



Elizabeth Ginna-Perkins



Mission

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

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.

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Branch Members Realized their Dream

“On December 11, 1946 the deed was signed and the Branch members realized their dream. They finally had their own clubhouse. The official opening was held on April 20, 1947, the 50th anniversary of the Branch. As Mrs. Perkins turned over the keys to Mrs. Herbert Soule, the Branch president, she spoke these prophetic words”:

The World is so in need of sanity, tolerance, discretion, wisdom, faith, and love. Women need to return to the art of giving tender and loving care in the home and to the community. Education should include more of god and love. I wish for the members of this house a wide future. I wish that this house may send out in the years to come, thoughts and actions that are going to count in making this world of ours a far better one than it is today (Elizabeth Ginna-Perkins).



Future of our Branch and House

Branch Luncheon: Saturday, January 12, 2013

As we turn the corner of the New Year, it is best to know where we are going. The times are uncertain and the economic situation is tenuous. I believe that we, as your officers and board, have made great strides in our work at GRAB to uplift, reenergize and build our branch and house into a self-sustaining organization devoted to equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research, and philanthropy.

Please save Saturday, January 12, 2013 for serious member discussion on our branch and house crossroads. This is an important meeting where you can ask questions and participate in the direction of our branch and house.

Marilyn Tedeschi, President
GRAB AAUW

Menu: Roasted vegetables with pasta
Green Salad
Assorted cookies

Schedule:
11:30 a.m. Social and 2nd Floor Tour
12:00 a.m. Lunch
1:00 a.m. Presentation & Dialogue

Cost: \$ 15

Reservations: Call Felice at 585.244.8890 by
Monday, January 7, 2013

Violence Against Women (VAW) Violence Against Women Act is Overdue for Re-authorization

• Key facts:

- Violence against women - particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women - are major public health problems and violations of women's human rights.
- A WHO multi-country study found that between 15–71% of women aged 15- 49 years reported physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lives.
- These forms of violence can result in physical, mental, sexual, reproductive health and other health problems, and may increase vulnerability to HIV.
- Risk factors for being a perpetrator also include low education, past exposure to child maltreatment or witnessing violence in the family, harmful use of alcohol, attitudes accepting of violence and gender inequality.
- Risk factors for being a victim of intimate partner and sexual violence include low education, witnessing violence between parents, exposure to abuse during childhood and attitudes accepting violence and gender inequality.
- In high-income settings, school-based programmes to prevent relationship violence among young people (or dating violence) are supported by some evidence of effectiveness.
- In low-income settings, other primary prevention strategies, such as microfinance combined with gender equality training and community-based initiatives that address gender inequality and communication and relationship skills, hold promise.
- Situations of conflict, post conflict and displacement may exacerbate existing violence and present new forms of violence against women.

U.S. Department of Justice

Newtown Tragedy

In Honor of the Newtown Tragedy

As the immediate shock of the tragedy wears off, it is time to think about how we as a country got to this place. In the coming weeks and months we will reflect on the reasons and then we will grapple with possible ways to make sure this doesn't ever happen again.

Certainly AAUW members will want to be involved in solutions. We'll think carefully and reflect and then we'll act.

Hold your loved ones close this Holiday season.

Susan Hoover

The election is over, but now the real work begins.

The Congress left a lot of important work undone, and I don't mean just the so-called "fiscal cliff" that is dominating the news.

Chief among these bits of unfinished work is **VAWA** – the **Violence Against Women Act** – which has traditionally had bi-partisan and near-unanimous support for 18 years. The Senate passed the Reauthorization Act (S. 1925) in April, but it is stuck in the House.

What are the main issues?

The House version (H.R. 4970) excludes key improvements that were included in the Senate version. These include:

- Provisions to improve the safety of college campuses.
- Rejection of protections for men and women who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, making it difficult for them to find services in their communities.
- Elimination of strong protections and justice for women and children who are beaten or abused on Tribal lands by perpetrators who are not members of a particular tribe.
- Removal of a key requirement that would more easily allow victims to move from one subsidized housing program to another in order to avoid an abuser.

Want to take action to move this along?

We need GOP leadership behind a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization before the end of the 112th Congress.

CALL to urge Speaker Boehner and House Majority Leader Cantor to Pass VAWA.

You can reach the Speaker's office at [202.225.0600](tel:202.225.0600) and the Majority Leader's office at [202.225.4000](tel:202.225.4000).

Susan Hoover

Women Elected to Congress

AAUW is thankful for the record number of women elected to Congress: 20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and three delegates in House. We are particularly grateful for the states that elected their first female Senators – Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin – and other "first" in the 2012 elections, which broke representation barriers for religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

AAUW Action Network

Thursday, January 10 - Mystery Club

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Happy holidays!



Carol Lea Benjamin

We will be reading *Carol Lea Benjamin's series* on Rachel Alexander, a former New York city dog trainer and unlicensed PI. A resident of Greenwich Village, she looks into things for people along with her pit bull Dashiell, who is also a therapy dog.

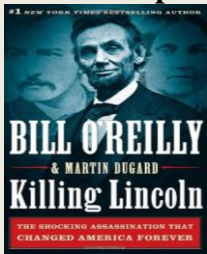
Her early titles are: *Fall Guy, The Long Good Boy, The Wrong Dog, and Lady Vanishes.*

Lynne Mitchell, Assistant Treasurer for Membership

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Wednesday, January 23 - Tea and Titles

Time: 2:00 p.m.



The Tea and Titles group will meet at the Clubhouse to discuss *KILLING LINCOLN* by Bill O'Reilly. Light refreshments will be served. Louise Spivack had volunteered to be the discussion leader, but sadly she very recently passed away and is no longer with us. Most fortunately, EDITH THOBURN has stepped in and will lead the discussion. Do join us for a pleasant and sociable time. All are welcome to attend.

Maureen May maureensmay@yahoo.com

Joy Kinz cjkinz@rochester.rr.com

Friday, January 25 - Table Talk

Time: 12:30 p.m.



The January edition of Table Talk will feature **Dr. William Walence** from Roberts Wesleyan whose topic will be Medicare. So, if you have been wondering about how Medicare will be affected by the Affordable Health Care Bill this is your opportunity. So save Friday, January 25 for Table Talk.

Patricia Thompson, AAUW Public Policy

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Friday, January 25 - Nights Out At The House!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.



Save this date for a Disco Night. Nights Out are being organized for FUN. They will be held on the fourth Friday of odd numbered months. In January a Disco night is being organized. Plan to attend and bring a friend and introduce them to the House and our branch.

Nancy Kleintop, Community Relations

585.461.5508 ~ kleintop@aol.com

Saturday, February 23 – Comedy “the Book Club play”

Time: 2:00 p.m.



Geva Theatre in partnership with GRAB & Fairport AAUW are giving the opportunity to all our members to attend the comedy at an excellent price, \$29. This is for the Saturday matinee which begins at 2 p.m. that day and this price are under the category of “today pass.” The play will be in the main stage. If you are a regular subscriber to Geva Theatre and you have already selected the play, you should get in touch with me for additional instructions. It is part of the regular series for this performance year. The deadline for your paid reservation is January 11, 2013. Please contact me at the email or phone listed below if you are interested or want additional information. At this point do not contact Geva directly s there will be a specific process and code to follow and specific staff member is my contact. Thanks for your interest. It sounds like fun so does consider participating!

Eileen Hartmann, AAUW NYS Immediate Past President

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Holiday Giving

Thank you!!

Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

A special thanks to our generous members who brought holiday gifts for Alternatives for Battered Women and the Sojourner House. Both groups had Wish Lists and we were able to help meet many of their requests. With our cars filled with the AAUW gifts Barbara Stevens and I delivered the presents by the desired date.

Beverly Vaughan, GRAB
AAUW Past President



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

As of December 13, thirty-four members have contributed to the Annual appeal. Contributions total \$7205 for the House and \$100 for Women Helping Girls. The committee recognizes the following for their commitment to the Perkins Mansion and thanks them for their generosity.

Thelma Jo Atwell, Mary Bigler, Catherine Browning, Lorraine Cappelino, Sarah Carbone, Sharon Clark, Barbara Drachman, Jean Erskine, Kathryn Eveleigh, Virginia Goyer, Susan Hoover, Carol Hopkins, Patricia Houlihan, Nancy Jones, Beth Jorgensen, Joy Kinz, Nancy Kleintop, Anne M. Kress, Bettie Lindley, Mary Jean MacEwen, Myrtle Merritt, Anne Miller, Shirley Miller, Carol Musso, Heide Parreño, Rosemary Pautz, Dorothy R. Pecararo, Grace Schlageter, Jean Schmidt, Mary Schmitt, Gaya Shakes, Barbara Stevens, Mary Lou Swicklik, Marilyn Tedeschi, Cathrine Weisenbeck, Julia Welton and Carol Zavada.

Queens Legacy Scholarship

Congratulations to RIT graduate student, **Taunja Isaac**, for applying and being the selected winner of the AAUW NYS Queens Legacy Award for leadership. The Queens Branch scholarship money was won by our chapter member **Vickie Fumia** at the 2012 NYS Convention at the Woodcliff Hotel. **We are thankful to the Queens Branch for the opportunity to give this award and are thankful for Taunja's student leadership in our Branch.** Taunja has been working with a group of teenage girls exploring the Rochester community through photography and video.



We mourn the loss of two longtime members who passed away.

Mary Ellen Harkness 12/01/12

Louise M. Spivack 12/04/12

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i> <u>New Year's Eve</u>	1 10-2:30 Retired Bridge Cancelled	2 11:30 a.m. House Meeting	3 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	4 10-3:00 p.m. Bridge A	5
6	7 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	8	9	10 10:00 a.m. Knit Group <u>Dining Room</u> 4:00-6:00 p.m. Mystery Club	11	12 11:30 a.m. Branch Meeting Luncheon
13	14 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	22	23 10:30-3:00 p.m. <u>Bridge B</u> 2:00 p.m. Tea and Titles <i>Killing Lincoln</i>	24	25 12:30 p.m. <u>Table Talk</u> 5:30-8:00 p.m. Nights Out At the House!	26
27	28 9:15 a.m. Bowling at <i>Clover Lanes</i>	29	30	31	1	2

Note: The HOUSE is being cleaned from Top to Bottom. Please excuse any interruptions to your activities. If you would like to volunteer for short assignments on this task, please phone Nancy Kleintop 585.461.5508 Thank you!

Bowling

Mary Louise Riter, Phone: 381-4368

We meet every Monday at 9:15a.m. at Clover Lanes. Please call me if you are interested.

Bridge

- **Retired Teachers Bridge**
Carol Achilles, 585.421.0876
Meets the First Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **Duplicate Bridge A**
Meets the First Friday at 10:00 a.m.
- **Duplicate Bridge B**
Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00
*****Bridge leaders: Please call our head caretaker Blake Kowalski at 489-2539 the night before to give him your set up numbers.**

History & Archives

Doris Meadows, 585.328.4059

Holistic Health and Wellness

Heide Parreño, 585.256.7372
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Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch

Beverly Vaughan, 585.383.0896
bvaughan@rochester.rr.com

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell: 381-7145
Bimonthly meetings

Night Out At the House

Rachel Adonis, 585.654.5259
Nancy Kleintop, 585.461.5508
Bi-monthly social evening for members and guests.

Poker

Marilyn Tedeschi, 585.414.4979

Tea and Titles

Maureen May,
maureensmay@yahoo.com
Joy Kinz, cjkinz@rochester.rr.com

**New Interest Group
Starting on January!**

*like every woman ..., I have more
strength than I appear to have*
Eva Peron

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**The deadline for the
February Newsletter is
January 15, 2012**
Please email items to **Marlene
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We welcome suggestions or
contributions to include in future
newsletters. Please contact us at
the mailing address above or via
e-mail: **aunt5mtzma@aol.com**

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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.*

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