



American Association of University Women Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

The American Association of University Women promotes Equity for Women and Girls through, Education, Philanthropy and Research.

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International Women's Day Saturday, March 8

The American Association of University Women of the Greater Rochester Area Branch will celebrate the *International Women's Day* by honoring the following:

Community Leaders

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| Leader in Community Politics | Constance Mitchell |
| Leader in Community Work | Thomas Ferraro,
founder of Foodlink |
| Leader in Community Education | Evelyn Bailey, Director of
documentary, "Shoulders to Stand On" |

Emerging Leaders

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| GRAB AAUW Emerging Leader | Angela Clark-Taylor,
University of Rochester |
| WHG Emerging Leader | Caitlin Kitchenman |

Speakers:

Kate Cerulli, Director of Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership at the U of R, will speak on the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration of *the National Council of Women of the US*, which will be held at Hunter College on March 28th.

Deborah Hughes, Director of the Susan B. Anthony House, will be presenting her *Votes for Women History Trail 2020*, Community Quilt Project.

Schedule

- 5:00 – 5:30 pm Registration
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Food Stations & Cocktails
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm Program

A copy of the 2012-2013 GRAB- AAUW Annual Report is available in the library.

Tickets : \$30
RSVP at 244-8890 or email adetomaso@aauwrochester.org

AAUW will be 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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National www.aauw.org

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International Women's Day History

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on March 8. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its resolution, the General Assembly recognized the role of women in peace efforts and development and urged an end to discrimination and an increase in support for women's full and equal participation.

International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe.

1909: The first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on February 28. The Socialist Party of America designated this day in honor of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas. Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

For more information click [here](#)

The House Speaks



As you know the winter has been very hard on me. Blake, James, Cal, Leslie and Tim are very protective. They have placed mats by the doors, washed my floors, dusted my furniture, protected

my intercom and key pad with a professional cover, used non-toxic sand on my Members-Walkway, and much more.

All of these things help me to look prim and proper for you, our members, guests and clients.

You spend a lot of money keeping me fit, but I need your help to maintain myself in the style to which I am accustomed. It is just a little thing, but it would help a great deal if you could once in a while make a donation for the coffee at your meetings and gatherings. The aroma is wonderful to walk into, but the cost of that welcoming scent is getting more expensive.

Over the next few weeks Leslie will be putting out coffee donation cups. A \$2 donation covers the cost of 2 cups of coffee, plus some of my electricity and heat cost. So you see a little will go a long way. Please help me continue to provide you with a warm and welcoming home. If everyone would chip in, it would help a lot.

Thanks for taking such good care of me. You all are wonderful, and I am glad the feeling is mutual. Look for my coffee donation cups.



GRAB AAUW Members:

Lora Allen – March 10
Kris Hunt – March 11

GRAB AAUW wants to celebrate with you.
Send us the day and month of your birthday.

Seneca Falls Dialogues 2014

By *Barbara LeSavoy, PhD*
Director, Women and Gender Studies



College and University Partners:

Call for Dialogues

The 4th Biennial
Seneca Falls Dialogues:
October 17–19, 2014

EcoFeminism: Cultivating Place and Identity

Keynote Speaker: Tanya Fields

Founder of BLK Project and Eco-Warrior, and recipient of Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL)

We invite students, activists, and teachers to participate in a weekend of dialogue on the following themes:

- Gender and the Environment
- Activism
- Food and Nourishment
- Politics of Space
- Sustainability
- Identities and Bodies

Proposals should include session title, 2–3 sentence summary of session focus/relevance to one or more of the conference themes, and 250–500 word description of the session's focus and organization. Dialogue participants will be invited to submit essay versions of their dialogues for inclusion in the inaugural online Seneca Falls Dialogues Journal.

Proposal deadline: March 28, 2014. Send proposals and inquiries to sbai@rochester.edu.

The Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues is a collaborative effort to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a site of feminist activism and intellectual exchange.

The SFD is sponsored by women and gender studies affiliates at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Monroe Community College, The College at Brockport, St. John Fisher College, University of Buffalo, SUNY Geneseo, University of Rochester, Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women, and The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning.

Visit <http://www.senecafallsdialogues.com> for information about the 2008, 10 and 12 Seneca Falls Dialogues. Information forthcoming on Seneca Falls Dialogues 2014, will be forthcoming.

Branch Luncheon Guests' Comments

The Branch Meeting on February 8, 2014 brought three guests into The Frances Perkins Mansion to see what an AAUW GRAB Branch Meeting was like. **Kelsey Delmotte, Irene Kannyo and Stephanie Sacco** are on the planning committee of the TEDxFlourCity event that will take place in Kilbourn Hall this June. Mary Myers, AAUW Membership Treasurer, invited them to be her guests at the Branch Meeting.

The members in attendance graciously welcomed the guests and engaged them in conversation. Irene, Kelsey and Stephanie felt a connection with accomplished women, who are doing and have done amazing things in their lives. They were inspired by the stories they heard and the conversations they had. The guests enjoyed the luncheon and presentation by Rose O'Keefe along with the extraordinary setting of The Frances Perkins Mansion.

Please either click on the *YouTube* picture below or type them into your Internet browser to hear **Kelsey Delmotte's** and **Stephanie Sacco's** reactions to the event.



Kelsey Delmotte at AAUW GRAB 2/8/2014

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



Women Helping Girls



The February event was a healthy cooking and eating presentation. Local cookbook author, **Teresa Bowick**, discussed the necessity for cooking healthier. She then gave examples of how to make traditional soul food dishes healthier.

The girls prepared collard greens with Teresa. Each of the girls received a copy of Teresa's cookbook to take home. Lunch for the participants was prepared by Uncle Moe's restaurant.

In March the girls along with their mentors will attend the presentation of the play, *Once*, at Geva.

The goal this year has been to increase attendance at monthly events. We are getting closer to our goal with each event. The Events Committee has worked very hard to offer monthly events that reflect the interests of the girls and providing related activities to ensure that the girls walk away with something to think about. We are pleased with the results so far. (If now only the weather would cooperate!)

WHG is always excited to share any successes our current program participants and past participants achieve.

A script in hand reading of an original play by one of our WHG graduates, **Truc Doan**, (Wilson, 2004) titled "**Still We Wait**" was read on Saturday, February 8, at MCC. Truc is a Harvard graduate. She has recently been working in NYC. She is currently in her first year of law school at Berkeley and enjoying the experience. Truc's mentor was **Karen Schule-Williams**. Truc and Karen continue to keep in touch.

If you usually receive a copy of the Women Helping Girls newsletter and you have not received it yet it is on the way.

Patricia Shurn Thompson
WHG, Chair

Together.

A Stronger Community.



YWCA Stand Againsts Racism April 25th

The YWCA's **Stand Against Racism** is committed to building a stronger Rochester community. The Stand is an annual community-wide event to build awareness about racism. The YWCA reaches out to businesses, schools, houses of worship, organizations, and government agencies to create greater awareness and to encourage conversations about race.

For this year's Stand, the YWCA is hosting a special breakfast event featuring YWCA USA CEO, Dara Richardson-Heron, MD, as the keynote speaker. The theme of Dr. Richardson-Heron's talk is "Leadership Challenges in Achieving Racial Equity." Following Dr. Richardson-Heron's presentation, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren and another prominent community leader, to be announced, will participate in a panel discussion on this topic. The breakfast will be held at the Rochester Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.

In addition to the breakfast, hundreds of organizations will be hosting their own "Stand" events. Previous Stand events include such diverse activities as:

- A "Poetry Slam"
- Facilitated discussions about race
- Musical performances
- A Racial Justice workshop
- A dance performance at a local mall

For more information about the Stand and to buy tickets for the breakfast on April 25, click [here](#).

Congratulations!!!



To Nita Brown for the opening of her fashion boutique **Mansawear**



The United Nations Associations of Rochester (UNAR) is seeking committee and Board members who are

interested in international human rights and willing to work as leaders with high school and college-age student groups and individuals.

Please see our new website at <http://www.unar.org/> and email unar@unar.org about your interests, background and availability.

Margaret Corbin
UNAR VP Programs
Cell: (585) 329-5400
website - www.unar.org

AAUW CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Wisdom Legacy: Sharing Wise Words from Mothers and Grandmothers

Our innovative program of outreach to AAUW members at Valley Manor continues. Please join us on March 3 at 2:30 PM at Valley Manor, 1570 East Avenue.

Please bring mementos to share which can include souvenirs from trips.

Contact: Heide Parreño, orostar@aol.com and Sandi DeWispelaere, sandi49@frontiernet.net



We lovingly extend **condolences** to:

Régine Calvar and her family on the loss of her husband, Thomas Ferraro

Beth Collins and her family on the loss of her mother, Greta A. Garman

We wish a **speedy recovery** to:

Myrtle Merritt
Ruth Scott
Betty Lindley

Save the Date! NYS AAUW 2014 CONFERENCE April 25 - 27, Ellenville, NY.



*“A World of Wellness:
Stimulating the Mind,
Inspiring the Soul,
Energizing the Body”*

The entire [registration packet](#) is now available.
Please click [HERE](#) to register online.

The hotel registration form is also available in two forms. Both need to be sent to the hotel with your signature.

- Click [here](#) for a paper to print and fill in by hand.
- Click [here](#) for a form to fill out online, then mail with your signature.

The election of officers for 2014-2016 can be found on the business meeting agenda. The following candidates are listed below for each of the open offices:

AAUW-NYS President:
Edwina Frances Martin, Staten Island Branch

AAUW-NYS Development VP:
Janice Brown, Jefferson County Branch

AAUW-NYS Program VP:
Jane Pfeiffer Russell, Bath Branch

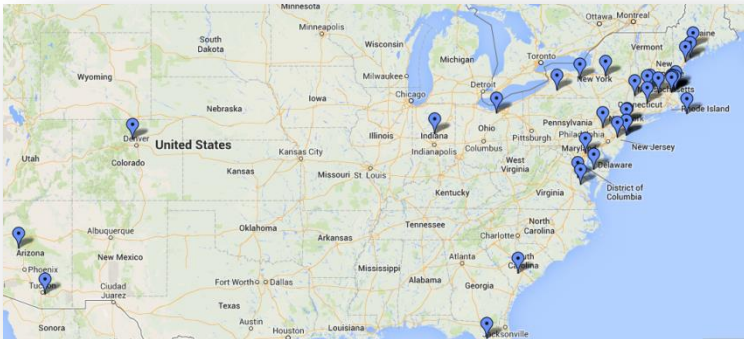
Mail to: AAUW Convention Registration
Betty Preble
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Orchard Park, NY, 14127

Phone: 716/662-0608
Email: betty.preble@gmail.com

State Woman Suffrage Celebrations Highlight NYS AAUW 2014 CONFERENCE

State-by-state woman suffrage celebrations have begun and these efforts will lead up to the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution on August 26, 2020. The 72-year (1848 to 1920) national battle to achieve "Votes for Women" played out in every State Capitol as well as in Congress. State governments, women's groups and history organizations are urged to help tell the suffrage story in their states and to honor the women from their areas who led the fight for the vote. Hopefully, all of us can plan "Votes for Women" events and programs in our states and identify sites relevant to the Woman Suffrage struggle which could help create a nationwide Woman Suffrage Trail.

Click in the picture below for more information.



Suffrage Wagon News Channel:



Madison Kimrey, the 12 year old identifying herself as part of a new generation of "suffragettes," confronted the NC governor about making

voting difficult for young people, and then she set up a [Facebook page](#).

The Facebook page highlights past and current activities that respond to guidelines relative to rolling back voting rights for young people.

Are Young Women Carrying the Mantle of Feminism?

Since the release of *Wonder Women: Sex, Power, and the Quest for Perfection* several months ago, some of the questions that I've consistently been asked are "How is feminism different today? What do you hear on campus? Do young women want to be feminists, or not?" They are complicated questions, without easy answers. Because young women, of course, don't speak with a single voice or share a common attitude. Some are quick to embrace the term feminist. Others despise it. And many — sadly, for the mothers and grandmothers who opened doors for them — no longer really have a sense of what the word implies.

My own view — shaped, I'm sure, by the particular environment of Barnard College, a staunch and early defender of feminism in all its many guises — is that most young women today are feminist in nature if not in name. What I mean is that they implicitly assume that the goals that feminism fought for are theirs to claim. They assume, for instance, that they will work, for pay, for at least long stretches of their lives. They assume that all jobs — be they in finance or law or public office or industry — are open to them, and that they will receive roughly the same salaries as their male co-workers. They assume that their bodies are theirs to enjoy and treasure and share as they wish.

They presume that birth control is widely available; that relationships are theirs to make, break, and determine; and that the world is every bit as open to them as it is for their brothers. In other words, they think, without even thinking about it, that they have equal rights with men. Which was, after all, the central goal of feminism.

What they don't do, necessarily, is credit the feminist movement for this state of affairs or eagerly claim the label of feminist for themselves. This is perhaps unfortunate but also understandable. Because how many young people generally race to thank their ancestors for bequeathing the world they did? How many adolescents want to attach themselves to the same political causes as their parents or grandparents — especially when they feel as if those causes have already been fought for and won? Or as one older woman once expressed it to me: How many hard-core feminists of the 1960s defined themselves as suffragettes?

Debora Spar, Barnard College President
AAUW National



If you are planning an event at the Perkins Mansion please contact Leslie Sellers, Events Director, at 244.8890, ext. 1 or 435.7202. You can also visit the Perkins Mansion website at <http://perkinsmansion.org/>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 9:15am Bowling 2:30 Conversation Circle	4 10 am Retired Teachers Bridge	5	6	7 10:00 am Duplicate Bridge A	8 5:00 pm Intern. Women's Day
9	10 9:15 am Bowling	11 10-2:30pm Crazy 8's Bridge	12	13	14	15 8:00 Tech Savvy
16	17 9:15 am Bowling	18 4:00 pm Board Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24 9:15 am Bowling	25	26 10:00 am Duplicate Bridge B 2:00pm Tea & Titles	27	28	29
30	31					

Tea and Titles – Wednesday March 26

Time: 2:00 PM

Tea and Titles co-chair, JOY KINZ will lead the discussion on FLIGHT BEHAVIOR, the latest book by acclaimed author BARBARA KINGSOLVER. This discussion, originally planned for February, has been rescheduled for March, because the discussion of BROOKLYN led by Maureen May was cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for February.

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

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

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
April Newsletter is
March 15, 2014**

Please email items to

Ana DeTomaso

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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.

Diversity Statement

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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.