

Historian Mary Q. Chapin to Speak at Branch Meeting on Tuesday, October 11



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"Susan B. Anthony and George Francis Train in Kansas, 1867"

Mary Chapin will tell the story of two of the most dynamic personalities of the 1800s. Susan B. Anthony had given her life to work for abolition of slavery and women's rights. Now, in the Kansas of 1867, she was alone and bitterly persecuted on all sides. Enter George Francis Train who was tall, dark, handsome, wealthy and gregarious. He was famous for his life of business acumen and daring, and he admired Miss Anthony.

They campaigned for a woman's right to vote in Kansas and almost won. It was Train's financial support that created Anthony's newspaper, *The Revolution*. Anthony was criticized for her relationship with the controversial Mr. Train. Their warm friendship ended only with his death in 1904.

Mrs. Chapin came to New York in 1956 as a young wife and immediately embarked on a course of civic action that she sustained and expanded through decades of service to the community. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Binghamton University, majoring in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. That interest was mirrored in her distinguished career as Senior Personnel Administrator for the NYS public sector, where she was recognized for her excellence with the Governor's Office of Labor Management Award. She served as President of Dispute Resolution International and was appointed a Labor Arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association.

From 2001-2006 Mrs. Chapin served as the first female host of WUTR's popular Mohawk Valley Seniors, the longest running show in the Mohawk Valley. She is probably best known for her tireless historical work. As co-chair of the Mohawk Valley Women's History Project, she spearheaded a six-year campaign for a Day of Commemoration for Susan B. Anthony. Governor George F. Pataki signed the Bill into law on November 5, 2004.

Mary was Past President of the Utica/Rome Metro League of Women Voters and served one term as Vice President of the Mohawk Valley Branch of AAUW.

Mary Chapin is listed in *Who's Who in American Women* and *Who's Who in the World*, served as a Governor-appointed Trustee for Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) and in 2007 Senator Joseph A. Griffo honored her as one of NYS Women of Distinction.

Mary is the author of several women's history plays including *Women's Suffrage: A Dream of Full Citizenship*, and *Susan B. Anthony's Work for Abolition of Slavery*. She teaches Women's History classes for the Mohawk Valley Institute of Learning in Retirement.

Our dinner menu will be: Butternut squash soup, chicken cutlet with artichokes and lemon or veggie lasagna with chocolate cream pie for dessert, coffee or tea. Cost \$20.00

Please call Felice at 244-8890 for dinner reservations by Friday, October 7th at 3pm.

The meeting schedule is:

- * 5:30 p.m. Registration & Social Hour
- * 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- * 7:00 p.m. Presentation

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.

Calendar



Lecture & Lunch
Wednesday, October 5,
11am-2pm

In observance of
Columbus Day, Oct. 10,
the office will be closed.

Table Talk
Friday, October 21
12-1:30pm
Please Bring a Bag
Lunch, Coffee and Tea
Provided

If you would like to
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Newsletter@aauwrochester.org

From the President's Desk

By Marilyn Tedeschi,
President
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Looks like we have another full month of activities for October starting with The National Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Oct 1, The United Nations Program on Freedom of the Press on Oct 3 and then the YWCA Luncheon on Oct 5.

Speakers for our branch dinner, lunch and lecture, holistic health and table talk should all prove to be very interesting this month. Our art forum is hosting a new artist. On October 29, our chapter is hosting the AAUW District 2 Conference. This is an opportunity to meet members of the other chapters in our district and hear what they are doing. We are featuring two of our new members at the conference, Régine Calvar and Uma Gupta. Following this article is the schedule for the day and the registration form. Please consider coming, meeting new friends and dialoging about important issues. Also, I will need 3 volunteers for registration and set up. Please call or email me if you are interested in volunteering and get your registration form in by October 14.

Congratulations to member Ruth Scott for her community service award from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. A special thanks to the development committee, Myrt, Anne, Dorothy and Nancy K. for their work and generosity in food donations. Thanks to Carol Achilles and Marilyn Hoover for their administration of the event. Thanks to Elsie Herden and Nancy Jones for the table and door prizes, to our kitchen crew and cake makers, Nora, Vickie, Barbara, Nancy D., and Cathy; our humblest gratitude goes out to Dr. Nora Wilcox for her generous match to our card party funds in memory of her mother. The event was a total success and the charvari chairs are paid for! Please watch for our new web site launch this month, and let us know how you like it: www.aauwrochester.org
 Onward!

Marilyn

Call for Volunteers for the AAUW New York State Convention at Woodcliff Hotel & Spa on April 20, 21 & 22, 2012.

Need 3 hour shifts for registration, hospitality and workshop monitors.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call or email Marilyn at 585-244-4107
marilyntee@aauwrochester.org

GLORIA STEINEM IS COMING

Please join us. Gloria Steinem will be the featured speaker at the Planned Parenthood Fund Raiser: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 12 noon
 Rochester Convention Center

Gloria Steinem is one of the great women leaders in the movement for equality. She led The Woman's Action Alliance National Political Caucus, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and founded/edited Ms. Magazine.

If are interested in attending this event, please call 244-8890 to make a reservation. Leave name, phone #, and number of guests.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



By Marlene Gordon
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NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION

On Sunday, October 23 we will host our Annual New and Prospective Member Reception at the Perkins Mansion from 2pm - 4pm. This is a great opportunity for new members, continuing members, and prospective members to meet and mingle.

As our mission is to grow our membership, we strongly encourage each current member to invite and bring at least one prospective new member.

WHAT FUN!!!! Food and beverage!!! Music and mingling!!! Tea and Tours!! Fabulous Company!!!

Please invite a perspective member and call (402-5529) or email Marlene Gordon with your name and the names and addresses of your guests by October 18.

We will send your guests a lovely invitation. DON'T MISS this great event!!!! See you there!!!

Membership Committee

Marlene Gordon, Nancy Kleintop, Anne Miller

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

Congratulations to Ruth H. Scott on receiving the Joe U. Posner Founders Award for Philanthropy given by the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Ruth is a member of our Diversity Team, one of the "Women of Wisdom." She was featured in the Democrat and Chronicle on September 15, 2011, page 5B entitled "Honoring a Legacy of Seeking Change." A quote from the article: "Former City Council chairwoman Ruth H. Scott told the crowd at the Rochester Area Community Foundation about the impact her parents and family have had on her philanthropy." The Posner Founders Award recognizes those who helped build the Community Foundation, and Ruth was its first African-American chairperson and a longtime board member. We rejoice with you, Ruth!

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College and University Partners by Barbara LeSavoy

Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, Chair of GRAB /AAUW College and University Partners and Director of Women and Gender Studies at The College at Brockport has been selected as Institute Fellow under a two-year SUNY NEH funded COIL Institute for Globally Networked Learning in the Humanities, partnering with Novgorod State University in Russia.

COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) Institute for Globally Networked Learning in the Humanities, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), selected LeSavoy to become part of this two-year project. COIL received nearly forty institutional grant applications from colleges and universities across the United States. LeSavoy at Brockport, in partnership with Dr. Elena Lukovitskaya at Novgorod State University in Russia, are one of twenty-two teams selected to work together as Institute Fellows. The project supports the collaboration of faculty, instructional designers, international programs staff and administrators from academic institutions in the US and abroad, who will develop courses to teach and share knowledge from a global perspective.

LeSavoy and Lukovitskaya, working under the group, "Human Societies: College at Brockport/Novgorod State University, Russia," will use blended technology to mount a globally networked course, "Sex and Gender Across Cultures," likely live for spring '12 or fall '12. LeSavoy and Lukovitskaya are scheduled to attend a COIL seminar at the SUNY Global Center in NYC in September where their work will begin in earnest.

Also from College and University Partners, "My Brockport" a new College at Brockport campus web-based resource for students recently added a link to AAUW College University Partners, making this resource visible to students. As an AAUW college/university partner, all Brockport students have e-student affiliate membership to AAUW, and with this, access to AAUW resources, including leadership and professional development connections; fellowships, grants, and scholarships; and opportunities for networking and outreach on campus and beyond. LeSavoy, college/university partner chair, hopes to disseminate this e-template to other area colleges holding college/university membership status to make this AAUW resource more visible to students/faculty/staff.

Public Policy



*By Patricia Shurn Thompson,
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Table Talk 2011-2012

Dates and Speakers:

October 28 –Shelly Clements, NYSUT, The Importance of Unions Today (and to Women)
 November 18 - Timothy Kneeland; The November 2011 Elections
 December 16 (that week) - Cherry Ridge Chirpers; Holiday Sing a Long
 January 27 – Adam Urbanski, New Teacher Evaluation Procedures
 February 24 – City Councilwoman Elaine Spaul, Council Update
 March 23 – Mary Jo Colligan, Angels of Mercy/Dress A Girl Around the World;
 April 27 – Linda DeVeronica, St. Joseph's Villa Today
 May 18 – Dr. Karen Berger, Recycled
 June 22 – Lynda Howland, Globetrotting and Spreading Goodwill

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, October 13, at 10am in the Dining Room. Among other things we will be examining the pattern for the Balaclava. Coffee, cookies and conversation as usual. All are welcome. If you have questions please contact Beverly Vaughan, 383-0896, bvaughan@rochester.rr.com

Upcoming Lectures and Lunch Activities

November 2 - Walk the Dream. Five young Rochester adults recently walked across America documenting and photographing their journey to learn about the people, heart, and soul of our country.

December 7 - Wednesday Morning Musicale. A long-time favorite instrumental group lures us to leave behind cold winter thoughts and welcome our festive spirit.

Tea & Titles Oct. 26, 2pm Beverly Vaughan will lead the discussion on the Oct. book, Cleopatra, a Life by Stacy Schiff. The author separates fact from fiction to rescue the magnetic queen whose death ushered in a new world order. (Forget Elizabeth Taylors's version) All are welcome to join us. Refreshments served.

By Joy Kinz

Poker Club has added Texas Hold Em, Bunko, and Left Right Center to our list of games to play. Much fun and laughter is the order of the day. We meet the second Friday of each month from 7 to 9pm starting on November 11.

Please call or email Marilyn Tedeschi with questions or if you would like to join this interest group. 244-4107, marilyntee@aol.com



The fall is always a very busy time for arts events and GRAB AAUW Art Forum joined in the season's go-round with a new exhibit of large, boldly colored paintings by Sophia Amm. This exhibit continues through Friday, October 28.



Lorie Seagren Director
Art Forum and Gallery

Member Show Coming Soon

A reminder for our artist members and our guest artists! The annual members' show is coming soon. The show will continue through November and December. Put these dates on your calendar.

Drop off date for artwork	Monday, October 31	10:00 am — 12:00 pm
Reception	Sunday, November 13	2:00 pm — 4:00 pm
Closing date	Friday, January 6	
Pick up date	Monday, January 9	10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Member Artists Out and About

Laura Jackett's photograph, Little House on the Prairie, was included in the 2011 63rd Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition at the Memorial Art Gallery.

Nancy Richards and Lorie Seagren photographs are represented in the show entitled **Small** at High Falls Art Gallery. Public Reception Sunday, October 9 from 3:00 to 6:00. Show closes on November 4.

Members artists are encouraged to let me know what you are doing so that I can include the news in our AAUW newsletter.
dseagren@aol.com or 585 244 9892

Leadership Development Committee

*By Helen Jae Cheves,
Leadership Development*

The Leadership Development Committee held its first fall workshop, "Stirring the Soul through Leadership Development," on Saturday, September 17, 2011. The guest presenter, "Doc Melody" Cofield, President of You Rock Academy, facilitated an excellent three-hour workshop for the 15 attendees.

The 2nd fall workshop titled, "Building Blocks of Leadership," will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 10 am - 1:00 pm in the AAUW Carriage house.

Topics for the three-hour workshop include:

1. Personal Leadership Statement
2. Assessment of Leadership Style
3. Development of Leadership Goals

The hands-on workshop will provide a forum and an opportunity for women to examine many aspects of personal and professional leadership in a strength-based, nurturing environment.

R.S.V.P to: Helen Jae Cheves, 585-395-9230,
consult@Iistepsahead.com

Educational Loan Fund

Library News

My name is Christine Simons and I am the volunteer librarian for AAUW. I worked for the Irondequoit Library for twelve years; now, I enjoy working as a librarian substitute for Irondequoit, Henrietta, and Central libraries. You will find me in the Arts and Music Division of the Central Library two Sundays a month from October-May. I also facilitate a classic book discussion group for the Irondequoit Libraries on the last Thursday of the month.

I am continuing to organize the AAUW library little by little, and hopefully you are able to find the books you are interested in. Historical fiction is noted by the yellow dot on the spine; mysteries are noted by the green dot on the spine, and non-fiction books are on the side of the library where the kitchen is.

If you have new best sellers that need a home, our library would be glad to house them for you! When returning a book, please put it in the basket in the cloak room marked "returns". If you are donating a book, please put it in the basket in the cloak room marked "donations."

If you have any ideas, concerns, or questions regarding the library, please give them to Felice and she will forward them to me.

Thank you.

October Lectures and Lunch Interest Group

Wednesday October 5 the Lectures and Lunch Interest Group will warmly welcome "Joining Hearts and Hands Ltd", a non-profit organization working to fight AIDS and poverty in Kenya. Joining Hearts and Hands Ltd also services neighborhoods in Kenya through a variety of ways including rebuilding schools and providing scholarships for secondary school students.

Co-founders William C. Cala and Joanne M. Cala will share their passions to provide hope and to serve others in crisis.

Prior to his involvement in Africa, Dr. Cala was the superintendent of the Fairport Central School District. Joanne Cala, Ed.M. serves as vice president, treasurer and founding member of the organization. She has served as a Red Cross Mental Health Supervisor during the Katrina disaster, a teacher and a college professor.

Please come to welcome and support this informational lecture at 11am on October 5. Lunch will follow at noon.

Lunch reservations may be made with a \$ 20 check payable to GRAB AAUW
Send to Helen Beveridge 33 Woodcliff Terrace Fairport, NY 14450
Please send by September 29.

Mary Louise Riter welcomes any questions 381 - 4368.

Holistic Health Wellness



By Heide Parreño, Diversity Chair
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We have an exciting program for Friday, October 7 from 7 - 9 PM. The topic is Sage-ing, a change of paradigm from Aging to Sage-ing by creating a community of leaders to transmit the wisdom of Sage-ing. This is based on the book, *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older* by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller.

The Sage-ing Program is a process that invites its participants to cultivate their lives and make the years of elder hood a time of joy, wisdom and connection to the source of what is best within them. The Sage-ing Program is considered trans-denominational. It includes concepts from the world's Wisdom Traditions. However, it is not about religion. It is about the way we are all inter-connected which is called our "spirituality".

Our presenters are two excellent Facilitators of the Sage-ing Program.

Peg Morris

Peg Morris brings over thirty-years of Social Work experience in Gerontology to her Sage-ing work. She has a B.S. in Social Work from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a M. S. in Gerontology from D'Youville College. Peg is retired from Highland Hospital where she spent the last twenty years working in the Acute Care for Elders

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt

Rosalie has been an educator for over fifty years. She has a B.S. in Education from Rider University and a Master of Divinity degree from Loyola University of Chicago. She brings years of Adult Education experience which is participant-centered to the Sage-ing work.

Many of the issues that are discussed in the Sage-ing Program are serious. Often they are difficult to discuss. Therefore, the facilitators always attempt to create an atmosphere that is respectful, confidential, safe, light-hearted and joyful.

House News

By Vickie Fumia
House VP
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There is not a lot to report for the past month. Everything has been quiet. The carpet is in on the second floor of the Carriage House and looks wonderful. It is fire-rated and the pad has a nice cushion feel to it. The window sill has been scraped and repainted in the WHG room. I have found a gutter person to replace the heat cables on the roof and gutters above the WHG room and hope we have solved that problem. The boys and I have been going over housekeeping, and I have pointed out a number of areas that need attention.

If there is any area that needs my attention, please feel free to tell me about it. Please remember to be kind to each other!

Vickie

New York State American Association of University Women 2011 District Two Fall Conference

**Invitation All AAUW Members in District 2 Branches – Alfred Hornell, Bath, Elmira/Corning,
Fairport, Greater Rochester Area, and Yates County**

Wishes, Wisdom, Ethics and Integrity

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9:00 to 3pm

The Perkins Mansion, 494 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

Meeting Highlights

- 9:00 Registration, Breakfast & Mansion Tours**
Words from State and National AAUW-Eileen Hartmann
The NY State 2012 Convention-Marilyn Tedeschi
Branch Bags and 2011-2012 Initiatives-All branch leaders
GRAB AAUW STEM Initiative – Uma Gupta & Nita Brown
- 12:00 Lunch buffet**
Keynote Speaker: Régine Calvar
End of Life Issues
Ethics & Integrity Dialogue & Breakout
- 2:00 Elections 2010 & 2011 What has changed?**
2:30 Wrap up and next steps

Registration: **\$20.00 includes Breakfast and Lunch**
RSVP by October 14, 2011

Checks should be made out to: GRAB AAUW

Send to:

District 2 Conference

GRAB AAUW

494 East Avenue

Rochester, New York 14607

Registration Form

Name_____Branch_____

Branch Position: Officer_____Member_____Guest_____

Telephone_____email_____

Please direct all inquiries to Felice Edwards at 585-244-8890 or fedwards@aauwrochester.org

Interest Groups & Upcoming Events

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 – Marilyn Tedeschi, Phone: 585-244-4107. We play poker the second Friday of the month from 7-9 pm. All are 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 5-7pm UNAR Reception	3	4 10-3 Retired Teachers Bridge	5 11am Lecture & Lunch	6	7 10-3 Bridge A 7-9 Holistic Health	8
9	10 Columbus Day Office Closed	11 10:30-3 Crazy 8's 5:30-8:30 Branch Dinner	12	13 10-12 Knitting	14 7-9pm Poker	15 10-1pm Leadership Development Committee
16	17	18 4-5:30 GRAB AAUW Bd. Mtg.	19	20	21 12-1pm Table Talk	22
23 2-4pm Prospective Members Social	24	25 4:30-6pm Sierra Club	26 10-3 Bridge B 2-3:30 Tea/Titles 3:30-6 Schoolmarms	27	28	29 8-2 AAUW District 2 Conference
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 as well!

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

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**The deadline for the
November Newsletter is
October 15, 2011**

Please email items to Felice at
Newsletter@aauwrochester.org

We welcome suggestions or
contributions to include in future
newsletters. Please contact us at the
mailing address above or via e-mail:
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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.