



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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GRAB AAUW BRANCH LUNCHEON

DATE

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

TIME

5:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

LOCATION

494 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

MENU

Curry Chicken
Cabbage
Rice and Peas
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Dessert

COST

\$25

RESERVATIONS

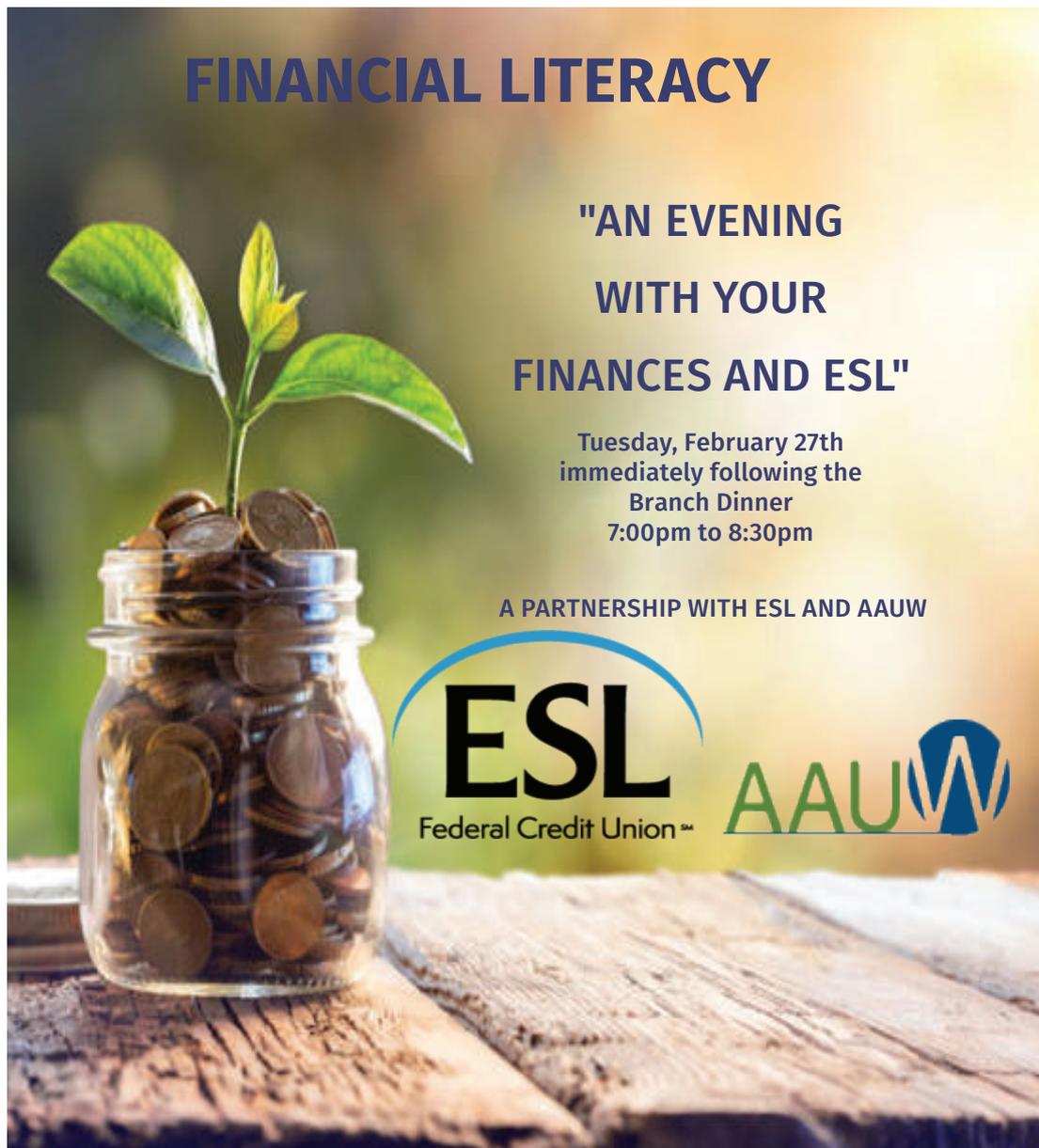
RSVP by February 15th to
Kim Frarey at 455-0477 or
Email: kfrarey@aauw-rochester.org

FINANCIAL LITERACY

"AN EVENING WITH YOUR FINANCES AND ESL"

Tuesday, February 27th
immediately following the
Branch Dinner
7:00pm to 8:30pm

A PARTNERSHIP WITH ESL AND AAUW



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GAYNELLE WETHERS



“Who Speaks for the Moral Vision of our Nation?”

*Who speaks for the moral voice of our nation? Is it government leaders?
Is it religious leaders? Or Is it community leaders?*

In times such as these I look to the one moral leader of conscience for our nation....Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His speeches sets the moral standard for this nation and his message is timeless. Dr. King contends that the “problem of race is America’s greatest moral dilemma.” Today, with the recent pronouncements of our nation’s leader race continues to be our moral dilemma and it has now extend to be a world dilemma.

Dr. King’s challenge to our national religious communities: do not rest until the issues of discrimination and segregation by income, housing and education are erased from every fabric of America life. It seems that this message has been lost since his assassination fifty years ago. Yes, efforts have been made but I believe that he would be extremely disappointed in our lack of progress and the deafening silence in this area. More importantly, he would be outrage with those religious leaders who collude and make excuses with the nation’s most powerful leader when hateful and divisive words are spoken in public but in particular in private closed door meetings. His statement and I quote” It may be that our generation will have to repent not only for the diabolical actions and vitriolic words of the children of darkness, but also for the crippling fears and tragic apathy of the children of light.”

Dr. King message challenges us to have the “fire in the belly” for a moral vision that in reality we are one nation and we are a world family. Today, we have endure for too long national name calling of public figures, attacks on the press and threats to our first amendment rights, and subjugation of women to say nothing of outright lying. This is now the new norm. Dr. King would challenge us to be “maladjusted”.

“Maladjusted to these inequalities and injustices.
Maladjusted like Representative Maxine Waters “claiming her time”.

Maladjusted like Representative John Lewis who will skip Trump’s State of the Union because “ he cannot in all good conscience be in a room with what he said about so many Americans. I just cannot do it. I wouldn’t be honest with myself.”

Maladjusted like Jake Tapper who cut off Stephen Miller, White House Advisor for the combative interview and for his critical remarks to him and CNN on air. Miller had to be escorted out.

Maladjusted like Joy Ann Reid, AM Joy who had to cut the mic on a pro Black Pastor excusing Trump for his racism.

Maladjusted Senator Dick Durbin who called out Trump for his profanity and racists remarks regarding immigrants from African Countries and Haiti in a closed door meeting.

Maybe King was right! We need more “maladjusted ” people.
What do you think?

Gaynelle Wethers

Membership

Membership Matters!

“OUR VISION IS SIMPLE. We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.”

As we begin our new year, let us begin to think of ways to gain new members as well as retain present members. Membership is everyone’s business.

When a new member joins, she receives a packet of information that includes our latest GRAB AAUW Newsletter about the activities, events and programs available at our Clubhouse. I also tell each member to look for the Outlook Magazine and Focus News from AAUW National. In addition, I also write a little bio in the Newsletter about our newcomers and ask members to please welcome them at our functions. An invitation to meet for lunch lets them hear about the activities at GRAB and the Perkins Mansion.

Last year, community activities brought many new people through our doors such as the Suffrage City March and Picnic at the Perkins Mansion. The Landmark House Tour alone brought approximately 1000 people through the house. Women viewed the cartoon history of those suffragists that fought for the right to vote and the memorabilia collection as they walked through our “Suffrage Room”. On the second floor landing, guests talked with the RIT students and teacher that designed and printed fabric that made the 1890s style dress. Since we have begun to partner with more community groups our membership has grown. Marketing strategies are valuable tools in recruitment and we need to explore this avenue in the New Year to maintain our numbers.

When someone calls requesting more information about our club, it is my job as Membership VP to send a personal letter with an application explaining how AAUW has been empowering women and girls individually and as a community since 1881. I will also invite our potential member for a tour of the house. When a newcomer registers for an event, I ensure that someone meets her so they are introduced to our members. A small gesture of introduction can help new members overcome their anxiety and to feel welcome.

I want to encourage our committee chairs to make a courtesy call to include new members in their interest groups: Bridge or Tea and Titles to let them know when the group meets. Membership is “our life’s blood” and gaining new members is very important; however, let us not forget that retaining our older members is extremely important too. In order to do this, it is vital to be relevant and have speakers and programs on current issues that provide stimulating conversations that engage women.

Moving Onward to Empower Women!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Augonis
Membership VP





AAUW encourages members to TAKE ACTION on issues of importance for promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The Public Policy Committee will be hosting a committee meeting to develop a plan that will TAKE ACTION.

Date: Wednesday, February 7th
Time: 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

Location: GRAB AAUW office

Contact: LaShana Boose, Public Policy Chair

If you have any questions, please email LaShana Boose at Ldboose@gmail.com. Please come ready to share any information you have related to policies that will effect women and girls.



School Supplies Needed

Mary Ellen Bigler is requesting on behalf of the bridge "School Marms" donations of school supplies for students coming from Puerto Rico and Refugees at School No.9. Donations can be left in the basket on the table in the hallway!



Special Thank You

for the full Sponsorship for the Women Helping Girls Trip to Seneca Falls.

Phi Delta Kappa Educators

Dave Ackroyd,
Vice President of Membership

Dave Van Arsdale,
Treasurer

GRAB AAUW PROGRAMS FOR 2018

BRANCH DINNERS -

SCHEDULE FOR 2018: TBA



WOMEN HELPING GIRLS 2018 - 2019

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

Saturday, February 10 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

All members are welcome to attend!

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2018 WOMEN'S MARCH IN SENECA FALLS





Come to the AAUW-NYS Convention!

The AAUW-NYS Convention team has an outstanding event planned for **April 20-22 in Corning**. The convention is for ALL AAUW members and is a great chance to connect, re-energize, and come away with lots of action ideas. **Registration is open** – check out our website at www.aauw-nys.org

Kimberly Churches

We are very excited to welcome Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO to our convention. Plan to attend the convention and meet our outstanding new leader!

Kimberly Churches started as AAUW CEO on June 1, 2017. Since her arrival, she has been on a listening tour of AAUW across the country, which included a stop in New York to talk to us at AAUW-NYS. She thinks on a large scale about AAUW's future, asking us to imagine training 10 million people with Start Smart and Work Smart, or becoming the leading international organization on pay equity. Under her leadership, AAUW is embarking on an ambitious strategic planning process aimed at solidifying AAUW's position as a global leader on equity.



Prior to coming to AAUW, Kim Churches was the Managing Director at Brookings Institution, where she provided strategic guidance, vision, problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and fundraising.

We are delighted that Kim Churches will be speaking to us at the NYS Convention about her vision for AAUW, the strategic plan, and how we can sharpen our focus and impact. Don't miss this opportunity!

Welcome

Anika Johnson is our newest member. You can reach her by cell phone (585) 736-7337 or email: anika@anikasimone.com. She is a recent graduate of the University of Rochester with an ED.d. degree, her major was Higher Education Leadership; an M.A. degree in Teaching Curriculum and a B.S. degree from SUNY College at Fredonia in Communication. She is employed by the University of Rochester as an Academic Counselor. If you see her, please give her a warm welcome.



UPDATED 2018-2019 DIRECTORY
ARE AVAILABLE

TEA AND TITLES

The TEA AND TITLES GROUP will meet at 2PM on Wednesday, February 28 at the Clubhouse.

Lora Allen will lead the discussion on “A Piece of the World” by Christina Baker Kline.

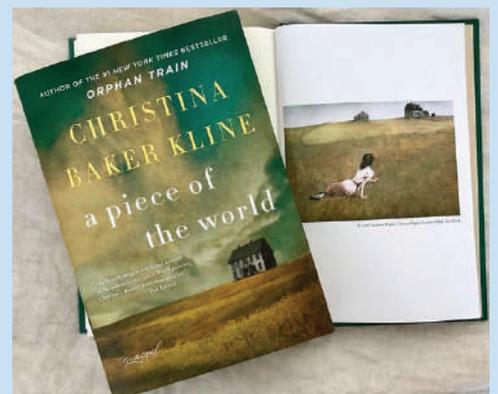
This atmospheric novel, which has become an instant NY Times bestseller, interweaves fact and fiction and was inspired by Andrew Wyeth’s iconic painting

“Christina’s World.”

Light refreshments served.

All are welcome to attend.

Maureen May
Chair of Tea and Titles.
385-1133
email: maureensmay@yahoo.com



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 FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	2 Duplicate A Bridge (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	3
4	5 Budget Committee (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Executive Committee Meeting (5:15 – 6:15 pm)	6 Duplicate A Bridge (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	7 Public Policy Program Room 5:00pm- 6:00pm	8 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	9	10 Women Helping Girls Program (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)
11	12	13 Crazy 8's (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	14 COPE (8:00 am – 10:00 am)	15 Ed Loan Fund (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm) Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	23	24
25	26 GRAB AAUW Board Meeting (5:00 pm – 6:15 pm)	27 Branch Dinner – Financial Literacy (5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)	28 Duplicate Bridge B (10:00 am – 2:30 pm) Tea & Titles (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)			

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.



**GREATER ROCHESTER
AREA BRANCH
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS**

GRAB AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

President – **Gaynelle Wethers**
VP of Program Branch/Women Helping Girls – **Tammi Herron**
Membership VP – **Stephanie Augonis**
Development VP – **Cheryl McKeiver**
Recording Secretary – **Anne Bell**
Corresponding Secretary – **Marlene Gordon**
Treasurer – **Jenifer Kloppel**
Assistant Treasurer – **Barbara Baer**
Assistant Treasurer for Membership – **Gwen Clifton**
Public Policy Director – **LaShana Boose**
College and University Relations – **Barbara LeSavoy**
Educational Loan Fund – **Judy Trabert**
Educational Opportunity Fund – **TBD**
Legal Advocacy Fund – **Lynne Mitchell**
VP of Development Branch/
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Past President – **Marilyn Tedeschi**

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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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The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 15, 2018. Please email items to **NEWSLETTER@AAUW-ROCHESTER.ORG**

Articles submitted are printed at the discretion of GRAB AAUW.

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