



American Association of University Women Greater Rochester Area Branch

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

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September 2016

GRAB AAUW Branch Dinner

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

SCHEDULE

5-8 pm

DINNER MENU

- Dave's Sidewalk Café -

Baked Chicken

Ziti with Red Sauce

Roasted Potatoes

Italian Green Bean Salad

Tossed Garden Salad

Rolls & Butter

REGISTRATION

RSVP to Stephanie by Friday, September 9 at (585) 233-6180 or email her at stephanie.augonis@gmail.com.

Cost is \$25/person.

Special price for members bringing non-member guests.

Call Stephanie at 233-6180.

Program Details

Speakers: Members of the Rochester Association of Black Journalists

Protests on East Ave.! Seventy-five young people arrested! Two Black Journalists Arrested! All this right on our doorsteps!

Our September Program will feature members of the Rochester Association of Black Journalists who will speak to these issues and more!

This should prove to be a provocative as well as insightful conversation touching on current "Trends and Issues," such as Black Lives Matter, the recent arrest of two of their members and the recent National Conference of Black Journalists held in Washington D.C.

The Association of Black Journalists is no stranger to AAUW. They recently held an event here at the Perkins Mansion.

The mission of the organization is "to help ensure diversity in the media and accurate, balanced coverage of communities of color while serving as a resource for both the established and aspiring communicators of African descent."

We hope you are inspired to attend and bring a friend!



Dolores Orman, Parliamentarian, Rochester Association of Black Journalists



Richard McCollough, President, Rochester Association of Black Journalists

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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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GAYNELLE WETHERS

What a fantastic summer ! Gorgeous weather ! Good food ! Good friends ! Good times !
...All evidenced by many of your Facebook postings and shared stories.

This summer, a President's Summer Series was launched during the month of August. In partnership with the 21st Century Arts President and CEO, Rachel DeGuzman, we held discussions on Diversity in the Arts. Our conversations with panelists proved to be interactive and a "safe space" was created to discuss those tough but necessary dialogues which left participants wanting more.

Since the Summer series was so successful, we are launching the President's Fall Film Festival Series focusing on Sexual Assaults on Campus. There is a new documentary film, "Teens and Assault," which will be released in the fall and offered free on Netflix to organizations such as AAUW. The second film we plan to introduce will be on Transgender issues, which is timely and long overdue.

During its annual Retreat deliberations, the Board identified this year's theme as "Trends and Issues," thus giving programming some provocative topics.

Naturally, researching speakers led me to some interesting articles beginning with James Goodman's *D&C* article, "Ex-HWS Student Contests Expulsion in Court," to Emma Pettit's article regarding the rape culture in football, to sports journalist Jessica Luther. Luther has written a book due out in September on un-sportsman-like conduct entitled College Football and the Politics of Rape. And yes, I have ordered mine from Amazon.

On a different subject, I saw Dr. Cornel West on one of my favorite talk shows and felt disappointed. Then, I ran across an article by Michael Eric Dyson, "What Happened to America's Most Exciting Black Scholar?"
Now it becomes clear!

Another headline which captured my attention in the Catholic Reporter was about Black Catholic Leaders wanting stronger church responses to police killings. *Silence no longer!*

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Francis Institute's Commission to Study Female Deacons, appointing gender balanced memberships, by journalist Joshua McElwee. *Way to go, Francis!*

These are truly exciting and challenging times in which we live.

This summer, I served on the Advisory Committee for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, in preparation for our conference next year. As always, each year it is insightful, energizing and thought-provoking to connect with faculty and staff colleagues across the nation, creating and planning around topics that will impact our colleges and university campuses.

In closing, we have had a request for members who are able to bring a box a diapers to various branch programs and events throughout the Fall. The Women Helping Girls are collecting diapers to be repackaged for distribution to assist the Emergency Family Assistance Program at Baden Street Settlement at Thanksgiving time.

Welcome Back!!!

- Gaynelle Wethers



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Summer has flown by!

Looking forward to seeing everyone this month as we begin a series of exciting programs, Nights Out, and this month's card party!

Member Dr. Kate Cerulli will keynote the Rochester Women's Network Business Summit on September 28 on pay equity, as our members continue their roles as shakers and movers.

Be sure to send in your renewals, as we're preparing this year's directory, and support our efforts to improve the lives of women and girls.

Please look below for the schedule of upcoming branch programs.

Please note that GRAB AAUW Branch Dinners and Programs will be held the second Tuesday of the month from September through December and from April through June.



Stephanie Augonis, Membership VP

GRAB AAUW PROGRAM CALENDAR 2016-2017

Branch Dinners proposed schedule for 2016-2017:

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 -- 5-8 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 5-8 pm (later than usual due to Yom Kippur)

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 5-8 pm (later due to the Presidential Election)

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 5-8 pm

Saturday, January 21, 2016 (during the winter months, the branch events are during the day)

Wednesday, February 15, 2017—for Susan B. Anthony Luncheon

Saturday, March 18, 2017 (during the winter months, the branch events are during the day)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 5-8 pm

Tuesday, May 23, 2017—Annual Meeting – 5-8 pm

Tuesday, June 13, 2017—Picnic – 5-8 pm

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

GRAB AAUW offers no-interest loans to women in college through the Educational Loan Fund. The fund is operated by a Board of Directors made up of GRAB AAUW members. This month, we wanted to share some news:

Board member Barbara Drachman is moving to Virginia to be closer to her children and grandchildren. We thank her for years of hard work for the loan fund and wish her and husband Ed good times in their new home.

Barbara's departure leaves a vacancy in our seven-member Board. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, call or email me. We meet monthly, and each member has responsibilities between meetings.

Have you seen our new flyer? We're getting the word out about our loans with a new print piece. Many thanks to Board members Myrt Merritt, who donated the printing cost, and Laurie Ditzel, who designed the brochure.

Judy Trabert, Chair trabert@rochester.rr.com, 586-0465

WOMEN HELPING GIRLS - FALL 2016

Women Helping Girls events will take place on Saturdays at the Perkins Mansion from 11:00 - 2:30 pm.

- September 10 Suicide Awareness Month
Mental Health Speaker
- October 29th Coming Out Month
Transgender Speaker
I am Jazz Program
- November 12th Immigration and Young Immigrants
- December 10th Celebration Of Cultures



INTERN NEWS

We were fortunate to have a new Intern this past summer, Sarah Khan, a student at the University of Michigan. Sarah has been working this summer on AAUW projects, including newsletter publishing, the annual report, COPE and the 1917-2017 Women's History Display. Sarah is studying Public Policy with a concentration in Health Care.



Sarah started with us in June and left at the end of August to go back to the University of Michigan to start her junior

SAVE THE DATE

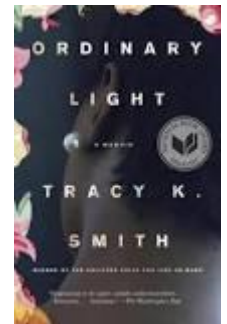
Brown Bag Lunch and Conversation
Friday, October 14, 2016 from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
AAUW Perkins Mansion. Further info TBA soon.

TEA AND TITLES

On Wednesday, September 28 the Tea and Titles group will meet at the clubhouse at 2:00 pm, when Doris Meadows will lead the discussion on Ordinary Light, a quietly potent memoir by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Tracy K. Smith. This book, one of the best books of the year, explores her coming of age. It is the story of a young artist and what it means to be Black in America.

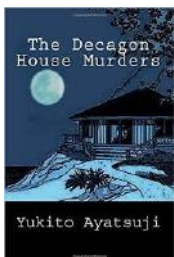
All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments served.

Please contact Maureen May for further information. Tel. 385-1133, E-mail : maureens-may@yahoo.com

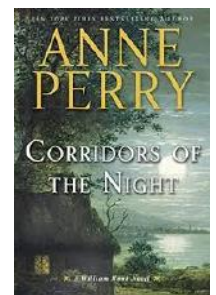


MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

The next Mystery Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/20/16, at 2:00 at the Perkins Mansion. Our next author is Anne Perry and her Victorian Monk series: The Face of a Stranger, A Dangerous Mourning, Defend and Betray or her recent Corridors of the Night. We're also trying a Japanese author, Yuhito Ayatsuji, and his debut and first English-translated book, The Decagon House Murders in the Shinhonkaku style or new orthodox. It involves a closed door but also a game style, symbolic (bot-like) characterizations and is related to the "anime" or video game movement (For further info, see goodreads.com.) and FYI: I am not a robot.



Please contact Lynne Mitchell for further information. Lynne's email address is: lmitchell76@gmail.com.



AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR AT THE PERKINS MANSION**September 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10 am Duplicate Bridge A	3
4	5	6 10 am Retired Teachers Bridge	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 10 am Crazy Eights Bridge 5 pm Branch Dinner and Program	14	15	16	17 10 am—3 pm Annual Francie Wilcox Card Party
18	19	20 2 pm Mystery Book Club 4 pm GRAB Board Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 10 am Duplicate Bridge B 2 pm Tea and Titles	29	30 5-8 pm GRAB AAUW Nights Out	

INTEREST GROUPSRetired 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

Tea and Titles

Meets Monthly
Maureen May - 385-1133

Mah Jongg

Meets some Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Marlene Gordon – 402-5529

Crazy 8s Bridge

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
Carol Achilles – 421-0876

Mystery Book Club

Meets Every Other Month
Lynne Mitchell – 381-7145

****Bridge Leaders:**

Please call Ellen at 435-7202 the day before to give her your setup numbers.

News from GRAB AAUW Charitable Trust

It's been a long hot summer and there is much to share with you in changes to our beloved Clubhouse, now known as the Perkins Mansion...

First, the GRAB AAUW executive committee has appointed Michele Conners as the 5th trustee, filling Beverly Vaughan's position. Michele came to AAUW several years ago when she was President of the Century Club and looking for a place for her members to join. We are thrilled to have her, and she has become the Treasurer of the Trust. This now has freed Ginger Goyer to be the "Super Treasurer," overseeing WHG, GRAB AAUW, Education Loan Fund and the Charitable Trust treasuries with Heveron & Company. Oh my!



A Charitable Trust trustee must be an AAUW member and appointed by the executive committee of the branch. We have added other members to the Charitable Trust committees who may not necessarily be AAUW members, but are asked to come on board for their skills and expertise in a particular field. The other new committee members of the Trust are Jill Stolt, graphic designer and Executive Director of WelVentions and Kate Donovan, architect extraordinaire. A special thanks to both women who have been long time friends and have already contributed greatly to our team.

Tim Albert, our magical handyman, has been working hard outside and putting in our Brick Legacy Garden. Anne Miller has taken charge of that fund-raising project, and you will find her article in this newsletter on page 9, asking you to buy a brick for those who you wish to remember.

One major, very major, capital improvement that will be happening within the next month, will be the replacement of our boiler system. Many of you will remember last winter when the system kept shutting down. We repaired and tried all we could to keep it going, but were no longer able to repair it.

I will keep you informed each month of our news.

Please, however, if you are going to donate to us this year, please consider donating to the Francie Wilcox Card Party on September 17th where our donations are doubled, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Nora Wilcox. This year is critical for us to keep going in light of all prices rising and repairs that need to be made.

Also, please think about holding a special event at the house this year.

Thank you in advance for all your support!

- Marilyn Tedeschi



AAUW Annual Francie Wilcox

2016 Card Party

Saturday, September 17 from 10 am – 3 pm

Join us for a day of card playing Fun !!

Bring friends to play cards and games, including:

Quiddler Duplicate Bridge Canasta Party Bridge Mah Jongg

There will be DOOR and TABLE PRIZES and RAFFLES !

\$80.00 for a table of 4 or \$20.00 per person

**A tasty lunch of the usual Card Party fare is included
and will be prepared and served by branch members.**

If games are not your thing, feel free to come for lunch at noon for only \$15.00.

If you are unable to attend, donations would be much appreciated.

Donations over and above \$20 are tax-deductible.

Dr. Nora Wilcox will match all proceeds in honor of her mother, Francie Wilcox.

For Reservations: Call Carol Achilles at 585-421-0876

or email Carol at bobachilles@aol.com

by Friday, Sept. 9th.

Make checks payable to: GRAB AAUW

Send payment & names of attendees to:

Carol Achilles:

3 Alleyn's Rise, Fairport,

NY 14450-3901



JENNIFER LINDLEY FOUNDATION NEWS

The eleventh annual Jennifer Grimes Lindley scholarship reception was this August. This year two scholarships were awarded, one to Courtney Popielarz, and another to Siobhan Plouffe.

Courtney graduated from Hilton High School and will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology and major in computer engineering.

Siobhan graduated from West Irondequoit High School and will attend the University of Rochester and major in audio and music engineering.

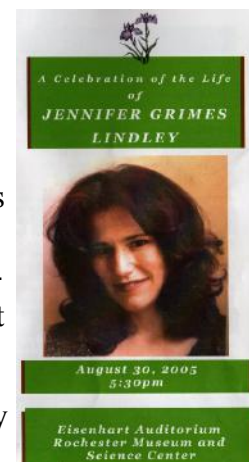
Each girl received one thousand dollars and a four-year membership in AAUW. Each girl's name will be listed on the Lindley scholarship plaque.

The scholarship winner must be a female pursuing a degree in the physical sciences or engineering. The money can be used for any purpose and is awarded for the first year of college.

GRAB AAUW's Educational Loan Fund makes the selection and the Rochester Area Community Foundation administers the finances.

The scholarship is in memory of Jennifer Grimes Lindley who had just completed her term as GRAB AAUW Secretary when she died from cancer in 2005. Jennifer was an intellectually curious young woman who received a degree in electrical engineering from Weber State College in Utah. After she received her degree, she moved back to Rochester to take a position at Eastman Kodak Company.

After Jennifer's death in 2005, her family and friends established the Jennifer Grimes Lindley scholarship in her memory.



ANGELS OF MERCY EVENT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

Place: Burgundy Basin – 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY

Date: Friday, October 7, 2016. Ruby Shooz will be performing.

RSVP to Angels of Mercy at 585-730-4556 or www.angelsofmercyny.org



Angels of Mercy
NEW YORK

ANGEL OF MERCY 5K RUN AND 1 MILE WALK

Date: : Saturday, August 27, 2016

Location: Meridian Centre Park, 2025 S. Winton Rd, Rochester, NY 14618

Proceeds from this event will allow Angels of Mercy to expand their services and help *STOP Human Trafficking* and support women that have been victims of abuse and trafficking.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Rochester/StoptheTraffickingEndtheCycleRunWalk>

BRICK PROJECT

Dear AAUW Members and Friends,

September 2016

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. It's totally up to you to create the text.

Please pay for your engraved brick with either cash or a check sent to Charitable Trust, Perkins Mansion 494 East Avenue, Roc, NY 14607. If you have any questions, you may contact Anne Miller at 732-5674.

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 (Anne M, Dorothy P, Marilyn T, Myrt M)

AAUW BRICK ORDER FORM

2016

Name:

Address:

Phone:

No of bricks: _____ 1 \$100.00

_____ 2 \$190.00

_____ 3 \$275.00

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

Line 1. _____

Line 2. _____

Line 3. _____

Check Amt: _____

Cash Amt: _____

Vision

GRAB AAUW is a World Class Lifelong Learning, Teaching and Study Center for all generations of Women & Girls and is 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.



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September 15, 2016.
Please email items to
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contributions to include in future
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