

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

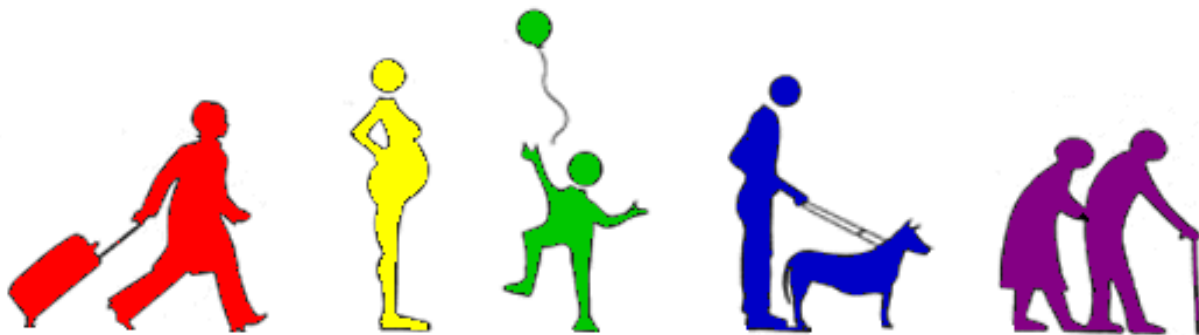
Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



All information is also available on our Web site www.wtb.org

April 2017

2016 - 2017 WTB Yearly Series Transcending Boundaries LIFE CYCLES




DEATH & DYING
In Different Faiths & Cultures
Sunday, April 23
Jowonio
3049 E. Genesee St.
Syracuse, NY
3:00 - 5:00

This is the last in our Life Cycles Series. The Topics are Death and Dying. We will have five panelists from five different faith communities to share their personal and professional experiences with death and dying and those of their faith communities.

This should inspire some very interesting insights and conversations.

Refreshments will be served.



A letter from your president

Dear WTB Sisters,

How Wonderful Spring is finally here! With the April Rain we will have beautiful May flowers. We will be celebrating on May 21st at the Sycamore Hill Garden tour. This event is our only fundraiser for the year. We will have tickets available at our April Meeting. They may also be picked up at Patti McGuire's.

Our April 23rd meeting will be the last of our life cycle series on "Death and Dying" . We are having five panelist from five different religious backgrounds who will share their personal and professional experiences and guidelines of their faith traditions.

I would like to share with you that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President for almost 3 years. It has been a joy, full of blessings and wonderful to work with all of you. I would like to thank the Officers, Council and Advisory Board for their dedication and hard work for WTB. They have been terrific. Always they're ready to make WTB a happening. It takes many hands to make WTB run smoothly and stay true to our mission statement. I have been blessed to have a great team. Thank you, thank you. You are all very special women, working hard for the betterment of humanity. To make this world a kinder, more loving and understanding place, it is important to be able to transcend boundaries. We try to do it well. Seven years of World Interfaith Harmony Assembly is there to say, Yes, it is all worth it. Our 15th Anniversary Dinner honored all of you and most deservedly so. Your paycheck for WTB is not in dollars and cents, but in blessings for contributing to World Harmony and Peace.

Our Nominating Committee is meeting on a regular basis and working very hard to present to you in the month of May, a wonderful slate of Officers, Council members, and Advisory Board. If any of you have special talents that you would like to volunteer to share in any of these areas please let me know. I know that the future for Women Transcending Boundaries is going to be a continuing blessing to the Syracuse and World Community.

Thank you all for being women who make a difference.

Blessings to you all,
Betty Lamb
Women Transcending Boundaries
President
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315-727-5996



Come gather with us again as we continue to build friendships and explore new places offering exotic food in Syracuse.

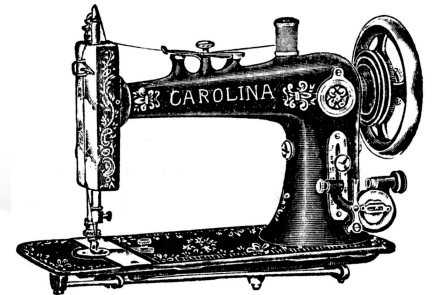
What: A Schmai (meaning informal get together to share our stories, laugh and maybe even to cry a bit)

Where: [Byblos Mediterranean Cafe](#)
223 N Clinton St, Syracuse 13202

When: Thursday, April 13, 5:30-7:30.
No need to make a reservation....just show up.

This is a little Mediterranean eatery with a Lebanese bent. Here is a simple family run spot that serves pitas, kebabs, potatoes, salads, and fabulous desserts! Great food, Warm Hospitality!

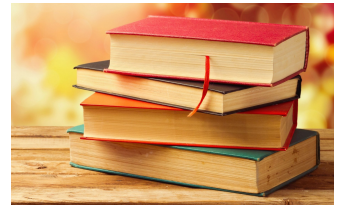
Refugee Sewing Classes



We have started the fourth and final session of the 2016-17 year with nine students from Burma, Nepal, and Iraq. This session will end on May 25, and then we will break until September.

As always, the last class will be the big giveaway, with students receiving a donated sewing machine, a bag of essential sewing supplies worth about \$50.00, fabric to choose from, and miscellaneous trims and other items that have been donated. At this time I have plenty of machines, and will be servicing them over the summer. My guest room is overflowing with wonderful fabrics used to restock the fabric bins that we use in class. This must be pared down to make room for summer guests! So, at this time, I have no room to accept additional donations, but would gladly reconsider in the fall. If potential donors could hold on to items until then, it would be much appreciated.

As always, we love to have visitors to our class, Thursdays from 12:15 to 2:45 when the city schools are in session (no class April 20 during vacation week). We're at 501 Park Street, a former parochial school. The doors are locked for security, so call my cell at 315-633-2817 and I will run up and let you in. Jennifer



BOOK CLUB
Monday, April 24, 2017
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Home of Patti Maguire
606 First Street
Liverpool. 13088
315-457-7745

SWEETGRASS BASKET
by Marlene Carvell

‘In prose poetry and alternating voices, award-winning author Marlene Carvell weaves a heartbreakingly beautiful story based on the real-life experiences of Native American children" (from the book blurb). This is powerful story, but a very quick read, so if you have been thinking of joining our wonderful group of readers, this is a good place to start. I read the book in 2 sessions, an evening and the next morning. There are sufficient copies available in the city library system, but if you can't get one, contact Jennifer 315-633-2817 and I will get you one from my Madison County system.

A quick side note - the author lives in southern Madison County.



There are two houses that Habitat for Humanity is building on Hixson Ave. They are being built by volunteers from all the different faith communities.

The two houses are very unique in their construction, as they are being built with insulated concrete block. A West coast idea but not often done on the East coast. The homes will be over 90% energy efficient. The actual building will begin in May.

If someone in WTB would like to chair a volunteer group from WTB to help build these two homes they could let me know. If not, then anyone interested could contact Suzanne Williams directly.



Joan Hillsman's Music Network & The Syracuse Gospel Music Workshop of America

PRESENTS

"The Spirit Of Spring"

A celebration of gospel music from local choirs, artists, dancers, poets and more. As always we will spotlight Collegiate Colleges and Universities. Please join us for this memorable event that will brighten your spirit , warm your heart and rock the chapel.



All are welcome at this third annual concert. We thank the university for allowing us to offer this special evening to the campus community, the city of Syracuse and the proud people of Central New York.

**Hendricks Chapel
Syracuse University
7pm
Friday, April 21st**



A CALL FOR ARTISTS! Please respond by April 1st

If you or your group would like to participate in this evening of joyous entertainment we would like to hear from you. Please contact:

Dr. Joan Hillsman, jhillsman@twcny.rr.com or call 315.373.0805.

The SU Peace Poles are being dedicated at Syracuse University at Hendricks Chapel on April 21st from 1130 to 12:30pm. WTB is invited to attend. We had a wonderful program by Chaplin Mary Hudson in September about the Peace Poles.



Earth Day Prayer Service

There will be an Earth Day Prayer Service on April 22nd at 11 a.m. at Owasco Lake. Charlie Green was a guest speaker at the Interfaith Works Round Table March meeting.

Charlie, an engineer, shared with us that

Owasco Lake has a biological contamination that is very dangerous to humans. There will be an 8 Mile Walk to Auburn. Owasco Lake has been in the news recently because they have a biological pollution problem. If anyone is interested in participating in this Walk, or other ways to help, you may call Charlie Green at 315-246-5727 for further information.



Temple Concord Sisterhood has invited WomenTranscending Boundaries to a special **"Cabaret" on Sunday May 7th at 9:30am.**

This special event will be held in the Social Hall of Temple Concord. A light dairy breakfast will be served.

The special Cabaret guest artists are the famous Theresa Harris and Dr. Jerry Exline.

Theresa Harris has over 30 years of experience as a choir singer and soloist and studied with the late

Amanda Newhouse Carnie. Theresa and Jerry Exline have collaborated on special event music performances since 2008.

Dr. Jerry Exline holds a bachelor's and doctorate degree from the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. Jerry is an accomplished pianist who plays in a variety of styles from classical, jazz, and pop. He currently is a music teacher at LeMoyne College.



JERRY EXLINE



THERESA HARRIS



You are invited to

*Celebrate the Spring season at Sycamore Hill
Gardens*

Sunday, May 21, 2017 -- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Women Transcending Boundaries

An amazing private family garden located at

2130 Old Seneca Turnpike Marcellus, New York 13108

Over 25 acres of breathtaking views: 500 varieties of trees
200 varieties of flowering shrubs and perennials
ceremonial bells and sculptures

Accommodations are available for those who have
difficulty walking.

Admission: \$10.00

2:00pm - Zen Meditation led by Bonnie Schultz

**3:00pm- Tai Chi lead by Ann Pia on the grass by the
pond, easy -to -follow movements**

The self-guided walks will be held rain or shine.

Driving directions can be found at

www.sycamorehillgardens.com

Women Transcending Boundaries (www.wtb.org)

#WelcomeRefugees



STAND WITH REFUGEES

Momentum is building and we need each of you to **STAND WITH US** as we continue our work of resettling new neighbors and friends.

Albany continues to work on their budget and we are asking for you to share this with your friends, faith communities, in Bulletins and on social media.

Just make 4 calls.

- 1 Tell the office who you are and your association with InterFaith Works of Central New York
- 2 You are in support of \$12 million being included in the State Budget to support refugee resettlement agencies.
- 3 Refugees are helping to grow economies and communities in Upstate New York, including Syracuse, where they have helped offset a declining population, opened businesses, purchased homes, bought goods and services, and added diversity to our community.

Governor Andrew Cuomo: 518-474-8390 recording will come on Press 2

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie: 518-455-3791

State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan: 518-455-2071

State Senator John DeFrancisco: (315) 428-7632



To join this wonderful organization and pay your dues (Jan. - Dec. 2017), please click below. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue our work in the community.

To join, download our [membership form](#)



2017 WTB EVENTS

APRIL

Friday, 21

**Spirit of Spring Festival
Peace Poles SU**

Saturday, 22

Earth Day Prayer

Sunday, 23

Monthly Meeting:

Death & Dying

Monday, 24

Book Club

MAY

Sunday, 7

Temple Concord "Cabaret"

Sunday, 21

Sycamore Hill Gardens