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April Meeting:

The Bookworm

Presenter: Terri Schlichenmeyer

When: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Where: UWL Cartwright Center
Ward Room

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Assorted fresh fruits,
Breakfast breads & scones,
Scrambled eggs, Country ham
Orange & Cranberry Juice
Coffee, Tea, and Milk

Note: it's important that you sign up if you wish to eat, and if you are bringing guests, please include them in the count.

If anyone has dietary restrictions, please notify the person taking reservations; the food service will do their best to accommodate you.

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

Registrations (and cancellations) must be in by Wed, April 8th. For this month only, call Betty Kruck at 608.689.2222 with late reservations and cancellations.

Please join us on Saturday, April 11, 2015 for a most entertaining presentation by La Crosse's own Bookworm. Terri Schlichenmeyer, known to La Crosse Tribune readers as The Bookworm, will be in-

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

New Beginnings

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

The season of spring gives us new beginnings as the flowers reappear and the trees start to bud. I was reminded of this fact as I moved to a new place recently. Moving affords one the opportunity to review, peruse, and wonder at all the things one collects over the years. I found great pleasure in finding articles and objects that I hadn't looked at in quite a while.

At the same time I found myself becoming absorbed in memories, I also found myself looking forward to new adventures.

That feeling also describes the new beginnings for our scholarship recipients. As they move from one phase of their life to another adventure, they learn from their experiences and look forward to new ones. We will again have the pleasure of awarding funds to our recipients at the Scholarship Reception on April 30. For the first time, we will have an evening

reception rather than a Saturday Brunch. (Another new beginning). Please let Marla or Sue know if you would be willing to sponsor a recipient by paying for their refreshments.



Art Fair Committee is starting its work on plans for the annual Art Fair on the Green to be held July 25 & 26 at UW-L. Save the dates and it is never too

early to sign up for ticket selling, booth sitting, and raffle ticket selling, or setting up and taking

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015

6:30 pm

Location: Viterbo University,
Room TBA

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.

New Beginnings... *(continued from pg. 1)*

down. Jury Day for new artists will be the first week in April. Without your generous help and support, we would not be able to give students the opportunity for their new beginnings.

Our Branch Annual meeting will be held April 11. New officers will be elected and installed.

So even though we are close to the end of the year for meetings, we are also at the beginning of new adventures for our Branch.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Address Change

Carol Robertson
940 Linden Dr #210
Holmen WI 54636
Email & phone remain the same

This past month we gained three new members. Joining after March 15th the membership becomes immediate and extends through the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Welcome to...

Rosalie Schnick
3039 Edgewater Lane
La Crosse, WI 54603
608 781 2205
U of Minnesota, MA Library Science
RozSchnick@centurytel.net

Rosalie (Roz) was recruited by Pam Thiel



Francie Ball
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La Crosse, WI 54601-2116
787-1748
Viterbo BA Dietetics
faball@centurytel.net

*Lois Gilbert invited Francie to our March Program;
Francie joined during the meeting!*

Carrol D. Hunder
E1198 State Hwy 56
Genoa, WI 54632
608 689 2327
UW-L BS Dietetics
carrol@mwt.net

Betty Kruck recruited fellow "Genoan" Carrol

Thanks to Pam, Lois and Betty!

We look forward to seeing Francie, Roz and Carrol for the rest of this year and into the next.

April Meeting continued...

forming us about how she became a book reviewer, where she finds her material to review, and some good ideas on good reading material. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 13,000 books.

It has been rumored there may even be some door prizes so don't miss out!



Terri Schlichenmeyer

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of our regular program year. Remember, we will **meet again in April on the Thursday the 30th from 5:30-7:30 for our first ever Scholarship Reception.** This replaces our Scholarship Brunch. We are trying this format because we found that many of our recipients had conflicts on Saturday morning with music and athletic activities at this busy time of the year. We will be looking for your feedback as we try this new format.

As we close out this program year we will be again asking you, our members, to give us ideas for future programs. This past year we were able to incorporate many of your ideas into our programs and they seemed well received so keep your suggestions coming.

Study Group	Meeting day/time	Contact person
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Liz Wing, 782-7963
Scholarship Bridge/Card Games	TBA	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
Contemporary Authors	3rd Tuesday of month at 2:00pm	Alice Ross, 788-4206
Hearth & Home	3rd Wednesday of month, evenings	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
AAUW in Action	Various times & locations; please see below for current one	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

Italian dinner cook-off

Date: Wed., April 15, 2015

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Erica's house
1214 Jefferson Ave, Sparta

A scaled-down version of a full-on cook-off, you are invited to come out for a fun evening of cooking Italian. There will be 2 teams. After taking turns choosing ingredients, the teams will have an hour to create a tasty entree and dessert using only those items. We'll dine on each team's preparations and vote on the winner for best entree and best dessert.



The food items and beverages will be provided; each participant will be asked to bring an appetizer, side or bread.

At least 10 people are needed to make it successful so please join us... spouses and/or friends are welcome too!

RSVP by Wednesday, April 8 to Erica at:

moogs56@hotmail.com or 608-366-1509

AAUW in Action

Next Meeting: *May potluck/year-in-review*
May 14, 2015
6:00pm
Erica's house, details to follow

We've had another busy, fulfilling year with lots of activities that promote the AAUW mission, provide visibility to our branch and inform the community about important issues related to women.

We still have 2 events yet this year:

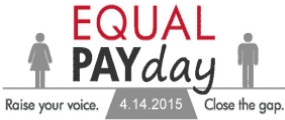
- The \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop as part of the Women Moving Ahead program on April 18.
- WINGS all day workshop for Women INterested in Going to School, to be offered in late summer.

If you haven't had the opportunity to look at the window displays for Women's History Month down at Pearl St. Bookstore, you have until April 11th. After the general meeting on the 11th, we'll be disassembling the display.

Equal Pay Day Event

By Kaitlyn Grueter, Public Policy Intern

Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 14th, 2015. It is a day intended to raise awareness of the gender pay gap that still exists between women and men today. According to the White House, women make only 77 cents on the dollar that men make. The pay gap is even wider for women of color compared to white men.



Pay equality matters because this is lost income that could have been used to pay college tuition and bills; buy a house or car; or help support a family.

To help raise awareness, AAUW will be having a table at **Cartwright Center at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse from 10am-2pm on April 14th**, where they will provide more information on pay equality issues at national and local levels, along with some cookies. Anyone interested in learning more about pay equality is welcome to stop by.



The AAUW reports, *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* and *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation*, will be available at the table, at AAUW meetings, or by contacting Carlene Roberts at camcar876@gmail.com.

Additionally, the YWCA will be hosting Equal Pay Day activities at Western Technical College.

Give-a-Grad-a-Gift

Sue Heuer has given her next door neighbor a “Give A Grad A Gift”, a free membership for the coming year in the national AAUW.

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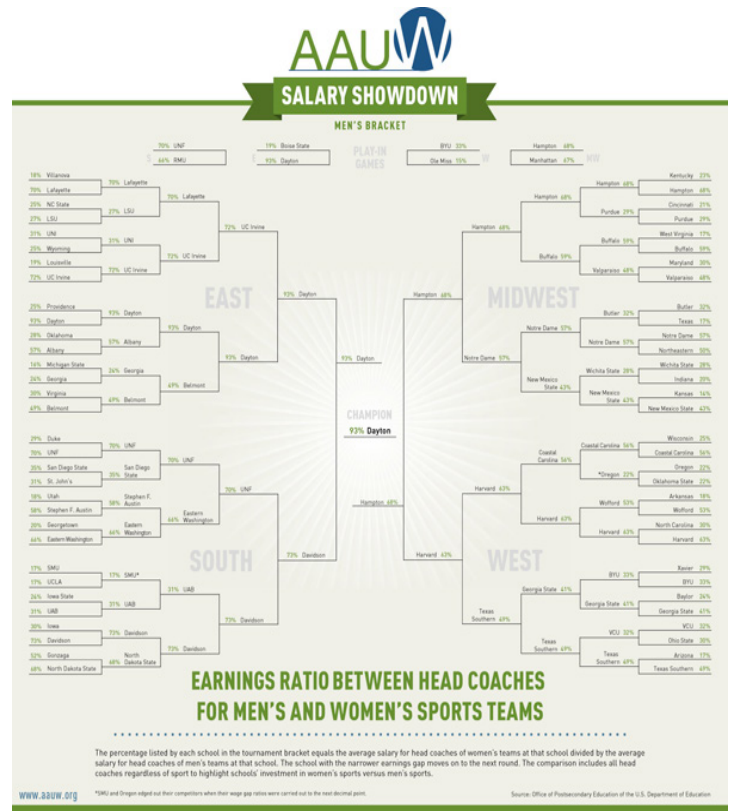
Congratulations Aubrey!

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair

On March 18 Senators Boxer, Gillibrand and Kaine introduced the *Survivor Outreach and Support on Campus Act, also known as the SOS Campus Act*, which would require all colleges receiving federal funds to select an independent, confidential advocate to help campus sexual violence survivors. The advocate would help victims access medical care, forensic exams, counseling, and crisis intervention services; learn their options for reporting to law enforcement; and guide students through the schools’ disciplinary process. AAUW supports this legislation. Please contact our Senators and urge them to support this bill.

Millions of Americans filled out basketball brackets for March Madness - about 40 million doing more than 70 million brackets. But how many based their pick on how equitably schools pay their women’s versus men’s coaches in any sport? The NCAA’s stated values: a commitment to an inclusive culture that fosters equitable participation for student athletes and career opportunities for coaches from diverse backgrounds. What if we voted based on pay equity for coaches? AAUW has created their own brackets with the University of Dayton once again victorious for both men’s and women’s teams. Curious?? Check out the AAUW website under Economic Justice, and share the information with all your favorite sports fans.



From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

Financial Report as of March 20, 2015

Checking Account\$12,788.00

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$320.02

Dues Reminder

Please note that you may now begin renewing your AAUW membership for next year (2015-16). Deadline for membership dues is June 30, 2015. Dues are still \$70 of which \$46 is tax-deductible. More information of dues breakdown can be found on the renewal form either attached to this email or by contacting Michele. Please submit the form and a check for \$70 before June 30th. If you are unable to return it at the April meeting, my mailing address is below:

Michele Strange
2442 Redwing Rd.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Name Grant Nominations

by Jan Eriksen, Chair

Reminder:

Please let Jan Eriksen know of your nominee(s) for the grant. I can be reached at 796-3398 (office), 787-5946 (home), or jperiksen@viterbo.edu. You may leave a message at either of the telephone numbers. Please indicate why your candidate is deserving of the honor. The deadline is April 11. The recipient will be announced at the scholarship reception on April 30.



Are you ready to cast your vote for AAUW's future? Learn about the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, and check soon for details on the proposed

changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. You can also find out how to throw a voting party for your branch or apply for appointment to the board. It's your AAUW, so make your voice count. When voting opens on April 15, members will select the AAUW president, vice president, and 10 directors.

Our own Pam Thiel is up for re-election so be sure to visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> and vote April 15- June 19, 2015.

WI State AAUW Convention

April 24—25, 2015
The Osthoff Resort
Elkhart Lake, WI

Registration deadline is postmarked April 6, the same date that lodging reservations are closed.



The theme of the convention is Entitled to Succeed (Title IX).

Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson and WTMJ4-Milwaukee sportscaster Jessie Garcia are scheduled to speak at the AAUW-WI convention in Elkhart Lake at the Osthoff Resort on April 24-25. Abrahamson will be the keynote speaker on Saturday while Garcia will keynote on Friday evening.

For more information and to register, go to <http://aauw-wi.aauw.net/>



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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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