



WELCOME Newly-Elected Board Members



Gaynelle Wethers, Lorraine Cappellino, Kelly Olczak, Stephanie Augonis

Branch Dinner, Tuesday, June 24

Old members meet new members From History to the Future

Our June Branch Dinner is traditionally a celebration of our members and our achievements during the past twelve months. This year's annual festivities will be no exception. In fact, individually and collectively we have a lot to brag about!

Join us to honor our new members and Friends, our distinguished fifty-year plus members, our Women Helping Girls graduate, and those of us who are celebrating a five, ten, or forty-five year anniversary of membership in AAUW. In addition, we will share with you the awards which GRAB AAUW has won this year and celebrate our accomplishments. Especially exciting are the honors which individual members have received for a wide range of areas of excellence.

The 2013 GRAB Convention display panel showed our *past, the present and our future hopes for 2014-15*. Come hear how we will "Stay the course for the future generations of women and girls, seizing opportunities and opening doors."

Please join us for a wonderful evening with friends!

DINNER MENU

- Coleslaw Salad
- Smoked Ham with Pineapple Piccalilli
~or~
- Roasted Tilapia with Greek Artichoke Relish
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Steamed Asparagus
- Sweet Potato Biscuits & Butter

Dessert

Lemon Cream Pie with Strawberries

Caterer: All Occasions

Schedule

- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Social Hour
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm Program

Tickets: \$20

RSVP by Friday June 20 at 244-8890 by 3:00pm

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.

Gay rights group honoring activist Evelyn Bailey



After 40 years of activism, Evelyn Bailey has found herself in the spotlight by documenting the story of the LGBT community in Rochester.

Her decade-long effort to chronicle the struggles and achievements of the very active and progressive local lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community resulted in *Shoulders to Stand On*, a documentary film from the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley that premiered to a sold-out crowd at the 2013 ImageOut Film Festival.

"Roots are very important to me," says Evelyn Bailey, 67, of Webster. "It's critical to know where you came from and where you belong. It's that perspective that allows us to act with courage, freedom and understanding of who we are."

And because she has been so active in telling other people's stories, the Empire State Pride Agenda has awarded her with its community service award Saturday, May 17, at its spring dinner at the Riverside Convention Center.

Now in its 15th year, the Pride Agenda's Spring Dinner is one of the largest LGBT events in western New York...

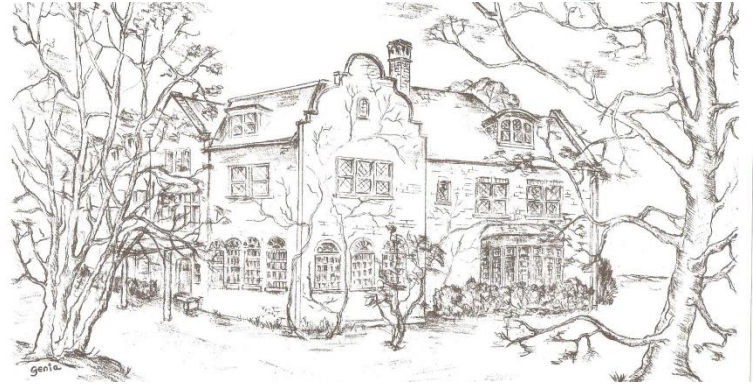
Bailey says she's humbled by the honor.

"I will accept this award on behalf of the LGBT community of Rochester. All I wanted to do was document these people and their lives; I really see myself as the facilitator," she says. "They need to be recognized for their contributions so that more people will be proud to live openly as LGBT men and women."

Read more at:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/lifestyle/2014/05/13/empire-state-pride-agenda-honoring-evelyn-bailey/9008735/>

The Perkins Mansion Updates



Once again our house has benefitted from our thoughtful members.

"Thank you, thank you!!" to Karolina Fero for replacing the rhododendrons in front of the house and to Sandra Kobel for contracting to have the carpet on the front stairs cleaned.

These projects beautify the house and help with the house budget. If you would like to underwrite a house project, large or small, contact any member of the house committee: Vickie Fumia, Anne Miller, Lorraine Cappellino, Beverly Vaughan, or Stephanie Augonis.

A very special thanks to Evelyn Bailey for stepping in and chairing the house committee during the "snow" season. Vickie and I so appreciated her work and dedication to the house, Thank you Evelyn!

Anne Miller, House Co-VP



GRAB AAUW Members:

Belated Birthday Wishes to Rosemary Pautz!

Send us your birthday on your renewal form so that we can send you birthday wishes!!

Women Helping Girls

May and June bring with them lots of activities for WHG! The May event was a family picnic including the girls, their immediate families, their mentors and the members of the Planning Committee. The picnic was held at Ellison Park on Saturday, May 11. Everyone ate, socialized, took walks and played games with frisbees. The weather held out and everyone had a great time. A special thanks to Miranda, our Program Facilitator.

Annick Koloko, Esq, and Marcy Tiberio have been added to the Planning Committee. Annick will serve as legal counsel, filling the role that Cindy Lapoff, Esq. held until recently. Cindy left due to changes in her employment. WHG wants to thank her for all of her work and dedication. Marcy will serve as our Volunteer Coordinator.

Our focus now is preparing for the trip to DC and hopefully an audience with the First Lady. The girls will enjoy a day filled with visiting sites of interest on a guided tour around our nation's capitol. A tour of AAUW headquarters is also on the schedule. The girls will leave on June 27 and return on June 29. We are all excited!

A listing of summer activities being offered throughout the area has been compiled and distributed among the girls and their mentors for their use. We hope this will assist the girl in identifying activities and programs of interest to participate during the summer.

Everyone at Women Helping Girls wishes Katelyn, our sole graduate this year, the best of luck as she goes on to college and her future. We're rooting for you Katelyn!

Pat Thompson, WHG Chair

SUNSHINE

We are saddened to report the passing of **Ruth Tallmadge** on April 24 2014 and the passing of **Honorable, Louise Slaughter's husband, Bob**, on May 20 2014.

We send our sympathies to both families.

The House plants were well attended to by **Barbara Stevens** during **Carol Achilles'** short illness,. We are happy to see Carol back. Thank you Barbara for your help

GRAB AAUW Interns



We want to welcome our new intern **Maria Guilamo**. Maria is from the Dominican Republic and moved to Rochester in June 2013. Maria recently applied for a scholarship that would allow her to attain her second Master's degree at Rochester Institute of Technology.

She is working on various projects, including the STEM program, social media and grants. Maria volunteers at GRAB on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Robin Graziano has been our intern since September, 2013. She is a student at the University of Rochester, with a double major in Political Science and Psychology with a minor in Legal Studies.

As intern at AAUW, Robin worked with Marilyn Tedeschi, Ana DeTomaso and Uma Gupta. She supported the STEM program, Public Policy projects and managed our social media.

Robin has finished her spring internship and she will be back on August to work with Marilyn Tedeschi, Deborah Hughes, Kate Cerulli, Honorable Evelyn Grazee and Ana DeTomaso on the Equal Pay Day project.

United Way Donor Designation



GRAB AAUW has been approved as a donor designation eligible agency for the United Way Campaign.

Donors who choose to designate should use the United Way Designation Form and indicate AAUW-Greater Rochester Area Branch, donor designation number **2609** as a recipient of their gift.

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Please click on the icons below to visit our websites and social media



Ruthie Tallmadge

1899-2014

By Nancy Jones

She was a beauty. She was gracious. She was our friend. She lived out her life with love and caring for every single person she met. She always had a smile on her face like a beam of sunlight.

Let me tell you a little about her. Ruth had seven kids. Oh my! She maintained a huge city lot blooming with beautiful flowers and trees. Strolling along her street, they were a sight to behold. She and Edgar always took the kids on adventurous vacations teaching as they went along. I wish I had been one of them.

Through the years, Ruth also entertained with grace and penache. Many folks were invited to 81 Coniston Drive for bridge, lunches, dinners and good old-fashioned parties. Always a wonderful treat.

Ruth was always up for anything fun. For example, one day four of us took a trip to the Jello factory to see what that was all about and enjoyed an afternoon of lunch and laughs. I think she just wanted to make sure her recipe was right and to meet Bill Cosby.

A while back, Ruth had a couple of us for lunch - myself, Betty, and Helen. I was totally overwhelmed at her ease in making us feel at home, AND, this is how she did it:

- She grew the flowers for her table centerpiece
- She made mimosas, and nibbles from scratch
- Lunch was homemade German green beans, cherry jello, tuna salad, pickles (made and contributed by Betty) and homemade bread and, YES, her signature dish, strawberry rubarb pie.

Bridge was Ruthie's game. Two or three times a week the AAUW bridge groups would meet and there was our smiling gal ready for the challenge. We all loved having her as a partner with her happy and joyful demeanor.

So, this is just a small snippet of our friend's delightful life and remember no matter what anyone says ---

RUTH WAS NEVER A BUMP ON A PICKLE - SHE WAS THE PICKLE!

God bless and love you, Ruthie.
Your AAUW friends.

Barbara Blaisdell Takin Susan B. Anthony Act to NYC



For the past 23 years, Blaisdell has portrayed the abolitionist and suffragist on behalf of the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House.

Her portrayals began when she was a middle school counselor. During her time at Jefferson Middle School, the principal one February day asked everyone to dress as a figure in African-American history.

"I remembered Susan B. Anthony," Blaisdell said. "I didn't know much more about her than the average person."

She did a little homework, learned about Anthony's activism in the abolition movement, borrowed an old-fashioned costume and spent the day going from class to class, sharing what she'd learned.

Ironically, that same day she was asked to join other counselors in a picket at the City School District office over pending staff cuts. Blaisdell recalled she didn't have time to change clothes, so she went as Anthony.

"Miss Anthony had been involved in a million things, including labor rights," Blaisdell said.

Her new alter ego ended up with one more stop that day.

As she was driving down West Main Street to her then-home in the 19th Ward, Blaisdell realized she was heading right past Madison Street, where Anthony had lived from 1866 until her death in 1906.

"I just couldn't resist this," she said. "I went down the block and banged on the door."

It was after 5 o'clock, but she saw lights on at No. 17. When the volunteers running the house as a small museum opened the door, Blaisdell/Anthony blurted, "I'm home."

The rest, as they say, is history.

Read the complete story at:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2014/05/09/brighton-woman-taking-susan-b-act-nyc/8916137/>



Honorable Evelyn Frazee, State Supreme Court Justice in the 7th Judicial District.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Oneonta and Rutgers University School of Law, Frazee has served as a State Supreme Court Justice in the 7th Judicial District since 1993. She was co-chair of the New York State Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Judicial System and a past member of the Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts. Frazee also organized an effort to research and promote the history and vital contributions of women in the law, particularly within the 4th Judicial Department. She previously chaired the Gender Fairness Committee for the 7th Judicial District. <http://www.nysba.org/CustomTemplates/Content.aspx?id=6044>



Dr. Kate Cerulli

Dr. Cerulli is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester and the Director of the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership. She has also served as the Director of the Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence and Victimization in the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry since 2002. Dr. Cerulli has been the recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, the Justice Award to End Domestic Violence from NYS Governor Pataki, and the National Institute of Mental Health New Investigator, among many other honors. http://www.albany.edu/scj/files/Cerulli_Conversation.pdf



Jaime Saunders, MPA, CEO of Alternatives for Battered Women

Saunders, a Rochester native, is a graduate of Whittier College with a bachelor's degree in business and sociology, and she also holds a master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She has extensive experience in the areas of leadership, staff development, strategic planning, organizational diagnostics, public policy, fundraising and marketing.

<http://www.brightonpittsfordpost.com/article/20130114/News/301149787#ixzz33Iup6XNJ>

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!!



Another year has flown by, and it's time to renew our commitment to persevering on behalf of girls and women for equity and empowerment. How?

First, look over the preprinted membership renewal forms which you should have received in the mail by now (if you haven't, call us at 244-8890 ext. 6, and let us know - we'll get one to you STAT!). Check that all info is correct and make corrections and additions. Fill in your month and day of birth (and year, if you want bragging rights) so that we can know when to send you birthday congratulations.

Second, think about how you'd like to have fun with us next year. As always, we love to connect or reconnect at the monthly Branch Dinners. As we thank Jean Arrowsmith for her wonderful contributions as Program VP and Marketing Committee Chair and a myriad of contributions with her kindness and expertise, we welcome Program VP-elect Gaynelle Wethers who promises a new year of exciting and stimulating speakers and activities.

What would you like to experience with us in the coming year? That exercise routine you've been putting off? Join us for zumba! Making a difference in your world? Join our public policy committee or help start a group working against human trafficking in Rochester or fracking in New York State!

Turn over your renewal form and check off the committees, interest groups, and programs which tickle your fancy (!) and fill in the blanks with ideas for new interest groups you'd like to lead or in which you'd like to participate. *Mah Jong? Come on down! If you can spell it, you can play it!*

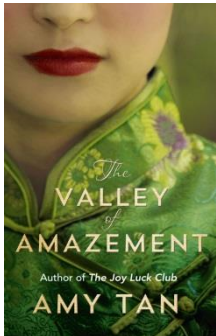
Third, put the form with your check in the envelope provided and.... stamp and mail it!
First twenty renewals win a prize TBA. Void nowhere.

Last, I'd like to thank all of you for your good-spirited patience with my phone calls and silliness these last four years. It is with delight that I have welcomed you to Nights Out, Branch Dinners and countless activities and gently harassed you about renewals and monthly meetings. I am thrilled to pass the torch to Stephanie Augonis, who was elected new Membership VP at the May Annual Meeting and whose term begins July 1, 2014. She is a delight as well as an accomplished leader and, she tells me, a master delegater. Please help me welcome her to her newest challenge!

Looking forward to hearing from you by mail and seeing you at our June Celebration Branch Dinner!

Marlene Gordon, Membership VP

Tea and Titles



Wednesday, June 25, 2:00pm at the Perkins Mansion

On Wednesday June 25 at 2.00 PM , Anne Bell will lead the discussion on *Valley of Amazement*, the latest book by Amy Tan. Ms. Tan's career was launched 25 years ago with the publication of *The Joy Luck Club*.

In *Valley of Amazement* she details the experience of a young American girl in a Shanghai courtesan house at the beginning of the 20th century.

Do join us for refreshments and active discussion. All are welcome to attend.

Co-chairs : Maureen May- 385-1133 and Joy Kinz-392-7134



2014 AAUW Leadership Seminar at Cazanovia

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2014 AAUW Day at Chautauqua

Date: Friday, August 8th, 2014

Host: AAUW Branch of Jamestown, NY

Theme: A Week with Ken Burns: Historian, Documentarian & American Conscience: The Roosevelts

Speaker: Ken Burns and Geoffrey C. Ward

Place: Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY (www.ciweb.org)

Time: Lecture 10:45 a.m. at Amphitheatre; Ticket good from 9 am – 8 pm

Cost: \$32.40/person plus \$26.50 for lunch in the historic Athenaeum Hotel's Parlor

Total: \$58.90 (Make check payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch.)

Great Decisions at the Perkins Mansion. Date and Time TBA



Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Ana DeTomaso at 244-8890 ext. 2 adetomaso@aauwrochester.org.



If you are planning an event at the Perkins Mansion please contact Events Director at 244.8890, ext. 1 You can also visit the Perkins Mansion website at <http://perkinsmansion.org/>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3 10 am Retired Teachers Bridge	4	5	6 10:00 am Duplicate Bridge A	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 5:00pm Women 's Equality Agenda Rally	17 10-2:30pm Crazy 8's Bridge 4:00 pm Board Meeting	18 10:00 am Duplicate Bridge B 2:00 pm Tea & Titles	19 2:00 Mystery Book Club	20	21
22	23	24 5:00 pm Branch Dinner	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Bowling is finished for the season and we will resume playing on Mon. mornings in October.

Thanks, and have a good Summer ! Mary Louise

Bridge

- **Retired Teachers Bridge**
Meets the 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Carol Achilles – 421.0876
- **Duplicate Bridge A**
Meets the 1st Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Pauline Sherwood – 671.3556
- **Duplicate Bridge B**
Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am
Jean Erskine – 266.5055
Janet Miles – 787.0507
- **Crazy 8's Bridge**
Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

Duplicate Bridge B group

Please note: If you want to play, please call Janet Miles at 787-0507 by Monday of the preceding week.

You will no longer be called - you must call to say you intend to play.

History & Archives

Doris Meadows – 328.4059

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell – 381.7145
Bimonthly meetings

Tea and Titles

Maureen May- 385-1133
Joy Kinz- 392.7134

Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch

Beverly Vaughan -383.0896

Night Out At the House

Rachel Adonis – 654.5259
Marlene Gordon – 402.5529
Bi-monthly social evening for members and guests.

Holistic Health and Wellness

Heide Parreño – 414.6312

**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 the
September Newsletter is
August 15, 2014**

Please email items to

**Ana DeTomaso
newsletter@aauwrochester.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 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.

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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.