

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



All information also available on our website wtb.org

Nov. & Dec. 2022

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

December 4th, 2022

3:00-5:00 pm

CNY RISE

275 W Seneca Turnpike

PANCAKES OF THE WORLD

Hot cakes, flapjacks, johnnycakes, crepes, griddle cakes, slapjacks....

Crispelle, Dutch baby, Chilla, Drop Scones, Tatale, Pannekoek, Torrejas...

These are just a few of the names for pancakes which are a universal, economical and versatile food in most cultures. Each country offers it's own take on pancakes, making them sweet or savory, stuffing them with veggies , meats, fish or mushrooms, topping them with fruits and sweet delights or using them as a wrap for other delicacies.

We will prepare and share pancakes from several cultures and also from personal family traditions at our meeting. Hope you will join us for an afternoon of sharing traditional food and stories.





October 23rd WTB Program “Creating a Caring Community”

Our Program Meeting in October focused on three local organizations that support and nurture groups in our community. We heard from **Rhonda Butler**, Community Engagement Manager of the **Center for New Americans** of InterFaith Works of CNY. Ronda explained the process by which refugees enter our country, the specific supports available to refugees as they acclimate to Syracuse, and the ways in which the Center for New Americans meets their needs and guides them through this transition.

Bettie Graham, Founder and Director of **The Determination Center of CNY**, spoke of her passion for serving at risk children through the center’s before/after school and pre-school programs on Syracuse’s Southside. She and her family are committed to providing a safe and loving place for children to grow and meeting their needs for nutrition, tutoring, and healthy activities. Joy Pople shared her experience volunteering with **Vera House**; its extensive programs help victims of domestic and elder abuse.

WTB collected three tables of donations including lots of toiletries, sheets, new clothing, feminine products, paper goods, diapers and mittens/hats. We spent the second part of the meeting packing donations for each nonprofit.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated goods and baked goodies for refreshments!

The Determination Center has volunteer opportunities for people who would like to tutor and mentor, share grant-writing skills, and/or donate supplies and clothing for the students.

InterFaith Works
Affirm Dignity

Accepting Donations

NOVEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 16
NOVEMBER 21
NOVEMBER 28
DECEMBER 5
DECEMBER 7

Build a GIFT BASKET

During the past year, we have resettled many men, women, and families. We are asking for your help in building gift baskets this holiday season. We will provide the names of all family members, ages, gender, addresses, and the country from which the family resettled.

Drop-off Location: 1010 James Street, Syracuse NY, 13203
Times: 9:00am- Noon

Recommendations for family

- Gift Cards (Walmart, Amazon, Tops)
- Small Blankets
- Board Games
- Cards

Recommendations for adults

- Gift Cards
- Winter socks, Pajamas, Mugs
- Tea, Chocolates, Jams, Biscuits
- Honey, and Spices
- Warm Clothes, Mittens

Recommendations for Children/Youth

- Mittens and Gloves
- Books
- Pajamas, Toy cars, trucks, and fire engines
- Stuffed animals, Piggy banks, Decorative empty boxes
- Soccer and other sports related items

For more information contact :rbutler@ifwcny.org and/or jprouty@ifwcny.org

We've got a FAMILY! LET'S FILL THE BASKET

Country of Origin: Syria

Dad, Reyad, age 45

Mom, Khadijah, age 42

Son, Mohammad, age 17

Daughter, Shahed, age 15

Son, Noor, age 12

Daughter, Leen, age 9

Suggested items to consider: NEW PLEASE

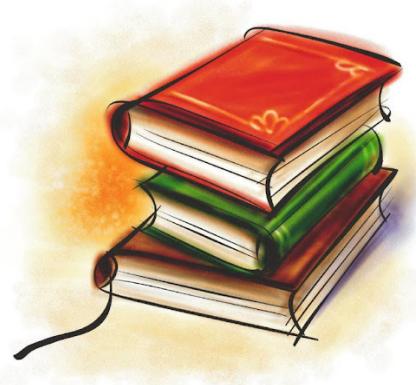
- *Gift cards (Tops Grocery is on the northside and close to our clients) Target and Walmart*
- *throw blankets*
- *board games and puzzles*
- *cozy socks and pajamas*
- *tea*
- *electric tea pot*
- *honey*
- *bag of oranges*
- *Crackers or cookies*
- *books*
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- *arts and crafts*
- *Toys*
- *Piggy banks*
- *Soccer balls*
- *Jam*
- *Chocolates*



If you would like to purchase a gift for this family, please let us know through this link: <https://forms.gle/FWEsrF3mQpx4CwPp9> so we can track what has been purchased.

UNWRAPPED gifts can be brought to our Dec 4th meeting or dropped off at 3 locations: 53 Lyndon Road, Fayetteville (porch box); 734 Wadsworth Street, Syracuse (inside porch); 7546 Marble Dr, Liverpool (porch).

Thank you for any help that you can give.

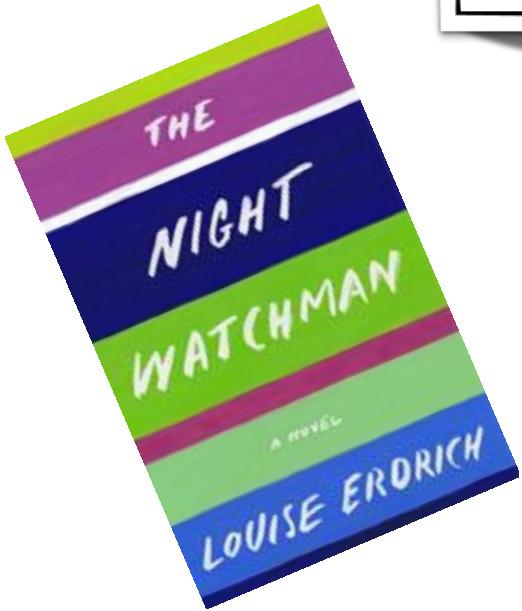


BOOK CLUB

December 12 7-9 pm

The Night Watchman
by Louise Erdrich

Via Zoom



The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.

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

January 9 - I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys



REFUGEE SEWING:

Jennifer Reports:

November 10 was the last day of the first session of refugee sewing classes. We gave a sewing machine with a bag of supplies and notions to each student who had completed the beginner projects. Each woman received a bag to carry fabrics and ribbon and lace that she chose from several boxes of beautiful donated material. They also selected baskets that could be used for their sewing projects or any other use. There were smiles all around as each woman selected whatever appealed to her. It was fun for the teachers as they helped make selections.

The next session will begin on December 1 and run to February 9.

During our break I will be taking machines to refugees who already know how to sew and have contacted me for a machine. One refugee tells another and the grapevine with my name and number works well. Other teachers have made appointments to help specific students as well.

Of course we still accept donations of machines, fabric, and notions. BUT OUR GREATEST NEED IS FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHERS! Only moderate sewing skills are necessary as our students are beginners. If troubles arise, teachers help one another; that is part of the fun! If you have time to volunteer but aren't sure if this is for you, feel free to stop by to visit. We're a very friendly bunch! We meet on Thursdays from 12:15 to 2:45. Call me at 315-345-9217 to ask any questions or to get the schedule of classes.





JOIN US FOR THE

November Schmai



A schmai is an informal gathering. We "meet up" at a local restaurant to share conversation and try some ethnic foods, and support local entrepreneurs.

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

11.16.2022 at 1pm



Sahota Palace

Address: 668 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool, NY 13088



BRRR! These WTB women recently met on a cold wintry day in a heatless warehouse to make packets for Ukrainian arrivals.

ASSEMBLING PACKETS for Ukrainian Arrivals

Thank you to those who helped assemble 185 toiletry packets for Ukrainian arrivals at the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement warehouse on Sunday, Nov 16th. A dozen pairs of hands made light work—and working with old friends and new made it fun!

Valerie Hardy, Volunteer and Building Coordinator, told us Catholic Charities is looking for donations for their winter give-away for refugee families on Dec 12th. NEEDED: socks (new). Winter coats (New/*Gently* used). Slippers (not adults). Blankets (new/*gently* used and cleaned—twin, queen).

These items are needed by Dec 9th. If you would like to donate items, you can bring to our Dec 4th meeting or label them for Catholic Charities and leave at a WTB Holiday Basket drop off location. You can also contact Catholic Charities directly (315) 474-7428.

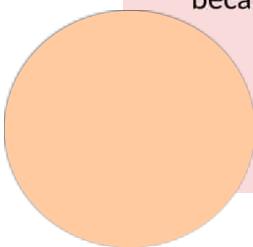
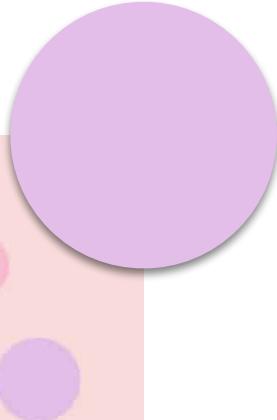
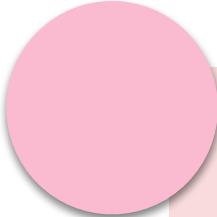


**GOODBYE
AUTUMN**

**HELLO
WINTER**



Photos by Joy Pople



I Am Thankful For

by Nancy J Carmody

I am thankful for
.....the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
.....the taxes that I pay because it means that I'm employed.
.....the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
.....my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
.....the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
.....all the complaining I hear about our Government because it means we have freedom of speech.
.....that lady behind me in church who sings offkey because it means that I can hear.
.....lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
.....my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.
.....weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive.
.....the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.





J E L L O

Our goal? 8000 boxes



WTB is a member of the **Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs (SFWC)**. SFWC has set a goal of collecting 8,000 boxes of Jello for the Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau (December 15th). The goal is to put 2 boxes of Jello in each of the 4,000 food baskets. This is a huge goal and WTB would like to do our part!

Jello boxes may be dropped off at three locations: 53 Lyndon Road Fayetteville (WTB box on front porch); 7546 Marble Dr, Liverpool (on front porch); 734 Wadsworth St, Syracuse 13208 (inside front porch). Call Barb 315 415-2797 for pickups. **Just bring them to our December 4th meeting!**

(Some types of gelatin dessert are halal or kosher. If you purchase these, be sure and label clearly).

Fun Facts About Jell-O

- Jell-O used to be food for the elite. At one time, the key ingredient—gelatin—was difficult to come by, making any gelatin-rich dish a symbol of wealth and social standing. Gelatin's status as a high-class delicacy would last a few centuries. Peter Cooper, an inventor who also designed the first American steam locomotive, created a portable gelatin in 1845 that was easily reconstituted with hot water. But he was not interested in marketing his invention. His creation was eventually sold to a NY cough syrup manufacturer, who added fruit flavors and branded it with its name Jell-O in 1897. By the early 20th century, Jell-O ads promoted the dessert as a low-cost, high-society wonder. The Great Depression and WWII solidified

Jell-O's versatility as a budget-and rations-stretcher—a reputation that has carried on for more than 100 years.



MUSIC & MESSAGE

SUNDAYS | 4 PM | HENDRICKS CHAPEL



“Music and Message” is the popular weekly series from Hendricks Chapel that features musical performances and spoken reflection from diverse religious and spiritual perspectives. These gatherings seek to nurture the soul and ignite the spirit, and we invite all students, faculty, staff, and community members for another season of inspiration.

Sundays at 4 p.m.

[Link](#)

November 13: Setnor Choirs in Concert

Setnor Sonority and Crouse Chorale present a fall choral concert featuring music by Dale Trumbore, Elaine Hagenberg, Veljo Tormis, Ivette Herryman, Kyle Pederson, Felix Mendelssohn, Eric Whitacre, Brandon Waddles, and Reginal Wright.

All are welcome to join us in Hendricks Chapel! Or experience this program online via the Hendricks Chapel YouTube channel. All programs will be streamed live and will be available on the channel for later viewing.



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



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

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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.