



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 DINNER

DATE

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

TIME

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

LOCATION

494 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

MENU

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Vegetable Medley
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls and Butter

Catering by Big Boys Catering

COST

\$20

RESERVATIONS

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

TOPIC: DOMESTIC TERRORISM

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Our Branch Program this month will feature Law Enforcement Representatives presenting on this most timely community issue and concern.

Christopher Cronin of the FBI and Scott Hill, Rochester Police Department are our presenters.

According to Wikipedia, "Under current United States law, set forth in the USA Patriot Act, acts of domestic terrorism are those which (A) involves acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any state (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping and (C) occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States."

There is an extensive list cited by Wikipedia. Here are the most recent listed:

- Wisconsin Sikh Temple shooting (2012)
- Boston Marathon Bombing (2013)
- Charleston Church shooting (2015)
- San Bernardino shooting (2015)
- Orlando nightclub shooting (2016)

Upon completion of the presentation
"What action can we take as an individual
or organization?"

"According to the FBI, "eco-terrorism", or 'ecotage', is now the number one domestic terrorism threat in the US, greater than that of rightwing extremists, anti-abortion groups and animal rights organization, and on a par with al-Qaida"
John Vidal,
The Green Scare
The Guardian
April 3, 2008



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GAYNELLE WETHERS



Change is inevitable!

Recently, a former colleague and college administrator approached me while visiting “the House” and asked if I would give a presentation to his staff on “change.” He knew that I had spent my entire career in diversity addressing institutional change as well as system change. He shared that his institution was making significant changes and it affected his department. His entire department was moving after numerous years from a suburban location to an upscale facility in the urban community. Many of his staff members had been there for over twenty five years and he knew this would be hard for many. Change is hard. This gave me pause to reflect not only on the topic, but the many years I spent challenging change in higher education. Change for me is natural. Change, for me, happens daily. Even though my days are planned to the “T,” something unexpected always gives me pause to adjust, shift or pivot to change my plans. For example, change might be driving a different route home, trying and tasting different foods and meeting new people at different community events. This reminds me of one of my favorite songs, “Everything Must Change” by Nina Simone. The lyrics say that “[t]here are not many things in life one can be sure of except rain comes from the sky, hummingbird fly, winter turns to spring, a wounded heart will heal oh but never much too soon no one, and nothing goes unchanged.”

Today, we witness in real time the daily tracking of hurricanes, their possible impending disaster and the aftermath it will, and did, toll. We have entire communities under water or islands wiped out completely. In the case of Harvey, who can erase from the mind, the nursing home residents sitting waist deep in water knitting. Or, in the case of Irma, nursing home residents dying of dehydration. In the meantime, there are fires burning in the Midwest. Our neighbors in Mexico are experiencing two major earthquakes with buildings collapsing and numerous lives lost. Terrorist attacks continue to plague our allies in London. The threat of deportation of our immigrant children to countries they have never known because their parents are here illegally. The imprimatur on our psyche is real!

During our Board Retreat, we discussed and tackled these challenges. What can we do?? What action steps can we take?? The Branch Programs this year will focus on many of these current issues such as poverty, domestic terrorism, attacks on journalists, and feature other prominent women in the suffragette movement.

Our District 2 Conference Theme is Women and Power..... Stepping It Up! Our keynote speaker is Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner of Schools for the Rochester City School District. Other featured speakers include women in technology, finance, health care and entrepreneurs. As members you are encouraged to offer topics that you think would benefit us to hear more about as well as discuss actions we can take.

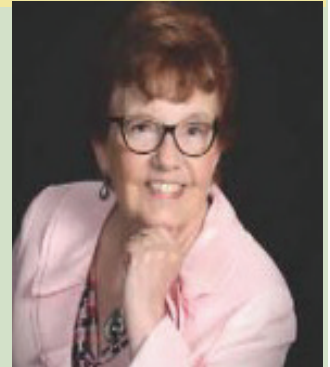
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“Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”
John F. Kennedy

Gaynelle Wethers

MEMBERSHIP

It's official – Fall has arrived in all of its glorious colors. I saw such beautiful and colorful mountainous scenery coming up from Maryland through Pennsylvania as we drove home from vacation. Deep purples and golden yellows with some burnt orange foliage which was just awesome. Marlene Gordon joined my husband and I on our trip to Maryland for a family reunion, and she even led us in song. “Wine, Women (some Men) and Song”! It was a fun time!



Our club also celebrated the start of a new season with the “Francie Wilcox Card Party” and the first Branch Dinner on September 18th. Mah Jongg has enough players and we are picking up the pace since we have a good grasp of the rules this year. In addition to the 10 new members that joined last month, we have another two new members. They are bridge players that decided to formally join us and so please welcome the following members:

Phyllis Haviland, 1014 Garson Avenue, Rochester 14609. Email: pmk@frontier.com

Camille Clayton, 23 Framingham Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534. Email: cclay244@aol.com phone 413-0225 or 510-9830.

GRAB AAUW has 114 members. If you are a new member, please call me at 585 233- 6180 when you come to one of our events so that I can arrange for someone to introduce you to our members and officers.

Pride in Membership,

Stephanie Augonis
Membership VP

Making an impact...



LOCALLY

AAUW has more than 10,000 community activities across the U.S.



NATIONALLY

AAUW is a leader, supporting precedent setting cases such as *Dukes v. Wal-Mart* and the equitable treatment for all in the workplace.



GLOBALLY

AAUW has supported scholars from more than 130 countries, and projects in more than 25 countries.

GRAB AAUW PROGRAMS FOR 2017

BRANCH DINNERS -

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2017:

- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - 5:00pm - 8:30pm
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - 5:00pm - 8:30pm
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017 - 5:00pm - 8:30pm



WOMEN HELPING GIRLS 2017 - 2018

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

OCTOBER 14 District 2 Conference
9:00am - 3:00pm Women in Power
Stepping it Up

All members are welcome to attend!

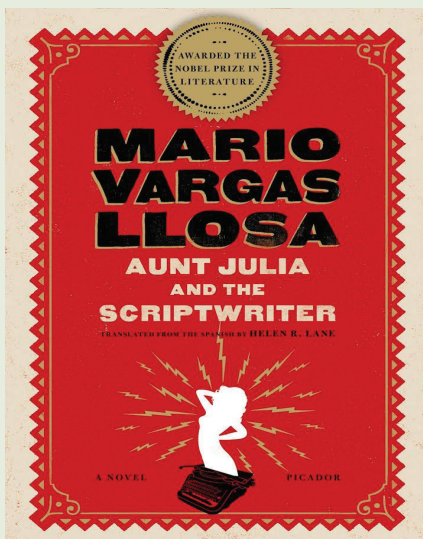
TEA AND TITLES

TEA AND TITLES will meet at 2PM on Wednesday, October 25 at the Clubhouse when EDITH THOBURN will lead the discussion on AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER by MARIO VARGAS LLOSA.

Vargas Llosa is a major South American novelist. This book is part-autobiography. It pays tribute to two people who were influential in shaping his life - an ascetic Bolivian writer of scripts for radio soap operas and romantic young relative, Aunt Julia.

All are welcome to our group. Light refreshments served.

Maureen May
Chair, Tea and Titles
maureensmay@yahoo.com
Tel 385-1133



You're Invited!

Showcase and promote your company and your finest wine at our wine tasting.

**November 11, 2017
5:30pm - 7:30pm**

American Association of University Women (AAUW)
at
The Perkins Mansion
494 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

Please contact:
Jenifer Kloppel at (585) 423-1860 x3220 or
jkloppel@mmb-co.com



DISTRICT 2 CONFERENCE

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
WOMEN HELPING GIRLS**

OCTOBER 14, 2017 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
494 EAST AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14607**

THEME: WOMEN IN POWER.....STEPPING IT UP

PROGRAM DETAILS:

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

SPEAKERS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT AREAS OF BUSINESS:

WOMEN IN GLOBAL COMMUNITY

WOMEN IN POLITICS | | WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS |



REGISTRATION FEE : \$25

**PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND FEE TO :
KIM FRAREY C/O AAUW
494 EAST AVENUE
ROCHESTER, NY 14607**



District II Conference October 14, 2017

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The conference will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and a tour of the historic Perkins Mansion.

Theme: “Women in Power: Stepping it up!”

This conference will have presentations to expose participants to women of color in various positions of power in different fields and professions. It will also build understanding in what it takes to address equality, race and gender in the workplace and how these women overcame this adversity. Our presenters will offer specific strategies of how to address barriers they faced in their professional journey.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and a continental breakfast will be available. The sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. A tour of the historic Perkins Mansion will be available at 3:15p.m. This conference is sponsored by GRAB AAUW and Women Helping Girls. Additional information on the conference can be obtained by contacting kfrarey@aauw-rochester.org.

About GRAB AAUW. AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. Due to the long-standing, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

Additional information on GRAB AAUW is available on the website at <http://www.rochester-ny.aauw.net/>. Make checks payable to GRAB AAUW.

Cut off and return with \$25 by 10/6/17 to Kim Frarey C/o AAUW, 494 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Branch (if affiliated) _____ Phone _____

Will you take the AAUW tour? _____ Yes _____ No

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR AT THE PERKINS MANSION

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Duplicate C Bridge (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	4 Visitors from Africa (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm)	5	6 Duplicate Bridge A (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	7
8	9	10 Crazy 8's (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)	11 COPE Walkthrough (8:00 am) School Marms (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)	12 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) Mystery Books (2:00 - 4:00 pm)	13	14 District II Conference (9:00 am – 3:15 pm)
15	16	17 GRAB AAUW Board Meeting (5:15 pm – 6:30 pm)	18	19 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) Ed Loan (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)	20	21
22	23	24 Branch Dinner (5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)	25 Duplicate Bridge B (10:00 am – 2:30 pm) Tea and Titles (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)	26 Mah Jongg (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)	27	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.



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AREA BRANCH
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS**

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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GRAB AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

President – **Gaynelle Wethers**
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Development VP – **Cheryl McKeiver**
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Educational Opportunity Fund - **TBD**
Legal Advocacy Fund – **Lynne Mitchell**
Women Helping Girls – **Cheryl McKeiver**
Past President – **Marilyn Tedeschi**



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The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 15, 2017. 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.