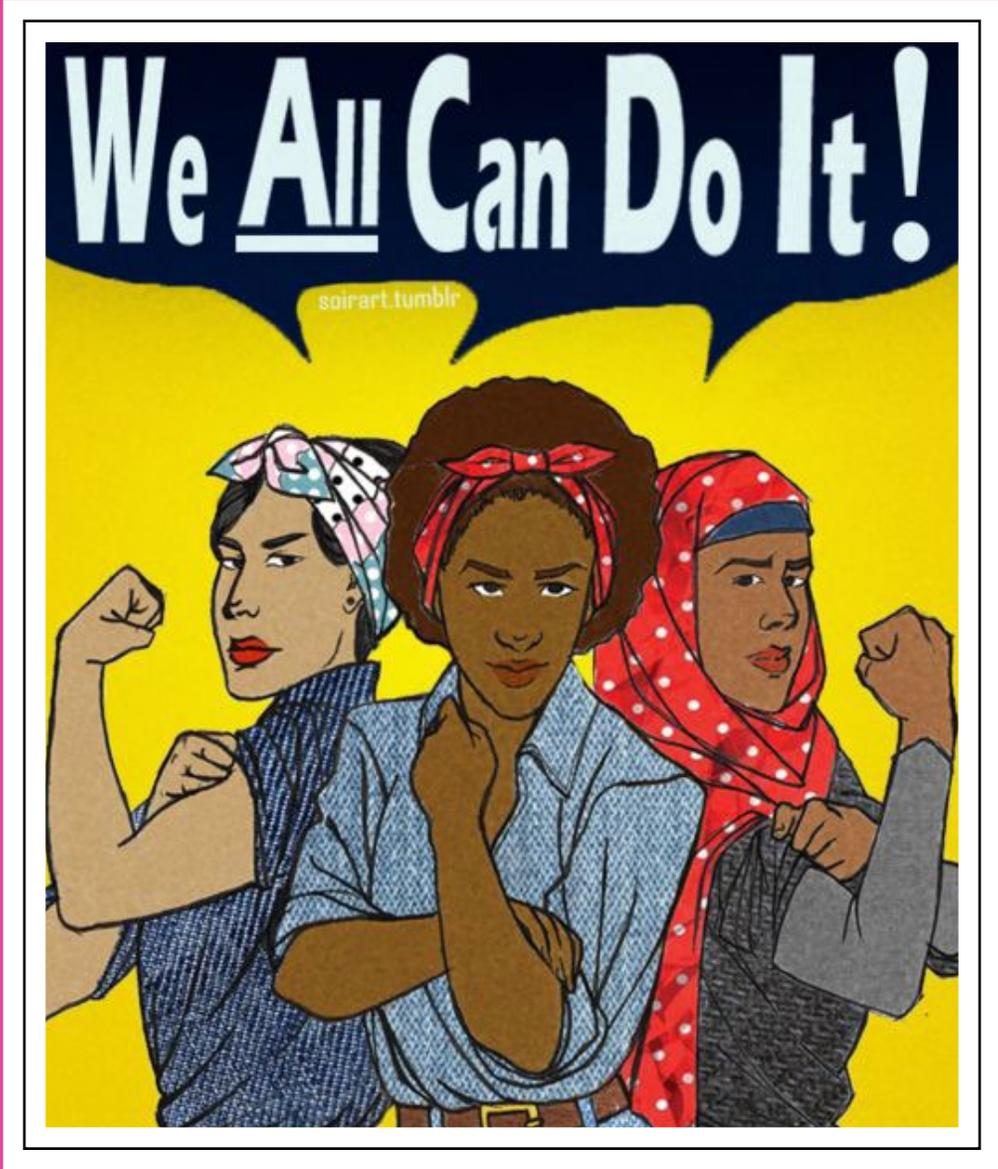


Unitarian Universalist Congregation At Shelter Rock

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WOMEN'S GROUP

EVENTS | HIGHLIGHTS | SCHEDULES



JULY 2017 – JULY 2018



UUCSR
WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD MEMBERS

JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

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PROGRAM CHAIR	Nina Weber
PUBLICITY CHAIR	Jo Rymer
SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAM	Sandra Frank
WOMEN'S ISSUES	Maria Ceraulo
WOMEN TALK-DAYTIME	Kari Ann McVetty
	Lois Wolfson
HONORARY MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)	Ann Jawin
	Vicki Spielman
WG LIAISON	Sharyn Esposito

OUR MISSION

To create a community of caring, committed women and men who are steadfast in their quest for equality, justice and peace.

To value ourselves and to value each other in order to advance women's rights.

To educate ourselves and others on women's issues so as to achieve equality of the sexes.

To enhance our spirituality and to affirm, advocate and support the development of feminist theology.

To be responsive to the needs and aspirations of our members by providing enrichment and support.

To extend our bonds of sisterhood to liberal religious women within and beyond our congregation and denomination.

Not enough change



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE 'BENJAMINS'

In 1951, women made about 64 cents for every dollar earned by men. The wage gap has narrowed over time, with today's women (age 15 and over) earning 78 cents for every dollar earned by men in 2016.

OUR COVENANT

We covenant and affirm to relate to one another with sensitivity, support in joys and sorrows, and recognition of special needs. We shall reach out in the spirit of appreciation, respect, support and honesty in accord with our UU principles. Further, our relationship shall be one of creativity, humor and play.

As empathic women who have concern for each other, we will listen to one another. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible. In all other cases a majority vote will be taken. In reaching decisions we will encourage flexibility, and sufficient time for exploration and process.

We work together through our commitment to the group by paying attention to our process, by empowering as many members as possible, being open to new and varied ideas, and by allowing time for ritual and celebration in order to nurture our spiritual selves. We will be responsive to the value of one another as unique and important human beings.

Creation's Love Garden

by Heidi Warm

From February 2016 Women's Group TGIF

In creation's love garden,
We are .. each of us a flower
In every shape, size, color and flavor to savor

Sometime we're wildly twisted and rounding
As a fruited vine
Morning subway line
Packed with arms and knapsack bags, abounding
Renaissance men and women of every stripe
Each limb a shoot and sack a berry
There is no way that hand is attached to that head.

At other times, we're ordered with egg-carton certainty
Take my school students, for example
So quietly -these good eggs allow me to hear
A pin drop when the Principal makes her "Welcome" so clear
Or Mr. Martinez's 8th grade science class
In perfect formation
I b'live in studying mass

We have variety in the garden, because we need it.
What dull world, if every flower in every bouquet was a white rose.
Beautiful as it is and my Mother's favorite –
Or if every bird flying in the sky was a haply bespeckled parrot
Attractive as she is, singing the same song.
Or every spice garlic and G-d knows I love my garlic (with health benefits
to boot)

And we also have togetherness because without it, our experience of
variety
Is sparse, in concerted and under appreciated
For only together can we bend, move, speak, live, love and laugh
Beyond our individual selves.

In Creation's Garden
If variety is the great toggle switch that electrifies togetherness,
Then togetherness is the great propeller of variety from static to dynamic
love.



JudithWylie-Rosett, PRESIDENT



WinterFlower Robinson,
VICE PRESIDENT

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Judith Wylie-Rosett

WinterFlower Robinson

As we we move forward in the Women's Group (WG), we think of the tremendous progress made with gender equality while remembering how sexism, racism, classism and others isms continue to tear apart our society and world.

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- Grow membership with more men and newer UUCSR members.
- Enhance our spirituality based on a feminist theology that incorporates full humanity and affirms both sexes along with all races and social groups.
- Address women's and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) rights are deeply intertwined as homophobia normalizing gender stereotypes and ostracizing all who do not conform.
- Continue supporting the Safe Center and Planned Parenthood
- Collaborate with others to achieve the above goals.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

As I end the first year as the Women's Group (WG) President, I am grateful for all of the help I have received while serving as president. A special "thank you" goes to the outstanding WG Board Members, who are listed with their titles at the end of this report. I began the year with outstanding leadership support from Betty Tilton, who served as WG Vice President until her move to Florida in January. Betty has continued providing support to the WG and other UUSCR programs while actively volunteering in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton. I feel blessed that Regla WinterFlower Robinson assumed the WG Vice Presidency in February and became my collaborating partner in the WG leadership.

Sharyn Esposito, as our Staff Liaison, has provided the dynamic energy and boundless devotion that seem to magically transform our vague idea into successful WG programs and activities. I am eternally grateful for Sharyn's patience and wisdom as she anticipates needs and graciously fulfills our requests. My gratitude goes to Jennifer Sappell, our Marketing and Communications Associate, and her staff for creating beautiful WG Booklet, flyers for our individual events and event series as well as for helping us with items for the Quest and Happenings. I thank the dedicated facility staff for their gracious patience and helpfulness as they accommodate our requests for setting up and cleaning up after countless UUSCR activities.

I am grateful for the UUSCR's outstanding participation in the January Women's Marches in New York and Washington and to Claire Deroche for organizing our participation. I thank the Board of Trustees and Ed Frank, our WG liaison, for supporting the WG participation in external activities. With their support WG representatives were able to attend the International Women's Convocation of Unitarian Universalists Women and People of Progressive Faith, the Center for

the Women of New York Luncheon honoring the Reverend Ned Wight with a Good Guy Award, and the Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN) Gala Awards Dinner honoring Palma Torrisi with its Service Award.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, and ADVOCACY

The 2016-2017 year involved many WG events and issues that relevant to women that also have broader societal relevance. Input from men was welcomed as we have encouraged men to join us and to participate in our programs and other activities. Our activities and programs have included:

JULY WG BOARD ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

The 2016-2017 year started with the WG Board Annual Planning Retreat to review the past years activities to choose program themes and topics that reflect our mission and interest of the WG members and program attendees.

FALL WG MEMBERSHIP DINNER

(Coordinated by Maria Ceraulo) The dinner featured Long Island foods and the use of sustainable food production Films Feast from iEat Green with Bhavani.

WG HOLIDAY SALE

(Coordinated by Maxine Dangler with the assistance of Lynn Smith) The sale items included jewelry, scarves and brick-a-brack donations and baked goods; the proceeds beneficiary was the Hempstead Boys and Girls Club.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST IN MARCH

The now famous Maria's French Toast Breakfast was prepared under the culinary guidance of Maria Ceraulo, which has become a much looked forward to annual event in the UUSCR community. This year Breakfast speaker was the Reverend Natalie Fenimore, whose presentation on the Power of First Ladies provided valuable insights regarding the potential power of the unelected White House position of First Lady and highlighted

how Eleanor Roosevelt and Michelle Obama used “soft” power to champion causes. **WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH WORSHIP SERVICE** The Worship Service workgroup received spiritual wisdom and guidance from the Rev. Jennifer Brower to address the theme of healing and empowerment, which was selected to address concerns raised by many WG members and others regarding potential change in governmental policies could threaten women’s rights. WG members leading the service included Regla WinterFlower Robinson (Honoring our Neighbor and Healing Circle Blessing), Jo Rymer (Honoring Native Women) and Sandra Frank (Responsive Reading). Valuable input from UUSCR Music Director Stephen Michael Smith focused on Native American traditional music that included drumming, which symbolizes the heartbeat of Mother Earth.

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

This year’s Gala highlighted the work of Fanny Mendelssohn performed by Julliard musicians (Phillip Sheegog and Angie Zhang) to benefit Planned Parenthood. Her over 460 compositions were in private collections or attributed to her brother, Felix, because 19th century women were denied public careers.

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON

We focused on the theme of honoring the nurturer in all of us as we shared memories of mothers and others who provided us with nurturing.

ANNUAL WG LUNCHEON MEETING

At the annual meeting, we focus forward to the upcoming year with the presentation of nominees and election of the WG leadership for 2017-2018. The luncheon speaker, Ann-Margaret Carrozza, Elder Law Attorney and former member of the New York State Assembly, shared from insights her book, Love and Money.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

WOMEN’S ISSUES IN THE QUEST AND ORDER OF SERVICE BY MARIA CERAULO - Maria, in her role as Women’s Issues Chair, disseminates timely information about legislation, policies and practices that affect women. She follows the legislative agenda throughout the year as

she educates and advocates on behalf of women in a bi-weekly Quest column and the Sunday Order of Service. Maria welcomes suggestions regarding issues that need immediate attention for advocacy action.

THANK GODDESS ITS FRIDAY (TGIF) First Friday of the Month (October -May) The October TGIF was our WG Annual Dinner. The November TGIF (coordinated by Palma Torrisi), Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women in Politics, panel members included Veatch Executive Director, Joan Minieri, and a delicious light supper buffet hosted by Palma Torrisi. The December TGIF (coordinated by Maria Ceraulo) featured Dalien aka 13 Hands Yoga & Sound Meditation. After a January holiday break, the February TGIF (coordinated by Jo Rymer) featured delightful music with Frank Doyle and Heather Parris and focusing on the valentine theme of Love Love Love and concluded with sharing of poetry. Poem from favorite collections and written by WG members for the occasion were enjoyed by all. The March TGIF (coordinated by Sandra Frank) featured Reverend Fenimore’s Friday Night Movie, Babette’s Feast, and discussion. The April TGIF (coordinated by Barbara Dilsner) helped us focus on our creativity through Art Experience workshops that included Canvas Painting with Alissa Howe, Mandalas with Robin Finnan-Jones, and Collaging with Patti Paris. The May TGIF was our annual benefit Gala.

WOMEN’S GROUP BOOK SERIES (Chaired by Renée Silver) - The monthly book discussions are scheduled for the third Friday of the month from September through June. WG members serve as facilitators and engage participants in sharing their perspective of the book for an enjoyable evening.

WOMEN’S TALK DAYTIME SERIES (Co-Chaired by Lois Wolfson and KariAnn McVetty) - Lois and KariAnn facilitate the discussion among the dozen or so attendees, although attendance may vary from six to sixteen. The group discussions focus on current events (1st Wednesday) and selected topics (3rd Wednesday) to share knowledge and

personal histories. It is structured so everyone has a turn speaking. All are welcome to attend.

GODDESSES-ON-THE-GO (Co-chaired by Palma Torrisi and Patti Paris) - Palma and Patti lead this dynamic program of off premises activities. Outings included attending a simulcast viewing of the Metropolitan performance of L'Amour de Loin (first Met performance of an opera composed by a woman in over 100 years), and attending Long Island Baroque Ensemble's performances (Holiday Concert in December and Bach mass in B minor in April). Other outing were to the Oheka Castle Tour and Lunch, to see Abba Dancing Dream Tribute Concert and to enjoy dinner combined with coming to UUCSR to see Margret's War written and directed by WG member, Wolstan (Wally) Brown.

WG SENIOR OUTREACH (Coordinated by Winterflower Robinson) - Winterflower has focused on the unasked questions and concerns of seniors as well providing a platform for more general discussion. Strategies for reducing isolation have focused on transportation access to participate in outside activities and gaining technology access and skills to participate in outside activities from home. In collaboration with the Caring Committee, Winterflower has presented seminars and discussion that address resources to address the many faces of abuse and sex over age 50.

CO-SPONSORING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES - The WG co-sponsored activities include a post-election analysis program co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and co-sponsoring the annual Equal Pay Day for Women with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Manhasset Chapter.

To the Women's Group Board Members who gave their time to come to meetings and work various events, as well as all of our WG members who helped make this another successful year, I thank you with deep appreciation.

In closing, we need to focus on the progress achieved in gender equality, since the beginning of the WG in the early 1960s, as we continue to face

challenges related to sexism, racism, classism and others isms. Our WG Mission emphasizes the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a Unitarian Universalist principle that requires us to do more to achieve justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

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**Respectfully submitted,
Judith Wylie-Rosett, President
(2016-2017)**

Women's Group Board

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WinterFlowerRobinson-VICEPRESIDENT(FEB-JUNE2017)

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(NON-VOTING)

Edwin Frank – BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON

Sharyn Esposito – WG STAFF LIAISON

OUR HISTORY

The first Meeting of Women's Group was held on January 16, 1963. It was held at the North Shore Unitarian Church, with 41 women present. (Agnes Burton, Mary Watt's mother, Pat Luciano, and Paulette Dundore were at this Meeting). Included in their goals was the desire "To offer a diverse program to satisfy the needs and desires of all its members, including service and education programs, social events and occasional fund raising...". The Group's spirit was embodied in the quote, 'They say it couldn't be done, but I, poor fool, didn't know it, so went ahead and did it'. If you attended any of our Programs, you can see we continued following in the footsteps of our insightful Foremothers.

From the start, the Group voted to be part of the national organization (the UUWF or Unitarian Universalists Women's Federation), which is behind the local Women's Group, but does not set policy. The Federation has an Intern in Washington D.C. working on Women's Issues. We are also members of Metro District, which is made up of our local Congregations. The Metro holds a Luncheon/Lecture once a year, in NYC. The last speaker was the author Mary Walton who wrote the book "A Woman's Crusade" about Alice Paul, one of the amazing women who worked tirelessly to get women the right to vote. She also introduced the ERA (1923) Amendment, saying that is the "next step" towards "equal justice under the law".

Metro also has a 3 day retreat, at St. Josephat's located in Glen Cove. All women are invited. The retreat includes speakers, dancing, art work and leisurely walks in the beautiful surrounding woods.

A few years ago, we welcomed the Zen Meditation Group to our space. The Group is now handled by Adult Programs and meets every Wednesday evening, in the Veatch Ballroom, for Meditation and a dharma talk by one of the Zen Masters.

Women's Group have held Galas with music, champagne and delicious desserts, with the proceeds going to benefit Organizations that help women and girls. Our March Worship Service was the first Stop the Violence Service. The focus of the service brought awareness of the epidemic and

severity of domestic violence to the UU community. The service was a catalyst to healing those effected and affected by violence.

The presentation was broken down into several segments, stories, poetry and film. There is a continuous need to reach out, to become more involved in spreading the word. Silent no more! It is the hope of the Women's Group to hold more services, seminars and discussions in the future. This service was informative, spiritual and very moving.

The original Women's Group "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE"

1. To promote and advocate for the concerns of liberal religious women.
2. To support women's issues.
3. To foster self-realization and enhance self-worth.
4. To provide a caring community.

Moving forward, Women's Group will continue to work to close the Gender Wage Gap, Improve Women's Reproductive Rights, Address the issues of Violence Against Women, Seek laws to Mandate Paid Sick and Parental Leave, Enact Affordable and Competent Child Care and to finally Pass an ERA, Amendment just to name a few items we are passionate about.

We continue with our intellectually stimulating and lively Book Discussion Group in September. As well as, our Membership Dinner, Holiday Sale, Worship Service and Breakfast, The Gala and also the Mother's Day Lunch. We end our year, with the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

We hope that you find, on our new calendar, many things that you would enjoy. All are welcome.



WOMEN'S GROUP

CALENDAR EVENTS/MEETING 2017-2018

JULY

Wednesday, July 05, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 02, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Wednesday, August 16, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Sunday, August 27, 2017	8:45 AM	Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 06, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, September 15, 2017	7:30 PM	Book Series
Saturday, September 16, 2017	9:00 AM	WINGSS Day of Encouragement
Wednesday, September 20, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, September 22, 2017	7:00 PM	Women's Group Annual Fall Membership Dinner

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 01, 2017	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 04, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, October 20, 2017	7:30 PM	Book Series

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 01, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, November 03, 2017	7:30 PM	TGIF Women In Elected Positions and Politics
Sunday, November 05, 2017	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Friday, November 10, 2017	3:00 PM	Metro/Women's Group Renewal Weekend
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, November 17, 2017	7:30 PM	Book Series
Saturday, November 18, 2017	7:30 PM	Planned Parenthood Wine Reception Gala

DECEMBER

Friday, December 01, 2017	7:30 PM	TGIF
Sunday, December 03, 2017	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Sunday, December 03, 2017	12:30 PM	Holiday Sale
Wednesday, December 06, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, December 15, 2017	7:30 PM	Book Series
Wednesday, December 20, 2017	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 03, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, January 05, 2018	7:30 PM	TGIF
Sunday, January 07, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, January 19, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 02, 2018	7:30 PM	TGIF Loving the Unloved and Shunned
Sunday, February 04, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 07, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, February 16, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Saturday, February 24, 2018	10:00 AM	WG Retreat - Program Budget Planning for 2018-2019

MARCH

Friday, March 02, 2018	7:30 PM	TGIF #MeToo Speak Out
Sunday, March 04, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 07, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Sunday, March 11, 2018	9:00 AM	Women's History Month Breakfast and Worship Service
Friday, March 16, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime

APRIL

Sunday, April 01, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 04, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, April 06, 2018	7:30 PM	TGIF Workshop - The Golden Rule vs. The Platinum Rule
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	1:00 PM	Equal Pay Day
Wednesday, April 18, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, April 20, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series
Sunday, April 29, 2018	12:00 PM	Spring Holiday Gift Sale

MAY

Wednesday, May 02, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, May 04, 2018	7:30 PM	TGIF GLBTQ Film and Discussion
Sunday, May 06, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Sunday, May 13, 2018	12:30 PM	Mother's Day Luncheon
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Friday, May 18, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series

JUNE

Sunday, June 03, 2018	8:45 AM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 06, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime
Sunday, June 10, 2018	12:30 PM	WG Annual Luncheon and Election - Thrift Shop Fashion
Friday, June 15, 2018	7:30 PM	Book Series
Wednesday, June 20, 2018	12:00 PM	Women Talk Daytime

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

FALL MEMBERSHIP DINNER: CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE SUFFRAGETTES

Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



HOLIDAY SALE

Sale will include costume jewelry, scarves, other small items, baked goods and note cards.



Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00-1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 11, 2018
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



PLANNED PARENTHOOD WINE RECEPTION GALA

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Sunday, May 13, 2018
at 12:30 p.m.



ON-GOING PROGRAMS

BOOK SERIES

An opportunity to gather and discuss recently read books. See page 14 for book schedule. Third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN TALK DAYTIME



A daytime discussion group that covers current events, interests,

life concerns and other issues while participants enjoy their brown bag lunch and cookies.

First & Third Wednesday of the month - 12 Noon,
2017: Aug. 2, 16; Sept. 6, 20; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15;
Dec. 7, 21; **2018:** Jan. 3, 17; Feb. 7, 21; Mar. 7, 21;
Apr. 4, 18; May 2, 16; Jun. 6, 20

GODDESSES-ON-THE-GO

This committee organizes outings to the movies, theatrical and dance performances and museums. Last Friday each month will be a Movie Night! Look to your email for messages about upcoming jaunts.



SENIOR OUTREACH

Women's Group continues its Senior Outreach Program. It will provide on-going support for our senior members.

MEETINGS

WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Held the first Sunday of the month at 8:45 a.m. in the Veatch Conference Room. (See calendar for exceptions.) All welcome!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 11 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER LUNCHEON: BOARD ELECTIONS

Sunday, June 10 - 12:30 p.m.

GODDESSES - ON - THE - GO

This committee organizes a program of off-premises activities for Women's Group members that are open to everyone--both fellow congregants and their friends. It's co-chaired this year by Patti Paris and Palma Torrisi, who are busily planning an entire season of events with enthusiasm and imagination.

Already organized for October is a three-day trip to Seneca Falls, home of the first Women's Rights Convention.

Look for flyers in the Lobby kiosk and email messages for news about more upcoming outings.

THANK GODDESS IT'S FRIDAY

Fabulous Fridays for Get-Togethers Events for Fun, Renewal and Brain - Food!

Enticing programs featuring stimulating and brainy speakers to kindle your mind, plus musical nights and drama to entertain you—what better way for you to happily spend your Friday nights than with the Women's Group! Check The Quest for more information and any changes in the schedule, and give your spirit a lift by joining us on Fridays.

Nov. 3 – Women In Elected Positions And Politics

Dec. 1 – TBD

Feb. 2 – National Advocates for Pregnant Women

Mar. 2 – Art Workshop

Apr. 6 – Workshop - The Golden Rule vs. The Platinum Rule

May 4 – GLBTQ Film and Discussion

2016-2017 TGIF ART WORKSHOP



Suffragettes Jewelry

The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) adopted the color scheme of violet, white and green: purple symbolized dignity, white purity, and green hope. These three colors were used for banners, flags, rosettes and badges.

Mappin & Webb, the London jewelers, issued a catalog of suffragette jewelry for Christmas 1908.



*Pendant presented to
Louise Eates in 1909*

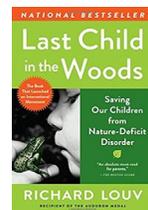
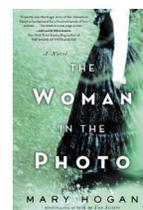
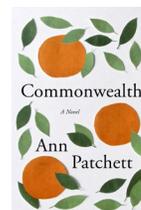
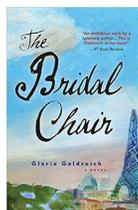
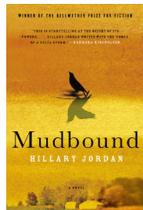
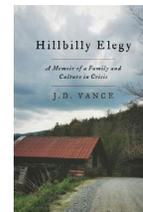
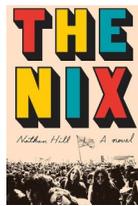
In 1909 the WSPU presented specially commissioned pieces of jewelry to leading suffragettes Emmeline Pankhurst and Louise Eates. Some Arts and Crafts jewelry of the period incorporated the colors violet, white and green using enamel and semi-precious stones such as amethysts, pearls, and peridots.

It is a popular myth that the colors were green, white, and violet, to spell GWV as an acronym for "Give Women Votes."

WOMEN'S GROUP BOOK SERIES

An opportunity to gather and discuss recently read books. A new book has been chosen for each month. The list of the books for the year is listed below and can also be found in the lobby or with the Women's Group liaison. **Third Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery**

FRIDAYS	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	LEADER
September 15, 2017	The Nest	Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney	Patti Paris
October 20, 2017	The Nix	Nathan Hill	Jo Rymer
November 17, 2017	The Orphan's Tale	Pam Jenoff	Diane Mansell
December 15, 2017	Hillbilly Elegy	J. D. Vance	Patti Paris & Vicki Spielman
January 19, 2018	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Jo Rymer & Wolstan Brown
February 16, 2018	Mudbound	Hillary Jordan	Renée Silver
March 16, 2018	The Bridal Chair	Gloria Goldreich	Claire Paccione
April 20, 2018	Commonwealth	Ann Patchett	Patti Paris
May 18, 2018	The Woman in the Photo	Mary Hogan	Robin Finnan-Jones
June 15, 2018	Last Child in the Woods	Richard Louv	Renée Silver



WOMEN'S ISSUES

As I told some friends the other evening, it was Wonder Woman who helped begin my 32-year career in Special Education. As a new Substitute in a class of emotionally disturbed children, I was terrified. I was returning to work after my children were born, unintentionally wearing my hair in a bun like the actress on the television show: Wonder Woman. As we were heading to class, the children smiled and called me: Wonder Woman. As they say, I was hooked and the rest is history.



Maria Ceraulo

She came back in the current movie that was directed by a woman: Patty Jenkins. At a time when 81% of characters in films are male and women fill only one third, it made me proud. She's not a super hero that rescues the helpless women, but she's a woman whose mission is to bring peace to the world. She does have special powers. She can deflect bullets, find the truth with her Lasso of Truth, and has super-human strength. She's beautiful, strong and has a hard time understanding why people still need to fight. People continue to talk about her sword as she wore it tucked in the back of her gown -- a possible fashion statement?

A role model can inspire little girls and remind all of us of our inner strength. It can renew our resolve to confront the systematic loss of our rights with efforts to counter them. We can be inspired by the women from more than 40 countries who urged our President to defuse military tensions and negotiate peace on the Korean Peninsula. No special powers were at work when the wives of human rights lawyers who were detained in China in 2015 resisted with online appeals, visits to jails, prosecutors and courts. They carried red buckets and displayed a red slogan: "Leave the dressing table and take on the slugs." In Morocco, women demanded equal rights of land ownership with men. They are protesting two times a week.

One wonders whether we need special powers to overcome the many challenges women face. Let's take our power and resolve to address the health care bill's insults to women, the aging and disabled. Let's be a force that effects change by working to get the ERA passed in this country. Let's reduce violence against women, combat sex trafficking and advance women's rights.

Bring the little girls in your life to see the movie and enjoy a super hero that is a woman. Let them see that they can be strong, beautiful

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and take care of themselves. The Amazons were about love and peace. Although they were physically strong, Wonder Woman says that fighting doesn't make you a hero. Fight for those who can't fight for themselves. Celebrate Wonder Woman's mission and renew your own commitment to advance women's rights.





While working with the then Indian Health Service from 1929 to 1931, Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail helped to bring modern health care to her own people and to end abuses in the Indian health care system, such as the sterilization of Native American women without their consent. She effectively communicated Native American culture and perspectives to non-Indians. (1903-1981)

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION

UUWF is a continental membership organization that advances justice for women and promotes their spiritual growth. It is an independent non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Inheritor of a proud tradition, UUWF was formed in 1963 through consolidation of the Association of Universalist Women (founded in 1869 and believed to be the first organization of lay church women in the United States) and the Alliance of Unitarian Women (1890).

Purposes

- Affirm the inherent value of each woman within our community;
- Affirm the importance of women's voices in our religious quest;
- Link hearts and minds in service of women's truths;
- Pledge action against the religious roots of sexism;
- Pledge to support the diversity of religious feminisms;
- Work to raise consciousness of the linked nature of oppressions;
- Seek justice for all women in the struggle to transform institutions of oppression;
- Highlight and celebrate women's achievements – past, present and future.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EASTERN REGION

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Association (UUWA) was formed in 1964 by the union of the New York League of Women and the Association of Universalist Women of the New York Metropolitan District. In 1989, the UUWA agreed to provide leadership for the Metro NY District Women and Religion Committee that focused on issues of feminist spirituality and encourages awareness of such issues within the district at large.

UUWA MISSION STATEMENT

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Association exists to provide a support network beyond our congregations for the promotion of feminist values within the Metro New York District. UUWA does this by:

- 1) Acting as a central clearinghouse for UU women in the district
- 2) Organizing opportunities for interconnection
- 3) Providing feminist focus toward personal, political, and spiritual growth
- 4) Providing safe space for women
- 5) Nurturing, supporting, and inspiring women's work

TITLE IX



Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 is a federal law that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title IX requires all institutions receiving federal financial assistance to perform self-evaluations of whether they offer equal opportunities based on sex. In order to provide written assurances to the Department of Education, the institution has to be in compliance for the period that the federally funded equipment or facilities remain in use. With respect to athletic programs, the Department of Education evaluates the following factors in determining whether equal treatment exists:

1. Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both sexes;
2. The provision of equipment and supplies;
3. Scheduling of games and practice time;
4. Travel and per diem allowance;
5. Opportunity to receive coaching and academic tutoring;
6. Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors;
7. Provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities;
8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services;
9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services;
10. Publicity

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Serving youth through age 25. Peer counseling, information and local resources.

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Serving callers of all ages (youth & adult). Peer-counseling, information and local resources.

SAGE LGBT ELDER HOTLINE
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NYC LOCAL HOTLINE
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 Local hotline in New York City providing peer-support as well as information and local resources.*

WOMEN'S GROUP (WG) MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

All are welcome in the UUCSR Women's Group program and activities. Please join the women and men who are members of the WG to supports activities that --

- Help guarantee reproductive justice for women
- Help stop the abuse of women and children
- Help secure pay equity for women
- Help provide affordable day-care and sick-leave for mothers
- Help to advance the rights of women

Monthly WG activities include the TGIF (1st Friday of the month), book series discussion (3rd Friday of the month) Daytime talk (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month) and the WG Board meeting – open to all (1st Sunday of the month).

The WG also sponsors fun special events. Being a WG member includes:

Free admission to attend the following
Women's History Month Breakfast March 11, 2018

Discounted admission to attend:
Fall Membership Dinner September 22, 2017
Mothers' Day Brunch May 13, 2018
Annual Luncheon -Membership Meeting and Election June 10, 2018

HOW TO JOIN WOMEN'S GROUP

Membership dues are \$30, of which a portion is set aside to support the UU Women's Federation and Metro District Unitarian Universalist Women's Association (UUWA). The balance is for our UUCSR Women's Group expenses. A membership discount can be made in case of financial hardship.

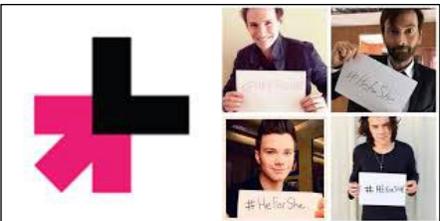
To join: Write a \$30 check payable to UUCSR and add Women's Group Membership in the "memo" line.

Your dues entitle you to a full year of membership—now through June 30, 2018.

Mail your check with your full name, address, phone number and email address to UUCSR, Attention Sharyn Esposito or place it in the Women's Group box in the Volunteer Room at UUCSR. Thank you and WELCOME!

Lee Geisen, Membership Chair, 516.365.6418; email leegeisen@att.net. In the UUCSR office, call Sharyn Esposito, Committee Liaison, 516.472.2960.

WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU JOIN



HE for SHE
Men are encouraged to join the Women's Group

REMEMBERING

Let us remember those women who came before us.

*Let us remember those women who
were brave and fearful (like us)*

Impassioned and deliberate (like us)

*Let us remember those loving women
whose achievements enabled us*

*to vote, to learn, to write, to sing, to dance, to work,
to dream in ways we had never done before.*

Let us be grateful to those wondrous women

not only for their accomplishments

but for their affirmation of our worth,

of our intelligence

of our capabilities

and of our potential for helping women who come after.

Therefore, together, let us raise the torch of light

affirming one another

because of our blessed heritage

and because of our flaming vision of the future.

by Pat Luciano

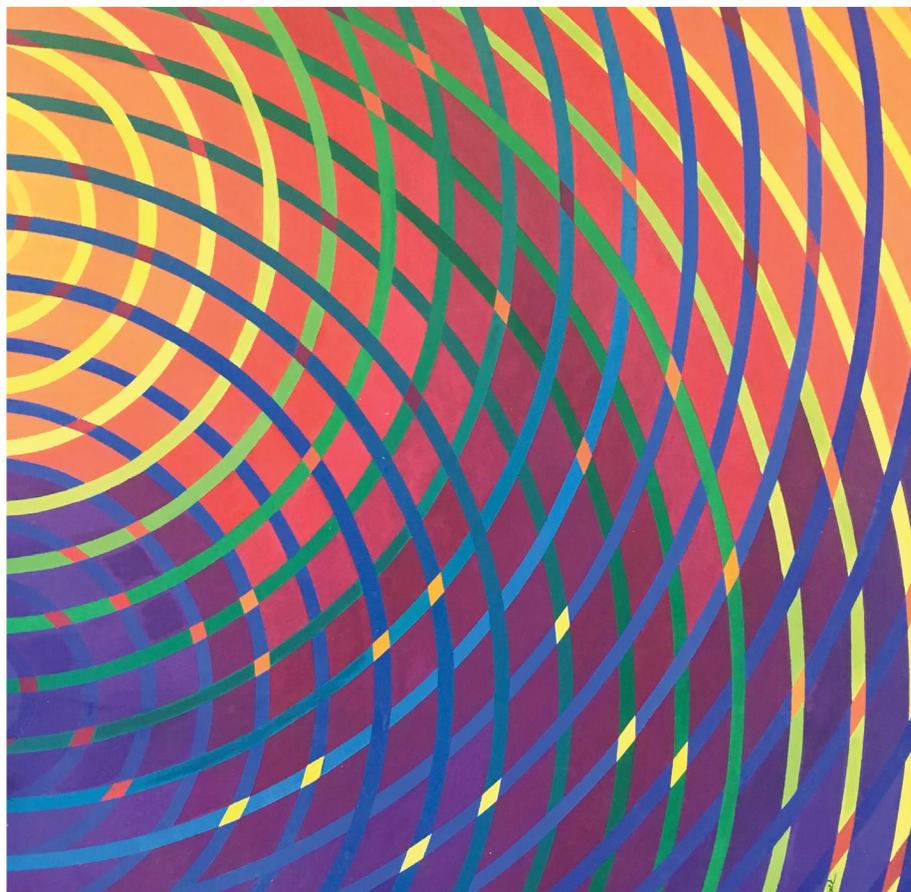


"The Final Word is Love"

- Dorothy Day

“A woman is the full circle.
Within her is the power to create,
nurture and transform.”

DIANE MARIECHILD



Jo Rymer
Spectrum



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