

Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 29



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Join us for our Annual Branch Meeting and dinner on Tuesday, May 29. Please note the change in date. All are welcome to come and participate in this important meeting. Highlights of the annual meeting include election and installation of new officers. Nominations from the floor are encouraged and will be accepted by Beverly Vaughan, this year’s nominations committee chair. Many thanks to Beverly and her committee members, including Myrtle Merritt, Sharon Clark, and Dorothy Pecoraro. Edith Thoburn will administer the oath of office to our newly-elected officers. A review of achievements this year, including those of our Women Helping Girls and Women Helping Women programs will be presented. Treasurer Ginger Goyer will review the financial status of our branch and present our 2012-2013 budget. Board Directors will present their ideas for the coming year and ask for membership ideas for our summer planning retreat.

The meeting schedule is 5:30 social hour, 6:00 dinner, and 7:00 annual meeting. The dinner menu will be mixed green salad, lemon chicken cutlet or spanakopita with rice and sautéed vegetables, and triple chocolate cake for dessert. Please call Felice at 244-8890 if you will need a ride when you call in or email your reservation(s). The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 25. Hope to see you there!



■ **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.

State of Nominees:

Program Vice President	Catherine Dean
Membership Vice President	Marlene Gordon
Development Vice President	Myrtle Merritt
Recording Secretary	Nancy Jones
Membership Treasurer	Lynne Mitchell
Corresponding Secretary	Open to nominations from the floor

Open positions appointed by the President:

- Legal Advocacy Fund Chair
- Education Opportunity Fund Chair
- Public Policy Chair
- Women Helping Women Chair
- Interest Group Chair



*By Marilyn
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From the President's Desk

2012 AAUW New York State Convention is a Huge Success

Thanks to all who volunteered to help. Nothing can get accomplished without the volunteer help of many. The biggest thank you goes to my co-chair of the Convention, Susan Hoover, and of course AAUW NYS President Eileen Hartmann.

GRAB AAUW wins 21st Century Awards in the following Areas: congratulations to these chairs!

1. First Place in International Programs- International Women's Day- Chair Amanda Jackson-Jacobs
2. Special recognition for increasing membership by 2.51% - VP Membership-Marlene Gordon.
3. 2012 Public Policy recognition for Voter Education Campaign - Director-Pat Thompson
4. Newsletter of Excellence Award-Felice Edwards

Thanks to Vickie Fumia for registering early. This made her eligible to win a \$500 scholarship money for the branch and she won! Way to go, Vic! We will be forming a scholarship committee.

A special thanks to Nancy Shadd from the Fairport Area Branch (FAB) for coordinating all the volunteers for the convention. The following GRAB members and friends volunteered before, during and after the Convention:

Kathy Bishop, Esther Blackman, Lorraine Cappellino, Laurie Ditzel, Barbara Drachman, Adriene Emmo, Wendy and Miche Fambro, Marie Ferenchak, Vickie Fumia, Marlene Gordon, Barbara LeSavoy, Kathy Littleton, Doris Meadows, Myrtle Merritt, Jane Murray, Lucienne Nicholson, Heide Parreño, Rosemary Pautz, Ruth Scott, Glenda Pellito, Pat Thompson, and Kathy Toole

Without them, we couldn't have done it. Much thanks to all of you!

Marilyn Tedeschi

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There were several omissions in the April Newsletter report and Lynne Mitchell's name was misspelled. The following names were deleted from the listing of contributors to the Annual Appeal: Edith Thoburn, Norah Tierney, Judith Trabert, Beverly Barr Vaughan, Elizabeth Webb, Rosemarie Wolf and Carol Zavada.

My apologies to each of you.

Myrtle Merritt
VP of Development



1. GRAB Friends - Barbara Drachman, Barbara LeSavoy, Lucienne Nicholson, Marlene Gordon, Heide Parreño and Myrtle Merritt.
2. NY State President Eileen Hartmann, Buffalo Branch President Barbara Carrier and Congresswomen Kathy Hochul.
3. President and CEO of the Susan B. Anthony House Deborah Hughes and Rochester Branch President & 2012 AAUW NYS Convention Director Marilyn Tedeschi
4. Honorable Sandra Frankel and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's great-great-granddaughter Coline Jenkins holding Susan B. Anthony Purse.



Public Policy



Patricia Shurn Thompson
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Linda Deveronica presented at the April 27th Table Talk, bringing us up to date with the many programs now part of St Joseph's Villa. We enjoyed a lively interactive discussion.

On Saturday, April 7, the house was abuzz with the hum of sewing machines, the rustling of patterns and fabric as the laughter and chatter of the women creating the dolls and dresses that were being made could be heard as you walked in the front door. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dress A Girl Around The World Sewing Day.

One of our members brought in a bag full of dresses she made at home. She came to just drop off her donation and got caught up in the excitement at the doll making table. Thank you to all of our members who left donations of yarn, fabric, pillow cases and other sewing notions. We made twenty two dresses, thirty kits, cut out many dresses, and made dolls, as well as starting some to be completed at future Sewing Days to be held around the city. A special thank you goes to Dorothy Rossi for serving the snacks and lunch throughout the day. Twenty women, members, friends and family came out to join in. We hope to have three new members as a result of the event. Thank you to Mary Jo Colligan, Anna and Sandra Martinez from Dress A Girl.

Joy Kinz is interested in Dress A Girl as an interest group. If you are interested give me or Joy a call. Maybe we can start a group that meets once a month or so to continue in this effort. If not you can participate by going to St Cecelia's on Culver Road the third Tuesday of the month between 3:00 and 7:00 or you can go to the Angels of Mercy web site for dates of Sewing Days in the community.

The dresses we made were given to little girls who participated in the camp held over Spring Break for students in the City School District.

It is time to make suggestions for next year's Table Talk program!
Don't forget to smell the lilacs!

Pat Thompson
Public Policy Director

History Committee

Anyone interested in Oral Histories is welcome to attend a presentation on **Oral History: Why, How and Things To Remember** on **Thursday, May 17 at 1 pm**. Our presenter will be Preston Pierce, an expert in the area of Oral History. Preston is the Regional Archivist for the NYS Archives Department and the Ontario County Historian. Preston has given talks, workshops, and seminars on Oral History, as well as conducted many oral history interviews himself.

Thursday, May 17 1pm AAUW House Board Room.

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

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.

History & Archives – Doris
Meadows 328-4059

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

Poker – Poker Club - Marilyn
Tedeschi - next meeting will be on
Friday, May 11, at 5:30pm in
the carriage house. All levels
of players welcome.

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.

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10-3-FF- Retired Teachers Bridge	2 11-FF-Lecture & Lunch	3	4 10:00- 3pm Bridge A	5
6	7	8 10-3-FF- Crazy 8's	9 1-2:30 pm Great Decisions	10 10-12 Knitting 4-6pm Mystery Book Club	11 5:30pm Poker	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 4-5:30-BR- AAUW Board Mtg	16	17 10-3-FF- Ladies Duplicate Bridge 1pm History & Archives	18	19
20	21	22	23 10:00-3-FF- Brdge B 1-2:30 pm Great Decisions 2-3:30-Lib- Tea/Titles	24	25 12-1:30 Table Talk	26
27	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29 5:30 Annual Meeting	30	31		

Lectures and Lunch Interest Group

Wednesday May 2nd at 11:00 A.M., is your final opportunity, for this year, to join the lecture and lunch group. You will be entertained by Rachel Neece a classic guitarist from ESM. She plans to pursue her studies for a master's and doctorate in music performance starting with Lorenzo Micheli at the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana next year. Just listening to her will be a great way to relax after our State Convention, and if you were not there this is just a wonderful way to enjoy another Spring morning. (NO SNOW IN THE FORECAST)

Following her performance you will be treated to another Orange Glory gourmet luncheon - Key Lime Coconut Chicken on a Spring Salad Mix and, as always, another wonderful dessert. Cost for event is \$20. Should you only be able to attend Rachel's performance a donation of \$5.00 at the door will be appreciated.

Please send your reservation and check by April 26 to Carol Zavada, 21 Cotton Wood Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534. Any dietary problems let Rosemary Pautz know - 381-3599.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

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**The deadline for the
June Newsletter is
May 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.