



ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY DIALOGUE

Anyone is welcome to register. There is a maximum of 25 participants, a minimum of 10.

You are invited to an Athenian Dialogue

- Book:** *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan
- Led by:** Kerry Bush, MMC
Athenian Fellow, Athenian Dialogue Facilitator
- When:** Friday – June 30, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where:** 1777 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302
Council Chambers, Municipal Building
- Cost:** \$ 50.00 per participant (Does not include book purchase. Lunch is included from Lindsay's Deli)
- Points:** 3 CMC Education Points; or 3 MMC Advanced Education Points with the satisfactory and timely completion of a learning assessment.
- Register:** Complete the registration form below and mail with a check payable to **CMCA** (sorry, no credit cards) to: Heidi Leatherwood, Deputy City Clerk
City of Boulder
1777 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80302

Questions? Call Heidi at 303.441.3019

Registration deadline is Friday, June 30, 2017. The Dialogue is limited to 25 attendees. IIMC requires 10 participants to hold the Dialogue.

You must have read the book prior to attending the Dialogue.

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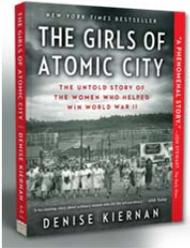
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***The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan**

This is the incredible story of young women, many in their late teens, who played a crucial role in one of the most significant moments in U.S. and world history. The Tennessee town of Oak Ridge was created from scratch in 1942 as one of the Manhattan Project's secret cities. It didn't appear on any maps until 1949, yet at the height of WW II, it was using more electricity than New York City and was home to more than 75,000 people, many of them young women recruited from small towns across the South. Their jobs were shrouded in mystery, but they were buoyed by a sense of shared purpose – to support the war effort. These young women who were recruited to work at “the Project” were not told where they were going, where they would be living or what their jobs would entail, only that they would be working on a project crucial to the U.S. war effort.

They left their homes and embarked on a journey at a time in our country's history where most women stayed home, being wives and mothers. These young women learned unfamiliar technology and monitored gigantic panels covered in knobs and dials, some inside the largest building in the world, built specifically for the Project.

This book tells their story with surrounding scaffolding of the scientific fundamentals and the 1942-1945 technical development of the bomb. It's a story of how extraordinary young women put the needs of their country before their own with blind faith and a patriotic purpose, and how they faced unique challenges never before encountered by American women in the workforce. This is another story of the determination, courage, selflessness, intelligence, adaptability and heroism of females of the Greatest Generation.