

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



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October 2022

## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

# Creating a Caring Community



OCTOBER 23, 2022  
3 PM - 5 PM

 275 W. Seneca Turnpike  
Syracuse, 13207

We will learn about Betty Graham's Determination Center, whose mission is to provide a welcoming and supportive after school environment for South Side children Pre-K through upper elementary grades, and Vera House, whose mission is to provide 24/7 help for those suffering domestic abuse.

Vera House Wish List: shampoo and conditioner (large sizes), deodorant, soap, body wash, toilet paper, bras, sweatshirt, sweatpants, sheets (twin and double). All items must be new.

Determination Center: paper cups, plates, plastic silverware, paper towels, feminine hygiene pads, toiletries: warm mittens, gloves and hats and underwear (both boys and girls, sizes pre-k through late elementary)

Donations can be brought to this meeting or dropped off at two locations: 53 Lyndon Road, Fayetteville or 7546 Marble Dr, Liverpool (leave in box on front porch).



[Link for donation items if you wish to buy online](#)

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Sunday, Dec 4th 3-5 pm. Meeting will involve food!**



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

WTB is grateful to Katya Bratslavsky and sisters Lisa and Katya Rohova for sharing their experiences around the war in Ukraine at WTB's September Program "One Family's Journey to Ukraine to Syracuse." When Russia invaded his native Ukraine, Katya's husband Dr. Gennady Bratslavsky vowed to find ways to meet the medical needs in Ukraine. Katya, a local artist, has raised money for these efforts through the sale of her art work and jewelry; her husband went to Poland and Kyiv during the war to deliver supplies and purchase four ambulances. Katya and Gennady were able to bring two daughters of a close Ukrainian friend to live in their home while Ukraine is at war. The girls shared their story from the attack on Kyiv Feb 24, 2022 through their escape by car to Bratislava, Slovakia and subsequent journey to Syracuse.

Several attendees have asked about how they can help. The website for Katya's art is [katyabratslavsky.com](http://katyabratslavsky.com); fund from all purchases go to Ukraine. The website for Dr. Bratslavsky's nonprofit is [helpfreeukraine.com](http://helpfreeukraine.com).





I would like to thank the women of WTB for the lovely flowers, plaque, and gift certificate presented to me at our September meeting. I will treasure that moment always.

I cannot thank YOU enough for being there for WTB through the pandemic. I am profoundly grateful to our awesome Council/Advisory Board and each and every person who stepped up to offer ideas, figure out Zoom meetings, and support donation drives.

I'm humbled and honored to be part of this warm and committed group of women.

Barb Bova , Past President 😊



# SPIRITUAL CARE DAY

OCTOBER 27 @ 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for the Center for Dialogue & Action's presentation of the 32nd Annual Spiritual Care Day event program, SPIRITUAL CARE ACROSS OUR POLITICAL DIVIDES, to be held online through Zoom on Thursday, October 27, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

How do we cross our profound political and religious divides to provide (and receive) spiritual care while holding onto our integrity? Our presenters will give us:

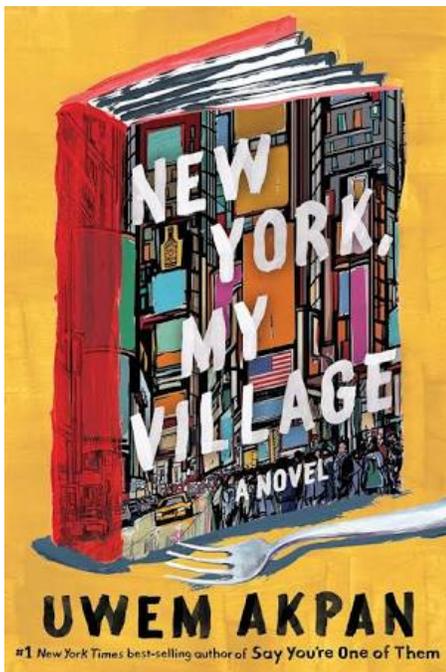
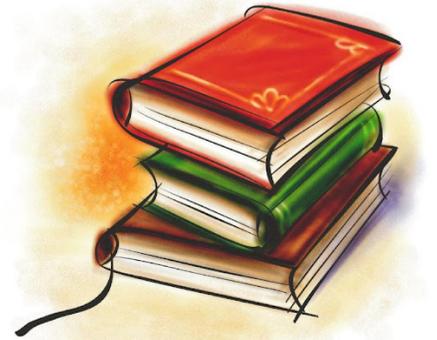
- A sneak peek at current research on chaplains challenged by evaluating applications for religious exemptions to the vaccination mandates;
- A short summary of a psychological theory that accounts for how our differing moralities are formed;
- And two personal experiences of ACPE educators (one Unitarian, one Muslim) as they themselves have attempted to bridge the religious/political divisions in our country.

## BOOK CLUB

October 10 7-9 pm

New York, My Village:  
A Novel by Uwem Akman

Via Zoom



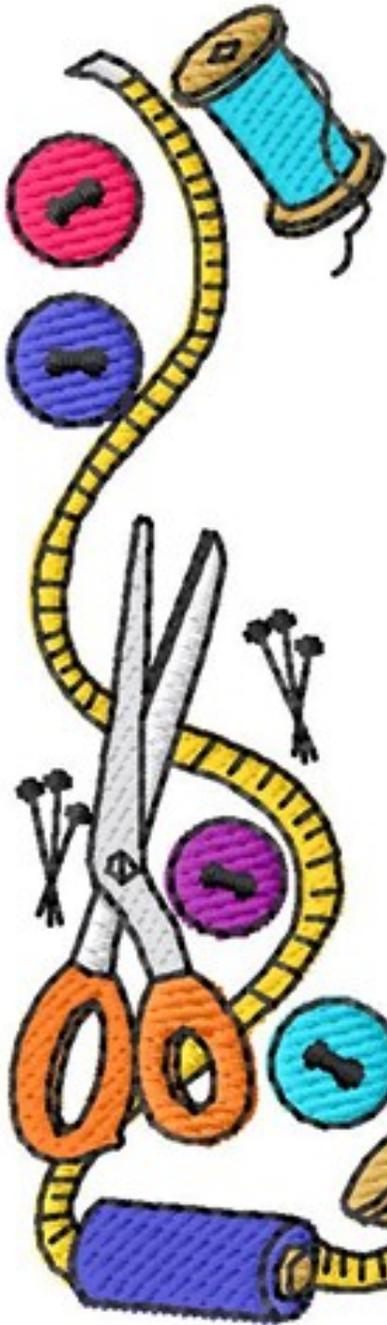
Ekong Udousoro is about to begin the opportunity of a lifetime: to learn the ins and outs of the publishing industry from its incandescent epicenter

A collective antagonism toward the “other” consumes Ekong’s daily life. Yet in overcoming misunderstandings with his neighbors, Chinese and Latino and African American, and in bonding with his true allies at work and advocating for healing back home, Ekong proves that there is still hope in sharing our stories.

Akpan’s prose melds humor, tenderness, and pain to explore the myriad ways that tribalisms define life everywhere, from the villages of Nigeria to the villages within New York City. *New York, My Village* is a triumph of storytelling and a testament to the life-sustaining power of community across borders and across boroughs. *Amazon*

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

November 14 The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World by Melinda Gates



## REFUGEE SEWING:

### Jennifer Reports:

Refugee sewing has resumed our Thursday classes. We have four beginners and four experienced seamstresses who want to learn American techniques. Every student has her own teacher and we all help one another and have such fun. If you would like to join us, visit class at 501 Park Street on Syracuse's north side between 12:15 and 2:30.

Afghani refugees continue to request sewing machines but I am running out. I visited two Salvation Army stores, two Rescue Missions, and one Goodwill looking for machines. I have talked to Pick Your Stitch and will check with three other stores to see if they will post a flyer asking for donations. I will check Craigslist, Marketplace, and estate sales for reasonably priced machines. Please, please, please spread the word to friends, churches, internet groups that we need sewing machines. We will bless you forever.

Jennifer 315-345-9217



JOIN US FOR

# October Schmai



OCTOBER 26

6:00 PM

*Thai Thai Cuisine*



3138 Erie Blvd. East Syracuse, NY 13214

"At Thai Thai Cuisine, every dish is freshly prepared from the very best ingredients. High-quality meat and seafood are chosen to create our delicious dishes.:

Each person orders off the menu; no need to RSVP -- just show up and enjoy!

## LAST MONTH'S SCHMAI AT ETHIO-ERITREA RESTAURANT

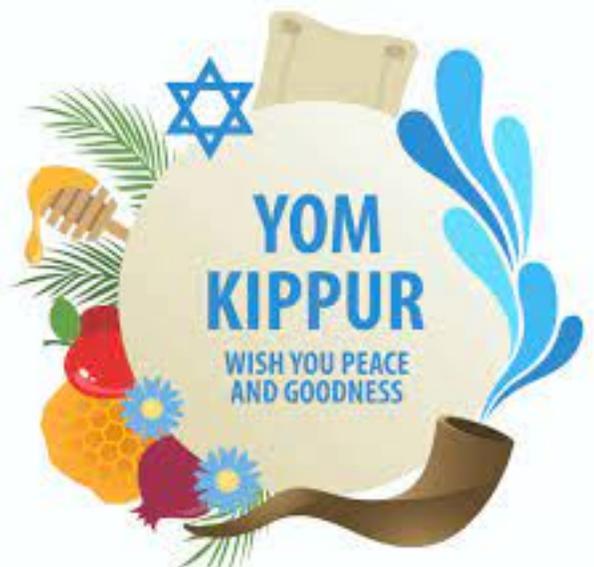
Six of us had a delightful Schmai experience at the EthioEritrea Restaurant on N. State Street on September 28th. Ezekial was our waiter/host. We had a lot of fun and great conversation.

*Sue Savion*



Julie Sydorowych, Joy Pople, Barb Bova, Tori DeAngelis, (back), Sue Savion, Jayshri Prasad





**Date:** Tue, Oct 4, 2022 – Wed, Oct 5, 2022

**Yom Kippur** is the holiest day in Judaism and Samaritanism. It occurs annually on the 10th of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. Primarily centered on atonement and repentance, the day's observances consist of full fasting and ascetic behaviour accompanied by intensive prayer as well as sin confessions. [Wikipedia](#)



### **Syracuse Federation of Women's Club News**

SFWC is collecting Jello, Bras (gently used) and empty pill bottles (all labels and sticky residue removed only).

They would love you to join them for their October Dinner Meeting. Contact Barb Bova 315 415-2797 to make a reservation. Meals cost \$26; chicken, fish or vegetarian choice.

Date: Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: Networking 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6 pm

Place: Barbagallos, 6344 E. Molloy Rd, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Topic: Syracuse City School District/Dr. Weeks Elementary School

School supplies are being collected at the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

SFWC has pledged 5,000 boxes of Jello for the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau. WTB is a member of SFCW and we can help make this happen!

## Fall, Leaves, Fall

Emily Brontë

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.  
I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
Blossom where the rose should  
grow;  
I shall sing when night's decay  
Ushers in a drearier day.



Photos by Judy Antoine (a hike in the Adirondacks many years ago.)

## AUTUMN LEAVES

by Adelle Lacour (grandmother of Judy Antoine)  
(She made this in Nov. 1970 & died in 1976)



It will be noted that, with the exception of the sky background, this picture is a composition of colorful pressed autumn leaves carefully placed to complete the scene.

The leaves, all from the Park Manor property (the Retirement Home she was living in), are held in place by glue. Included in the picture are maple, ginkgo, cedar, pine and pin oak trees, each represented by its own leaves.

Mrs. Lacour (my mother's mom) actually felt inspired to do this artistic piece of craftsmanship. This beautiful composition is the result.

It is suggested that the observer stand back 10 or 12 feet for a satisfactory overall view. Then note too, how effectively the tree shadows have been treated.

**Monday, October 10, 2022  
Indigenous People's Day**



**HONOR THE HISTORIES.  
HONOR THE TREATIES.  
HONOR NATIVE PEOPLES.  
#INDIGENOUSPEOPLES DAY**

VISIT [WWW.ILLUMINATIVES.ORG](http://WWW.ILLUMINATIVES.ORG)





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

Please consider serving on one of our committees this coming year. Programs and project ideas, reaching out in service, fundraising, social media and publicity—whatever your interests and gifts, we welcome your involvement. It's also a great way to make new friendships. Fresh ideas, skills and voices will help WTB. We NEED and WANT you.

**It's easy to contact us through our new email address:  
[wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcny@gmail.com)**



**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 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.*