

Women Transcending Boundaries

Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



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JANUARY 2012

World Interfaith Harmony Festival

Sunday, January 29
[Temple Society of Concord](#)
910 Madison St.
Syracuse, NY
3:00 - 6:00



In October of 2010, the United Nations adopted the first week of February as **World Interfaith Harmony Week**. The World Interfaith Harmony Week provides a platform—one week in a year—when all interfaith groups and other groups of goodwill can show the world what a powerful movement they are. It is hoped that this initiative will provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities.

This is the second year that Women Transcending Boundaries has worked with InterFaith Works to present an interfaith program open to all. Approximately fifteen faith traditions will present short programs highlighting an element of their spiritual life. Last year's program featured varied readings, music both choral and instrumental, and dances. This year's program, with different faith groups involved, will again present a spiritual buffet for our souls.

Join us on Sunday, January 29 from 3 to 6pm at Temple Society of Concord , 910 Madison Street , near Syracuse University. The Temple is handicapped accessible, with a number of handicapped parking places in the parking lot. Parking will also be available at Grace Episcopal Church across the street and University United Methodist Church one block north on East Genesee Street. The program will be followed by a reception where participants and audience will be able to meet and discuss their experiences.



CALENDAR EVENTS

January 11, Wednesday	Schmai
January 23, Sunday	Book Club (note: this is a change.)
January 29, Sunday	World Interfaith Harmony Assembly organized by WTB & Interfaith Works
February/March/April	WTB meetings: TBA
May 6	WTB International Dinner
May 20	Sycamore Hill Gardens

Schmai

All work and no play makes Jill a dull girl. So every month we schedule a Schmai, a gathering with no agenda but to chat and get to know each other better. We change locations, days, and times, hoping that some of these will be convenient for YOU. So if it fits your schedule, meet us on Wednesday, January 11 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at **Broadway Cafe** (cute, cozy with a fireplace!) This is just behind ARCTIC ISLAND ice cream stand at [210 West Seneca Turnpike](#), Syracuse , across from Meachem Field.



SCHMAI
January 11
11:30 - 1:30
Broadway
Cafe

WTB BOOK CLUB

Sunday, January 22

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Home of Patti McGuire

606 1st Street, Liverpool



(Note: the day, time and place are a change, because we want to avoid night driving during the winter. If members like this, we will continue this during snow season)



This month we will be reading **When Heaven and Earth Changed Places** by **Le Ly Hayslip**.

(From the back cover) “The youngest of six children in a close knit Buddhist family, Le Ly Hayslip was twelve years old when U. S. helicopters landed in Ky La, her tiny village in central Vietnam . As the government and Viet Cong troops fought in and around Ky La, both sides recruited children as spies and saboteurs. Le Ly was one of those children....

Almost twenty years after her escape to America , [she returned to Vietnam]. Scenes of this joyous reunion are interwoven with the brutal war years...”

“A wonderful wondrous book by a remarkable woman.” Amy Tan

Call Jennifer if you have any ??? 633-2817

COMMITTEES:

Many women have asked when we will have another **International Dinner** (our fifth). Wonder no more! Come join us as we prepare for one of our favorite events. We will meet this Tuesday, **January 3 at 7pm** at the home of Janet Donoghue, [2004 Euclid Ave](#), Syracuse. Call her at 449-0618 if you need directions.

Our **A-OK Weekend** has received media national attention, and we want to continue this annual cooperative effort to improve our city. We have built relationships with many other non-profits as well as religious organizations and businesses. If you want to become part of this amazing network of committed citizens, join us on **Tuesday, January 10, at 7pm** at [Dewitt Panera](#) restaurant in Marshall's Plaza on Erie Blvd.

There will be a **WTB Council Meeting** on **Tuesday, January 17**.

We have planned many wonderful events this year, all designed to bring diverse people together. If you would like to become part of this process, getting to know your WTB sisters better, come to [Dewitt Panera](#) on **Tuesday, January 24, at 7pm** to learn how we develop our **Sunday programs** at Jowonio.

Call Jennifer if you have any questions about any of these meetings. 633-2817



Many women have admired the interfaith bracelet that some of the WTB women proudly wear. It was unavailable for awhile, but we can now offer it again. The sterling silver bracelet displays symbols of 8 world religions and a peace dove. The price is \$67.50, and checks should be made out to Women Transcending Boundaries. Contact Betsy Wiggins if you would like a bracelet 446-1694 or bwiggins@twcny.rr.com

**Matilda Joslyn Gage and
Henry Gage House
Fayetteville, New York**

Twenty WTB members were recently the guests of Pam Poulin at the Matilda Joslyn Gage home and Foundation in Fayetteville. We were treated to a fascinating talk by nationally recognized Gage scholar Sally Roesch Wagner, followed by a lovely tea. (Gage, along with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was a founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association and served in various offices of that organization.) We were impressed by the relevance of Gage's multi-faceted work in the 19th century to the goals of WTB in the 21st. century and we determined that there are areas that we can collaborate in the future.

If you missed the event, you may want to schedule your own visit to Gage's home. Tours are given on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For tour prices and other information, go to <http://www.matildajoslyngage.org>



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Not all of our members who want to come to meetings are able to drive. If you could pick up someone on your way to meetings or if you need a ride, please contact Liz Spence espence10@twcny.rr.com or 652-5676