

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



All information is also available on our Web site www.wtb.org

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ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEKEND September 11-12



As Women Transcending Boundaries begins its tenth year, there is tremendous excitement about A-OK! Acts of Kindness Weekend scheduled for September 11 and 12th. Last week, WTB received a joint proclamation from the offices of the County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner endorsing A-OK! Congressman Dan Maffei attended our press conference at the OnCenter and also read a proclamation.

Originally, WTB came together immediately after 9/11/01 when Betsy Wiggins and Danya Wellmon shared their concerns and stories over a cup (actually several cups) of coffee. Following that meeting, each of them invited women from many cultures and traditions to join them in their vision of promoting understanding through education and service.

Today, 9/11 is evolving into a national day of service and many groups across the country are getting that message. Syracuse is certainly a forerunner and plans are unfolding for dozens of organizations and literally hundreds of volunteers to be out and about that weekend, working



together on a myriad of projects across the Greater Syracuse Area. Acts of Kindness will encompass everything from painting murals to building a community garden, collecting for food pantries to cleaning up neighborhoods, painting a learning center to beautifying the area by planting hundreds of trees and flower bulbs, tours of community gardens to renovating a youth center.....and still more!

You can help make this vision a reality. Join us at any one of seven HUBS or on any particular project. You will find laughter, community and lots of high energy! HUBS will have a continuing schedule of events: health screenings, pro-bono lawyers, children's performances, arts and crafts, dramatic presentations, and music , to name a few.

Most HUBS will be open from 9-4. Check www.wtb.org for details of times and schedules of events , participating organizations and a list of projects.

Your talent, presence and help are needed and very much appreciated. Join us in this awesome venture!!

Email: aokvolunteer@syracusenewtimes.com and let us know how you'd like to participate.

At the end of A-OK! Weekend, a community celebration will be held on the quad in front of Hendricks Chapel on the SU campus, 5-7 pm on Sept. 12th!!

Music, food, sharing stories, entertainment and a huge thank you to all the volunteers and participants during A-OK! Weekend!!



SPECIAL INVITATION TO EVERYONE!

What: A September 11th Memorial Service

Where: Sheridan Park on the corner of Burnet & Nichols Avenues (behind Fire Station #17)

When: 5:30 pm, on September 11th

Why: To pay tribute to the eternal spirit and selfless courage of the victims of the tragedies of September. 11, 2001





SPECIAL EVENT

The Muslim American Care and Compassion Alliance will introduce its first project on A-OK! Weekend - **The Rahma Health Clinic**. The clinic, at 3100 S. Salina St. will offer free medical care to anyone who does not have health insurance.

Join us at A Celebration Dinner

Venue: Manlius Pebble Hill School, 5300 Jamesville Rd. Dewitt, NY 13214

Date: Friday, September 17, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Patricia Numann

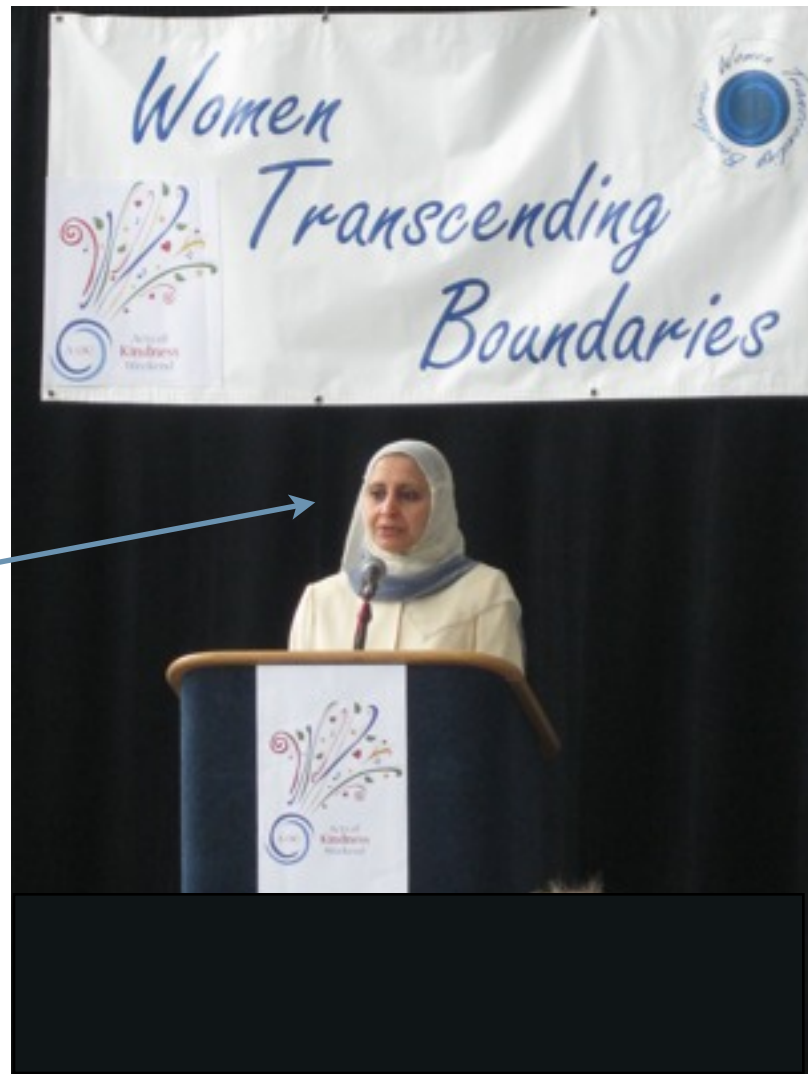
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The **BOOK CLUB** regulars agreed to change the September meeting to a Wednesday. (All of the upcoming titles are widely available at libraries.) The upcoming dates are:



September 29 (this is a Wednesday!) The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctor, and the Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman National Book Critics Circle Award

October 25 Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (Jan)

November 22 Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticat four generations of Haitian women

December 27 Please come and share your favorite book.

Here are the dates for WTB meetings and events. Mark your calendars!

September 11-12th A-OK! Acts of Kindness Weekend

Email: AOKvolunteer@Syracusenewtimes to participate!

October 17

November 21

December 12

January 30: World Sabbath Day. This event will combine our January and February meetings and will be a joint venture with InterFaith Works... more information to follow!

March 6

April 17

May 22



WTB

membership dues

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Membership information: Joining WTB is easier now since PayPal is available at our website: www.wtb.org. Thank you to Barbara Fought for setting this up!

Yearly membership is \$20 and goes from July 1 through June 30th. Your membership dues help us to continue our many service projects. (Fee is waived for anyone who is facing financial hardship!)