

# *The Group*

Mt. Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570

*Meeting of November 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., at the Library*

## *Welcoming Refugees to Westchester Communities* *Kathie O'Callaghan, Mary Refling and Anne McCool*

*Our speakers will tell us of the work that they and other grass-roots community leaders are doing to support those U.S. Department of State approved agencies that welcome, protect and advocate for refugees in our communities. Locally, they identify and utilize resources that will offer hope and help to refugees, in keeping with the time-honored American practice of welcoming newcomers.*

*For the safety of everyone, the appropriate federal authorities screen all refugee newcomers. By definition, refugees are people and families who are here because they face a threat to their safety in their former homes. As a result, refugees are far more likely to have experienced the trauma of violence, political unrest and terrorism than the average American. They know personally the horrors of these situations, and are coming here to escape them, not perpetuate them.*

*Learn more on Facebook and at their website*  
*Heartsandhomesforrefugees.com*

*Please plan to stay for lunch with our speakers at the Unique Affair restaurant at the Pleasantville Country Club.*

*We are grateful to the Friends of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library for their co-sponsorship of our lecture series.*  
*Thank you*