



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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**June Branch Dinner —
Thursday, June 18, 2015**

SCHEDULE

5:00-6:00 - Social

6:00-7:00 - Picnic Style Dinner

7:00-8:00 - Program

PICNIC BUFFET

Baked Chicken

Summer Salads

Baked Beans

Rolls

Fruit Pie

REGISTRATION

RSVP to Ellen by Friday, June 12
at 585-435-7202 or at

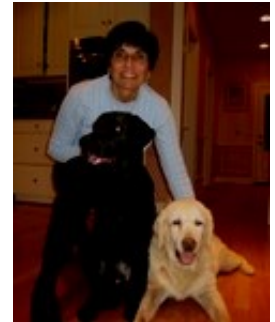
elewis@perkinsmansion.org.

Ticket Cost: \$25

All reservation costs must be honored. If you need to cancel after Friday, June 12, or if you have RSVP'd and do not show, you are still responsible for the cost of your ticket.

SPEAKER:

**DR. S. DOLLY MALIK,
Therapist/LMSW, PhD**



**Program Topic: What's Love
Got to Do With It ?**

- What's this online dating? Is it safe?
- What is fishing? What is a healthy relationship?

Dolly is a Rochester based licensed clinical social work therapist with 20 years in practice. She supports her clients facing major life changes through her broad-based training in mindfulness therapy, strength-based skill development as well as career counseling. Empathy, compassion, active listening, supportive communication and two-way interaction are key components of her working style.

Dolly has relationship related training and is certified in the Relationship Counseling process developed by John Gottman of the Gottman Institute, in Non-violent Communications training with Marshall Rosenberg and in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction with Jon-Kabat Zinn.

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.

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RESULTS AND PHOTOS FROM ANNUAL MEETING

- Thursday, May 28, 2015

Welcome ! New GRAB AAUW Board members starting July 1, 2015.

- President Gaynelle Wethers
- VP Program Barbara Baer
- Membership Treasurer Gwen Clifton
- VP Development Cheryl McKeiver
- Corresponding Secretary Marlene Gordon
- Recording Secretary Anne Bell



Gwen, Marlene, Cheryl, Barbara, Edith , Gaynelle, Anne and Marilyn (left—right)



Stephanie Augonis,
Marlene Gordon and
Mildred DeWitt



Laurie Ditzel presents
flowers to our outgoing
President.

TOUR GUIDES DESIRED

We have started training volunteers and tour guides at the Perkins Mansion. If anyone would like to volunteer, please reach out to **Ellen Lewis** at 585-435-7202 or elewis@perkinsmansion.org and/or contact **Lorraine Cappellino** at 585-426-4073 or auntsusan@frontiernet.net.

MEMBERSHIP

**Membership Renewal started 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 or use VISA or MasterCard, American Express or Discover.
 - 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



MORE MEMBERSHIP

Good news! Spring has sprung in my yard with pretty daffodils blooming. Oh! It just puts a smile on my face to see the robins building a nest in our old cherry tree.

That reminds me that it is also time for membership renewals that are due by June 30.

You will be receiving your renewal form in the mail by early May.

Please make payment out to GRAB AAUW by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

We are moving into the 21st Century with new technology while "Moving the Mission Forward!"

Stephanie Augonis, Membership VP

BRICK PROJECT

Dear AAUW Members and Friends,

June 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 Charitable Trust, at the Perkins Mansion 494 East Avenue, 14607. If you have any questions, you may call Myrt Merritt, Anne Miller, Dorothy Pecoraro or Marilyn Tedeschi.

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.

Charitable Trust Development Committee

AAUW BRICK ORDER FORM

2015

Name:
Phone:

Address:



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. _____



AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PERKINS MANSION

June 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 10 am Teachers Bridge	3 1-3 pm Mah Jongg	4	5 10 am Du- plicate Bridge A	6
7	8 6:30 Vegan Cooking Club	9 10 am Crazy Eights	10 1-3 pm Mah Jongg	11	12	13
14	15	16 4 pm Board Meeting	17	18 5-8:30 pm Branch Din- ner	19	20
21	22	23	24 10 am Dupli- cate Bridge B; 2 pm Tea and Titles	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

Janet Miles — 787-0507

Crazy 8s Bridge

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am

Carol Achilles – 421-0876

Mystery Book Club

Lynne Mitchell – 381-7145

Meets Bimonthly

Tea and Titles

Maureen May - 385-1133

Joy Kinz - 392-7134

Meets Monthly

Preserving and Canning

Michele Conners - 585-507-9572

Mah Jongg

Marlene Gordon – 402-5529

Vegan Cooking

Beth Garver - 244-8890 x2

****Bridge leaders:**

Please call Blake at 489-2539 the night before to give him your setup numbers.

Budding Interest Groups

Our snowbirds are returning, and we northern diehards are emerging from our lairs as the sun makes a welcome appearance. The forty-foot icicles are gone, replaced by tiny buds and glorious crocuses. It is time to regroup, reunite, and reignite!!

So who's up for Spring Mah Jongg?

And how about our new Movie Mavens? Share a film and a nosh with lively film discussion (after, not during).

Interested in playing Mah Jongg or film critic? Call Marlene at 402-5529.

GRAB AAUW VEGAN COOKING CLASS and CLUB

Join your friends in making some fun, delicious and easy vegan dishes in the Mansion kitchen !

Our first fun evening will be on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:30 pm.

- We'll discuss the proven health and weight loss benefits of veganism and an alkaline diet.
- We'll make a delicious salad and a rich, gluten free, low fat chocolate mousse.

Registration for each class is required.

First evening is free, but thereafter a contribution toward the food will be asked of each participant.

To register, call Beth at 244-8890 x2 or e-mail me at bgarver@aauw-rochester.org prior to June 6.

TEA AND TITLES

On Wednesday, June 24 at 2:00 PM, the TEA AND TITLES group will meet at the clubhouse to discuss an exciting non-fiction book entitled THE SIXTH EXTINCTION. This book is written by ELIZABETH KOLBERT, a most distinguished science writer, who writes for the New Yorker magazine. The discussion will be led by JOY KINZ .

All are welcome. Do join us for light refreshments and active, friendly discussion.

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

Essay—following in Feminist Mom’s Footsteps— by Savoy Marie Curry, Daughter of Dr. Barbara LeSavoy

- Savoy, daughter of Barbara LeSavoy, active member of GRAB AAUW, won the Brockport High School Dorothy Ruger Scholarship, "A \$1,000 gift given annually to the young woman or man who, throughout her/his academic career, has contributed the most to the advancement of women and the promotion of gender issues."

Savoy Marie Curry, Brockport High School Senior, will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall where she was invited into the Scholars Program and to run for the X-Country team.

As a daughter of a feminist, my core beliefs have always been centered on equality, particularly, equality between the sexes. My mom is a Women and Gender Studies college professor, which is where my interests in the subject originated. I remember sitting quietly in the back of her classroom as a child, absorbing her lectures like a sponge. I was eager to be involved in women’s issues and always jumped into any opportunities that came my way.

Over the years, I have attended many activities that center around fighting for women’s rights. I often joined my mom in meetings at Rochester’s chapter of the *American Association for University Women*, which provided me excellent insight into the difficulties women face while receiving higher education. There, I had opportunity to meet many important women who fight for women’s equality.

I attended my first *Take Back the Night March* when I was nine years old. This was my first step into protest movements, and I have returned every year to participate. I understood the importance of making sure that the voices of sexual assault victims were heard, and I was determined to help make that possible. A few years later, I attended a reproductive rights rally in Rochester, standing outside in winter amidst college students and my mom’s colleagues. I knew then that my goal of making a difference was really happening.

My feminist beliefs have transferred to most aspects of my life, particularly, in my high school studies. I wrote my freshman research paper on ways the pornography industry impacts women. After not finding adequate resources on this topic in our own library, I turned to the college, going outside the assignment requirements in order to complete my research. During my junior year, I wrote several women and gender-focused papers, studying the beginnings of feminist theory and activism, how feminist theory is applied in praxis, and how both men and women are subjected to heteronormative patriarchal societal codes. I was loud about my beliefs in class discussions in attempt to raise my classmate’s awareness of women’s issues.

This year I took *Protest and Public Opinion* at Brockport College through our high school 313 Program. The course has given me ways to channel my ideas through various papers concerning current and past protest movements. I have written several essays dealing with sexual assault on college campuses and the oppressive issues women and girls face in developing countries. I am currently working on a project dealing with rape culture as understood in the context of third wave feminist movements, and recently, I co-founded the Brockport chapter of *Girl’s Learn International*, an organization dedicated to furthering the education of girls in the developing world.

Sex and gender equity always will be important issues for me. I have learned much from my mother and refined my own beliefs through my interaction with and writings on gender justice concerns.

In college, I look forward to furthering these interests and helping to advance women’s still-pressing gender equality causes.



Ruth Fischer with Barbara LeSavoy

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—



I realize that this is the last newsletter that I will be writing as your GRAB President. It is kind of nostalgic to me. When I came to GRAB in 1995, I joined as an interest group member with the Schoolmarms Investment Club. My friend, Anne Miller, asked me to join the group and I agreed to do so. At the first meeting, she and I agreed to be co-treasurers of Schoolmarms. A job bigger than I thought. But together, Anne and I got the job done.

In 2001, President Beverly Vaughan asked me to take on the job of raising money for the house. We needed a new roof and a new driveway. I had no idea how to do this, but calling on Friends like Myrt Merritt, Dorothy Pecoraro, Liz Cook, Louise Spivak, Eleonore Herman, and Ginger Goyer. We created a 3 year capital campaign, the Elizabeth Perkins Planned Giving Society and annual fund raising events that continue today. But, here's the crux of it all, the memories, the fun, the laughter (and the tears), the comradery, inspiration and energy I received from these friends, I find is what sustains me to stay the course and keep on keeping on.

As President, I built my board team each year and we made the plan for the following fiscal year. Together we created the vision of what we wanted to see for our branch and that vision always included the house and the good stewardship of it. I encouraged my board members to get involved at the local, state and national levels. I asked them to speak at all invitation requests around the city and recommended them for all community awards that came our way. Every year we received community awards for our work.

We created the following vision for the Branch: **GRAB AAUW is a world class lifelong learning and teaching center for all generations of women and girls and is seen as one of the key Community Resources for any and all women's issues in the greater Rochester area.**

I am proud of the work I did as your president and was planning on stepping down after four years, until a road block occurred which kept me on for another two years. This crisis was the need for protection of our beloved club house for its perpetual use by women and girls in the Rochester Community. I took this challenge on and I believe we are out of the water and in the perfect place for the Perkins Mansion to take on a new vision for our future. The GRAB AAUW Charitable Trust Team is in the process of co-creating another vision for the Perkins Mansion and, it will go something like this:

The Perkins Mansion will be a world class venue for any and all events and occasions, with a teaching and training component for fine dining, hospitality and fine cooking. The hope is that the Perkins Mansion will sustain itself, it's employees, and support all the GRAB AAUW programs and scholarships given for women and girls in Rochester community.

I think we can do it. Time, of course, will tell.

As President of the Charitable Trust, I plan to write a monthly column in the GRAB AAUW newsletter to keep you informed of what is happening. I may be gone as your GRAB President, but I will not go away until the job is done!

Thank you all for allowing me to serve. I remain dedicated to AAUW and women and girls in the Rochester community.

- Marilyn

GRAB AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

Vision

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Diversity Statement

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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
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Corresponding Secretary – Lorraine Cappellino
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Assistant Treasurer – Kelly Olczak
Assistant Treasurer for Membership – Mary Myers
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College and University Relations – Barbara LeSavoy
Educational Loan Fund – Judy Trabert
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
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**The deadline for the
July Newsletter is
June 15, 2015**

**Please email items to
bgarver@aauw-rochester.org.**

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.