



National Convention June 9-12 New Orleans

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June Branch Dinner Program – June 25, 2013

Once a year, the members of GRAB AAUW set aside time to examine what it means to be a member of our very special organization. Our June branch dinner program on June 25 will start with an address from our president, Marilyn Tedeschi. Marilyn plans to share her own personal journey to committing her life to supporting the equity of women through membership in our branch of AAUW.

In addition, our membership team will explain the composition of our membership as it exists today and the strategies they will use for both growing our membership and deepening member involvement in programs that support activism and service to women in our community.

This year, we have welcomed several new members to our branch. We look forward to hearing them introduce themselves and find out why they have joined us in our mission.

As both seasoned and new members, we need to re-examine our will to participate in programs that support our goals. As our program vice-president, I will share information about our signature programs, specifically to educate our members about opportunities to become involved.

To cap off our program, we would like to recognize the accomplishments of selected program participants, including the Women Helping Girls program graduates and scholarship recipients for 2013.

Please join us in recognizing the value of being an AAUW member and kick start our next year of growth and community involvement.

5:30 – 6:00 – Social Hour and Program Information Tables

6:00 – 7:00 – Dinner

7:00 – Branch Meeting

Reservations: 585.244.8890 Ext. 105 ~ by, Friday June 25, 2013

Elected as Officers 2013-15

President - Marilyn Tedeschi

Recording Secretary- Laurie Ditzel

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Assistant Treasurer - Sandra Kobel

Co-Vice Presidents for House -

Vickie Fumia and Anne Miller

Branch Dinner

Menu:

- Pasta with tomato Basil Sauce
- Salad and focaccia breads
- Chocolate cake

Cost: \$20

Mission

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

NYS Women's Equality Agenda 10-point plan "Free the Girls"

1. **Achieve** Pay Equity
2. **Stop** Sexual harassment in All Workplaces
3. **Allow** for Recovery of Legal Fees in Employment and Credit and Lending Cases
4. **Strengthen** Human Trafficking Laws
5. **End** Family Status Discrimination
6. **Stop** Source-of-Income Discrimination
7. **Stop** Housing Discrimination Against Victims of Domestic Violence
8. **Stop** Pregnancy Discrimination Once and For all
9. **Protect** Victims of Domestic Violence by Strengthening Order-of-Protection Laws
10. **Protect** a Woman's Freedom of Choice by Enacting the Reproductive Health Act

Please continue to support the NYS Women's Equality Agenda 10-point plan by:

* **Giving** 10 minutes on line at nywomensequality.org and take action steps - link to legislators, colleagues, *Facebook* friends - help get the word out!

* **Telling** your story! Many of us have experiences that if we just share them, create a greater understanding of why we need this legislation. We are seeking stories for Letters to the Editor and Op-Eds etc. If you or someone you know has a great story to tell or who can give a personal testimonial of WEA support, reach out to them and see what they'd be willing to do.

* **Sign up** for LOBBY DAY Albany, June 4th! A bus will be leaving Rochester in the early AM and returning that evening. Send your name, email, cell phone (for day-of contact), and indicate whether you are taking the bus.

Contact me on any or all of the above at

jcarroll@ywcarocheater.org

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585-358-2280

Jean Carroll

It's Time for AAUW Membership Renewals

The AAUW year ends on June 30. All 2012-2013 GRAB members will be receiving the annual membership dues notice via the USPS in early June. Please save us the cost of another mailing by sending in your dues promptly.

There is no increase in dues from last year. The amount due will be on the notification letters.

Please note that renewals can only be processed after receipt of the full payment.

Teresa Froncek, Membership Treasurer



A Buck & A Bra Supports Girls Who've Been Rescued Out of Sex Slavery

WHY BRAS?

Second-hand clothing is a profitable market in many countries around the world. Bras are unusually sought-after items. Re-selling them provides opportunities for these trafficked women to work with other women. Most of them were sold into prostitution as children, some as young as 8-10 years old. Because their lives were stolen from them, they missed out on going to school and getting educations. Re-selling bras allows the girls to work as much or as little as their school schedule permits.

NYS Branches Bring your slightly used bras to:

- GRAB AAUW - Until July 15 and we will bring them to Cazenovia – July 19-21, 2013
- For more information visit: www.freethegirls.org/get-involved/



Women Helping Girls

Women Helping Girls is enjoying one of its busiest times of the year – Happy Spring, indeed. Women Helping Girls wants to thank Sue Simpatico and her entire team of volunteers for leading us in another successful Browncroft Area Garage Sale fundraiser that took place on Saturday, May 3. A special thanks to Sandy and Martin Swanson for welcoming us into their home and the time they gave to us and the event. In addition, WHG girls, mentors, and staff were involved with ROC the Runway on Saturday, April 27 at the Hyatt Regency as well as having representation at the WHG table at WDKX's Women for Women "Up Close and Personal" event to assist with recruitment and community involvement.

The month of May brings our annual Mother's Day Luncheon which took place this year on May 11 at the Rochester Yacht Club. Our girls and their moms were able to share the day together with WHG as well as receive an etiquette lesson during their luncheon. WHG is also preparing to graduate five of our girls in June as well as gearing up to offer our girls numerous opportunities over the summer.

Skye Bird, Program Coordinator WHG

Conversing on Diversity:**An Exchange of New Ideas, New Language and New Consciousness**

At our round table conversation on diversity at the New York State Convention at Lake Placid, there was passion and enthusiasm by those who responded to be in the diversity team. Some of the points in our conversation related to our GRAB goals.

Goal 1. Provide an on-going conversation about Diversity towards transformative consciousness. Starting from a premise that as people we are both the same and different and our presence is valuable in all facets of AAUW, our contribution of diverse ideas expand human consciousness. This results in a new language that will enhance genuine relationships and will open to new paradigms and innovative actions. What would happen if we change the phrase "inner city" to "heart of the city" and "melting pot" to a beautiful mosaic of people with unique identities and gifts?

Goal 2. Promote racial equity in the U.S. and international empowerment. At our Branch we have attracted more people of color and cultures to our membership. The challenge is how to retain them.

Goal 3. Integrate the value of health and diversity in programs and activities. Health meaning optimizing personal potential and a healthy way to function by sharing the wisdom of best cultural practices and experiences.

We are proud to announce that our diversity chair, Heide Parreño has been appointed as the Diversity Chair to sit on the NYS Board.

By Heide Parreño, Diversity Chair
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MEMBERS' CORNER

Our very own member and Communication Chair, Régine Calvar, had an essay published in the Democrat and Chronicle of May 19th. You can find it at:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013305180020>. Please feel free to send her your comments.

Please join us in welcoming our newest members:

Susan Ziolkowski, Alexandra DeWispelaere, Gabrielle Bedewi, Diane Dolan, Annamaria Falzarano, Elizabeth Randisi, Brigit Klement, Merlita Snow, Laura Rebel Gross and Eloise Johnson.

Garage Sale Announcement:

It's time for spring cleaning! To benefit programs at AAUW, we're having a garage sale Friday, June 7th from 11-6 p.m. and Saturday June 8th from 9-4 p.m. Clean out your closets! You can bring things to the rear of the Perkins Mansion on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, June 3, 4, 5 from 4 -6 p.m. If these times don't work for you, call **Laurie Ditzel** at 355-4307 to arrange a drop off. We will provide a tax deduction form for you.

And then we need volunteers! These include people to take in donated items and price them, set up and clean up, cashiers, and greeters during the sale.

Doris Meadows

**Our Community Café****Are women responsible for stalling their leadership progress?**

Join us at the café; a monthly learning forum designed to promote connections and conversations that lead to community awareness and possibilities. Experience community in an inviting climate in which everyone is inspired to learn from diverse perspectives on a

wide-range of subjects.

Hosted by Legacy Women Institute International in partnership with AAUW's Diversity Team, the June cafe topic will explore whether women's progress in achieving leadership roles have stalled, and if so, have we done it ourselves? According to Sheryl Sandberg of *Lean In*, women will never reach the top of any profession anywhere in the world. Explore if and why this is true and what women can do to change these projections.

Date: June 11

Time: 5:30 - 7:30

Location: AAUW Living room

Facilitator: Dr. Melody Cofield, President, Legacy Women Institute International

Registration: www.ourcommunitycafe.com

Cost: Free with requested donation \$10



June 9 - 12 ~ AAUW National Convention

Location: New Orleans

As we march toward our AAUW National Convention starting June 9, we in the Development department are so very excited to see all of our beloved AAUW members, advocates, and friends and to join in all that the [jam-packed convention schedule](#) has to offer!

AAUW National, 800.326.2289



Thursday, June 13 ~ Knitting Group

Time: 10:00 a.m. **Location:** AAUW Dining Room

Please join us for knitting and great conversations and bring whatever extra yarn that you have!

Beverly Vaughan, 585.383.0896



Wednesday, June 26– Tea & Tittles: Book TBA

Wednesday, June 26 at 2PM the Tea and Titles group will meet at the Clubhouse to discuss a book that has been selected by one of our newer members, Sharon Clark.. Sharon and I were not able to communicate in time for the Bulletin deadline, but I expect to e-mail Tea and Titles members the name of the author and the title of the book by early June.

Maureen May, 585.385.1133

Joy Kinz, 585.392.7134

Sharon Clark: 585.617.4355



Thursday, June 27, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Intercultural Conversations: *Intercultural Communication*

How does culture affect language and perceptions of time and space? How can these differences impede intercultural relationships? What can we do to inform our selves so that our relationships, personal and global, can be strong and positive. We will explore questions like these in our interactive conversation. Please RSVP.

Marlene Gordon, 585.402.5529

Ana DeTomaso. 585.244.8890 ext. 105.



Thursday, July 18 – Mystery Book Club

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Mystery Book Club met 4/9 to discuss Irene Marcuse's overly curious social worker, Anita Servi, as she tours New York cities' neighborhoods solving crimes en route. It's all there - 9/11, DUMBO (down under the Manhattan Bridge), ethnic enclaves. Quite a tour.



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.

Lynn Mitchell, 585.381.7145

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 10-2:30 Retired Bridge	5 Drop off garage Sale items	6 Drop off garage sale items 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	7 10-3:00 p.m. Bridge A 11:00-6:00 pm Garage Sale	8 9:00-4:00pm Garage Sale
9	10	11 4:30 to 6:30pm Program Committee (WHG) CH Community Café Lean In 5:30-7:30 pm - LR	12	13 10:00 a.m. Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	14	15 10-12pm Holistic Heath ER
16	17	18 10:30-3:00p.m. Lib-Crazy 8's	19	20 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	2	22
23	24	25 June Branch dinner New Member Meeting 5:30PM FF	26 10:00 a.m. Bridge B 2:00p.m Tea & Tittles: Book TBA	27 2:00 p.m. Marketing Committee	28 12:00 p.m. Table Talk Speaker: TBA	29
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Bowling

Mary Louise Riter 381-4368
Bowling will resume in October.

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 4th Wednesday at 10:00
Jean Erskine – 266-5055

History & Archives

Doris Meadows

Holistic Health and Wellness

Heide Parreño

Knit, Quilt & Chain Stitch

Beverly Vaughan

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell
Bimonthly meetings

Night Out At the House

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

Poker

Marilyn Tedeschi

Tea and Titles

Maureen May
Joy Kinz

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

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**The deadline for the
July Newsletter is
June 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.

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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.