



Greater Rochester Area (NY) Branch

# American Association of University Women Greater Rochester Area Branch

*The American Association of Women Promotes Equity for Women and Girls through, Advocacy, Education Philosophy and Research.*

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## Branch Dinner Thursday, November 13

### SCHEDULE

- 5:00 - 5:45 pm Social Hour
- 5:45 - 6:30 pm Welcome & Dinner
- 6:30 - 6:45 pm Meeting
- 6:45 - 7:00 pm Dessert
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Program

### BUFFET DINNER MENU

- Butternut squash soup
- Mixed greens with toasted pecans and pears
- Herb roasted pork loin
- Spanikopita
- Wild mushroom risotto
- Roasted veggies
- Apple crisp
- Coffee or Tea

### REGISTRATION

To RSVP call Ellen Lewis by Monday, November 10, 3pm at 585-435-7202 or [elewis@perkinsmansion.org](mailto:elewis@perkinsmansion.org)

Choose an entree when making your reservation.

**Tickets: \$25**



TIMOTHY KNEELAND  
POLITICAL SCIENTIST

## Election 2014 Fraught with "Drumbeats of Concerns"

As our local and state elections rapidly approach, many of our voting citizenry appear to be anxious, concerned, and worried regarding the impending outcome and its impact.

What will it mean? Who will win? Will we be worse or better off? As one of our members, Deborah L. Hughes, Executive Director of The Susan B. Anthony House and Museum remarked recently at its Annual Tea, we are voting for a "Revolution of Hope!"

In the home of Susan B. Anthony, leader of the Suffrage Movement, still today we face questions of equity: when will women truly achieve Pay Equity? when will we achieve a fair Minimum Wage?

In Rochester, the home of Frederick Douglas, we still must ask ourselves: How will voter suppression impact those communities most vulnerable to the new ID law where voters' voices are being silenced?

According to our Attorney General Eric Holder, "Despite our nation's record of progress, and a long tradition of extending voting rights, today a growing number of citizens are worried about the same disparities, division and problems Dr. King fought throughout his life to address and overcome."

We will consider these questions and more in the context of the upcoming November Elections with our speaker, Dr. Timothy Kneeland, Professor of History at Nazareth College, and no stranger to AAUW.

Please join us and bring a friend.

Gaynelle Wethers, Programs VP

*AAUW is 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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# Letter from the President

It is hard to believe that 2014 is coming to a close. The 2014-15 directory is out, the annual appeal letter is out, and we have just completed an October filled with mission based programs. As my attention turns now to the holiday season, the following questions come to mind. Do we decorate for the holidays this year? Who will coordinate this effort? Who will take on the holiday gift-giving project now that Beverly Vaughan is no longer with us? As has always been the case, ask the question and the teacher appears. Barbara Stevens, long-time helper, has agreed to step up to the plate. And, as always with new people, has her own ideas on how it might be better. She suggested that instead of each of us going out to buy gifts, we would collect money for gifts and the agencies can buy the gifts. We called Jamie Saunders, executive director of ABW, to see if that would be a good thing to do. She immediately said YES, it would even be better! This way they can fill in the gaps of what is needed for the children and the children who always want to get something for their mothers, can do so. Please send donations this year, made out to either, Alternatives to Battered Women (ABW) or to Sojourner House and mail them to GRAB AAUW, 494 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607 attention Barbara Stevens.

Barbara will get the donations to the agencies and make sure of the acknowledgement letters. Thank you, Barbara. Philanthropy is at the core of our mission, and the women at GRAB are known for their generosity to the community. Let's make this a year special to those in crisis and need. You know, Beverly must still be smiling down and guiding us.

Another gap left by our beloved Beverly is as trustee of the GRAB-AAUW Charitable Trust. I have asked new member, Yolanda Asomoah, attorney, to join the five-member team and she has accepted. Our first meeting will be held this week, and we will keep you informed of our work. One of the first tasks we will be doing with Nixon Peabody guiding us, (still pro bono) is to change all of our leases, rental agreements and insurances to the Charitable Trust name. A Friends of the Perkins Mansion group is beginning to expand and become active and we hope to attract some husbands too. Please call Barbara Hoffman if you are interested in joining. The Friends names and phone numbers are listed in the back of the new directory. The Charitable Trust is also monitoring the construction work

on the 9 luxury apartments at the old Boy Scouts building. They hope to get the garage built before the end of the year. The garden plantings will be put in in the spring. The GRAB-AAUW Charitable Trust will now be fully responsible for the house, its maintenance schedule, fund raising and work. This will take the house burden off the shoulders of GRAB AAUW board of directors and keep the property with the women and girls in the Rochester community as Mrs. Perkins so clearly stated to us when she deeded us her family home.

Please feel free to contact me or any others on the trust board members with questions you might have. Members are: Ginger Goyer, Edith Thoburn, Yolanda Asamoah and myself. The House VP, Development VP, Events Planner and maintenance person will also be a part of this team. Thank you all for your support and encouragement in this long, tedious process. We could not have done it without you.

Onward and Upward!

Marilyn Tedeschi

## SAVE THE DATE!

### April 17th - 19th, 2015



## THE 2015 AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION:

### AAUW Leading the Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century

#### Special Recognition:

A celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the AAUW Buffalo Branch

#### Workshops will address topics such as :

- 21st Century Education Issues
- The Trial, Tribulations and Triumphs of Women Elected Officials: Women Leading NY into the 21st Century
- Countdown to the Century of Women's Right to Vote in the US
- Domestic Violence and Women's Self Empowerment
- And more!

AAUW develops women leaders by strengthening their sense of empowerment. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!\*

\* Registration information will be on the AAUW-NYS website beginning in January 2015



# Development Committee

## REPORT

Our Annual Francie Wilcox Card Party was held on Saturday, September 20. In the past this has been a two day event. The one day proved to be almost as successful, monetarily, as the two-day past events.

Donations, registrations and 50/50 drawing produced revenue of \$3107. Thanks to the extravagant generosity of Nora Wilcox, Francie's daughter and a Chapter member, this sum was matched for a total of \$6214. A portion will be used to help pay for the new awning on the patio and the remainder will be used to purchase fire place inserts. Participation included 24 for Bridge, 9 for Quiddler, 4 for Canasta and 4 for MahJong.

The Development Committee extends its gratitude to all who assisted with kitchen prep, cooking and serving, registration, and for the following who made monetary donations. We look for greater participation next September.

Carol Achilles, Stephanie Augonis, Regine Calvar, Lorraine Cappellio, Jeanne Chapman, Laurie Ditzel, Jean Erskine, Food Source Solutions, Cathy Foster, Vickie Fumia, Marlene Gordon, Carol Hopkins, Nancy Jones, Susan Lawrence, Ellen Lewis, Myrtle Merritt, Mary Myers, Anne Miller, Dorothy M. Pecararo, Agnes Perry, Marilyn Tedeschi, Edith Thoburn, Margaret Trego, and Gaynelle Wethers.

Myrtle A. Merritt, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Development

## Fourth Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues

Women and Gender Studies (WMS) students Lucienne Nicholson, Kelsey Mahoney, Sarah Richens, and Ben Roberts presented "Clearing the Air: Social Ecologies of Identity and Place," at the fourth Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues, Oct. 17- 19.

Led by WMS Director/faculty and AAUW College and University Partner Chair Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, the students presented projects completed in their spring '14

Senior Seminar and/or Feminist Theory class, which addressed questions of diversely identified feminists finding voice and agency as a mode of resistance to oppressions written on person and or place using theoretical locations of Queer, Marxist, Black, Liberal, and Radical feminist thought.



Keynotes at the SFD included Tanya Fields, Ecowarrior and Founder/ Executive Director, The BLK ProjeK, with a talk entitled, "Lettuce Liberate;" and Jill Tietjen, President of the National Women's Hall of Fame, speaking on, "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet." A faculty and student delegation from Novgorod Russia, visiting the region as part of government sponsored U.S./Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue grant studying domestic violence as a significant social problem in both of our countries, also attended the SFD.

Participants also included faculty and students from many area colleges who took full advantage of the wide variety of presentations available during the five conference sessions. Topics ranged from the link between gender and nature in Japanese animated feature films to ways nontraditional living arrangements like organized urban squatting and polyamorous family configurations can reduce environmental impact.

Conference participants are invited to submit essay versions of their dialogues for inclusion in the inaugural Seneca Falls Dialogues Journal, a multidisciplinary, peer reviewed, online journal that grows out of the Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues. SDF and SFD Journal inquiries can be directed to [sbai@rochester.edu](mailto:sbai@rochester.edu) <<mailto:sbai@rochester.edu>>.

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 Rochester, SUNY Geneseo, Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women, and The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning. Brockport WMS Director Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, and University of Rochester Susan B. Antony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies Program Manager and Brockport WMS faculty Angela Clark-Taylor, served as conference co-chairs.

Dr. Barbara LeSavoy



# Rochester/Novgorod Peer to Peer Dialogue Grant

Barbara LeSavoy, PhD, Chair of the GRAB AAUW College and University Partners, is a collaborator of a government sponsored Russian Peer to Peer Dialogue grant recently awarded through Linkages Rochester/Novgorod sister city partnership. The grant supports professionals and students in Veliky Novgorod and Rochester to engage in a year-long dialogue on domestic violence as a significant social problem in both of our countries.

The project included a visit by a Russian delegation to Rochester, October 11 - 20, and a subsequent visit by American counterparts to Novgorod in spring 2015. The Russian group attended the 4th Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues (SFD), October 17-19, and they held their farewell dinner Sunday evening, 10/19, at the GRAB AAUW Perkins Mansion.



Picture 1: Left to Right, Barb LeSavoy, PhD, Elena Lukovitskaya, PhD, Ann Giralico Pearlman, PhD  
Picture 2: Elena Lukovitskaya, PhD, Gender and Sociology Faculty, Novgorod State University, Russia

Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, Chair of the GRAB AAUW College and University Partners



## Sarah Abbamonte-GRAB AAUW MEMBER

The National Susan B Anthony Museum and House has announced that AAUW GRAB member, Sarah Abbamonte, has been named Director of Communications. Sarah has a B.S. in psychology and political science from The College at Brockport, where she is now pursuing her Master's in Public Administration, with a concentration in nonprofit management and arts administration. Deborah

L. Hughes, President & CEO, commented, "Sarah brings an exceptional mix of skills and talent to our team as Director of Communications. She is well-connected in the broader community, and she is an exceptional communicator. She knows our constituents, and she shares Susan B. Anthony's life and work with passion." Congratulations to Sarah!

## Mollie Wolf-GRAB AAUW MEMBER

Mollie is a retired art teacher of 25 years in the Rochester City School District and an independent art teacher in the Rochester community. She has a Masters in Art Education and Art Therapy Certification from Nazareth College.

Mollie has a collection of paintings that ranged from realistic portraits to wearable art. For more information click [here](#).

Second Picture is located on Main St at the 1872 Cafe in the Susan B Anthony Neighborhood area.



## Yolanda Asamoah Wade

### AAUW MEMBER

New York State Daily Record's Award 2014

Attorney of the Year

Congratulations!!!



## Lucienne Nicholson -GRAB AAUW MEMBER



Congratulations to Lucienne Nicholson who has just been appointed by AAUW State President Edwina Martin as State Educational Opportunity Fund Director.



## PUBLIC POLICY-TOWN HALL FORUM

NOVEMBER 13 - TELEVISED ON CABLE CHANNELS 12 & 15

6:00-8:00 PM

Unite Rochester Justice's Community Forum will begin a dialogue on the enforcement of laws within the Greater Rochester Area- Community Members can submit questions via Facebook on the Democrat and Chronicle Unite Rochester Page.

Community Leader Observers will also attend by invitation.

### PANELISTS:

Mayor Lovely Warreen, Judge Stephen Miller, DA Sandra Doorley, Counc. A. McFadden, P.Defend. T. Donaher, M.C. Shreriff P. O'Flynn, Roch. D. Chief F. Bell, Rev. Raymond Scott

### PANEL FACILITATOR:

Ronald L. Davis, Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - United States Department of Justice

### PLANNING COMMITTEE:

C. Herriott, Chair  
Sandra Doorley  
Tim Donaher  
Judge S. Miller  
Rev. Ray Scott  
MCSO W. Sanborn  
MCSO D. Phelps  
Fire Chief J. Schrieber



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It's time to comment on and propose changes to the bylaws and Public Policy Program.



## 2015 National Election Dates

**October 1, 2014** Comment period opens online for members to propose amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, suggest changes to the Public Policy Program, and propose resolutions

**November 1, 2014** Deadline for candidate applications

**December 5, 2014** Deadline for bylaws proposals and resolutions and for Proposed Public Policy Program revisions or proposals by members

**January 29, 2015** Candidate profiles posted to website  
Mid-March 2015 Voter PIN mailed to members with the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook; final slate of candidates, bylaws proposals, and resolutions published in the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook

**April 1, 2015** Opening date to request paper ballot; voter PIN e-mailed to members

**April 15, 2015** Voting begins online

**May 8, 2015** Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot

**May 26, 2015** Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted

**June 18-21, 2015** AAUW National Convention, San Diego

**June 19, 2015** Online voting ends at 9 p.m. PDT

Questions about the application, election, or nomination process? Read the national election FAQ.

Click [here](#) to download the application for Candidates for Election to the 2015-17 AAUW Board of Directors



# Bowling

**EVERY MONDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

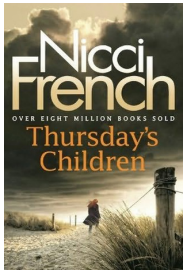
Bowling will begin again on Monday October 6th. We will be at Clover Lanes at 9:15. Anyone interested in joining us may call me at 381-4368. Thanks.

Mary Louise Riter

# Mystery Book Club

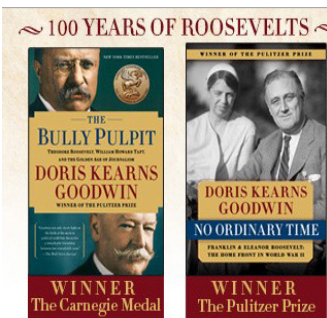
**November 13 at 2:00 instead of our usual December meeting.**

Mystery Book Club met 10/13 to discuss author C.J. Box's Game Warden Joe Pickett and his unusually bloody and dangerous life. Our next series is on psychotherapist Frieda Klein's collaboration with a police detective to solve some vicious crimes. Titles are Blue Monday, Tuesday's Gone, Waiting for Wednesday and Thursday's Children. The authors are Nicci Gerrard and Sean French writing as Nicci French.



Lynne Mitchell

# Tea and Titles Wednesday, November 19



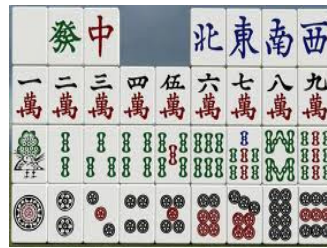
**DORIS MEADOWS** will lead the discussion on **THE BULLY PULPIT: THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM** by **DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN**.

Ms. Goodwin, an eminent historian, has been most successful in humanizing past great leaders and providing eminently readable accounts of their accomplishments and their failures..

Please note that this meeting is on Nov. 19, the third Wednesday of the month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Do join us for refreshments and active discussion. All are welcome to attend.

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

# Mahjong - New Interest Group Forming!!



Linda Dinino will teach a six-week beginning Mahjong class. Group will meet from 2:00 to 4:00pm on either Wednesday or Thursday, depending on group consensus. If interested call Linda at 586-6888

# Halloween Nights Out!!!



(l-r Marlene, Marilyn & Gaynelle)

On Thursday, October 30, GRAB AAUW celebrated Halloween with hot mulled cider and caramel apples.

Members and guest enjoyed the Monster Mash and other soulful tunes. Keep an eye out for announcements of our next Nights Out celebration.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 9:15am Bowling	4 10:00am-2:30pm Retired Bridge	5	6	7 10:00am-2:30pm Duplicate Bridge A	8
9	10	11 10:00am-2:30pm Crazy 8's Bridge	12 3:30-5:00pm Edu. Loan Fund	13 2:00-4:00p Mystery Book Club 5:00-8:00pm Branch Dinner	14	15
16	17	18	19 2:00-4:00pm Tea and Titles	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 10:00am-2:30pm Duplicate Bridge B	27 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY!!!</b>	28	29
30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5	6

## Interest Groups 2014-2015

### Retired Teachers Bridge

Meets the 1st Tuesday at 10 am  
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

### Duplicate Bridge A

Meets the 1st Friday at 10:00 am  
Pauline Sherwood – 671.3556

### Duplicate Bridge B

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am  
Jean Erskine – 266.5055

### Crazy 8's Bridge

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am  
Carol Achilles – 421.0876

### Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell – 381.7145  
Bimonthly meetings

### Tea and Titles

Maureen May- 385.1133  
Joy Kinz- 392.7134  
Monthly meetings

### Preserving and Canning

Michele Conners-585-507-9572

### Night Out At the House!

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529  
Cynthia Herriott  
Gaynelle Wethers

**Social evening for members and guests!**

**\*\*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  
December Newsletter is November 15, 2014

Please email items to Ana DeTomaso  
adetomaso@aauw-rochester.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 and policy 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

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.

**3 Trustees are needed for the Education Loan Fund. Please call or email Marie Ginther if you are interested.  
1 Trustee is needed for the Charitable Trust Fund. Please call or email Marilyn Tedeschi if you are interested.**