

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



All information also available on our website wtb.org

May 2022

May Meeting

May 22nd 3-5 pm

Place: [Jowonio](#)
3049 E Genesee St
Syracuse 13224.
Please park and enter from
rear parking lot

**PLEASE
NOTE:
OUR VENUE
HAS CHANGED**



Presenting “American Dreams” by Linda Britt

(a collection of monologues about immigrant experience)

It's not too late to sign up!

We are still looking for readers/actors – men, teens, as well as women!

Would you be able to read an immigrant monologue on May 22nd? We are looking for women, men and teens to portray one of these experiences. Or you are welcome to write a monologue about your own experience if you have come to this country as an immigrant or refugee! Email Sue Savion at suesavion6@gmail.com for more information!

Masks required unless eating or speaking.
Light refreshments served.



WTB is honored to be the 2022 winner of the Anna Williams Oberlander Memorial Achievement Cup Award.

The Cup is presented annually by Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs to the member club whose civic contributions in the last year have been most deserving recognition.

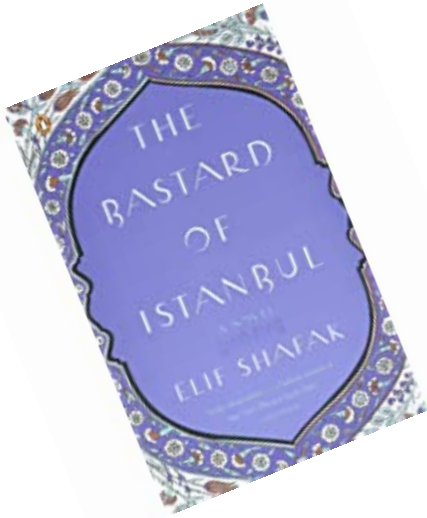
Lorraine Markley, Sue Savion and Barb Bova accepted the Cup, a dozen roses and the first place prize at the SFWC's Oberlander Dinner at Barbagallos on April 21st. The award was presented by SFWC President Candace Edwards and Board Member Millie Williams.

WTB's project "Welcoming Afghan Refugees" involved meeting the needs of Afghans who fled their country during the US withdrawal by educating our community about the challenges they face, donating money and collecting requested supplies to support the nonprofits resettling them, and reaching out to mentor an Afghan family through the IFW Ambassador program.

Background on The Anna Williams Oberlander Memorial Achievement Cup:

The Oberlander Cup was presented to Anna Williams Oberlander as "the Most Civic-Minded Woman in Syracuse" in 1932 by the First Baptist Church. Upon her death in 1938, the Cup was given to the Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs in memory of her twenty-five years as president. Since that date, the Cup has been awarded annually by the Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs whose civic contributions in the last year have been most deserving of recognition.





BOOK CLUB

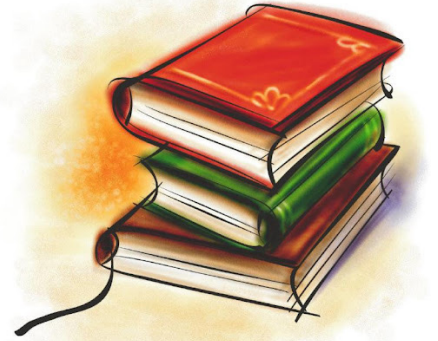
The Bastard of Istanbul

By Elif Shafak

Monday, May 9

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Via Zoom



THE BASTARD OF ISTANBUL

As an Armenian American living in San Francisco, Armanoush feels like part of her identity is missing and that she must make a journey back to the past, to Turkey, in order to start living her life. Asya is a nineteen-year-old woman living in an extended all-female household in Istanbul who loves Jonny Cash and the French existentialists. *The Bastard of Istanbul* tells the story of their two families--and a secret connection linking them to a violent event in the history of their homeland. Filled with humor and understanding, this exuberant, dramatic novel is about memory and forgetting, about the need to examine the past and the desire to erase it, and about Turkey itself.

The WTB book club is an egalitarian community of women from many faith and cultural traditions. We seek to nurture mutual respect and understanding by reading about diverse beliefs, customs, and practices. We choose books - fiction, non-fiction, and memoir - that reflect diversity of faith and culture, either internationally or within our own country. Whenever possible, we prefer to choose books written by women or featuring female characters. If you would like to join the book club either in person or on Zoom, please call or text Jennifer at 315-345-9217

June 13 - Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner



United We End Racism



The 22nd Annual Duck Race and Racial Justice Awards Saturday, June 11th from 12noon-4pm

You're invited! United We End Racism (UWER) is a fun family event presented by the El-Hindi Center for Dialogue & Action at InterFaith Works. The event will be held at the Syracuse Inner Harbor and celebrate the Racial Justice Awards and the annual Duck Race, presenting a unique community experience affirming the work being done to eliminate racism and the promotion of equal rights and justice.

The entire community will enjoy a celebratory, multicultural festival, complete with children's activities, community booths, ice cream, art, and dancing. Food will be available from Who Want Smoke BBQ and Catering, and music by Brownskin Band. Mark your calendars now!

To support UWER and to join in the fun, please **Sponsor a Duck** for the community duck race! You can sponsor as many ducks as you wish for \$5.00 each, and each duck gives you a chance to win great community prizes. To sponsor a duck visit <https://tinyurl.com/UWERducks>

There are many volunteer opportunities during the actual event. [Click here for UWER volunteer information and registration](#) or email Kioanna Garner at kgarner@ifwcnyc.org.

Questions? Contact *Barbara Bova 315 415-2797. WTB is a faith partner for this event.*

Let's Celebrate EL CINCO DE MAYO

Papá Gallo

[205 West Genesee St. Fayetteville, NY](#)

Wednesday, May 11th 6pm

Come join us for some fun and laughs. Bring a friend



Papa' Gallo (pronounced guyō, not gallow) translates to Father Rooster; what's that all about. Simply put, my grandfather, a great, self-made South Texas businessman, once said a long time ago that he wanted to open a Mexican restaurant to be called "Papa Gallo". I really liked the sound of it back then and still do today. He opened and owned many businesses in his life, however he never opened Papa Gallo. So, in a way, this restaurant is a tribute to my grandfather. I've been traveling to San Antonio Texas since I was born and have always enjoyed the Mexican cuisine available down there. If you have ever been to the Southwest or other markets where good Mexican food is served, you understand the food we are striving for at this restaurant. We want to bring traditional Mexican/TexMex cuisine to the Syracuse market. I have been talking about opening a Mexican restaurant in Syracuse for as long as I can remember and here it is. I hope you like it.

Jason Thomas

WHAT IS SCHMAI?

Schmai is an informal get together to try new foods and expand friendships. Try a Schmai. No need to RSVP—just stop by the restaurar and look for the WTB sign on a table. Hope to see you there!





Bike Drive

Mr. Jan Maloff is partnering with InterFaith Works and community partners to collect used bicycles for refugee and New American children and young adults in our community.

- Tricycles
- Youth Bikes
- Adult Bikes

In need of light repair is ok!

Or, donate \$10 & fund a "Repair Voucher" to help with the tune-ups!

Drop-off Location: [Mr. Maloff's home: 319 Barrington Road, Syracuse, 13214](#)

Date(s): May 14 - June 16

Contact: *Mairead Blatner*
mblatner@ifwcnny.org
(315) 449-3552 ext. 231





Do you have an old bike you don't use anymore? Can you help InterFaith Works of CNY with its bike drive?

Why bikes?

Bikes provide transportation to school, to work, to access medical care, and to other required appointments. Bikes also provide joy for children and teens. Newly arrived refugees often have little money saved for transportation. Even so, it is likely that they cannot yet pass the driving test due to limited English proficiency. A bike can provide further independence to our new community members in so many areas of their life.

Donate a used bike?

May 14 – June 16: Bikes are being collected around the community and dropped off at Mr. Maloff's home for storage until the giveaway and to undergo repairs: Mr. Maloff's home: 319 Barrington Road, Syracuse, 13214 (in the vicinity of Lemoyne College). He says: If the bike trailer is present, leave the bikes on the grass side of the trailer. If the trailer is not present, leave the bikes to the right of the garage door.

Make a \$10 Donation to Fund a Bike Repair? A \$10 donation will fund a bike repair. IFW also hopes to fund occasional bike clinics where people can come and help with repairs or tune ups.

Volunteers

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the distribution day and at the clinics. Interested volunteers should contact Mairead Blatner.

Contact at IFW

Mairead Blatner

mblatner@ifwcnny.org

(315) 449-3552 ext. 231

If you have a smaller bike, Barb Bova might be able to pick up and drop off in mid-size SUV. Email babova@aol.com or call 315 415-2797.



Today we honor the Divine in nature.

When you want to feel the majesty of God, look to the stars and moon.

When you want to see the beauty of God, study a flower.

When you want to feel the peace of God, walk in an old forest or befriend a tree.

When you want to feel the power of God, go to the ocean or watch a fast-moving river.

When you want to hear the voice of God, listen to the birds sing and the wind blow.

When you want to feel the love of God, be in the presence of a friendly animal who loves you unconditionally.

Knowing God is present in all of creation, we pray to walk gently upon the earth.



Photos by Joy Pople

REFUGEE SEWING:



More Afghani families received machines and fabric in March and April. Donors have also been very generous; one day I picked up seven bins of fabric and fifteen minutes later a family of five tailors was sorting and selecting fabrics to increase their limited wardrobes.

The program teachers are hoping to resume teaching classes in September.

Donations of sewing machines and supplies are still being accepted. Please contact Jennifer at 315-345-9217 or robertscrittenden@verizon.net for further information.





**Are you interested in leadership opportunities
in Women Transcending Boundaries?**

WTB is looking for women interested in becoming members of our Council for next year. WTB Council is a group of 13 to 16 women of diverse faiths and cultures who plan programs and make policy decisions for our non-profit organization. Fresh ideas, skills, and voices will help WTB build bridges of understanding and friendship across the boundaries that separate women today.

Please think about becoming a member of our WTB Council. Drop a quick email to Sue Savion at suesavion6@gmail.com for more information. We hope you will consider this opportunity for service and fellowship!

**HAVE YOU BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER
OF WTB for 2022??**

[Click Here](#) to use our online form and become a member today! Dues are appreciated but not mandatory.

Alternatively, you can fill in a 2022 Membership Form and mail to WTB, PO Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217.

Our membership year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Thank you for supporting WTB's mission with your membership!



Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

A Metro Syracuse Women's Group Founded After 9/11/01

P.O. Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217

www.wtb.org

2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member ____

Renewing Member ____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phones: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Religion (optional): _____ Native Country: _____

How did you first learn about WTB? _____

Do you have special interests that bring you to WTB? _____

Would you like to receive more information about specific needs and volunteer opportunities ...
within WTB? in the greater Central New York community?

Dues (\$25 per year) \$ _____

***Note:** Dues are appreciated but not mandatory for membership. However, you must fill out and submit this form in order to be a WTB member.*

Donation: \$ _____

Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects, activities and scholarships. Thank you!

Total paid on ____/____/____ by cash ____ or check ____ \$ _____

Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.
is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.
All dues and donations are tax deductible.

Please submit this completed form at any WTB meeting or by mail to the address at the top of this form.

WTB Mission Statement:

We are 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 our intent to share our experiences with the wider community, to educate, and to serve.