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Equity for Women and Girls through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research.*

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GRAB AAUW BRANCH LUNCHEON

DATE

Saturday, January 27, 2018

TIME

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION

494 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

MENU

Salad
Vegetable Tray
Fresh Fruit Tray
Subs/ or wraps/ or pita
sandwiches
Cookies

COST

\$15

RESERVATIONS

RSVP by January 15th to
Kim Frarey at 455-0477 or
Email: kfrarey@aauw-rochester.org



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GAYNELLE WETHERS

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Could 2018 be the Year of Movements??

As we begin this year, this theme may well be the mantra that carries us through.

In the aftermath of the recent election in Alabama, I felt it important to reread Dr. King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail. A profound quote states: "I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with a narrow, provincial "outsider agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

Viola Luizzo understood and took to heart King's message. A housewife and mother of five, she was an active NAACP member in Detroit. Shocked at watching Black protesters being brutalized on television she took action. She decided to join the four day, 54-mile walk from Selma to Montgomery. With her bags packed, she told her husband, "It's everybody's fight."

Luizzo was murdered by a car full of Klansmen who pulled alongside her vehicle and opened fire. She was shot in the head and died instantly. She was 39 years old, murdered because she marched supporting voting rights in Alabama in 1965.

Today, we are again witnessing King's words come alive. With the recent victory in Alabama, it was the demonstration of "The Vote" from those communities that historically been left out or suppressed that secured the victory. What a tribute to Viola and the four young girls murdered by the Klan!

There is a Movement: The "#metoo" movement addresses sexual harassment that has long been kept silenced. It was thought to be a one or two day media story but that was not the case.

There is a Movement: The "#Sayhername" movement strives to "address the invisibilization of black women within the mainstream media" and raise awareness of black women who are the victims of police brutality. Quiet as it is kept in some corridors, this movement will hit the national scene in a more profound way.

There is a Movement: On January 20, 2018 in at Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of women's rights in America will hold a celebration and rally called "perSister for Women's Equality." Its focus will be "ending systemic racism, sexism, environmental justice, eradicating violence against women, gender parity in elected office, LGBTQIA, immigrant and disability rights, equal pay and reproductive rights/self-sovereignty."

There is a Movement!

It is the work of women, women's organizations and advocacy groups that will bring our communities and our nation to a more just, equal and caring society.

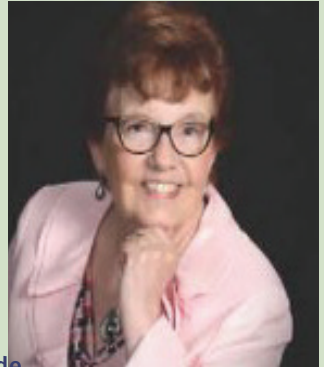
This is my hope.

Gaynelle Wethers

Membership

Christmas Memories

The warm memories of the Holiday Season bring joy to me every year. When I was growing up, my Grandmother Lucy arrived in November for the Holidays. She stayed 'til Easter! Since she had no transportation and it was too hard driving to Buffalo with supplies twice a month, we invited her to stay all winter! She was the baker in the family and taught me how to make her famous "20 ounce" apple pie. We had homemade Italian bread and, of course, "Cucidata" -fig cookies too. I continue the tradition with a few adaptations. I substitute frozen orange juice instead of fresh squeezed. And the sugar and butter is now creamed in the Cuisinart! Easy steps cut down on labor and time. Actually the dough is all done in the Cuisinart.



The aroma of all this holiday baking brings wonderful and joyous memories back to me. Today it's a combination of Italian dishes along with favorites from my Polish mother-in-law, Helen, who whipped up homemade Pierogi and Golumpki (cabbage rolls) from scratch. Her Kolachi cookies (with pineapple jelly and nuts) traveled to us in Norfolk Virginia many years while my husband was in service. Helen was a patient teacher who imparted much knowledge and direction in how to make her son's favorite foods. So it is the intoxicating aroma of special foods that delight my salivary glands and the smell of a fresh cut Christmas tree (we bought our first at night time in Virginia and discovered in the morning that it had been spray painted Emerald green) and bayberry candles burning every New Year that make me happy to be alive!

This year has been quite stressful with the threat of nuclear war from North Korea not to mention the fires, bombings, tornadoes and earthquakes around -the world. People have suffered enormous losses and tragedies around the world. I asked myself, what can I do to help those in need? My time, money and volunteerism for a special project could make a difference and that is what I propose to do in the New Year. Let each of us find a way to help others - volunteering to help the Refugee Program here in Rochester or researching other non-profits is a beginning. GRAB can make a huge difference as we have 103 members to take on a project together. We could form a committee to volunteer right here at our own Women Helping Women Program. This past year we gained 10 new members! We are moving our mission forward!

I pray for peace in the New Year.

Pride in Membership,

Stephanie Augonis

Membership VP



Practicing Peace In 2018



When the right leaders strike the right notes, they can breach divisions, elevate political discourse and possibly foster solid accomplishments for the greater good.

I'm so excited about 2018 and the possibilities it holds for our AAUW Members and Friends of the Perkins Mansion. I am feeling optimistic that our small community can make a big impact this year for women and girls locally and statewide.

2017 was a major learning experience starting with the Rochester Landmark Society House and Garden tour. We were amazed how many people came and loved our House and Tours. We expanded the Suffrage Display and GRAB AAUW History and Archives display, we revised the house history and brought in college and university faculty from Brockport, RIT and the University of Rochester to help with displays. We incorporated students from Baden Street in our the Centennial Suffrage Picnic and displays.

Involving youth is key to Project 2020 which will come to fruition in years 2018-2020. We plan to explore the possibilities of partnering with other community organizations such as the Matilda Joslyn Gage House and their Girl Ambassador Program. This is an amazing program we hope to replicate at GRAB. We plan to start a Get Out the Vote Program with the League of Women Voters, involve Melody Cofield's Legacy '64 program which will involve youth getting work permits and becoming work ready. We hope to partner with Food Link in two endeavors, one being a training center for fine dining service and one of planning for the Perkins Mansion to be part of a city wide disasters recovery program if/when disaster strikes in Rochester.

We have an ok from the United Nations of Rochester to begin an Office for Peace during the summer of 2018 including summer interns from both organizations.

Gaynelle and I have committed to spread the Practicing Peace Program which we think GRAB AAUW and The Perkins Mansion Friends will gain the inner piece necessary to overcome adversity. If anyone is interested in joining us, please call or email me on how to get involved. We feel that only when ALL Women Rise to their rightful place at the table will positive change occur in our world.

We can do this---Yes we can! – Si se puede!

- Marilyn T.

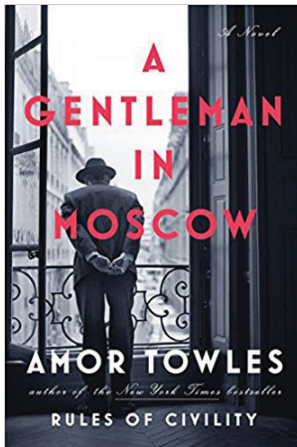
Peace

TEA AND TITLES

The TEA AND TITLES GROUP will meet at 2PM on Wednesday, January 24 at the Clubhouse.

Nancy Rubery will lead the discussion on *A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW* by AMOR TOWLES.

This bestselling novelist tells the story of an aristocrat in 1922, who is sentenced by a Bolshevik tribunal to spend the rest of his life in a luxury hotel.



Reviewers say that “
count’s refinement
nature are exactly
what we are looking for”.
Light refreshments served.
All are welcome to attend.

Maureen May
Chair of Tea and Titles.
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email: maureensmay@yahoo.com



WOMEN HELPING GIRLS 2018 - 2019

Women Helping Girls events will typically take place on Saturdays at the Perkins Mansion.

Saturday, January 13th 11:00am -2:00pm
Annual Women's and Girls Tea
Women Helping Girls in Collaboration
with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Limited to 25 girls and 25 Women

Saturday, January 20th 8:30am -4:30pm
Sister for Women's Equality Celebration
Seneca Falls
Limited to 40
30 students with 10 program Staff

ANNUAL WOMEN'S AND GIRLS TEA

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Dear AAUW Friends & Board Members:

Here are the documents to date on the Womens March for Saturday, January 20, 2018. More will be coming about the schedule but we begin at 10 am and plan to end by 2:00pm. We will be gathering at the Women's Rights National Historical Park at 136 Fall Street in Seneca Falls, NY.

Please notice the Unifying Principles in the second paragraph of the Press release. These are speaker topics.

The Purpose of the March was written by the committee and the Agreements were taken from the Washington Women's Solidarity March of 2017. We expect all participants to agree too to these rules as they exercise their First Amendment Rights.

Please call Gaynelle Wethers at 261-1955 for information on the Youth/Student Bus. We plan the transportation to be free of charge and will include a box lunch. We are looking for sponsors.

There will also be an AAUW bus plus option to buy a box lunch and also to buy our fundraising PinkPussyhat. Please call Kim Frarey @ 455-0477 for details. Hopefully we can get some pictures of the hats for our newsletter. Our knitting group is making them and money will go to the student bus and lunch expenses.

If Members and Friends would like to car pool and are looking for a car to ride in or you have a car and can take a few people. Please call Laurie Ditzel at 576-7370.

Thanks for helping Women take their rightful places in the world
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Onward Per-Sisters of Women's Equality!
Marilyn
414-4979





WOMEN MARCH & RALLY IN SENECA FALLS – Saturday, January 20, 2018, at 136 Fall Street (Snow Date of January 21st)

Women March in Seneca Falls 2018 (WMinSF) is hosting an opportunity to gather in solidarity on January 20, 2018, from 10 am – 2:00 pm, at Women’s Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, birthplace of women’s rights in America. The event includes a public celebration of the 1st Anniversary of the 700 historic women’s marches of 2017.

The 2018 march and rally is called “per-Sisters for Women’s Equality,” and speakers will focus remarks on the Unity Principles of WMinSF: ending systemic racism & sexism; environmental justice; equal pay; eradicating violence against women; gender parity in elected office; LGBTQIA, immigrant and disability rights; passage of the proposed ERA; and, reproductive rights/self-sovereignty.

The anniversary march and rally is intended to remind EVERY local, state, and national elected and appointed government official that women’s rights activists are PERSISTING in the political traditions of their foremothers. Lead organizer, Melina Carnicelli, said, “I urge women, and men, who support the hard-fought social justice gains made over the past 150 years, and who are now witnessing bold attempts at roll-backs on these non-partisan issues, to be per-Sisters! Rights belonging to women MUST NEVER BE DIMINISHED in our country, only uplifted. We call on all ‘per-Sisters’ of women’s rights as human rights to be in Seneca Falls on January 20.” Women March in Seneca Falls 2018 is an inclusive march and rally. For updates:

<https://womenmarchsenecafalls.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1484607838301339>

For GRAB AAUW Members and Friends wishing to car pool to the per-Sister Rally & March, please call Laurie Ditzel @ 576-7370. There is also an AAUW bus option, including a box lunch option and the opportunity to buy our fundraising PinkPussyHat. Please call Kim Frarey for further details @ 455-0477. For the Youth/Student Bus, please call Gaynelle Wethers at 261-1955. The Youth/Student Bus is free of charge and includes a box lunch.

If you are unable to go to Seneca Falls but wish to support the Rally/March, please donate towards the expenses at:

<https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/women-march-in-seneca-falls-19-campaign>

“We’ve chosen the path to equality; don’t let them turn us around.” Geraldine Ferraro

January 27, 2018 Branch Luncheon

SPEAKER, WRITER, EDUCATOR

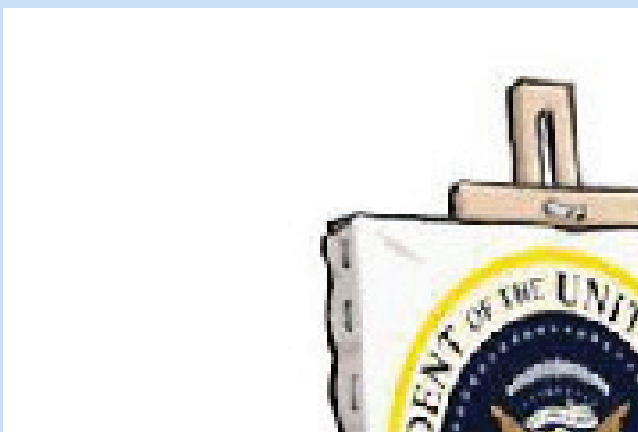
Elaine has intrigued and delighted a variety of audiences with her humorous and illuminating analysis of contemporary culture. She is an academic drawn to editorial cartoons as artistic and cultural expression, and her presentations and workshops draw from both this passionate involvement and her academic skills.

Elaine Miller, Ph.D., has studied and analyzed editorial cartoons over several decades and her presentations and workshops draw from both this passionate involvement and her academic skills. She's an expert at identifying the wealth of information and sometimes surprising cultural implications intrinsic in each cartoon. She has produced numerous videos, collaborated with a number of book authors and provided various educational presentations.

In her career as a Women's Studies and Modern Languages professor, Miller has found editorial cartoons to be an excellent resource for learning, offering rich multi-dimensional opportunities for discussion and interpretation.



ELAINE MILLER, PH.D



Clay Bennett, Chattanooga Times Free Press. Reprinted with permission

PRESENTATIONS

Elaine Miller has given numerous presentations on political cartoons to organizations, community groups and both graduate and undergraduate university students. Examples are:

Gender Imagery in Political Cartoons
International Perspectives on Global Issues
Editorial Cartoons on Elections
Political Cartoons as Social Critique

Upcoming Workshops.....stay tuned!

Healthcare Workshop

TOPIC: "SINGLE PAYER OR UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE?"

What are the characteristics of a healthcare system that we want to aspire to? How do we as a country move away from labels and tribal language? What challenges do we face in getting our elected officials to support a program that best serves our respective communities?

Our speakers have a wealth of experience on this subject. Come to this presentation so you can make an informed decision.

Dr. Kent Gardner's public policy expertise ranges from public finance and public administration to health care and education reform. With 25 years of experience, he supports CGR's public service mission across the spectrum of clients. Media frequently seek his comments on economic issues.

Dr. Gardner joined CGR in 1991 as Director of Economic Analysis and served as President from 2005 to 2012. While President he led the expansion of our geographic footprint to areas of the Midwest; directed the tools (Govistics, informANALYTICS) and expanded our offerings to web-based community profiles. Supporting solutions for critical community challenges, the profiles provide credible and accessible access to key decision metrics (see ACTRochester and East Tennessee's ET Index).



Dr. Kent Gardner

A significant share of Dr. Gardner's work involves connecting policy action and program expenditures to their social, fiscal and economic impacts. He leads all of CGR's economic impact assessments and is a major contributor to our many program evaluations. As both an economist and a statistician, he brings a nuanced understanding of causation and a deep appreciation both for the potential value and the limitations of established datasets and survey data.

Dr. Gardner holds B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Monroe County Legislator Justin F. Wilcox represents the 14th Legislative District, which includes the Town of Brighton and northern portions of the Town of Henrietta. Justin was first elected to the Legislature in November 2011. Justin currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and is also a member of the Agenda/Charter Committee.

Having worked as a staff member for members of the New York State Senate and Assembly and the Monroe County Legislature, Justin has developed a strong background and body of experience in government and public policy that spans more than a decade. Justin's work in the New York State Assembly involved crafting and advancing now-Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle's legislative agenda, which has focused on economic development and restoring consumer protection and accountability in the financial services industry.

A Brighton resident of 25 years and a graduate of Sutherland High School, Justin operated a small roofing company while earning his political science degree from the University at Buffalo.



Legislator Justin Wilcox

Justin and his wife Linda own a home in Brighton, where their two children, Evelyn and Brennan, both attend Brighton High School.

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR AT THE PERKINS MANSION

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Duplicate C Bridge (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	3	4 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	5 Duplicate A Bridge (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	6
7	8 Budget Committee (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Executive Committee Meeting (5:15 – 6:15 pm)	9 Crazy 8's (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	10	11 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) Mystery Books (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)	12	13 Women Helping Girls Program (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
14	15 Martin Luther King Holiday	16	17	18 COPE (8:00 am – 10:00 am) Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	19	20 Per-Sister & Rally and March in Seneca Falls (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)
21	22 GRAB AAUW Board Meeting (5:00 pm – 6:15 pm)	23	24 Duplicate Bridge B (10:00 am – 2:30 pm) Tea & Titles (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)	25 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	26	27 Branch Luncheon (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)
28	29	30	31			

INTEREST GROUPS

Duplicate Bridge C

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 Wed at 10:00 am
Janet Miles - 787-0507

Mystery Book Club

Meets Every Other Month
Lynne Mitchell – 381-7145

Tea and Titles

Meets Monthly
Maureen May - 385-1133

Mah Jongg

Every Thursday at 1pm
Marlene Gordon – 402-5529

Crazy 8s Bridge

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

**Bridge Leaders:

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



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.

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We welcome suggestion or contributions to include in future newsletters. Please contact us at the mailing address above.