

# THE SUNDIAL

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CWU Annual Picnic & EIA Action

## “Fun in the Park”

Urban Gardens/Lunch/Annual Auction

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777 Westfall Road  
[map on back of flyer]

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The picnic lunch, prepared by the Picnic/EIA committee, will be served about 11:30. Table settings will be provided. Following lunch, Rev. Sue Forsyth will preside over the Annual White Elephant Auction, which is always exciting.

The lodge is handicap accessible. The cost of \$5.00 includes registration fee and lunch. Reservations are not necessary. Please call the CWU Office at 342-2790 for details.

**Please bring:**       Your ‘treasures’ for the auction       A friend who may be new to CWU.

### **From the President**

Women of faith came together in celebration of the first 2009 component of the Education, Insight, and Action Initiative (EIA). We were truly blessed by the panelists, who made us aware of the many “Possibilities of Change” in our Environment, Economic Justice system and in Education.

As we look forward to May Friendship Day, the Insight component of the EIA Initiatives, women will share stories of CWU’s past history and their dedication to the movement which has made it the success it is today.

In continuing our commitment of seeking to find ways to re-energize CWU, we joyfully welcome women of all age groups and denominations. Let us work together to promote hope, and to foster a shared vision of justice and compassion for all God’s people. We assure you that Church Women United will continue to focus on spiritual growth, fair housing, race relations, advocacy for justice, education and health care reform. Remember, we are “The Quiet Hands of God.”

Peace & Blessings,  
**Audrey T. Davidson**

### **Summary of April EIA - Education Initiative Celebration**

We got off to a great start for our Education, Insight and Action Celebrations. We enjoyed the hospitality of Covenant United Methodist Church. The panelists Nick Basch (Environment), Rev. Deborah Swift from St Joseph's Neighborhood Center (Economic Justice), and Diane Mathius (Education) gave us excellent information on needs that we have in Rochester, how we are meeting them, and how we can improve to help bring about positive possibilities of change.

Odessa Lybrand was the chair of our celebration with her team of Marva Boone, Joan Rohlin , and Joan Clark. The cookies made by the women of Covenant's Joy Circle were delicious. Thank you all.

We look forward to our May meeting which combines May Friendship Day and our second EIA Initiative meeting " Insight." Diana DeBruycker, our chairperson has a great program lined up. See you there!

–Lura Masters Vice President and Odessa Lybrand, Chair, EIA - Education

### **Retirement News**

A few weeks ago, the Church Women United Board of Directors received a letter from our Office Manager/Secretary, Joan Clark, saying that she had decided to retire after working in that capacity for 26 years. We accepted her resignation with sincere regret and great appreciation for all that she has done for us.

We could not have had a better Office Manager/Secretary for all these years as she kept the ship going, so to speak, managing the office with competence while training each new Executive Director that was hired. It will be very hard to replace her. The Personnel Committee has begun the task of finding a new Secretary. We wish Joan our best as she moves into a new phase of life.

–Dot Borden, Personnel Committee Chair

## CWU Short Subjects

### **Church Women United Choir Notes**

The CWU Choir has been busy rehearsing for special CWU in Rochester services and preparing for nursing home and senior housing concerts. Currently, the choir was rehearsing for the music visitations on April 27 at Hilton East, in Hilton, as well as for one on May 11 at the Wedgewood, in Spencerport.

The choir is recruiting new members and would like to extend an invitation to any one who would like to join us in the CWU in Rochester music ministry. Rehearsals are at the Gates Presbyterian Church on Mondays at 12:30. Thank you to the members of the CWU choir for your unending loyalty and dedication to the CWU music ministry in the Rochester area community.

–Linda Moore, Music Director, 225-7027

**OPPS!** Correction to the "From the President" section of the April 2009 Sundial -- The 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph should read as follows: "For more information, please call the CWU in Rochester office at 342-2790 or visit our website at [www.cwurrochester.org](http://www.cwurrochester.org)."

**Thank You**

Lura Masters & Lifetime Assistance:  
Carolyn Netrou, Jason Wurster & David Wagner  
Thanks so much for all of your hard work.

**Holiday**

The CWU office will be closed  
on Monday, May 25, for  
Memorial Day.

In addition, we would like to thank Esther Hammer for  
donating table cloths for use at CWU events.

**Women's Health Kits**

Items for kits for women leaving the Monroe County facility (As of April 17, 2009):

Shampoo  
Wash Cloth

Tooth  
Paste  
Deodorant

Sturdy Comb\*  
Tissues (small  
packs)

Bar Soap  
Socks

Please pack in a 1-gallon plastic bag. Please remove soap, toothpaste, etc. from any cardboard boxes or hard plastic wrapping. Please bring donations to any of the celebrations or to the CWU office. Items can be any size, though full size preferred. \*Combs without handles.

**Please Note Change:**

Tooth brushes are no longer needed; they are supplied at the jail. Thanks. This is a good on-going project for a group to work on.

-Betty Allinger 663-0862

# Kids' Korner News

Reprinted from  
Center for Sustainable Living's  
2009 Events & Workshop booklet  
See page 6

**Critters of Sucker Brook**

## Community News

### Free Screening Mammograms

For women 40 or older who have little or no health insurance.

Saturday, May 9, 2009.....8:00 am to 12:00 noon at  
Highland Breast Imaging, 500 Red Creek Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

To schedule an appointment, please call 487-3300

### Greater Rochester Community of Churches *Celebrating 90 Years of Ecumenical Work*

Events profiling GRCC's role in history including introduction from GRCC President, Marvin Mich, with emphasis on how ecumenical work has ministered to each issue over the years. Keep up to date at [www.grcc.org](http://www.grcc.org). Program times are 7:00 to 8:30 pm.



May 12 - **Strengthening Our Community's Fabric Through Educational Partnerships** at the Jewish Community Federation, 441 East Avenue. A conversation with Superintendent Jean Claude Brizard on educational programs of the City School district. Also highlighting The Coalition for Literacy with Isobel Goldman. Early history of tutoring, long-term interfaith relations.



### Greater Rochester Community of Churches

Celebrating 90 Years of Faith In Action Invites you to attend the  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Dinner** Tuesday, June 2, 2009.....5:30 p.m. Reception & Auction  
.....6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program RIT Inn & Conference Center - 5257 West Henrietta Road ,  
Henrietta , NY \$35.00 per Person – Tables of Ten Available (sliding scale upon request)  
RSVP: (585) 254-2570 or Email: [grcc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:grcc1@frontiernet.net) Deadline for dinner reservation May  
24, 2009

Forms for group reservations, honoree submissions, auction & advertising - online at:  
[www.grcc.org](http://www.grcc.org)

### Re-Employment Support Groups

#1.....**Re-Employment Support Group** at Colgate Divinity School, Rochester, sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese. The group began on March 30 and will continue to meet at the School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The group is open to working with other partners. The contact person is Elizabeth Bakken ("Libby") at [egbakken@frontiernet.net](mailto:egbakken@frontiernet.net) or at 381-1915.

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#2.....**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rochester** - Are you a job seeker looking for a group that provides spiritual support as the foundation for learning and developing job searching techniques in preparation for the next job opportunity that God has waiting for you? If the answer is "yes," "**By Faith Employment Network**" is here for you.

**Re-Employment Support Groups** (continued)

It is free and open to individuals of faith who believe that God will provide them with all of their needs, including the need for employment. **By Faith Employment Network** is open to anyone seeking employment, regardless of faith, educational background, or work experiences. The goal of **By Faith Employment Network** is to promote spiritual support as the foundation for using techniques and best practices for job seeking that will result in job placement. We provide a venue for people of faith to gather for the purpose of praying, encouraging and learning how to better prepare to secure employment. Our meetings include prayer, lectures, training and referrals to other resources. If you would like to benefit from the offerings of **By Faith Employment Network**, you are invited to join us at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## Church World Service Updates

**Honor Your Mother!**

A contribution to the Blankets+ program is a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day. A blanket is a wonderful symbol of the love and warmth provided by mothers and those who wrap us in their love. By supporting the Blankets+ program you will help mothers around the world to care for their children. Mother's Day cards reflecting a gift to the Blankets+ program are available by either contacting the regional office or you can select and print a card from our website.

Go to: [www.churchworldservice.org/blankets](http://www.churchworldservice.org/blankets) and look on the right hand side of the screen under "Featured Links" to view and select a Mother's Day card. Donations to the program can be made online or by mailing in a check. Please spread the word about this meaningful Mother's Day gift option. Contact Information Amy L. Bobbette, Community Outreach Coordinator, Church World Service, 200 C Gateway Park Dr ,North Syracuse, NY 13212, 315-458-8535, 1-888-297-2767, [abobbette@churchworldservice.org](mailto:abobbette@churchworldservice.org)



**Your Congregation Can Help New Orleans Families Return Home** Recovery from Hurricane Katrina continues, and in places like the New Orleans neighborhood of Little Woods, more needs to be done. This April and May, CWS is coordinating a rebuilding project to help 12 more families there return home. Find out how you and your group can get involved!

To learn more about these exciting programs and/or and donate to support emergency efforts today...go to: <http://www.churchworldservice.org>. Or contact your regional office at (888) 297-2767

**SAVE THE DATE!** **CWU Family Fun Night at the Red Wings**  
Friday, August 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
See green flyer for more details.

The Catholic Women's Club of Rochester Requests the honor of your presence  
At its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Friday, May 15, 2009  
Eucharistic Liturgy, 12:10 pm  
Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester  
Celebrant: the Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, Bishop of Rochester  
Luncheon: Immediately Following  
Rochester Yacht Club 5555 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester  
Luncheon: \$30.00 each. Reservation Deadline: **Friday, May 8, 2009.**  
Call 872-5490 for reservations and/or for more information.

**Center for Sustainable Living**

The 2009 Events and Workshop booklet is now available. It includes many interesting events in the area for both adults and children. [Two samples are listed below.]

Booklets are available in many locations such as the Abundance Co-op and Lori's Natural Food Store in Rochester, regional libraries and many other locations listed on our website, [www.living-sustainably.org](http://www.living-sustainably.org).

For more information or to have a booklet mailed, contact: Alison Clarke, [accompost@gmail.com](mailto:accompost@gmail.com) or phone 585-244-2711.

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### Menu

Chicken Salad	White Rolls
Dark Wheat Bread	Chips
(Homemade by Betty Allinger)	Dessert & Beverages

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