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We warmly welcome Jeniffer Taylor, DonnaSue Kerrick, and Jacqueline Halifax as our newest AAUW Bath Branch Members this year. Please introduce yourself to these members at our upcoming meetings in 2024. Happy New Year!

## **Our January and February Meetings will be remote via Zoom!**

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

**"Girls on the Run"**

by Laurie Mault

*Zoom link to follow by email*

Girls on the Run has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness and decision making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health.

Our February meeting will be on February 6, 2024 also by Zoom. Jennifer Sellers will present on the Full STEAHM Ahead Summer Workshop.

Full STEAHM Ahead Summer Workshop is a week-long program for girls that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Health and Math education. Approximately 40 middle school girls from Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties will be selected based on essay applications to participate in this low-cost workshop. For more information:  
[www.corning-cc.edu/student-life/steahm.php](http://www.corning-cc.edu/student-life/steahm.php)

# President's Message

**From the desk of Suzanne Curran.**

**Wishing ALL our Bath Branch members HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAYS!!**

**May your spirits be MERRY and BRIGHT!**

***Milestones:* Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter died at age 96. A humanitarian leader who sat in on husband Jimmy Carter's Cabinet meetings, Carter expanded the role of presidential spouses. When the Equal Rights Amendment missed its first deadline for ratification, Carter met with ERA leaders regularly in the White House—her support proved pivotal in the effort to pass and extension in Congress.**

**Harvard University professor Claudia Goldin received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics Sciences in October. She's the third woman to receive this honor and the first to win the award solo (previous women recipients shared the prize). Goldin's research focuses on the history of women in the labor force, the causes of the gender wage gap and the roadblocks to women's economic advancement.**

***Mark your calendars!* RIT –Division of Diversity and Inclusion will celebrate the 42nd Expressions of King's Legacy on Tuesday January 30, 2024 from 12:00-2:00pm featuring keynote speaker Dr. Ibram X. Kendi.**

**Dr. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University, and the founding director of the BU Center for Antiracist Research. His research puts into question the notion of a post-racial society and opens eyes to the reality of racism in America today. He has produced five straight #1 New York Times bestsellers, including How to be an antiracist, Antiracist Baby, and Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, co-authored by Jason Reynolds. Musical performances by Rochester Philomonic Orchestra trumpeter Herb Smith and The Freedom Trio. The event is free and open to the public. Google this event to register and we can decide on carpooling to Rochester.**

# Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Brought to you by: DEI Co-Chairs Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby Murphy

December is Universal Human Rights Month! On December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly issued the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which established a set of principles regarding equality, fairness, and fundamental human rights that must be universally protected. These principles recognize our freedom to make choices about our lives and develop our human potential. The principles are about living free from fear, harassment, and discrimination.

December Highlights in US Women's History

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/december/>

<https://womensmuseum.wordpress.com/2016/12/14/10-memorable-moments-in-womens-history-during-the-month-of-december/>

- December 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US
- December 5, 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women
- December 7, 1941 - Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor
- December 9, 2002 - Award-winning ABC News journalist, Michele Norris, becomes the first African American female regular co-host of National Public Radio's news magazine, All Things Considered, she stepped down in 2012
- December 10, 1869 - Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote
- December 10, 1938 - Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*
- December 14, 1961 - President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it
- December 14, 1985 - Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma - the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe

Thanks and happy holidays!

# Save the Date!

Join AAUW Bath Branch members on a field trip to Seneca Falls on March 9th with a snow date of March 23rd. We will visit the Women's Rights National Historical Park, 136 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

(315) 568-0024

<https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm>.

Lunch is planned for Cafe XIX, 20 E. Bayard St. Seneca Falls

(315) 568-1183

<https://xixcafe.com/>



# ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS



As of early December, Alise Irwin is in memory care at an assisted living facility, which Bonnie Weber says is "quite lovely". Her address:

ALISE IRWIN (585-271-1925)  
THE LANDING, Rm 12  
1350 WESTFALL RD.  
ROCHESTER, NY 14618

Bonnie is in touch regularly with her daughter Kim who reports that Alise seems pleased with the new place, and accepting of the change. -Nancy Cole

Dear members,

We were all saddened to hear of Martha Treichler's passing. May she rest in peace. If you have access to FaceBook, The Steuben County Historical Society has a lovely post about Martha. We can talk in January about how our Bath Branch would like to honor her. -Suzanne Curran