Best wishes to all.....

Regina DeAngelo, @ 62 Baxter St. in Charlestown, RI, has volunteered to host our monthly, first Tuesday of the month, August 2, 2022 potluck at her home, beginning at 6 pm. All food/drink contributions to share are welcome, and those who feel ambitious can go to the website for recipes of DRC from Caakiri to **Poulet à la "Moambé**"

Our grantee for August is: **Title:** Girl Awakening, **Location:** Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Grant Amount:** \$47,250, **Grantee Website:** <u>colorsofconnection.org</u> and **Areas of Impact:** Education, Gender Equality, Health. To read the customs and cuisine of the DRC is an education in how the women in this country survive. We hopefully will also show the video at Regina's, but great if you can watch before, along with the interview.

Hopefully meetings will continue to be in person, and my apologies for the confusion if some tried to zoom in unsuccessfully last month. There were about 12 of us who participated, with topics discussed from traveling (where we're welcome by grantees) to planting the seed, that another co-leader would be welcome, since Susan Jordan is focusing more other volunteering with prison inmates and also the refugees from Afghanistan. If I am out of the country myself, I want to make sure, we have a host and someone to get a letter out. We will continue our discussion regards alternative traveling/volunteering opportunities versus the sponsored trips by Elevate Destinations. Betsy Dalton also has already volunteered her home in Hope Valley for Sept 6. 2022. My personal thanks to all.

For more information and up to date activities, go to our webpage: http::togetherwomenwise.org and click on the column marked "JOIN US" for news on our bookclub, travel opportunities, recipes, advocacy group and national webinars.

Thanks - you'll get a reminder closer to the weekend before Aug 2. NO ZOOM address necessary.

Hoping you're enjoying these beautiful summer days,

Gail