

January Meeting:

Diversity

Presenter: Barbara Stewart

*University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
Associate Dean for Campus Climate
and Diversity*

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012

Where: UW-L Cartwright
Center, Ward Room

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: *Scrambled eggs, bacon,
bakery items, fresh fruit, orange
juice, coffee, and tea.*

As always, members who do not wish to join the group for brunch, are welcome to attend the program portion of the meeting at no charge.

Registration 9:30am

Breakfast 10:00am

Program 10:30am

*For cancellations or late
reservations contact Jan Eriksen at
(608) 796-3398, (608) 787-5946, or
jperiksen@viterbo.edu by noon on
Wednesday, Jan.11.*

Ms. Stewart will speak on the topic of diversity.

She has held her current position since 2008. Prior to that Ms. Stew-

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

A Prosperous New Year

by Marilyn Hempstead, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Revenue or the lack of it drives so much of our public discussion in these uncertain economic times.

It is also prominent in our AAUW discourse. We eagerly await the report of proceeds from our various fundraisers not because of the money itself, but as the means to benefit those who receive our grants and scholarships.

This year the December art auction proceeds may be designated to send a student to Washington, DC for the AAUW leadership conference. One of our members will be honored with a named gift to an AAUW fund in May. The Herberger's Community Days collection (in April, not February this year) will go to the National Legal Advocacy Fund.

Foremost are the scholarships possible because of the art fair earnings. The scholarship committee will start the New Year with an ample budget because of our last summer's labors!

Money is important, but the real worth is the dedication, initiative and talents of branch members. I am ever impressed by your generosity of time



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Next Board Meeting

For blustery January we will continue the tradition of meeting in cyberspace. Board members will be contacted as to the procedure by email. The e-discussion will end on Monday, January 9.

Contact Marilyn at: marizah@yahoo.com or 784-8763 to place items on the agenda

Get all the CURRENT news at our website: www.aauwlacrosse.org

President's Perspective (cont.)

and resources.

Our continuing cooperative efforts guarantee the branch new year will be a truly abundant one.

Nominating Committee

by Marilyn Hempstead

It's that time again already. A nominating committee of 3 people will meet this month to find nominees to fill board offices for 2012/2013. If you would like this interesting experience please email me at marizah@yahoo.com. I will scout for participants also.



Membership News

by Carol Robertson, VP Membership

Our Condolences go to the family of Eleanor Zurn who died recently. Eleanor was an Honorary Life Member of our branch.



Welcome to new Member...

Marcia Wine
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Onalaska, WI 54650
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College: University of Minnesota
Degree: BS, Occupational Therapy

January Meeting (cont.)

art was Director of UW-L's Office of Multicultural Student Services. She earned a bachelors and a masters degree from Iowa State University.

She has worked in the areas of housing, multicultural affairs and diversity. Barbara enjoys working with students and in addition, exploring new ways to promote issues around diversity.



AAUW Diversity Statement:

The Association's diversity statement reads:

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Study Group	Meeting day/time	Contact person
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Pat Sheehan, 788-3808
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	Pat Staupe, 788-7439
AAUW in Action	1st Thursday of month at 6:30pm	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

No Meeting in January;

February meeting will be the annual Valentine's Day party on February 9th. Details in next month's issue.

Hearth & Home is a study group for exploring new ideas or old favorites while enjoying friendly camaraderie with fellow AAUW members. Each month, members take turns providing a program. In past months, we've learned a new skill, toured a business and met for dinner at a new restaurant.

You are welcome to come to a program even if you're not a Hearth & Home member.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

About Study Groups

Part of AAUW's mission is "lifelong learning" and AAUW La Crosse has exciting groups where members can fulfill this part of our mission. Study groups provide an opportunity for members to grow intellectually and creatively, broaden their involvement in topics of interest, become agents for intelligent community action and meet people who share similar interests.

AAUW in Action

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5th

6:30 pm, River PlaceApts, 1 River Place Dr.

January's collection of items at the general meeting will be for hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, sheets, towels and socks. We will happily accept toiletries any month as well as small kitchen appliances.

We are working on the "25 Books for 25 Years" initiative to celebrate 25 years since March was designated as Women's History Month. Also in planning is a cyber-bullying workshop for the community in April 2012.

For more info, please contact Erica: moogs56@hotmail.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

Contemporary Authors



Our next book will be POPE JOAN

by Donna Woolfolk Cross

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, January 17th, 2012

2:00 PM

Contemporary Authors has met for many years on the 4th Tues. of the month. This year we are meeting on the 3rd Tues of the month. For meeting places and any further information contact either Alice Ross at 608-788-4206 or Mary Hall at 608-783-3483.

Mobile Meals Thank You!

Robert Richardson, Coordinator

A heartfelt thanks to the AAUW members who volunteered to deliver Mobile Meals during the last week of 2011 and on the first day of the new year.

Upon arriving to pick up meals, we discovered that another organization was scheduled at the same time so even though we did not deliver the meals, we still appreciate these members who were prepared to do so:

Carlene Roberts, Katie Dempsey (2011 Scholarship recipient), Sharon De Cicco, Barbara Newman, Sue Heuer and Marlene Mc Cabe, Silvana and Robert Richardson, and the Hempstead Family.

Women's Global Issues

Here are several organizations that help women around the world in various ways. For more information, please check out their websites.

World Pulse (worldpulse.com): World Pulse uses the power of interactive media to build a network connecting the world of women – one voice at a time. World Pulse Magazine gives readers handpicked opportunities to connect, take action, and make a difference. We train women citizen journalists and we are working with our partners to build the largest interactive network of women in the world.

Women for women (womenforwomen.org): Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. We're changing the world one woman at a time.

Women's Campaign International (womenscampaigninternational.org): Working in emerging democracies and post-conflict regions around the world, WCI advances opportunities for women to actively participate in public advocacies, market and political processes.

Public Policy

from AAUW website: www.aauw.org

Say No To Bullying!

Ask your Senators to Cosponsor the Student Non-Discrimination Act.

Bullying and sexual harassment have, unfortunately, made big headlines in recent months. After several tragic suicides, new initiatives aimed at preventing bullying and harassment, and AAUW's ground-breaking report on sexual harassment in school, the public and the media are finally paying attention to the critical issue of bullying. Now is the time to pass strong, meaningful anti-bullying and harassment legislation.

Take action: Ask your senators to cosponsor the Student Non-Discrimination Act (S. 555)!

All students deserve a safe and nurturing environment in which to pursue their educational goals. Yet currently, there is no federal law that explicitly protects students on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA) would do just that. SNDA, which is modeled after other civil rights laws such as Title IX, would protect students from various forms of bullying and harassment, such as sex stereotyping and bullying based on their actual or perceived gender identity, and would give students the ability to enforce protection from discrimination and harassment. AAUW believes it is past time for such a law.

To send a message asking your senators to cosponsor SNDA, visit AAUW Two-Minute Activist (<http://bit.ly/55Ljd>).



From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

**Financial Report as of
December 20, 2011**

Checking Account\$ 7,190.20

CD's

matures May 2012 \$ 5,110.50

Scholarship Bridge.....\$ 617.77

Mark Your Calendars

2012 AAUW-WI Convention



April 28, 2012 – AAUW-WI
State Convention

Janesville Conference Center/
Holiday Inn Express

This year we are going to try
a one day convention in order
keep costs to a minimum and to
attract more attendees. Please
mark your calendar and make
plans to attend with other
members of your branch. Spend
the night of April 27th so you
don't miss any of the fun.

Specifics will follow in the
winter issue of Badger Briefs.

New Scholarship

by Betty Kruck, Scholarship Committee

I am happy to announce that AAUW Funds of the La Crosse Community Foundation received \$20,000 from the estate of Janet K. Isler. The bequest to the AAUW Scholarship Fund from Janet will allow AAUW to give an annual scholarship in her name. Because Janet was an elementary school teacher, the Janet K. Isler Scholarship will be awarded to a student accepted into a Teacher Education Program, with preference given to those preparing to teach in the elementary grades.



January Highlights in US Women's History

from the National Women's History Project website

* Jan 3, 1949 - Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) starts her tenure in the Senate, where she stays in office until 1973; the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as she previously served in the House (R-Maine, 1940-1949.)

* Jan 5, 1925 - Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman governor in U.S. history (governor of Wyoming).

* Jan 7, 1896 - Fanny Farmer's first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements.

* Jan 7, 1955 - Marian Anderson is the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

* Jan 8, 1977 - Pauli Murray, the first female African American Episcopal priest, is ordained.

* Jan 11, 1935 - Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America.

* Jan 12, 1932 - Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Arkansas) is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She was the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first to serve as the Senate's presiding officer as well.

* Jan 16: Martha Cotera, pioneering Chicana Feminist, author of two seminal texts *Diosa y Hembra* and *Chicana Feminist*. Founding member Raza Unida Party in Texas, 1969. One of the mothers of Chicana Feminism.

* Jan 25, 1980 - Runner Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4 1/2 minutes, running it at 4:17.55.

* Jan 29, 1926 - Violette Neatly Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court.



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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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