

November Meeting:

St. Clare Health Mission

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013

Presenter: Joni Heath

Where: Viterbo Univ, Rm 195
School of Nursing.

Street parking is available as well as a parking lot across the street from the nursing building.

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: *Quiche, Assorted Cut Up Fruit, Muffins or Scones, Orange Juice, Hot Tea and Coffee*

Members who do not wish to come for brunch, are welcome to attend the program portion at no charge.

Registration 9:30am
Breakfast 10:00am
Program 10:30am

For cancellations or late reservations contact Marla French at mfrench000@centurytel.net or 782-6589 by noon on Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

St. Clare Health Mission has provided general medical care to the poor and uninsured for 20 years.

The successful mission of the clinic is a direct reflection of the support and generous spirit of the people and organizations in La Crosse and surrounding communities.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

In Memoriam

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

A month ago little did I know that I would be writing about the loss of Pat Staupé for this issue of the Current. As you have heard, Pat lost her fight with leukemia on October 20th. Our Branch has lost a dear friend and tireless leader. Her efforts as Chair of AAUW Art Fair on the Green, a position she held since the year 2000, have enabled us to award thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students. She is the one that kept reminding all of us that our goal was to raise money for scholarships and the Art Fair was the means to accomplish that goal. When an idea was proposed that might cost more money and thus reduce the amount of money available for scholarships, she would remind us of the goal and question whether the expenditure would ultimately enable us to bring in more revenue. She was not adverse to "spending money to make money" but wanted to make sure we always kept in mind the purpose of the Art Fair. As one of the artists

emailed this week, "Pat was one of the really good things about your show".



Pat not only served as Chair of the Art Fair, but as Awards Chair and Publicity Chair. She joined AAUW July of 1984 and has served our Branch as Corresponding Secretary, Phone Coordinator, Membership VP, and Hearth & Home Coordinator, just to name a few of the positions she held. She was one of the recipients of the Name Grant Award in '90-'91.

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, November 4th, 6:30 pm

River Place Apartments
1 River Place Dr.

Meetings are open to any member who is interested in attending.

Contact Carol at: 519-0548 or cfrobertson@charter.net to place items on the agenda

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As Hearth & Home Study Group Leader, she made new members feel welcome in a small group setting so that they would feel more comfortable when attending a general meeting. Pat was the first person I met when I walked up to the AAUW booth at the Art Fair I attended after moving to La Crosse. She gave me membership materials, followed up and invited me to sit with her at my first general meeting.

Members have been emailing me their memories and responses to her passing – “loved her teaching stories”, “this is a hard one”, “thinking of her all day”, “wonderful work she did for her students and AAUW”, “great lady and strong contributor”.

We lost her talents too soon but will remember her humor and her fighting spirit.

Cards or notes of condolences may be sent to Pat’s mother at:

Arlene Staupe
27947 Cty 12
Preston, MN 55965

With Peace and love, Carol

National Conference of College Women Student Leaders

By Betty Kruck

AAUW Branch members are invited to nominate a student to be the LaCrosse Branch nominee for one of the two state \$500 scholarships for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. The conference will be June 5-7, 2014 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Each AAUW branch in the state may nominate only one student.

Please send your nominee to Carol Robertson by December 2.

Eligible nominees must be currently enrolled in a program leading to an Associate degree, Bachelor’s degree, or Master’s degree at a technical college or other two- or four-year public or private college.

The following information is required:

- Name, educational institution attending, and enrollment status of nominee
- Awards, recognition, or honors received by the nominee
- Major area of study being pursued by nominee and why
- How attendance at the conference would further the nominee’s goals.



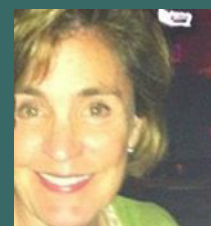
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Included in this generosity are the collaborative efforts of support from Mayo Franciscan Health Care and Gundersen Health Systems, the gifts of time and talents shared by over 300 professional volunteers, and the monetary contributions of donors. Those included in these groups believe access to (affordable) health care essential.

Joni will talk about hours of operations, eligibility, numbers of patients served weekly/annually, and future of clinic with Affordable Care Act.

Joni says, “Working at SCHM is fulfilling; it has given me the opportunity to get to know the wonderful people who volunteer at SCHM and the patients we serve. It is a privilege to live in a community where resources of time and dollars are shared to provide access to health care for those who are financially unable to otherwise access it and an honor to work alongside those who share in the pursuit seeing health care access a priority in our community and country.”

She is married to Ralph (29 years). They have two daughters, Ana and Natalie. Ana is married to a wonderful man, Chris.



Joni Heath

Study Group	Meeting day/time	Contact person
AAUW in Action	2nd Saturday of month, after the general meeting	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509
Hearth & Home	3rd Wednesday of month, evenings	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509
Contemporary Authors	3rd Tuesday of month at 2:00pm	Alice Ross, 788-4206
Scholarship Bridge/Card Games	TBA	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Liz Wing, 782-7963

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

Encaustic Painting

Date: Wednesday, November 20

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Center for the Arts Building, UW-L

Assistant Art Professor Jennifer Terpstra will give us a demonstration of her encaustic painting, which involves fusing pigments with beeswax and resin and applying them to supported surfaces. Her designs are unique. We will be able to see her work and ask her questions about her technique. Jennifer has served as both Jury Day judge and Award judge for Art Fair on the Green. She is a dedicated supporter of our efforts for the Art Fair.

Jennifer is among three women who will be exhibiting at Marine Art Museum, Winona running October 24 through January 12.



Dessert will be served after the demonstration.

RSVP to:

Bev Bodine (bevbodine@yahoo.com) 781-3849 or
Carol Robertson (cfrobertson@charter.net) 519-0548

AAUW in Action

*Next Meeting: Saturday, November 9
Right after the general meeting at Viterbo*

-**We are collecting** holiday cards, gift wrap and calendars to at the November general meeting. These items will be donated to YWCA and other local organizations serving women. Of course, toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products are always welcome!

- **International Women's Day Program:** save Thurs, March 6, 2014 from 5:30-7pm for this presentaion featuring a panel of 4 women from different cultures sharing their stories.

- **YWCA Transitional Housing Program:** we'll be providing snacks and a craft activity for this group at their Dec. 17th meeting. This is an opportunity for us to share AAUW's mission with these young women and let them know of scholarship support we offer.

New members are always welcome!

Bookfellows

Next meeting: December
For more information, contact:
Liz Wing msebwing@aol.com
782-7063



YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women Dinner *By Jan Eriksen*

Some friends of AAUW are being honored at the Tribute to Outstanding Women Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening, November 14. We're sponsoring an AAUW table of 10 at the event. Deb Hoskins, chair of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Department at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, is one of the honorees. She was instrumental in arranging for UW-L to be a College/University partner with AAUW.

Susan Fabian, a graduate of the Self-Sufficiency Program, will be receiving the College award. Susan was a recipient of one of our branch's continuing scholarships to attend UW-L. We also sponsored and supported her for the NCCWSL. Sue Peterson will be honored in the Community Outreach category. Sue is a vital part of the Self-Sufficiency board. Other honorees are Susan Batell, Elise Denlinger, Kenna Christians, Jennifer Livingston, Liz Arnold, Karla Stanek, and Heather Baker.

The event will be held November 14 at the La Crosse Center South Hall Ballroom. The social begins at 5:30 p.m. on, with dinner and the awards ceremony taking place from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$55.00 per person. The AAUW table is filling quickly, but if you'd like to join us please E-mail member Jan Eriksen at jpriksen@viterbo.edu or call her at 787-5946 as soon as possible.

Public Policy...

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THE CONSTANT MESSAGE FROM ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS WAS THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

The AAUW website offers us succinct timely information, and the opportunity to respond quickly and easily, through the Action Network and Two Minute Activist. Go to www.aauw.org, click on the Issues tab at the top of the page, then on Take Action in the left column of the next page. You can scroll down to the bottom to join 'Two Minute Activist'. For Wisconsin issues go to www.aauw-wi.aauw.net and follow prompts to Public Policy. Carry on all you educated, concerned, activist women!!

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Public Policy Chair

AAUW WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE DAY

On Oct. 16 I attended AAUW Legislative Day with Betty Kruck and Pam Thiel. WI Public Policy Chair Barbara Peterson had put together an information packed morning with speakers focused on AAUW priorities: Women's Health, Public Education Issues, Pay Equity, Medical and Family Leave, Campaign Finance Reform and Redistricting. In the afternoon the 3 of us visited our respective state representatives, and together met with State Senator Jennifer Schilling. We shared information from our morning sessions and offered AAUW resources on issues.

The information we gathered could fill several Currents, but I will share a few bullet points with you:

- Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of women's health care in Wis.
- Funding for Planned Parenthood was cut from the state budget, leading to the closing of 4 of 23 clinics.
- Planned Parenthood use of a state laboratory for cancer screenings was eliminated.
- Wisconsin's Equal Pay Act has been rescinded.
- In Wisconsin the 2012 median earnings for men was @ \$47,000 and for women @ \$36,500. This discrepancy, approximately 1/2 million dollars during a workers life time, leads to less safe healthy housing, decreased food security, lower savings for children's education, less retirement savings, lower social security payments, etc.
- The share of the state budget dedicated to education has dropped from 43% to 33% in recent years.
- Vouchers for private school education are offered to families earning up to 300% of the poverty level and pay 100% of the tuition. State funding pays 61% of the cost of a public school education.
- In Wis. the campaign funding from 32 donors, some from out of state, equaled that of 3 million others in the last election cycle.
- After 185 years, campaign donations had been equated with freedom of speech, a concept not described in our Constitution or Bill of Rights.
- Assembly Bill 225 (passed) and Senate Bill 282 (in process) eliminate the required disclosure of a donors' employer/connections.

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From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

Financial Report as of
October 20, 2013

Checking Account\$ 10,709.97

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$704.02

Scholarship Committee

The entire scholarship committee will meet at **9am on November 9 in Room 103 at the School of Nursing** on the Viterbo campus. We will meet just prior to the November branch meeting. Please mark your calendars.

Any AAUW member wanting to join this committee, please let either Robert or Sharon De Cicco know.



November 28, 1881 - The first organizational meeting is held for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA), the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

In our thoughts: are Bev Bodine's husband, Paul and JoAnn Revels's husband, Richard as they recover from health issues.

Correction: Bev Bodine's email address in the directory should be: bevbodine@yahoo.com

AAUW LaCrosse 2013-2014 Budget

by Michele Strange, Treasurer

The following 2013-14 budget was approved by the Board at their meeting on September 9, 2013. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the November general meeting or you may call Michele Strange at 781-6962.

Income

Art Fair.....	\$ 1,800
Branch Dues.....	\$ 750
Investment Incom.....	\$ 0
Meals.....	\$ 0
Fundraisers (LAF, etc.)	\$ 1,500
Miscellaneous donations to LAF.....	\$ 0
Miscellaneous donations.....	\$ 0
Special Projects.....	\$ 150

Total Income.....\$ 4,200

Expenses

Board Tools (postage, supplies)	\$ 50
Convention.....	\$ 400
Current (printing, postage, supplies)	\$ 175
Legal Advocacy Fund Donatio.....	\$ 1,000
Other Donations.....	\$ 300
Insurance.....	\$ 400
Membership.....	\$ 50
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 100
Name Grants.....	\$ 1,000
Organization (Directory, PO Box)	\$ 300
Program (room rent, honoraria)	\$ 500
Scholarship Expenses.....	\$ 100
Special Projects.....	\$ 500
UW-L Senior Art Award.....	\$ 50

Total Expenses.....\$ 4,925

Overall Total.....\$ -725



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AAUW’s Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in all aspects of our work.

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