

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

AUGUST 2012

ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEKEND

September 8 and 9

WTB is all about building community among diverse groups of people. This year's A-OK Weekend will focus on gathering with the neighborhood, getting to know neighbors whose faces are familiar but names may be unknown. Sharing food and stories is a first step to building trust, and can be the prelude to deciding on a joint project that will make just the local block a more friendly and inviting place to live.

You can plan your own participation, or you can call Daryl Files, our champion community networker, and get ideas.



OUR NEWEST AMERICANS
Jowonio School
3049 E. Genesee St.
Syracuse, NY
3:00 - 5:00

Generations of immigrant families have called Syracuse home. In the 1800s and 1900s, Italian, Polish, Irish, German, and Ukrainian immigrants came and settled in ethnic communities on the north and east sides of our city. Most of these people were leaving economically depressed homeland

Today's New Americans are leaving homelands because of war and ethnic or religious strife that endangered their lives. Conflicts drove many thousands into refugee camps where families have lived for up to eighteen years before being offered the opportunity of new lives in welcoming countries.

Through a United Nations program, governments around the world have offered legal admittance to assist refugees. Through a federal program, Syracuse has become home to people from Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and other nations, who bring distinct dress, food, religions and way of life to our community.

Come and learn how and why refugees are selected and brought to Syracuse, facilitated by InterFaith Works and the CYO.

VOTE

Notice of change in the constitution:

The Council has recommended a one-word change to the Constitution, adding **cultures** to the preamble, as follows:

Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc. (WTB) is an egalitarian community of women coming together to respect and learn more about each others' various beliefs, **cultures**, and common concerns. It is our intent to share our experiences with the wider community, to educate, and to serve.

CALENDAR EVENTS



September 8 - 9	AOK Week-end
September 11	Schmai at Panini's
September 23	Westcott Street Cultural Fair
September 24	Book Club
September 30	Monthly Program at Jowonio
October 6	Jennifer & Joy will speak at United Methodist Women's Day
October 17	Schmai
October 21	Program Meeting at Jowonio
October 22	Book Club
October 28	Jennifer gives a program at Oasis about WTB

WANT TO YAK & SNACK?

SCHMAIS:

September 11, Tuesday, 5:30-7:30

[Panini's at the Green Lakes Golf Course](#) This is one of the most beautiful views in CNY. The patio is at the top of the hill with several Robert Trent Jones golf holes spread out below and the beach of Green Lake in the distance, and Round Lake barely visible through the trees. On very clear days you can make out Oneida Lake in the distance. Sitting outside is delightful, but indoors is available for bad weather. Enter the park from Route 5 past Fayetteville. If you enter from the other side you have to pay, but the Route 5 side is before the pay booth.

October 17---11:30-1:30

Goodies Mediterranean Restaurant- a new restaurant 3605 James Street almost to Thompson Road, serving Mediterranean and American food.

WTB Classes for Refugees

The WTB craft classes for refugees will begin again soon. Sewing will begin on Thursday, September 13, from noon to 2pm. If you can be a one-on-one tutor at a very basic sewing level, we would be delighted to have you join us. If you can donate an old sewing machine, it will be gratefully received and donated to a refugee. If you have fabric, notions, or yarn you don't need, we could put all of it to good use.

The ceramics class will begin soon also, on Fridays. The New Americans entrepreneurship program is on-going. The women are busily making items to sell at the WTB booth at the Westcott Street Cultural Festival on September 23, and then at Plowshares on December 1 and 2. Come and join us at these fun fairs.

If you would like to meet women from around the world and help them be comfortable and thrive in Syracuse or just for more information, call Jennifer at 633-2817.



BOOK CLUB

Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
At the home of Jeanette Powell
[104 Carlton Dr.](#) Syracuse
ALL ARE WELCOME!



September 24 The River Where Blood is Born by Sandra Jackson-Opoku

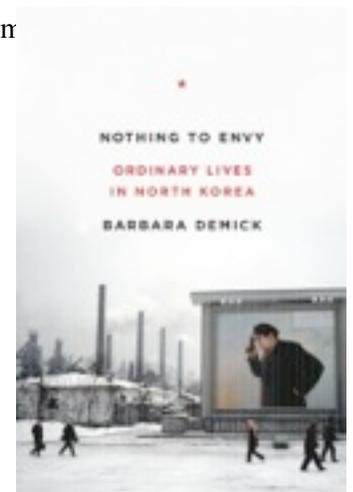


“This astonishing novel takes us on a journey along the river of one family's history, carving a course across two centuries and three continents, from ancient Africa into today's America. Here, through the lives of Mother Africa's many daughters, we come to understand the real meaning of roots: the captive Proud Mary, who has been savagely punished for refusing to relinquish her child to slavery; Earlene, who witnesses her father's murder at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan; Big Momma, a modern-day matriarch who can make a woman of a girl; proud and sassy Cinnamon Brown, whose wild abandon hides a bitter loss; and smart, ambitious Alma, who is torn between the love of a man and the song of her soul.” (Random House, Inc.)

October 22 Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Den

A National Book Award finalist and National Book Critics Circle finalist, Barbara Demick's *Nothing to Envy* is a remarkable view into North Korea, as seen through the lives of six ordinary citizens

Nothing to Envy follows the lives of six North Koreans over fifteen years—a chaotic period that saw the death of Kim Il-sung, the unchallenged rise to power of his son Kim Jong-il, and the devastation of a far-ranging famine that killed one-fifth of the population. (GoodReads)





WTB will once again have a booth at this fun event. Members are cordially invited to join us - It's a great time to greet old friends and meet new ones. Our refugee friends will join us and will offer some of their craft items for sale.

Collect calendars

This is the time of year when our mailboxes are flooded with free calendars of all shapes and sizes. If you receive more than you need, consider donating them to InterFaith Works refugee resettlement program. They will be distributed to New Americans to help them keep track of the many appointments and deadlines that are part of resettlement. Bring them to any fall or winter WTB meeting.



Collect coats



Syracuse winters can be a shock to refugees coming from warmer climates. A critical need of the resettlement program is winter wear: coats, hats, gloves, boots, and warm clothing, in sizes from infant to adult. If you are cleaning out closets, consider bringing unwanted items to any WTB meeting and we will pass them on to the resettlement program.



OASIS *discover life after 50*

Are you familiar with OASIS, the adult educational program that offers courses in the arts, humanities, health, and technology? www.oasisnet.org
A WTB Council member, Sue Savion, is offering classes that will acquaint you with Turkey and Thailand, places she has visited multiple times. If you are an armchair traveler, or you are planning a visit, join her for stories and photos of the places most of us just dream about.



Membership: Our membership year follows our program year, from June to May, so it is now time to sign up for another year.

Print out the form at <http://www.wtb.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/MembershipForm12a.pdf> and send a check to P.O. Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217 or pay at the September 30 meeting.

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Help Wanted 4650

TREASURER:

Women's Transcending Boundaries is looking for a treasurer to replace Luann Healy.

Our long-serving treasurer, Luann Healy, is dealing with severe back problems and has regrettably resigned her position. The records are in great shape, so a new treasurer will not be walking into a disaster. If you would like to be more involved with this dynamic, woman-centered organization, please consider taking on this position. Call Jennifer 633-2817, or Gay 415-0734, or Luann 456-8645 for more information. Volunteers will be welcomed with open arms and deep appreciation.