## Adult Ed. Sunday, January 19: Masculinity

## Situation

- --wide age spectrum
- --needed more chairs; good turn out.
- -- all attentive and low key.
- --table groups were homogeneous

## First presentation and discussion

- \*Key theme "Gender equity" should have been emphasized more.
- --discussion time was too short for such a broad question.
- --people hesitant to discuss.

## **Continued presentation with videos**

- \*Man box good warning about not valuing gender equality and having respect, yet much to negative about masculinity.
- --more negative messaging about masculinity
- --good to be aware about how macho training hurts women, yet....
- --did not address innate traits of testosterone, and how that affects many people
- --was pointed out to avoid shaming, yet rejecting traditional masculine traits does shame.
- --animated table discussions
- --heard men declare how they possessed feminine traits and were embarrassed by masculine ones.
- --reminded me of 1980's male bashing
- --most men agreed with "man box"—that they were conditioned.
- --much laughter at tables
- --some did not share at their table. ??
- --we need to keep in mind that we are an enlightened, educated group.
- --good to hear that this is much more than a gender issue.
- --Huge issue: more time was needed and a summation.