

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



All information also available on our website [wtb.org](http://wtb.org)

**December 2019**

## **HOLIDAY TRADITIONS**

Dec 15th 3-5 pm

Betsy's house [305 Carlton Dr.](http://www.305CarltonDr.com)

315 439-2925 (for directions or question)

We did this last year calling it "holiday traditions" and it was really fun and popular. This year we will focus on celebrating the differences between us. Everyone brings a dish representing their faith, cultural or family tradition and then we share our stories about the dishes...and ENJOY the food. Betsy requested that people please bring serving dishes with them.





On Nov 17th, at our monthly meeting, about 25 people participated over the course of the afternoon working on blankets, socializing, sharing finger foods and beverages.

Friends of VP Cindy Rahle led the blanket-making and taught us how to do the knots: Patti Godfrey, Linda Sheen (both of whom had prepped the blankets with Cindy) and Nancy Waterbury and her family.

The blankets were donated to the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center which serves children under age 18 who have been sexually and /or severely physically abused. A blanket and stuffed animal is given to every child after his/her initial interview

We all go through times of joy but also heartbreak, loss, and challenge. We made blankets for children going through difficult, unspeakable stress. We focus on what we have in common as we come together as women to tie ourselves to families and children in the community with various kinds of needs.

We completed 16 blankets which were delivered to McMahon Ryan on Monday morning. The agency was very appreciative and said our blankets were soft, colorful, and perfect for gifting to the children they serve.



## **BOOK CLUB**

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

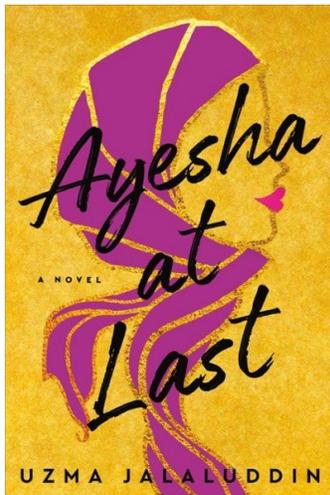
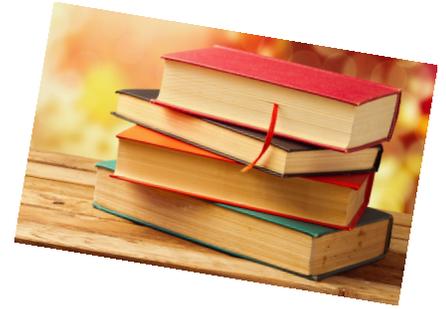
**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**at**

**CNY Rise Center**

**275 W. Seneca Turnpike**

?? Call Jennifer at 315-633-2817.



A modern-day Muslim Pride and Prejudice for a new generation of love. A smart young Muslim Canadian woman navigates the complexities of career, love, and family in this lively homage to a Jane Austen classic.

January 27 – Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

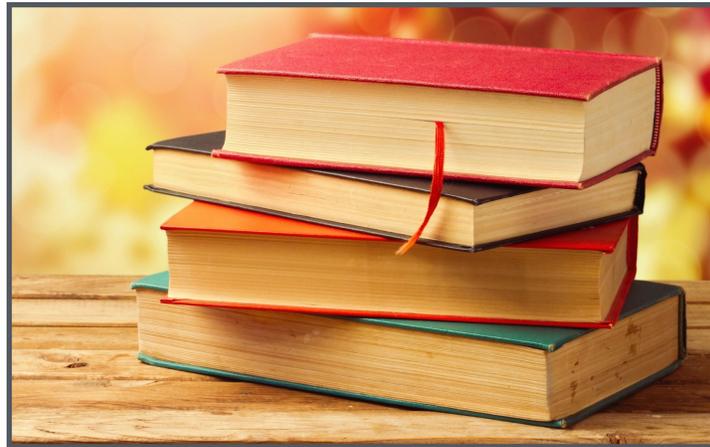
February 24 – A Woman of No Importance: the Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonya Purnell

March 23 - The Secrets Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

April 27 - The Great Fire : One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's First Genocide by Lou Ureneck

May 25 - The Hate You Give - Angie Thoma

June 22 – Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World by Tim Marshall



From time to time the book group wants to read a book that is not available in sufficient number in our libraries, so I purchase used copies with WTB funds. After we have read and discussed the book, these copies are shared with others or kept in our WTB library (actually this is a small crate). New book club members are invited to look through the crate to see what they have missed and want to read. Occasionally I bring the crate to Sunday meetings for other members to choose from. Currently about fifteen books are in the crate including:

*The Faith Club : A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. These women discuss "their concerns, stereotypes, and misunderstandings... the issues that divided them, (and) grew close enough to discover and explore what united them."

*Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* by Eboo Patel. His youthful "struggle to forge his identity as a Muslim, an Indian, and an American."

*God is Not a Christian: And Other Provocations* by Desmond Tutu. "In this essential collection of Desmond Tutu's most historic and controversial speeches and writings, we witness his unique career of provoking the powerful and confronting the world in order to protect the oppressed, the poor, and other victims of injustice."

*You Don't Have To Be Wrong For Me To Be Right: Finding Faith Without Fanaticism* by Brad Hirschfield. "Conflict is an opportunity to learn and grow - and often to grow closer to one another."

If any of these interest you, let me know and we will find a time for me to loan you the book. Remember, new book club members are always welcome. Except for December, we meet on third Monday evenings. The current reading list (through June) and the list of all past books are on the website.

Jennifer

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## REFUGEE SEWING



Because there are fewer refugees coming, we have fewer signing up for the sewing class. We have decided to let former students return for additional lessons. So the current class has six new students and two returnees from Syria, Burma, Somalia, Congo, and Burundi. You are welcome to visit us on Thursdays from 12:15 to 2:45 when the city schools are in session. Call my cell and I will unlock the door for you 315-345-9217. The address is [501 Park St](#), one block from Butternut.





# SFWC FEDERATION NEWS

## November 2019

Official Newsletter of the Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs



### SFWC Member Club Highlight

#### WOMEN TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES

Women Transcending Boundaries (WTB) has been a Member Club for many years. It is an egalitarian community of women coming together to respect and learn more about each other's various spiritual beliefs, cultures, and common concerns. It is their intent to share their experiences with the wider community as well as to educate and to serve. WTB was founded after the tragedy of 9/11. Two women, Betsy Wiggins, a Christian, and Danya Wellman, a Muslim, got together over coffee and shared their hopes and fears for the future of the Syracuse community and for humanity. A friendship formed, and soon they each

brought others in to what became "Women Transcending Boundaries". As Co-founders, they both continue to give their inspiration and guidance to this amazing organization. WTB meets from September to May and has monthly programs. Barbara Bova is the current President.

Women Transcending Boundaries won the prestigious SFWC Oberlander Trophy and award in 2011 for their famous "A-OK: Acts of Kindness Weekend". Again in 2018, they won the Oberlander Trophy and Award for the 8th Annual World Interfaith Harmony Assembly.



## Growing Together:

### Celebrating 10 Years of InterFaith Harmony

The Tenth Anniversary World InterFaith Harmony Assembly



*"For me, the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree."*

Mahatma Gandhi

**Monday, Feb. 3, 2020**  
**6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
**Temple Adath Yeshurun**  
**450 Kimber Road**  
**Syracuse, NY 13224**  
Reception to Follow



UNITED NATIONS



**Join us for this Special Event!**

**COMMUNITY EVENT:**

# Ladies Open Buffet Breakfast

**CNY Rise  
Center**

**Saturday, December 7th 2019  
at 10.30 AM**



**Key Note Speaker  
Women's Opportunity  
Center**

**#womeninspiringwomen**

**#Friendship**

**#Dialog**

**#Raffle**

**RSVP by December 5th at  
CNYRISELADIES@GMAIL.COM**

**Address: 275 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse NY 13207**

**Fee: \$7 Open Buffet Breakfast**

**\$3 Raffle Ticket**