on "2020: Project Women".

Workshops: Sessions both Saturday and Sunday, so you get to choose two! "The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on the Women's Rights Movement", "Harriet Tubman: Champion of Freedom", "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women of Buffalo", "Elizabeth Cady Stanton Lived and Worked Here", Chautauqua Women: Inspiration and Influence", "The Seneca Army Depot Peace Encampment", "The Temp Economy: From Kelly Girls to Permatemps", and "Clean Money, Clean Elections".

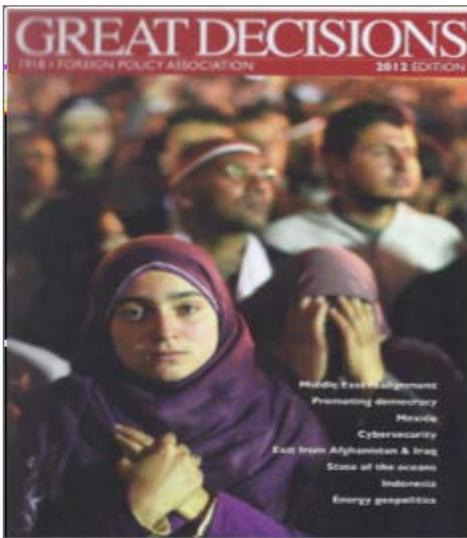
Networking: Meet many new people at military bridge on Friday. On Sunday, share with state and branch counterparts or sit with guest speakers at the Counterpart Breakfast. Join with women from around the state at meals and workshops.

AAUW: District, State, and National Association: Attend the annual state business meeting, hear Association Director at Large Dot McLane, and participate in your District Caucus.

Recreation: Tour the Susan B. Anthony House, walk the trails on the hotel grounds, swim for 34 Million Friends, and/or try the yoga session. Then relax at the cocktail receptions, enjoy local entertainment, and watch the Bath Branch's presentation of "Momoirs".

Peggy Kelland, AAUW-NYS V.P. Program

Foreign Policy Association America's Largest Discussion Program in World Affairs



- **Promoting Democracy: March 7 & 21**
- **Mexico: April 4 & 18**
- **Cybersecurity: May 9 & 23**
- **Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq: June 6 & 20**
- **State of the Oceans: July 4 & 18**
- **Indonesia: August 8 & 22**
- **Energy Geopolitics: September 5 & 19**

Where: AAUW building, 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY. 14607

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$25.00, Includes the Great Decisions Book 2012 and access to the DVD.

To register contact UNAR at unar@unar.org or 585-473-7286.

Participants can take turns leading or participating and attending as many meetings as possible.

Free parking available in the back of the building.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



By Marlene Gordon
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Winter presents no stop to our growing membership! Please help me welcome these newest GRAB AAUW members:

Marie Ferenchak is a retired kindergarten teacher from School #6 in Rochester. She received her Bachelor's degree in education from Youngstown State University in Ohio and her Master's in education from SUNY Brockport. She became interested in our branch through a Table Talk experience and also enjoys baking, gardening, tutoring, and politics.

Tamu Brown-Hutchinson is the Director of Planning and Community Relations at The Center for Youth. She received her Bachelor's in international business and economics from SUNY Brockport and her MBA at the University of Rochester Simon Graduate School of Business

Executive Program. Her work includes IT, operations, and fund development. She brings to us her administrative skills as well as her interests in travelling, life-long learning, holistic health, and leadership development.

Cynthia Kaleh also became interested in GRAB AAUW after attending one of our programs. She is currently a Monroe County Legislator and involved in a small business. A graduate of SUNY Geneseo in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Cynthia enjoys interests in politics, education, literacy, eucre, and women's issues. (Perhaps she has not yet been introduced to left-right-center.)

Another exciting new member is **Lee Kehoe**, a graduate student in community mental health counseling at the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. She previously received a BS in brain and cognitive science and a BA in psychology, both at the University of Rochester. She writes:

My passion is with serving the older adult population, having experience with gerontological mental health counseling. I have really developed my counseling skills through my program. I am a very active listener, extremely compassionate, and motivated to advocate for others. I'm also very curious by nature and therefore a lifelong learner, striving to gain understanding of individuals and systems, and furthermore applying my skills to contribute to the growth of those individuals and systems.

Lee is also interested in "old" records and music, history, skiing, and tennis, as well as participating in many of our activities, clubs, and committees.

As you can see, we are joined by an incredibly talented, experienced, dedicated, and enthusiastic new group of women. Clearly, we continue to build here at GRAB AAUW a force capable of accomplishing our mission and goals, creating a center of learning and advocacy in our East Avenue home for the girls and women of the entire Rochester community.

Marlene Gordon

House News

Greetings to all of you. There is not a lot of new news for you. As you know, we had to run a new gas line out to the Carriage House. This expense has set us back a bit financially, but the good news is we have had a mild winter. I have bought some gravel to put in the gap that is across the driveway. I will bring in more to fill it up. It will be paved over in the spring. I have purchased curtains for the first floor windows in the Carriage House. Actually, they are drapes that are lined with a heavy backing to keep out the drafts and to keep in the warmth. They block out 99% of the light, which is necessary when showing movies and power point presentations in the Carriage House.

Please stay warm and remember to be kind to each other.

Vickie



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Public Policy



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I would like to bring you up to speed on a few items happening on the AAUW national level. Judith Pfeil is the new chair of the national Public Policy Committee whose focus this year is on Getting Out The Vote (GOTV) in the upcoming elections. AAUW aims to make a huge impact on the outcome of these elections. Every member is encouraged to register and vote. For your convenience, Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Forms are available at the House. Let's try to make GRAB a major leader in this project!

Deepti Gudipati is the new Director of the Member Focused Leadership Program of the national Leadership Corps. Members serve as a resource in maintaining existing branches, organizing new ones, and branch programming. Leadership Corps supports the GOTV effort of the Public Policy Committee.

Thanks to Martha Keating, past Vice President of the Rochester Teachers Association. Martha brought us up to date on the Teacher Evaluation Process and discussed the status of the search for the new Superintendent of the Rochester City School District.

Elaine Spaul, our City Council Woman, kept us informed on how recent developments will impact plans that Heide Zimmer-Meyer from the Downtown Development Corporation discussed with us in the fall. These plans may have to be revised in light of the recent bankruptcy of Kodak and the change of plans of Paetec and other developments.

The March 24 Table Talk will be given by Mary Jo Colligan from Angels of Mercy who heads the New York State Dress A Girl Around the World Program. When I visited this remarkable program last month, I was astonished at how many people were involved and the number of dresses produced each month. As a follow up to the March Table Talk, on Saturday April 7 we will have a sewing day at the House to make dresses. A list of needed items is on the House bulletin board and in last month's bulletin. Please call Felicia or me regarding volunteering, donating, or working on other Table Talk programs held on the fourth Friday of every month.

Finally, Equal Pay Day is April 17. A panel discussion is being planned to continue the discussion begun in the October Table Talk program on Women and the Union. Please call or email me if you would like to work on this program.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A special thanks to members Ruth Tallmadge and Jane Gilman who made generous contributions to GRAB AAUW's Endowment Fund in 2011.

Also, a special thanks for all those who contributed to United Ways December 8, 2011 **ROC the Day Campaign**. Both our Women Helping Girls and our Women Helping Women Program received unexpected donations for which we are thankful. These donations did not appear on your 2011 contribution list due to us receiving our donations report in 2012. This glitch, our trustee treasurer Ginger Goyer assures me, will not happen again next year. Sorry if it has caused any inconvenience to you. Please let us know if you need this contribution added for your tax returns.



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Tea & Titles

Tea and Titles will meet on Wednesday, March 28 at 2pm at the Clubhouse.

Joy Kinz will be the leader, discussing **THE GRACE OF SILENCE: A MEMOIR** by MICHELE NORRIS. Michele is a regular contributor of stories for NPR's "All Things Considered". In her stunning and quietly beautiful new memoir she covers her father's life and reflects upon the African-American experience in the United States. She produces a winning book on all counts.

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend.

Joy Kinz and Maureen May

Knit Group.

We will meet on Thursday, March 8th at 10 o'clock in the Board Room. Please bring your current project. As usual, coffee, cookies and any topic of conversation will be available.

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History and Archives Interest Group

All interested members are invited to a meeting on Friday, March 9 at 2pm at the House.

The group will meet to create a plan to establish a branch archive and to begin historical research. We are especially interested in securing our recent and current history. Everyone is welcome.

If you cannot attend our meeting but share our interests, please contact Evelyn Bailey (244-9155, Evb1@rochester.rr.com) or Doris Meadows (328-4059, dmeadows@rochester.rr.com). Thank you.

Join Us:

March/April Lectures and Lunch Interest Group

LECTURES & LUNCH is chasing away the winter doldrums with programs that inform and educate.

March 7th Building Minds in the South Sudan What do you do when a school is bombed and destroyed? You call on inner strength and build a new one -- one that will include girls! Sebastian Maroundit will share his first hand emotional story.

April 4th High Acres Part II You did not need to attend the first lecture of this topic to join in further learning about the protection and monitoring of a local 250 acre park supported by volunteers, RIT and Waste Management. Mary Ann Cady expands her discussion to include the Development of an educational program utilizing the natural habit, Building wetlands from scratch, Certifications with the Wildlife Habitat Council and community partnerships. It is balancing nature with the demands of area society.

Speaker at 11am and Lunch at 12.

Lunch reservations may be made 2 ways. Cost is \$20.

Checks payable to GRAB AAUW:

CALL Mary Louise Writer 381 - 4368. Payable in cash or check day of event or MAIL check to Carol Zavada 21 Cottonwood Lane Pittsford, NY 14534

Poker club will be meeting in the carriage house on Friday, March 9 at 5:30. Please let Marilyn know if you will be coming so she can get a count for tables and pizza. All levels of players welcome.

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Conversing on Diversity: An Exchange of New ideas, New language and New Consciousness



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AAUW Presentation

March 10, 2012

10:00 – 12:00

Spirituality in the Age-ing Process: Is it Necessary?

Have you longed for a period of time to discuss issues relating to the Age-ing process particularly in the area of Spirituality?

This session is for you. It is an opportunity to contribute your knowledge, ask questions of each other and take time to reflect on the issues.

Facilitators Peg Morris and Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt will hold this round-table discussion with the attendees and promise this a time for everyone to be both teacher and learner.

Peg Morris has a Masters in Gerontology from D'Youville College. She was a social worker for over thirty years, working on the Adult Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit at Highland Hospital. She is a Certified Sage-ing Leader with the Sage-ing Guild.

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt has a Master's of Divinity degree from Loyola University of Chicago. She has been an educator for over five decades and is a Certified Sage-ing Leader with the Sage-ing Guild.

Bonjour! I am pleased to join Heide Parreño, our Diversity Chair, in her commitment to increase awareness about the benefits inherent in diversification of thoughts. Heidi, recognizing the growing importance of culture in all its aspects, is working to make sure that our branch is positioned to move with this century and benefit from the multicultural heritage of some of our members. Heidi believes that we all benefit when we value the differences each member brings to AAUW. My diversity is multifold. I was born in Haiti where I lived until I was sixteen years old. Prior to settling in Rochester, I have lived in New York City, Miami and Boca Raton, Florida. I have also lived in Paris, France. My Haitian heritage has afforded me two languages, French and Haitian Creole. Haitian culture is a combination of strong African culture and French acculturation. I simultaneously live three identities in one: Afro-Haitian, Francophone-post-Colonialist, and a naturalized American; from these identities, I hope to add yet another option of “being” to the organization.

Merci,
Lucienne



Women Helping Girls

Look back and look forward at WHG events:

Heberle Stables (January)

1. 27 attended
2. Owner spoke about the equestrian business at the beginning, and the girls were able to groom the horses and ride

MCC Girls' Basketball Game (January)

1. 13 attended
2. We watched the girl's play and shared team time and pizza after the game. Several of the basketball players shared "their story" prior to arriving at MCC.
3. This event was planned by College Bound - a great opportunity for our girls to be on a college campus participating in campus life activities!

Movie Screening WXXI (February 12)

1. 20 attended
2. More Than a Month asks "should there be an end to Black History Month?" That question is explored by African-American filmmaker Shukree Hassan Tilghman as he embarks on a cross-country campaign to do just that. Both amusing and thought provoking, the film examines what the treatment of history tells us about race and power in contemporary America. The film takes the form of a road trip that begins in Washington, D.C., crisscrosses the country during Black History Month 2010, and ends with an epilogue one year later. Combining cinema verité, man-on-the-street interviews, and inspired dramatizations, the film is a first-person narrative of the filmmaker's quest to understand the implications of Black History Month.
3. After the movie there was a discussion time engaging the girls and the community.
4. This was a wonderful partnership opportunity with WXXI and Kuumba Consultants!

St. John Fisher College Tour (February 22)

GEVA - A Raisin in the Sun (March 1)

International Women's Day (March 8)

Amy Kauffman

Event Coordinator, Women Helping Girls, AAUW

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

Member Milestones

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Linda Contreras on February 19. Linda was a life partner of member Linda Reid for 39 years. Linda Contreras was an artist who has exhibited her work at AAUW and many galleries in Rochester and in Florida. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and family.



Some News of the Day

Marilyn Tedeschi was the keynote speaker at the Annual Susan B. Anthony Center Awards Evening. This event which honored several students was held at the University of Rochester campus on February 9th. Marilyn spoke of the early history of the U of R and the Rochester Branch of the American Association of University Women. Several members of the Rochester branch attended.

Congratulations to Mary Harris as she begins her new assignment at Catholic Family Center as the Vice-president of Human Resources.

Betty Lindley is once again teaching a class at Oasis on Short Stories.

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 on Friday, March 9 at 5:30 in the Carriage House.

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.

March 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:00-3pm Bridge A	3
4	5	6 10-3-FF- Retired Teachers Bridge	7 11-FF-Lecture & Lunch 1-2:30 pm Great Decisions	8 10-12 Knitting International Women’s Day	9 2pm History & Archives	10 9-4pm-CH Holistic Health
11	12	13 10-3-FF- Crazy 8’s	14	15 10-3-FF- Ladies Duplicate Bridge	16	17
18	19	20 4-5:30-BR- AAUW Board Mtg.	21 1-2:30 pm Great Decisions	22	23 12-1:30 Table Talk	24
25	26	27	28 10:00-3-FF- Brdge B 2-3:30-Lib- Tea/Titles	29	30	31

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
April Newsletter is
March 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.