



September 2026 Newsletter

From the Tragedy of 9/11, WTB Was Birthed

It's been 25 years. Women Transcending Boundaries remembers and honors those who died on 9/11 and the brave rescuers who died thereafter.

The tragedy and terrorism melted our hearts. But from that flowed a stream of love which became **Women Transcending Boundaries.**

For 25 years we have shown caring for others by building a school in Pakistan, organizing a local day of service with dozens of projects across metro Syracuse, gathering food and clothes for those in our community who are in need, and providing scholarships.

Through WTB we have learned about other's traditions at birth, puberty, marriage and death. We've been educated by social justice speakers. We have formed new friendships, studied faith and cultural traditions. We found out we are more alike than we are different.

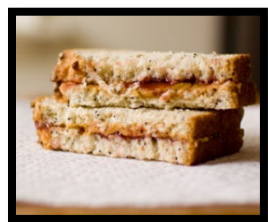


Shanksville, Penn. Memorial, 2001

Photo From National Archives

To read more of WTB's history, click [here](#).

Our Oct. Service Project is Sandwich Making



Come join your WTB sisters on **Sunday, October 18, 1-3 p.m.**, to make sandwiches to go to Assumption Roman Catholic Church Soup Kitchen/Pantry.

We'll work together, chat, laugh and share stories as we make the sandwiches. Gay Montague will be hosting us at her home at 7546 Marble Drive, Liverpool.

Another Service Project Planned For Fall

During WTB's 26th year, we continue our tradition of reaching out to help others. Our service project for September through December is a clothing drive for students at Dr. Weeks Elementary School, Syracuse.



Gay Montague says these pre-K through fifth-graders need "everything." See the list below. The underwear must be new but the other clothing can be new or gently used:

- socks and underwear (new)
- pants, all sizes
- fleeces, all sizes (no T-shirts)
- winter jackets, all sizes
- hats, all sizes
- boots & shoes, all sizes
- diapers, only toddler sizes

Several Met For a Schmai at Yards Grille

The rainy evening didn't give us the beautiful view over Green Lakes that we'd hoped, but the conversation around the table was quite fulfilling. And so were our meals!

The eight WTBers below met for dinner and sharing Thursday, Sept. 17 at Yards Grille, the restaurant at the golf course at Green Lakes State Park.



These monthly get-togethers, called Schamis, are informal times to eat together, talk and get to know each other better. They fulfill our purpose after 9/11 to get to know women of other cultures, faiths and traditions.

Usually the Schmai is at a locally-owned restaurant with a menu featuring ethnic foods. If you know of a restaurant that would be fun to try, please email wtbcny@gmail.com.

Our next Schmai will be Tuesday, October 20. Details to come on time and place.

RISE Center Invites Us to Two Events

WTB is welcome to join other women at a breakfast entitled, *"Fall into Better Posture – Understanding Posture, Movement & Everyday Wellness"*. It's Saturday, **October 10** from 11-1 at the CNY Rise Center, 275 W. Seneca Turnpike in Syracuse. There is a fee to cover costs. [RSVP here](#).



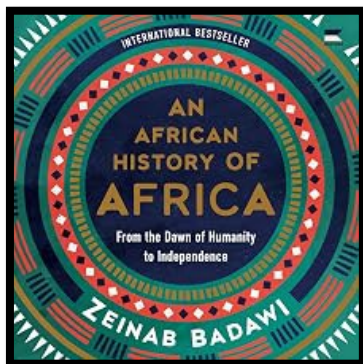
Eager to learn more about other cultures and other countries? **The Rev. Suzie Harriff** will be sharing highlights from her recent interfaith journey to the Balkans on **Wed., October 14, at 6 p.m.** at the CNY Rise Center, address above.

This will be a Turkish Coffee Night with light refreshments. Please RSVP by Monday, October 5 to [this link](#). Admission is free.



Book Club | Monday nights | 7:30 on Zoom

October 12



An African History of Africa
(2nd half, continued from September)
By Zenab Badawi

November 9



Let Only Red Flowers Bloom
by Emily Feng

Have you read a book you think would be great for others to read next year in the Book Club? Suggest it to [Jennifer Roberts Crittenden](#)

New Leadership For Our Organization

WTB is working with a new leadership pattern for '26-'27.

We've transitioned from one president to three women who will lead for three months each:

- **Darryl Files**, Sept-Nov.
- **Carol Lipson**, Dec Feb.
- **Rachel Friedman-Selley**, March-May

Our Service Committee, co-chaired by Gay Montague and Linda Chambers, has planned several activities as you see in previous articles. This committee is full, but those seeking your help:



Program Committee: contact [Smita Rane](#) or [Daryl Files](#)

PR/Outreach: contact [Danya Wellmon](#) or [Rachel Friedman-Selsley](#)

We also need a newsletter editor who has design skills or can reformat our web articles into newsletter form. If you can help, contact [Barb Bova](#).

Time to Renew Your Membership

See the Membership Form on the next page and send it in as directed so we have funds to continue our work of caring, sharing and learning.



Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

A Metro Syracuse Women's Group Founded After 9/11/2001

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2026–2027 MEMBERSHIP FORM

[for the program year September 1, 2026, through August 30, 2027]

We ask that you fill in and submit this Membership Form in order to be a WTB member.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

____ I am a NEW MEMBER. [Please fill in *all* the information below.]

____ I am a RENEWING MEMBER. [Please tell us only what has changed.]

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Faith Tradition (optional): _____ Native Country (optional) : _____

Do you have special skill sets that you would like to share with WTB, such as writing, accounting, public relations/advertising, social media, or any other areas of expertise? _____

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### Dues & Donations:

**Dues\*** (\$25 per year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Dues are appreciated but not required (except for Council, Advisory Board, and Standing Committee members).*

**Donation** ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects, activities and scholarship awards as well as dues for those who cannot afford to pay. Thank you!*

**Total** paid on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ by cash ☐ or by 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.***

8/5/2026