



Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

American Association of University Women Greater Rochester Area Branch

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

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Keynote Speaker: Karen Magnuson,
Editor and Vice President/News,
Democrat and Chronicle

SCHEDULE

- 11:00 Arrival
- 11:15 Welcome & Introductions/ Program
- 12:15 Light Refreshments / Table Conversations
- 12:45 Wrap Up

MENU

Spinach, artichoke and feta quiche
 -Mixed field green salad
 -Chicken salad over greens for the gluten free option - mixed berry cheesecake
 Price: \$18.00

REGISTRATION

To RSVP call Ellen Lewis by Wednesday, January 7, 3:00 pm at 585-435-7202 or elewis@perkinsmansion.org

BRANCH LUNCH - January 10 REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING

As we approach Dr. King's birthday on January 19th, I am reminded of his speech "[Where Do We Go From Here?](#)," delivered at the 11th Annual Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga. In his speech, Dr. King says, "first the line of progress is never straight. For a period a movement may follow a straight line and then it encounters obstacles and the path bends. It is like curving around a mountain when you are approaching a city. Often it feels like you are moving backwards and you lose sight of your goal, but in fact you are moving ahead and soon you will see the city again closer by."



The 2014 events and the obstacles we witnessed nationally and internationally seemed to make the path Dr. King hoped for us seem almost impossible to reach. In Rochester, we chose Community!

A movement to build community around [Facing Race and Embracing Equity](#) led by the **Democrat and Chronicle** has begun this journey to build an inclusive community. Here at GRAB AAUW and in keeping with our mission of "diversity and inclusion" we are also participants on this journey to build a community where all are welcomed and included.

Our speaker this month will be **Karen Magnuson**, Editor and Vice President/News of the Democrat and Chronicle Media Group, who will discuss this very topic and Unite Rochester. "In taking on racial disparities, both the challenges and the rewards are great!"

Special Thank You to **Cynthia Herriott**, VP of Public Policy at GRAB AAUW and Unite Rochester Chair of the Justice Committee, for securing our speaker.

This promises to be an inspiring, rewarding and most timely conversation. Join us and bring a fellow member and a friend! Let's move us "closer so we can see that city again."

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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ELECTION

one member, one vote

2015 Local Election

The nominating committee is comprised of two board members Barbara LeSavoy, PhD, and Helen Jae Cheves and three GRAB AAUW branch members, Ruth Scott, Angela Clark Taylor, and one additional member. If you want to be part of the committee contact Helen Cheves.

Positions to be filled are:

- President
- Development Vice President
- House Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer for Membership

Elected officers will take office on July 1, 2015. All GRAB AAUW branch members can participate in the nomination process. Nomination deadline is April 15, 2015. To nominate an individual or self-nominate, send email nomination to:

Barbara LeSavoy, blesavoy@brockport.edu Or
Helen Jae Cheves, Consult@Iistepsahead.com

Nominations can also be mailed directly to AAUW to the attention of Barbara LeSavoy or Helen Jae Cheves
GRAB AAUW, 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

2015 National Election

The AAUW Board of Directors has approved the following slate of candidates to run for office in the 2015 AAUW national election. Complete biographies of the candidates will be posted [here](#) in late January 2015.

- Candidate for President, Patricia Fae Ho
- Candidate for Vice President, Alicia Hetman

Important Dates:

January 29, 2015 Candidate profiles posted to website Mid-March 2015. Voter PIN mailed to members with the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook; final slate of candidates, bylaws proposals, and resolutions published in the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook.

April 1, 2015 Opening date to request paper ballot; voter PIN e-mailed to members

April 15, 2015 Voting begins online

May 8, 2015 Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot

May 26, 2015 Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted

June 18-21, 2015 AAUW National Convention, San Diego

June 19, 2015 Online voting ends at 9 p.m. PDT

Questions about the application, election, or nomination process? Read the national election FAQ.

Click [here](#) to download the application for Candidates for Election to the 2015-17 AAUW Board of Directors

SAVE THE DATE! 
April 17th - 19th, 2015

THE 2015 AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION:

AAUW Leading the Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century
[Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa, Grand Island, NY](#)

Special Recognition:

A celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the AAUW Buffalo Branch

Workshops will address topics such as :

- 21st Century Education Issues
- The Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs of Women Elected Officials: Women Leading NY into the 21st Century
- Countdown to the Century of Women's Right to Vote in the US
- Domestic Violence and Women's Self Empowerment
- And more!

AAUW develops women leaders by strengthening their sense of empowerment. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!*

* Registration information will be on the AAUW-NYS website beginning in January 2015

Goodbye to Ana

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Ana as she leaves her position at AAUW-GRAB. She has finished her MBA and is taking on a new career challenge. We thank her for her tremendous professional and personal contributions during the last 2 years, and we wish her continued success and happiness.

Development Committee

ANNUAL APPEAL

Annual appeal letters were mailed to members on November 1. To date, \$2365 has been contributed by 22 individuals. Although December 31 was listed as a deadline, contributions will be welcomed through the fiscal year.

Myrtle Merritt, Development VP

Pledge to help Unite Rochester



Residents across the county can help reduce fear and mistrust among people with differences. Sign the [Unite Rochester pledge](#) and send it to *Democrat and Chronicle*, c/o **Karen Magnuson**, Editor and Vice President/News, 55 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614

UNITE ROCHESTER PLEDGE

I acknowledge the challenges encountered along racial and economic lines in our community and pledge to overcome our differences and disagreements in a way that unites us.

I will seek to engage in constructive and direct conversations with those who think differently.

And I pledge that my conversations and actions will respect the dignity of all those in the Greater Rochester community.

Finally, I believe our unity will ultimately bring us together AND result in meaningful change for our region.

Mark Assini, Gates Supervisor
Maggi Brooks, County Executive
Michael Ciminelli, Rochester Police Chief

Tim Donaher, Monroe County Chief Public Defender
Sandra Doorley, Monroe County District Attorney
Malik Evans, City School Board
Cynthia Herriott-Sullivan, Co-chair, Unite Rochester Justice Committee
Anne Kress, President, Monroe Community College

James F. Lawrence, retired D&C Editorial page editor
Karen Magnuson, Editor and VP/News, *Democrat and Chronicle*
Bishop Salvatore Matano, Rochester Catholic Diocese
Tim McCauley, Community activist
George Moses, Community activist
Patrick O'Flynn, Sheriff, Monroe County

Chuck Perreaud, Monroe County Jury Commissioner
Rev. Raymond Scott, Community activist
Rev. James C. Simmons, Pastor, Baber AME Church

Bolgen Vargas, Superintendent, Rochester schools
Sherry Wlaker-Cowart, Executive Director, Center for Dispute Settlement
Lovely Warren, Mayor of Rochester

GRAB AAUW PLEDGE

Thank you all for the extraordinary giving of your time, treasure and talent that you all gave to AAUW in 2014. I believe with all my heart that we will live those changes in 2015 and truly make a difference to the Rochester Community. Please consider taking this Pledge to help Unite Rochester.

World peace starts at home and it is in our hands. Together we can.

Marilyn Tedeschi, President GRAB AAUW

Sign your name and make the pledge

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Clip and send this pledge to the *Democrat and Chronicle*, c/o editor Karen Magnuson, 55 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614

Congratulations!!!

Gaynelle Wethers



Gaynelle was named secretary of the New York County Democratic Committee. Gaynelle Wethers was Nazareth College's first director of multicultural affairs, a position she held for 20 years before retiring. Wethers has been active with the Henrietta committee in the past and also managed Lovely Warren's successful 2013 mayoral campaign.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, January 8- 2:00 pm

Mystery Book Club's next author is Inger Ash Wolfe (Michael Redhill) and his Detective Hazel Micallef in *The Calling*, *The Taken* and *Door in the River*. Creepy and creepier we're told. Read them if you dare.

Tea and Titles

Wednesday, January 28 - 2:00 pm

JOY KINZ will lead the discussion on *I AM MALALA* by MALALA YOUSAFZAI, who was shot and severely injured by the Taliban because she worked hard for the education of girls in Afghanistan. She continues her advocacy for girls education from England, where she now lives in exile with her family. She has received much international acclaim, including the 2014 Nobel Peace prize, for her work.

All are welcome to our meeting. Light refreshments served.

Mahjong - New Interest Group Forming!!

Linda Dinino will teach a six-week beginning Mahjong class. Group will meet from 1:00 to 3:00pm on Wednesdays from January 21 to February 25. If interested, email Linda Dinino at linda.dinino@gmail.com or call 586-6888. Or you may call Stephanie Augonis, Membership VP, at 233-6180. If we do not have eight participants, we will postpone this interest group until the SnowBirds return, and the rest of us emerge from our homes up north.

AAUW Contributors to Alternative for Battered Women and Sojourner House

Many thanks to all who took time and made the effort to make the holidays special for those who need and appreciate our thoughts and love. The total amount collected for ABW and Sojourner House was \$450.

Thank you all for your generous support!!!

Achilles, Carol
Blaisdell, Barbara
Cappellino, Lorraine
Clark, Sharon
Gordon, Marlene
Jones, Nancy

Lindley, Betty
Merritt Myrtle
Tedeschi, Marilyn
Trabert, Judith
Stevens, Barbara

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Susan B. Anthony Birthday Luncheon
February 11, 2015 - Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Join us for this year's celebration of the impact Susan B. Anthony's life and work has had on generations of women, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Keynote Speaker: Lynn Sherr

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist & author Lynn Sherr is a perfect candidate to speak on this year's luncheon theme.



GRAB AAUW will have a table at this event. If you would like to join us, please call the office to purchase your ticket \$60.00.



Anne Miller - January 9
Esther Blackman - January 29
Bonnie Jackson - January 30

We had a wonderful time at the Holiday Party



Thank you!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 10:00am-2:30pm Duplicate Bridge A	3
4	5 9:15am Bowling	6 10:00am-2:30pm Retired Bridge	7 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong	8 2:00am-4:00pm Mystery Book Club	9	10 11:30am-1:30pm Branch Luncheon
11	12 9:15am Bowling	13 10:00am-2:30pm Crazy 8's Bridge	14 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong	15	16	17
18	19 9:15am Bowling	20 4:00pm-5:00pm Board Mtg	21 1:00pm-3:00pm Mahjong	22	23	24 10:00am-4:00pm WHG event
25	26	27	28 10:00am-2:30pm Bridge B 1:00-3:00pm Mahjong 2:00 - 4:00pm Tea & Titles	29	30	31

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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

Preserving and Canning

Michele Conners- 507-9572

Nights Out At The House!

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529

Cynthia Herriott

Gaynelle Wethers

Mah Jong

Linda Dinino- 586—6888

Stephanie Augonis- 233-6180

****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 articles for the February News-
letter is January 15, 2015

Please email items to adetomaso@aauw-rochester.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
discretion and policy of GRAB**

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Vision

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

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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.