



Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

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Susan Zimet



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## Leadership Development Conference: Violence Against Women and Children

July 19-21, 2013

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

The 2013 AAUW-NYS Summer Conference will be held July 19-21, returning to the campus of Cazenovia College, in the charming village of Cazenovia, NY. GRAB AAUW members Uma Gupta, Susan Zimet, and Heide Parreño will be featured presenters this year.

Conference fees are \$100 for registration online (or \$105 for paper registration.) This includes 2 nights in an air-conditioned dormitory suite, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, special events, and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Complete your application at [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org). Mail checks payable to AAUW NYS for \$100 (or \$105 for paper registration) to:

Betty Harrel  
28 Laffin Lane  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

## Day at Chautauqua

“Crime and Punishment as Portrayed in the Arts”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated by President Bill Clinton as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in June 1993 and took the oath of office on August 10, 1993. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, she served from 1980 to 1993 on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Date: Monday, July 29, 2013

Host: AAUW Branch of Jamestown, NY

Place: Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

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

Cost: \$29.70/person (Make check payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch)

**LUNCH is SOLD OUT, but there are other places to eat.**

Please email questions to [jwallacejackson@yahoo.com](mailto:jwallacejackson@yahoo.com)



Ruth Bader Ginsburg,  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Associate Justice

### Mission

The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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## Women Helping Girls

Another year has come and gone. Programs held for the mentors and mentees for this year are coming to an end. The events marking the end have been spectacular with a visit to the Women's Rights National Park followed by lunch at Belhurst Castle where the girls had the opportunity to use skills learned at a recent presentation on etiquette. The final events included a trip to Darien Lake and our graduating seniors being treated to dinner at a local restaurant to receive WHG's acknowledgement and awards for a job well done. GRAB met and honored our graduating seniors at the June branch meeting.

The following is a list of our Class of 2013 graduates this year – we are so proud of their accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Asha Bakari will attend Keuka College, and Antoinette Breedlove will attend St. John Fisher College. Veronica Griffin-Pevc will attend Monroe Community College (2yr) then Rochester Institute of Technology (2yr).

Amoni Lathrop will attend Genesee Community College, and Jordanae Smith will attend Rochester Institute of Technology. Sade Wood will attend Monroe Community College (Fall 2013) and then Virginia State University (Spring 2014).

Everyone at Women Helping Girls wants to thank the members of AAUW for their continued support.

*Skye Bird, Program Coordinator WHG*

## Table Talk



I would like to thank those members who have supported Table Talk over the years. I took Table talk on because I thought it important as members of the community to be informed regarding the city and county as we are affected as citizens. Graciously members of the committee joined me.

I have decided with the agreement of my committee that there is enough to do in the area of public policy without the added responsibility of presenting the Table Talk series. Therefore, I am passing the torch on.

A special thank you goes out to my current committee and other members who have assisted in bringing Table Talk to GRAB.

*Patricia Shurn Thompson, Chair Public Policy*

## Garage Sale Report



Our first annual Garage Sale raised over \$1500.00 for scholarships for students. A special thanks to Nancy, Heide, Laurie, Vickie, Marilyn and to the house staff for all their work.

And thank you to all those volunteers especially Rosemary

Pautz and Esther Blackman.

Thank you to donors Connie Corsica, Laurie Ditzel, Vickie Fumia, Nancy Kleintop, Elaine and Jim Kraus, (who donated a beautiful oriental carpet), Myrtle Merritt, Heide Parreño, Jean Schmidt and Beverly Vaughan. Let's start saving for next year's sale now!

Thank you all!

**Laurie Ditzel**

## Holistic Health

AAUW welcomes our new member, Sandi DeWispelaere and her interest in Holistic Health.

**YOUR HEALTH IS IN BALANCE!**

Making changes toward a healthy diet and lifestyle can be overwhelming, frustrating, and uncomfortable. Living the **Hallelujah Acres** diet and lifestyle can help us find that balance by making better choices.

Learn the secrets to anti-aging, energize your mind body & spirit, and achieve ideal weight for life.

Get ready to have conversations and presentations with speaker Sandi DeWispelaere in July. Dates TBA.

Anyone interested please contact Heide Parreño at 585.414.6312

## Gateways Music Festival

20th Anniversary Chamber Music at AAUW: Celebrating Classical Musicians of African Descent.

Please save the Date: August 16, 2013. 6:30 to 8:30 pm



The Festival celebrates the participation and contributions of classically-trained musicians of African descent through more than 30 solo, chamber and orchestra performances in the Eastman Theatre, houses of worship, schools and other community locations throughout the city and suburbs of Rochester, New York.

Approximately 85 musicians from around the United States participate in the Festival and perform for a diverse and multi-ethnic audience of more than 5,000.

## Community Cafe



On June 11, 2013 the Legacy Women Institute International in partnership with AAUW's Diversity Team hosted a Community Cafe. The topic was whether women's progress in achieving leadership roles have stalled, and if so, have women done it to themselves?

Discussion centered on Sheryl Sandberg's book *Lean In*. The cafe drew about 30 participants, who were interested in discussing the book and networking. The group was welcomed by AAUW President, Marilyn Tedeschi, and the cafe was lead and facilitated by Dr. Melody Cofield of Legacy. Stay tuned for other Community Cafes planned at the Perkins Mansion in July and August.

*Mary Myers, AAUW member*

## Development Committee Report



Congratulations to all who have "adopted square yards" in the Perkins Mansion. Your ongoing commitment to the maintenance of these "yards" is really gratifying. To date we have had 44 participants.

We mourn the passing of Louise Spivak and Lois Inman who supported this effort. Two hundred forty-nine yards were subscribed.

The House is comprised of approximately 11,000 square feet or approximately 1222 square yards. With four floors this means 305.5 square yards per floor.

If every member would step up and adopt two yards we would be able to maintain the second floor. **WILL YOU HELP US TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?**

**Myrtle Merrit, Development Committee Chair**

### MEMBERS' CORNER

*The Italian American Community Center* named **Annamaria C. Falzarano,**  
**Woman of the Year for Education**



The award recognizes exemplary women of Italian-American heritage who have made exemplary contributions to the community and to their profession. Annamaria was honored to receive the nomination and accept the award at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner event on May 23 at the IACC.

## House Report

### Happy Summer to all of you



I am going to give you an update on what is happening at the House. The first big thing is the new entry system. The doors have all been re-keyed and a camera takes your picture when you ring the bell. This system is in place at the front door and at the patio door. The photo is sent to

the events office and to the caretakers, and they will let you in. If you have a code to unlock the Patio door, you can enter your code and the door will unlock. Our gardener is back and has started with the flowers under the sign in front of the House. I will again donate a truckload of black mulch from the Amish to be used in the flower beds and around the beach tree in the front. I am making this donation in memory of our late member Lois Inman. Several members have donated in memory of Lois. She was an avid gardener and belonged to a number of garden clubs. Cathy, our volunteer gardener, does a wonderful job and keeps the gardens looking neat and beautiful. Thank you, Cathy!

We have a new tenant in the Carriage House. The Sufi Order of Rochester has leased it for the next year. They are moving in June 15th. A big welcome to them. They are a delightful group. Say hello to them if you see them. They will be taking care of the garden behind the Carriage House.

The Garage Sale was a success in spite of the rain, and we made \$1500.00 for the Scholarship Fund. An antique dealer friend of mine stopped by and bought some of the jewelry. He then came back and donated some items which sold right away. A big **Thank You** to all of you who donated items and who worked the sale.

Our events are picking up and should again be bringing in money for the House. We have hired Leslie Sellers on a consulting basis to go over our events and the costs. She is doing a great job!

Have a great summer and remember to be kind to each other.

**Vickie Fumia, House VP**

**GRAB AAUW will not have a newsletter for the month of August. For more information please contact Ana DeTomaso at 585.244.8890, ext. 5 or [adetomaso@auwrochester.org](mailto:adetomaso@auwrochester.org)**



**Monday, July 8 – Our Community Café**  
**Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Living room**



**“What can women do to harness the talent and level the playing field?”**

Participants concluded at our last café that women are indeed responsible for their stalled leadership progress; however, they are not responsible for everything that holds them back. Most importantly, women must become the catalyst for their own change in order to produce a different result. So, what can women do to harness the potential and level the playing field? At our next café, we will explore just how expansive this field really is, how gender stereotyping creates bias, and how each thwarts the potential of women.

**Our Community Café** is a Legacy Women Institute International forum hosted in partnership with AAUW Diversity.

Fee: AAUW members are free

Non-AAUW members---donation requested: \$10

Registration: 585.244.8890 ext. 5

Facilitators: **Dr. Melody A. Cofield, President Legacy Women Institute International.**  
**Kathy Roth, Waterstone Partners**



**Heide Parreño, Diversity Chair ( GRAB AAUW)**

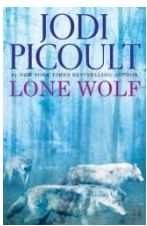
**Thursday, July 18 – Mystery Book Club**  
**Time: 4:00 p.m.**



We've decided to give readers a choice of authors for the next meeting: **Zoë Ferraris' *Mysteries Happen in Saudi Arabia***. Titles in this series: *Finding Nouf*, *City of Veils* and *Kingdom of Strangers*. Second author (and previous selection) - **Elizabeth Gunn's: *McCafferty's Nine*, *Ten Mile Trials*, and *Eleven Little Piggies***. Good reading.

**Lynne Mitchell**

**Wednesday, August 28 – Tea and Titles**  
**Time: 2:00 p.m.**



The Tea and Titles group **will not meet in July**. Our next meeting will be in August. On Wednesday, August 28 at 2PM the Tea and Titles group will meet at the house to discuss ***Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult**. Anne Bell will lead the discussion. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshment will be served.

**Maureen May**  
**Joy Kinz**

**Bridge**

• **Retired Teachers Bridge**

Meets the First Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
 Carol Achilles – 421-0876

• **Duplicate Bridge A**

Meets the First Friday at 10:00 a.m.  
 Pauline Sherwood – 671-3556

• **Duplicate Bridge B**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:00  
 Jean Erskine – 266-5055

**History & Archives**

Doris Meadows -328.4059

**Holistic Health and Wellness**

Heide Parreño -414.6312

**Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch**

Beverly Vaughan -383-0896

**Mystery Book Club**

Lynne Mitchell -381.7145  
 Bimonthly meetings

**Night Out At the House**

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

**Poker**

Marilyn Tedeschi -244-4107

**Tea and Titles**

Maureen May-385.1133  
 Joy Kinz-392.7134

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 10-2:30pm <b>Retired Bridge</b>	3	4	5 10-3:00 p.m. <b>Bridge A</b>	6
7	8 5:30pm Community Café	9 10-2:30pm <b>Crazy 8's Bridge</b>	10 6pm Holistic Health	11	12	13
14	15	16 4:30 to 6:30pm <b>Program Committee (WHG)</b>	17	18 4-6pm-Lib- Mystery Book Club	19	20
21	22 5:30pm Diversity	23	24 10:00 a.m. <b>Bridge B</b>	25	26 5-8 pm Nights Out!	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

**August 2013**

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28	29	30	31	1	2 10-3:00 p.m. <b>Bridge A</b>	3
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25	26	27	28 10:00 a.m. <b>Duplicate Bridge B</b> 2:00pm <b>Tea &amp;Titles:</b> <i>Lone Wolf</i>	29	30	31

**Bowling** will resume in October. Please think about joining us. We really do have a wonderful time. We would welcome a couple of new bowlers. Good exercise and fun !

Happy Summer, **Mary Louise Riter 381-4368**

**The Knit group** is taking the summer off.

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**The deadline for the  
September Newsletter is  
August 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.

## 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**

*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.*