



# American Association of University Women Greater Rochester Area Branch

The American Association of University Women promotes Equity for Women and Girls through Education, Philanthropy and Research.

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## BRANCH DINNER

Thursday, April 30

### SCHEDULE:

5-5:45 -Social

5:45-6:30 - Dinner

6:30-6:45-Meeting

6:45-7-Dessert

7-8-Program

### BUFFET DINNER:

Chicken Veronique with Grapes

Pasta with Roasted Vegetables

Tomato, Zucchini Au Gratin

Rolls and Butter

Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse

### REGISTRATION:

RSVP to Ellen by Friday, April 24  
at 585-435-7202 or at

[elewis@perkinsmansion.org](mailto:elewis@perkinsmansion.org).

Ticket Cost: \$25

## SPEAKER: SHARON SAYERS, ESQ



A matrimonial attorney with 32 years of experience, Sharon is known as an experienced litigator, with a reputation for winning tough cases. She is known as a compassionate, yet tough lawyer. Many of her legal cases are high profile.

A member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), she is named in both the AAML and in Super Lawyers.

Sharon is an active member of the Rochester Coalition on Pay Equity (COPE) and is a leading thinker in creating equity for women, particularly in business. Sharon is well networked throughout the Rochester community and is an advocate for equity in the workplace.

Sharon is articulate and engaging. Please feel free to invite a friend for this amazing speaker and program !

- Beth Garver Beha

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRAB AAUW !

AAUW Greater Rochester Area Branch just celebrated our 100th anniversary. We have worked hard and achieved much in the areas of education, social, economic, and political reform. We continue our dedication to empowering women.



*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.*

GRABAAUW [Rochester-ny.aauw.net](http://Rochester-ny.aauw.net) New York State [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org) National [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

GRAB AAUW ~ 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607 ~ Phone: 585.244.8890

## We Need Your Vote—Nomination

Below is information on the Nominating Committee Members and Nominating Process for 2015 GRAB AAUW Board Elections:

The nominating committee is comprised of two board members, Barbara LeSavoy, PhD, and Helen Jae Cheves and three GRAB AAUW branch members, Ruth Scott, Angela Clark Taylor, and one additional member.

Positions to be filled are:

- President
- Development Vice President
- House Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer for Membership

Elected officers will take office on July 1, 2015.

All GRAB AAUW branch members can participate in the nomination process. Nomination deadline is April 15, 2015. To nominate an individual or self-nominate, send email nomination to:

Barbara LeSavoy, [blesavoy@brockport.edu](mailto:blesavoy@brockport.edu)

Or

Helen Jae Cheves, [Consult@Istepsahead.com](mailto:Consult@Istepsahead.com)

Nominations can also be mailed directly to AAUW to the attention of Barbara LeSavoy or Helen Jae Cheves

GRAB AAUW, 494 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

## SAVE THE DATE! April 17th - 19th, 2015

*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 Trials, 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!

Register for Convention now. All the forms and information are available at

<http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm>.

AAUW national voting will begin on April 15 online and will close on June 19, 2015.

This is an important year to vote.

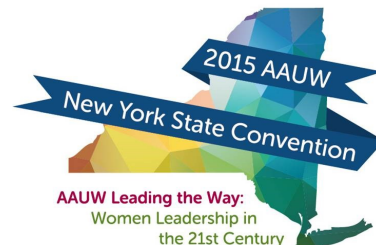
1. National Board Member elections.
2. Approval of eliminating all educational requirements for membership.

*Our GRAB AAUW chapter does not support eliminating educational requirements for membership.*

If you wish to have a paper ballot you may request one beginning April 1 through May 8.

Ballots must be mailed by May 26, 2015. Members will need their national number to vote.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/>



# Women Helping Girls

## WOMENS HISTORY MONTH



Member Karen Troiano hosted an event to celebrate Women's History Month which included a tour of the Susan B. Anthony House and lunch at the Mansion on Saturday, March 7. The event featured a talk on "Creating Financial Independence for Women". Several girls from Women Helping Girls were in attendance.

## WOMEN HELPING GIRLS and STEM

"What does STEM have to do with Hair" event will be held on April 18 at the Perkins Mansion from 9-3 pm.



## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

There was an error regarding the amounts given to certain categories.

- Seventy dollars was contributed for the Education Fund and \$1000 for the Educational Loan Fund.
- Sincere apologies to Mary Myers, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the listing of committee members.
- A special thank you to Nancy Jones for suggesting the Brick Project as a fundraiser for our Chapter. She researched sources the costs for bricks and developed the order blank found in this Newsletter. We hope our members will choose to honor individuals or even include a brick for themselves with, perhaps, the date they joined and/or the office/s they have held.

**GREAT JOB NANCY!**

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal is coming in May!

Tips for efficient AAUW GRAB dues renewal:

- Use the renewal form that is sent out.
- Pay the correct amount
- Write/draw a check, use PayPal, VISA or MasterCard only.
- Return payment with the form - by mail is best.
- New membership year begins July 1, 2015
- Renew in a timely fashion
- Member of the Branch is \$165

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - Thursday, May 6, 2015 12-1:30 pm

Please join us for a conversation on Environmental Stewardship. Community Conversations provides an opportunity for people to come together for thoughtful discussion and dialogue about shared values. As a registered Community Conversations participant, AAUW will be hosting a myriad of different topics throughout the year. Please share widely and bring your friends. Feel free to bring your lunch. Please register with Beth at 585-244-8890 or bgarver@aauw-rochester.org. Free and Open to the public.



## **THE PASSING OF THE ULTIMATE LADY—Elsie Herden**

**October 7, 1923 to February, 2015.**

**I was sorry to hear of the death of a dear friend, Elsie Herden. Elsie was a member of AAUW for many years and served many roles during that time.**

**I knew Elsie from playing bridge. Every time I saw her, she was dressed to the nines in skirts, dresses and high heel shoes. I never saw her in a pair of pants. Beautiful hair and beautiful make-up personified Elsie. A true lady.**

**One of Elsie's favorite things to do at AAUW besides playing bridge, was to provide the table and raffle prizes for our annual card party. She would scour garage sales, estate sales and hunt down bargains - all brand new - appropriate for the ladies. She never let us down as we would squeal with surprise and happiness when we opened our gifts.**

**Bob, Elsie's husband was also a wonderful friend of AAUW. He honored all the bridge players at dinner with the "pouring of the wine." A true gentleman!**

**So, I am sure we will all miss you, Elsie. You showed us what a true friend, mentor and member is.**

**Nancy Jones**

## **A SOFT AND GENTILE SOUL— Jan Burbank**

**Passed February 21, 2015.**

**I saw Jan a couple of months ago at the Century Club playing bridge with our sanctioned club. She was smiling and as sweet as usual while having a fun time with her friends. I hadn't seen her in awhile at AAUW since she had had a couple of heart attacks.**

**Jan played bridge with a vengeance. She had a bit of a hard time seeing so she would always bring a special light that we would help her position to see the cards just right. And, in actuality, I think the extra light helped everyone. At lunch, she always shared with us a special bag of cookies she would bring from home.**

**Penguins were Jan's thing. She has a huge collection and at each Century Club Christmas luncheon, she would bring them to the club and decorate our table with them. They all had names and we all had a special delight in "playing" with them.**

**It is sad to acknowledge another lost member and friend, but we have wonderful memories of Jan.**

**Nancy Jones**



## BRICK PROJECT

Dear AAUW Members and Friends,

April 2015

Through AAUW's Buy-a-Brick Program, you can be a part of an enduring piece of our fundraising project. For just \$100 per brick, you can choose a message to be laser engraved on one of the bricks to be included in our AAUW Garden. Because we know that this is such an endearing opportunity to honor a member, friend or loved one, we are offering a discount for multiple bricks. Two bricks are \$190, three bricks are \$275.

You can engrave up to three lines of text with 20 characters (including spaces) per line. If you would like to add a clip art picture, there will be a \$6.00 extra charge. It's totally up to you to create the text.

You can pay for your engraved brick with either cash or a check sent to Nancy Jones, AAUW at the Perkins Mansion 494 East Avenue, 14607. If you have any questions, you may call Nancy at 288-7913 or e-mail her at [nanz@ix.netcom.com](mailto:nanz@ix.netcom.com).

For your order, please send your text exactly how you want it to appear on the brick. All engraved text is automatically centered and will be engraved onto the brick. Your payment must be included with your order form.

Don't pass up this exciting opportunity to commemorate a life or any occasion of your choice.

Nancy S. Jones, Project Manager  
Development Committee

### AAUW BRICK ORDER FORM

2015

Name:

Address:

Phone:

No of bricks:	_____	1 \$100.00
	_____	2 \$190.00
	_____	3 \$275.00
	_____	Clip Art \$6.00

Exact text for brick (Max. 20 letters/spaces per line)

Line 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3. \_\_\_\_\_





## NEW INTEREST GROUPS - SHARE A VEGAN MEAL WITH FRIENDS

Looking to shed a few of the winter pounds, get healthy, visit with friends, learn to make some fun easy recipes, save a few dollars and raise awareness of environmentally safe foods?

If yes - Join a Vegetarian cooking class at the Perkins Mansion!

Registration for each class and contribution toward the food would be asked of each participant.

Contact Marlene Gordon at [aunt5mtzma@aol.com](mailto:aunt5mtzma@aol.com) or at 585-402-5529 or Beth at [bgarver@aauw-rochester.org](mailto:bgarver@aauw-rochester.org).



Vegan Tofu  
Caesar Salad

## EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PERKINS MANSION

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Duplicate Bridge A 10am	4	
5	6	7 Retired Bridge 10am	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Equal Pay Day Crazy 8s 10am	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Tea and Titles 2pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Duplicate Bridge B 10am	30 Branch Dinner 5 pm		

## MONTHLY INTEREST GROUPS

### Perkins Mansion

#### 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 8s 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

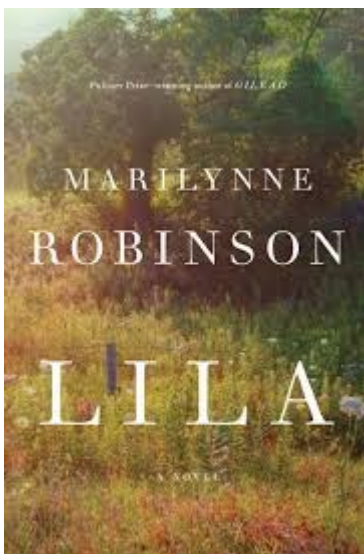
Gaynelle Wether

Social evening for members and guests!

#### \*\*Bridge leaders:

Please call Blake Kowalski at 489.2539

the night before to give him your setup numbers.



## Tea and Titles

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 2:00 pm.

DONNA PALMER will lead the discussion on *LILA*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author, MARILYNNE ROBINSON. *LILA* is the latest novel in the Gilead series. It is a romantic love story, written in the language of Calvinist doctrine.

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

## Immigration Community Conversation Re-Cap

On March 4, 2015 Regine Calver facilitated a brown bag lunch on immigration at the Perkins Mansion. The well attended event drew 18 women from many different cultures and ethnicities. The discussion focused on barriers to immigration since 1965 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Immigration law still in place today. Many of the women shared their personal hardships while in refugee camps and when applying for citizenship. Regine taught us that although the law was intended to improve the opportunity for those with needed skills and close ties to America, it was fraught with barriers that blocked many hopeful refugees from coming here. For example, each candidate had to follow more than 30 bureaucratic steps. Any one misstep might disqualify someone. Also, translation problems during the all-important interview and the subjectivity of civil servants easily displaced opportunities for new Americans. So how did some survive this labyrinthine process? According to those present, it was faith that helped them navigate and endure. This Community Conversation on immigration enlightened me on many of the struggles of women from all over the world. Hence, we as women have an obligation to ensure our policies don't hinder freedom and liberty for both women and children. - Gwen Clifton

## - Mystery Book Club Re-Cap and Next Meeting -

Mystery Book Club met to discuss Tana French's series on Dublin policing. Interesting but a little tedious. Our next author is Kate Flora, who writes about policing in Portland, Maine. A few titles: *Playing God*, *The Angel of Knowlton Park*, *Redemption*.

Next meeting: 5/21, 2:00 p.m. Good reading.

## WAYS TO GIVE TO AAUW—GRAB

**AMAZON PURCHASES:** Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Greater Rochester Area Branch American Association Of University when you shop at Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/)).



Before you make a purchase on Amazon, either go to our website at <http://rochester-ny.aauw.net/> and click the Shop at Amazon Smile image (on left) or use the following link to make purchases on Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

**PAYPAL:** Check out our Paypal logo on our website: <http://rochester-ny.aauw.net/>.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Give a membership to one of your friends. It's partially tax deductible and a great way to share your interests. You can now pay seamlessly and securely with your credit card through PayPal on our website. Visit <http://rochester-ny.aauw.net/membership/>.

**UNITED WAY:** Donate through United Way on our website. Use the Donor Designation Number 2609.



**ATTEND OUR EVENTS !** Check the calendar on our website and in our newsletter to find out what's going on.

## COMMUNITY PARTNER FUNDRAISING EVENT

Alternatives for Battered Women will host former NFL player, actor and national bestselling author, Victor Rivas Rivers, at their spring fundraiser. Victor's harrowing memoir of domestic violence, *A Private Family Matter*, shows the importance of intervention by others who helped him break the cycle of violence.

- The Annual Spring Luncheon is on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh (2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618).

-This year's theme is '*planting the seeds of change*' and reflects a unique moment in our community's history as we unveil the agency's growing programs and vision.

-For more information or to purchase a ticket please visit [abwrochester.org](http://abwrochester.org) or contact Larissa at 232-7353 x230 or [larissab@abwrochester.org](mailto:larissab@abwrochester.org).

**ALTERNATIVES**  
for Battered Women



### - St Patrick's Day Nights Out Re-Cap -

More than 15 women came out on March 17 for a St . Patty's Day celebration at the Perkins Mansion.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK--

Spring has sprung and I'm happy to be back in Rochester to finish out my term as your President.

These are exciting times of change for our branch and I ask that you focus on where you want GRAB to go in the next two years and who you want your next leaders to be.

I also would like you to think about where you want to focus your energies and monies this year. Can you volunteer in some capacity? We are always in need of volunteers; whether you are a Friend of the Perkins Mansion (FPM) or a Member of the Branch (MOB), we need you! Will you attend branch dinners, AAUW mission based programs and interest groups or will you contribute to our fund raising efforts to scholarships, program or house maintenance - or all three?

These are the questions you will want to answer as our annual elections and membership renewals come due in May. Please begin to think about these important decisions now.

I would like to acknowledge three of our VERY DEAR members who suddenly passed away over the three months that I have been away, Jane Arundel, Janet Burbank and our dear Elsie Herden.

I am so saddened by the loss of all three wonderful women. My heart goes out to the families and I ask to hear from of friends and family to write some stories about these women that the archives of GRAB AAUW can preserve.

With our brick project opening, I am hoping to have a program devoted to all the members who have passed away in my term of office. Their memories live on in my heart. They were all such very special women.

I want to remind you all to try to get to the NYS AAUW Convention in Buffalo and if anyone has any Table Top Books or hardbacks that you could donate to Buffalo Chapter's Annual Book Sale, I will be glad to take them. Please get book donations to the house's AAUW program office by April 16.

It has always been the GRAB AAUW Policy that we should at least break even at the end of an event. For the past few events, we have gone in the red. If you call in a reservation, and we have counted you in the order for the caterer, we must pay for that ordered dinner. Please make sure that you follow through with your reservation.

Enjoy the spring and the new life that is awakening all around us.

- Marilyn



### **DON'T FORGET: EQUAL PAY DAY is TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015**

- The Coalition on Pay Equity (COPE) will be hosting a Press Conference and publicizing the results of their Equal Pay survey below.

- If you haven't already taken the COPE survey, please take it and feel free to share widely. The link to the survey is <https://redcap.urmc.rochester.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=M3RCTCLPLX>
- COPE members are concerned about the continuing gap in pay between men and women, as well as equity in the workplace. This survey measures the gap between men and women's pay.
- Results will be shared with the community at large and in the AAUW GRAB May newsletter.
- Please support Equal Pay by taking and sharing the survey with friends, family and co-workers throughout the Rochester area.

## GRAB AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

### 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.

*President – Marilyn Tedeschi*  
*Program VP– Gaynelle Wethers*  
*Membership VP – Stephanie Augonis*  
*Co-House VP – Vickie Fumia, Anne Miller*  
*Development VP – Myrtle Merritt*  
*Recording Secretary – Laurie Ditzel*  
*Corresponding Secretary – Lorraine Cappellino*  
*Treasurer – Kelly Broadbent*  
*Assistant Treasurer – Kelly Olzak*  
*Assistant Treasurer for Membership – Mary Myers*  
*Communications Director – Régine Calvar*  
*College and University Relations – Barbara LeSavoy*  
*Educational Loan Fund – TBD*  
*Educational Opportunity Fund - TBD*  
*Leadership Development – Helen Jae Cheves*  
*Legal Advocacy Fund – Lynne Mitchell*  
*Women Helping Girls – Gaynelle Weathers*  
*Public Policy Director – Cynthia Herriott-Sullivan*  
*Interest Groups – Marlene Gordon*

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May Newsletter is

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Or [grabaauw@gmail.com](mailto:grabaauw@gmail.com).

We welcome suggestions or contributions to include in future newsletters. Please contact us at the addresses above.

Articles submitted are printed at the discretion of GRAB.