

## Greater Rochester Area American Association of University Women

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Jean Arrowsmith, VP Program

#### Menu

- Harvest Salad with raspberry vinaigrette
- Bread Basket/Butter
- Entree:

Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes OR

Rice/Vegetables Stuffed Squash

Roasted Autumn Vegetables

- Coffee
- Dessert:

Homemade French Apple Cake with caramel drizzle and cinnamon whip cream.

#### Cost: \$20

• Bar Red or White wine \$3.00 Specialty Cocktail \$5.00

Classic Manhattan

Caterer: Tasteful Connections

### **Branch Dinner** Nontraditional Jobs For Women A Panel Discussion October 8, 2013

At our next branch dinner, we will host a discussion by a panel of women who have embraced jobs that are typically not performed by women. Please come and meet Christine Schryver, the First Firewoman in Rochester, a woman engineer from RIT, a female zookeeper and a car saleswoman. Hear from their own perspective why they chose their "unusual" fields, what kinds of barriers they hurdled and suggestions on how we can encourage the next generation of young women to explore nontraditional career choices.

When I was a young girl going to elementary school, our class had a discussion about what we were going to be when we grew up. The boys had ideas like fireman, policeman, doctor, lawyer, astronaut and engineer. We girls on the other hand focused more on nurse, teacher, mother and secretary. The good news is that things have changed! Now there are women in all types of careers that in the past were typically dominated by men. Although women have made significant progress, there still remain a significant number of high-paying jobs in which women are underrepresented.

According to the US Department of Labor, a nontraditional occupation for women is one in which women comprise 25 percent or less of total employment. These jobs generally offer higher entry-level wages and a career ladder with pay between \$20 and \$30 per hour. Earning higher wages is certainly one factor, but why do some women choose to work in non-traditional occupations while others don't?

Hope to see you there!

Jean Arrowsmith, GRAB AAUW Programs VP

#### **News & Events**

# Letter from the President



And we're off! Talk about hitting the ground running. There were several great events in September starting with our branch dinner which, thanks to member **Melody Cofield**, brought us great coverage in the D&C. The development committee's annual card party was a huge success meeting our goal of \$3000, which will be matched by **Dr**. **Nora Wilcox** in memory of her mother. The card party proceeds are always targeted for a project at the house with patio awnings targeted this year.

A special thank you for the shoppers, cooks, servers and donors of this annual event.

Dr. Uma Gupta and Jean Arrowsmith hosted a STEM breakfast for not-for-profit organizations in and around the Rochester area who are involved in STEM programs. Thanks to Jean Cappellino and Laurie Ditzel from our hospitality committee for serving in this effort. The not-for-profit groups will be meeting again on October 3 to collaborate on a joint STEM grant. Wow—moving right along!

Nights Out brought us Mexican food, fun, music and some new memberships. We hosted the **Chi Eta Phi Sorority** of professional nurses. Thanks to **Marlene, Rachel**, **Regine** and **Ana** for making Nights Out such fun. Please consider attending the **AAUW District 2 Conference** in October (flyer and registration within the newsletter). Violence Against Women on College Campuses is a major concern to us all. Speakers and interns from GRAB will be a big part of this event. We will be carpooling from AAUW so please call and let me know if you need a ride.

Let's keep the momentum going, Thank you all for making this a great September.

Onward!

Marilyn

- The American Association of University Women promotes equity for women and girls through, education, philanthropy and research.
- 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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#### **Reports 2013**

## **Development Committee**



The following individuals contributed to the Annual Appeal after the January report was submitted. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to them for their generosity - gifts total \$1,575. The final overall total for 2012-2012 is \$10,076.

Anne Bell, Mary Chapin, Lorraine Clement, Marlene Gordon, Elsie Herden, Pearl Hess, Elaine Krause, Lynne Mitchell, Aura Streibich, Edith Thoburn, Shirley Townsend and Elizabeth Webb.

Myrtle Merritt, Development VP

# **GRAB AAUW Intern**



**Robin Graziano** is the Fall 2013 intern for GRAB AAUW Public Policy. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Rochester pursuing a double Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Psychology with a minor in Legal Studies.

In our 2013-2014 year, GRAB AAUW will be working to raise awareness of Title IX on college campuses and across the community. We will be planning several programs addressing the issue of violence on college campuses.



Jean Erskine and her husband, Bob, are recovering from recent illnesses. Cards and calls are welcome.

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



## "Recent Applications of Title IX"

Passed in 1972, Title IX is the keystone legislation against sexual discrimination in educational institutions, primarily universities, stating: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

While Title IX is associated with equality in athletic departments and programs, the law has increasingly been used to fight sexual harassment and rape cases. This summer, Title IX was used to settle a case against Wesleyan University for failing to make the high risk of assault in the Beta Theta Pi's fraternity house known to students.

Furthermore, Title IX also covers equal rights and privileges for pregnant women and students. Title IX promotes continuing education for many young mothers, removing many obstacles that they commonly face in their pursuit of education, such as: discrimination, maternal leave, and transportation issues.

While no local legislation has occurred in our community regarding Title IX, the law continues to provide girls with equal opportunities. Ensuring comparable access to resources in education, Title IX has been frequently used to promote the STEM fields among young girls. With Rochester high school graduation rates for public schools at less than fifty percent, it is important the local community support legislation promoting the education of young girls, particularly in the up-and-coming fields. If interested in taking action, contact the Rochester City School District Board, NYS State Senator, Joseph Robach, or local media sites to voice your concerns; bring the issue to attention in town hall meetings, PTA meetings, or community petitions. We hope that raising awareness of this widespread and pressing matter will incite change to improve the educational opportunities for local young women.

By Robin Graziano GRAB AAUW Intern

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## **Membership Matters**

Wow!!! Our last Nights Out, *Mexican Fiesta*, was a rousing success!! The evening featured wonderful Mexican food and beverage, music, and decor - enjoyed by twenty-seven GRAB members and guests, most notably a dozen women from Chi Eta Phi, a sorority of professional nurses. The evening also featured a house tour of the Perkins Mansion, our home on East Avenue, and a lively discussion in the Library of who we are and what we do: our mission, programs, and interest groups. Big thank yous to **Ana DeTomaso, Rachel Adonis, Lorraine Capellino**, and **Regine Calvar** for helping to make this evening so wonderful!

Please join me in welcoming new members Joan Brown, Melody Cofield, Denise Mack, Barbara Thomas, Ellen Lewis, Stephanie Augonis, Maxine Childress-Brown, Uma Gupta and two new dual members Mildred DeWitt (Binghamton and Staten Island Branches) and Ellen Ulrich (Fairport Branch).

New Interest Groups are forming! Just a reminder that you can start a new interest group with only two members and a passion (or passing interest). Want to learn something new? Teach someone a skill or activity? Foster discussion and/or action? *Exercise*?! Call me at 402-5529 to get started.

Looking forward to seeing you involved, inspired, engaged, and enthused,

## Members' Corner

GRAB AAUW congratulates our member Adriene Lee Emmo!!

Adriene was the winner of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, Ninth Annual Athena Award. The ceremony was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva, NY.

Adriene Lee Emmo: Emmo Consulting owner, semiretired Chapter 11 bankruptcy specialist.



Adriene Emmo with NYS Senator Michael F. Nozzolio

#### Marlene Gordon, Membership VP

#### **Registration Form**

#### It's time for the AAUW District 2 Conference.

#### Saturday, October 19

Yes, I am planning to attend this year's **AAUW District 2 Conference.** The conference will be held at the Faculty Dining Room in the Scandling Center at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, in Geneva, NY, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please enclose payment (\$23 per person), which includes a continental breakfast and soup/salad lunch. Please make checks payable to **AAUW District 2 Conference.** 

Name of Attendee	AAUW Branch	My check is enclosed (add a check mark. Thanks!)

#### Please mail this form and payment to:

Ruth Benedict, Office of Advancement, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 300 Pulteney St., Geneva, NY 14456.

Questions? Contact Ruth at **Benedict@hws.edu Registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 12.** 

#### Events 2013

# AAUW District 2 Conference 9-3 pm

AAUW District 2 Conference: at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY

# Violence Against Women on College Campuses

Please plan to attend this important conference on the everyday persistence of racism and sexism in America, particularly on college campuses. <u>Speakers include</u>:

Dr. Catherine Cerulli, Director of the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership, Univ. of Rochester; Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, Director, Women and Gender Studies, SUNY Brockport; Angela Clark-Taylor, Program Manager, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, Univ. of Rochester; and Dr. Hannah Dickinson, Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

#### **Details:**

- \$23/pp, includes continental breakfast & soup/salad lunch
- College students invited by AAUW, no charge
- Conference location: HWS Faculty Dining Room, Scandling Center, 300 Pultency St., Geneva, NY (Park in Medberry Lot)
- See map at http://www.hws.edu/about/campus\_maps.aspx

#### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (DEADLINE OCT. 12)

Mail check, payable to Yates Branch AAUW, to Ruth Benedict, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 300 Pulteney St., Geneva, NY 14456

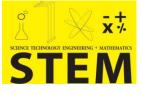
Phone: 315-781-3779 E-mail: benedict@hws.edu



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#### Thursday, October 3 – STEM meeting Time: 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. Perkins Mansion



The purpose of this session is to dive in and develop a skeleton grant proposal for the AAUW STEM initiative, based on the ideas that we discussed. We have three grant writers who have graciously agreed to facilitate this meeting.

Uma Gupta

#### Monday, October 7 – Bowling Time: 9:15 am Clover Lanes



We begin on Monday Oct. 7th at 9:15. Clover Lanes is the place. Please call me if you are interested in participating in our fun and active morning.

Mary Louise Riter, 381-4368.

#### Sunday, October 13 - Holistic Health Interest Group

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm Location: Perkins Mansion Elevator Room



#### "Lean in & Empower Your Self-Healing Body"

Presenter: Sandi DiWispelaer

Heide Parreño, 414-6312

#### **Saturday, October 19 - AAUW District 2 Conference** Time: 9:00 – 3:00 pm



Violence Against Women on College Campuses. Speakers: Dr. Catherine Cerulli, Barbara LeSavoy, Angela Clark-Taylor and Dr. Hannah Dickinson.

Ruth Benedict, 315-781-3779

#### Wednesday, October 23 – Tea and Titles Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm Living room



Longtime member and past President, Bettie Lindley will lead the discussion on *My Beloved World*, a memoir by Supreme Court Justice, **Sonia Sotomayor**. This book details the earlier years of Sotomayor's life and gives a vivid account of how she managed to rise from difficult circumstances to achieve her exalted position.

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

Contacts: Maureen May, 385-1133 Joy Kinz, 392-7134

#### Sunday, October 27 – Friends of Susan B. Anthony House – Guitar Concert Time: 3:00 pm Locust Hill Country Club



*Chet Catallo & Cats:* Internationally acclaimed guitarist-composer-producer and 6-time Grammy nominee Chet Catallo was born and raised in Rochester, NY. Joining Chet on the guitar will be Andy Calabrese on keyboards, Steve Curry on drums, and John Viavatine on bass.

Delightful music, elegant tea, delicious pastry.

#### **Event Calendar**

#### **October 2013** Ib Time: 4:00 pm

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#### Thursday, November 14 - Mystery Book Club

We'll meet to discuss James R. Benn's Billy Boyle series on the unseen war on crime in the ranks of World War II allies. WWII mysteries are relatively rare but they will, no doubt, catch up with the mostly splendid WWI genre. This series certainly covers the inglorious aspects of the invasions. We will try the Rizzoli and Isles mysteries of Tess Gerritson next: *The Surgeon, The Apprentice, The Sinner* – gritty and harrowing. For something completely different, the Montana westerns of Peter Bowen are also a choice: *Covote Wind, Specimen Song, Wolf*.

he 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 <u>http://perkinsmansion.org/</u>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 10:00 am <b>Retired Teachers</b> <b>Bridge</b>	2	3 8:30 am <b>STEM meeting</b>	4 10:00 am <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> A	5
6	7 9:15am <b>Bowling</b>	8 10-2:30pm Crazy 8's Bridge 5:00 pm Branch Dinner	9	10	11	12
13 3:00 pm Holistic Health	14	15 4:00 pm Board Meeting	16	17	18	19 9:00 am District 2 conference
20	21	22	23 10:00 a.m. Bridge B 2:00 pm Tea & Titles	24	25	26
27 3:00pm Guitar concert	28	29	30	31	1	2

**History & Archives** 

Doris Meadows - 328-4059

Heide Parreño - 414-6312

Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch

Beverly Vaughan -383-0896

Lynne Mitchell - 381-7145

**Mystery Book Club** 

**Bimonthly** meetings

Holistic Health and Wellness

#### Bridge

- Retired Teachers Bridge Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. Carol Achilles – 421-0876
- **Duplicate Bridge A** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10:00 a.m. Pauline Sherwood – 671-3556
- Duplicate Bridge B Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 am Jean Erskine – 266-5055 Janet Miles – 787-0507
- Crazy 8's Bridge Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am Carol Achilles – 421-0876

\*\*Bridge leaders: Please call our head caretaker Blake Kowalski at 489-2539 the night before to give him your set up numbers.

#### Night Out At the House

Rachel Adonis - 654-5259 Marlene Gordon – 402-5529 Bi-monthly social evening for members and guests.

**Poker** Marilyn Tedeschi -244-4107

**Tea and Titles** Maureen May- 385-1133 Joy Kinz- 392-7134

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The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 15, 2013 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.

#### **Board Members**

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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.