



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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May 2015

SCHEDULE

5-6 - Social

6-7 - Dinner

7-8:30 - Annual Meeting

BUFFET DINNER

Grilled Chicken Breast with Tomato
Bruschetta/Asiago Topping
Ginger- Lime Grilled Salmon
Grilled Portobello Mushrooms
Roasted Vegetables
Lemon Mint Orzo Salad
Fresh Fruit
House Garden Salad
Cream Puffs with Chocolate Drizzle

REGISTRATION

RSVP to Ellen by Friday, May 22

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,
May 22, or if you have RSVPd and do
not show, you are still responsible for
the cost of your ticket.

ANNUAL MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015

Join us for the state of -

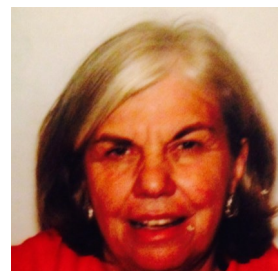
- GRAB AAUW
- Women Helping Girls Program
- Educational Loan Fund
- GRAB AAUW Charitable Trust.
- Vote for new 2015-2016 officers and leaders of our branch
- Honor our life members and those Great Women who have passed while I have been in office.
- Meet the class of 2015.



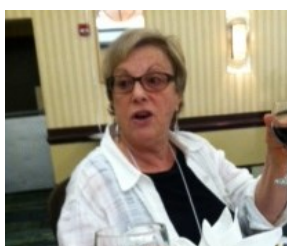
Gaynelle Wethers



Angela Clark-Taylor



Barbara Baer



Marlene Gordon



Marilyn Tedeschi



Cheryl
McKeiver

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GRABAAUW Rochester-ny.aauw.net New York State www.aauw-nys.org National www.aauw.org

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

Make your voice heard and make your vote count for National AAUW Elections 2015-16

Besides voting for officers, National AAUW is proposing a change to the bylaws **REMOVING THE EDUCATIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT** for membership, which means, if passed - AAUW would eliminate the educational requirement for AAUW membership.

This is an important change in our organization. We want to hear from all of our members.

The options to vote on this proposal are:

1. in person (San Diego)
2. online
3. by mail - paper ballot

I have called AAUW and ordered paper ballots to be sent by mail to all MOBs.

- If you have any questions, please call AAUW at 800.326.2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org.
- Paper Ballots **MUST** be mailed back to AAUW and post-marked by May 26, 2015.

For those who would prefer to vote online, which eliminates the need for a paper ballot.

- Online voting is open from now until June 19, 2015, and may be done online or onsite at the convention in San Diego.
- To vote online at the AAUW website and at the AAUW convention, you must use your member number and PIN number, which was e-mailed to members earlier this month on 4/16 and sent with the Spring/Summer *AAUW Outlook*.
- Call or e-mail AAUW at 800.326.2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org if you need your member number or pin or have further questions.

For further information on candidates, visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/>.

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.

Location: Program Room—AAUW at Perkins Mansion. Free and Open to the public.

Women Helping Girls

WOMEN HELPING GIRLS and STEM

“What does STEM have to do with Hair ?”

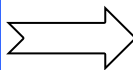
This event was held on April 18 at the Perkins Mansion from 9-3 pm. More than 50 attendees and speakers.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal is 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
- Mary Myers, Membership Treasurer



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, Master Card or PayPal with this link: <http://rochester-ny.aauw.net/membership/>.

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,

May 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.

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. _____



EQUAL PAY DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

The Coalition on Pay Equity (COPE) hosted a Press Conference at the Mansion to coincide with National Equal Pay Day. Approximately 30 people attended, including distinguished guests, Mayor Lovely Warren, University of Rochester President Joel Seligman, Sharon Sayers, Esq., and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, via televised message. Also attending were several community leaders, as well as AAUW members.

A joint proclamation was presented to the COPE team from Maggie Brooks and Mayor Warren.

If you haven't already taken the COPE survey, please do take it.

We need a sample of at least 1000 women and men to validate the survey.

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 workplace equity. This survey measures the gap between men and women's pay.

To view and download the toolkit: Closing the Pay Gap, visit our website at <http://rochester-nv.aauw.net/closing-the-pay-gap-toolkit/>.

Coalition on Pay Equity Members: Judge Evelyn Frazee, Cynthia Herriott - GRAB Director of Public Policy, Kate Cerulli - University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center, Sharon Sayers Esq., Marilyn Tedeschi - AAUW President, Laura Myers Esq., Deborah Hughes - President/CEO of Susan B. Anthony Museum.



Joel Seligman



Mayor Lovely Warren



COPE Committee with Proclamation

Positions up for Board Elections and Nominations for GRAB Officers -

The following candidates are up for election. New term starts July 1, 2015, and is a 2 year term.

President — Gaynelle Wethers, Angela Clark –Taylor

VP Program — Barbara Baer

Membership Treasurer — Marilyn Tedeschi

Recording Secretary — open

Corresponding Secretary — Marlene Gordon

VP Development — Cheryl McKeiver

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PERKINS MANSION

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Duplicate Bridge A 10am	2
3	4	5 Retired Bridge 10am	6 AAUW facili- tated Communi- ty Conversation 12-1:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Crazy 8s 10am	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 AAUW Board Meeting 4pm	20	21 Mystery Book Club 2 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 Duplicate Bridge B 10am Tea & Titles 2pm	28 Annual Meeting 5pm	29	30
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Perkins Mansion Daffodils—Spring has Sprung—Thank you Catherine Browning

- Long time AAUW member and gardening enthusiast, who planted these beautiful daffodils for us.



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

Night Out At the House!

Marlene Gordon – 402.5529

Gaynelle Wethers

Social evening for members and guests!

****Bridge leaders:**

Please call Blake Kowalski 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 gluten free, low fat kale salad and a rich, but low fat chocolate mousse.

Registration for each class is required.

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

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

TEA AND TITLES

On Wednesday, May 27, the TEA AND TITLES group will meet at the Mansion at 2:00 PM, when LORA ALLEN will lead the discussion on WE ARE CALLED TO RISE by acclaimed author, LAURA McBRIDE. This book addresses the hardships and joys of a refugee immigrant family.

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

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

WAYS TO GIVE TO AAUW—GRAB

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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.

ALTERNATIVES
for Battered Women

- 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 or contact Larissa at 232-7353 x230 or larissab@abwrochester.org.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—

The NYS Convention was fabulous! I believe GRAB had the biggest representation of all the branches except, of course, for the Buffalo Branch.

A big thank you to those who attended: **Stephanie Augonis, Lorraine Cappellino, Angela Clark-Taylor, Sharon Clark, Regine Calvar, Mildred DeWitt, Vickie Fumia, Marlene Gordon, Lucienne Nicholson and Marilyn Tedeschi.**

We walked away with 12 awards ranging from top ten in fund contributions to visibility, newsletter, web site, social media, social justice, coalition building and public policy event.

Our new public policy board member, **Cynthia Herriott-Sullivan** received a special Leadership Recognition Award for her fine work in Public Policy.

Thank you to **Lynne Mitchell**, our LAF Director for contributing a purse with several silk ties and a Sid tie pin which fetched \$60 for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

A big thank you to those people who donated books to the Buffalo Branch Scholarship Book Sale. We donated more than 125 books. Those who contributed included **Ginger Goyer, Virginal Cadel, Laurie Ditzel, and Beth Garver Beha.** We do have a receipt for those who want to use the donation as a tax write off. Please let me know if you would like one.

A special thank you to Beth Garver Beha who kept us all on the right page for a very successful State Convention.

Now on to San Diego for the National AAUW Convention — If you cannot go to the Convention, please be reminded to vote in our National elections. You can do this online up to June 19. Please be sure to vote on the bylaw amendment that would change the AAUW membership qualifications to having no college or university degree. We need everyone to weigh in on this issue as it truly changes our organization. We want to make sure if it passes, it is the **will** of the membership and not because it was overlooked by the voter.

Also, **please come** to GRAB's Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 28, where we will hear about the state of the branch, the Women Helping Girls program, the Educational Loan Fund and the GRAB AAUW Charitable Trust. You will be meeting and voting for your new 2015-2016 officers and leaders of our branch. We also plan to **honor our life members** and those **Great Women** who have passed while I have been in office.

Just to let you all know of some personnel changes, two of our dear caretakers, Calvin May and James Flack have left us this month. James left for a great job opportunity and Cal for reasons of love. Calvin has found that special woman and has moved in with her and her son. Both James and Cal will be sorely missed. Ellen, Vickie, Blake and I are working on some ideas to get all the tasks at the Perkins Mansion done. Suggestions are welcome.

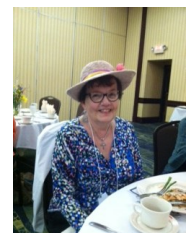
Also, we are planning to start training volunteers and tour guides at the Perkins Mansion. If anyone would like to volunteer, please reach out to **Ellen Lewis** at 585-435-7202 or elewis@perkinsmansion.org and/or contact **Lorraine Cappellino** at 585-426-4073 or auntsusan@frontiernet.net.

Onward to Spring and Summer!

Marilyn



Regine and Marilyn at the 2015 NYS AAUW Convention



Stephanie at Convention

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

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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
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 Olczak
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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The deadline for the
June Newsletter is
May15, 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.