

## WOMAN TO WOMAN WITH A DIVERSITY/ INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS

Woman-To-Woman is about you. It's about social justice. It's about dialogue.

**PURPOSE:** To reach out to diverse women in our communities who may not have the same views. To identify issues of common concern, form new alliances, gain exposure to new ideas, and continue their lifelong education.

**GOAL:** To stimulate conversations among community women to help bridge racial and cultural difference.

### Getting Started:

1. Select a few women in your branch as the initial Planning Committee
2. Identify the potential Partnering Groups from your community
3. Determine if your Woman to Woman will deal with women's roles in religions or women's roles in cultures. Your community demographics will determine that.
4. Identify and recruit potential partners and participants
  - a. Your community college
  - b. Ethnic groups in your community
  - c. Varied religious groups
  - d. Women's issues groups LWV, NOW, BPW
5. Frame Your Discussion Topics
  - a. Make sure discussion topics are informational and friendly.
  - b. Have partners and participants contribute to topics
  - c. Frame the topics as questions for ease in preparation
  - d. Here is a list of possible panel participants:

Dr. Ranna Akbar – Pakistan (Saginaw) (989) 790 9200 (Office)

Amy Seetoo – 3111 Cedarbrook Rd., Ann Arbor 48105, (734) 332 0390 (Chinese- American Society) (AAUW)

Marina Brown – Brazil – 825 Newport Rd., Ann Arbor 48103 (734) 663 6431 (UN Connection) (AAUW)

Eliana Bryant – Brazil – 2890 Ticknor, Ann Arbor 48104, (734) 975 1720

Nada Tawakkol , Pharmacist – Syria – 2630 Emerald, Ann Arbor 48104 (734) 761 5411 (AAUW)

Dr. Shabnum Hamid Sheikh – Pakistan – Trinity Health org. – 1479 Maplewood Dr., Saline 48176 (734) 944 7168 (AAUW)

Samkeliso Mawocha – Zimbabwe, Africa – 3602 Fieldcrest Lane, Ypsilanti 48197 (734) 330 4138 W (734) 647 3411 (AAUW)

6. Find a Place to Meet
  - a. Select a location that is central and welcoming to all.
    - i.e. Library, coffee shop, diner, recreation center, school or university classroom, historic home or art gallery.

Select a place where everyone feels comfortable. Just make sure the location offers accessibility to all.

#### HOW ABOUT THIS:

Have the event be a luncheon featuring ethnic foods of the participants. It could run from 11:00 to 1:30 or so.

Have the event be an after work featuring hors de oeuvres

#### NEXT STEPS:

Woman-to-Woman can be more than a one-time event; it can be an ongoing program with the potential to stimulate positive societal change. Woman-to-Woman participants can develop ideas and initiatives to share with neighborhood activists, school officials and parents, and city or county leaders.

#### EVALUATION FORM:

Submitting the completed evaluation form is an important part of this process because the evaluations will help AAUW learn what works best for your community. Since this program can be shaped many ways, we want to be able to offer guidance to other Woman-to-Woman groups on discussion topics and partners.

QUESTIONS on EVALUATION FORM: (to be typed on a separate sheet for hand out)

[Top section for: Name, address, phone, email]

“Are you an AAUW member? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_;

Organizations or community groups to which you belong;

How did you hear about Woman-to-Woman?;

What topics were discussed?;

What topics would you have liked to discussed?;

Would you attend another Woman-to-Woman? Y\_\_ N\_\_;

Would you bring a friend? Y \_\_ N \_\_;

Do you have any suggestions for improving Woman-to-Woman?

Please return this evaluation form to your host.”