

September Meeting:

Women's Health Issues

Presenter: Dr. Margaret Webster

When: Saturday, Sept 14, 2013

Where: Ward Room, Cartwright Center, UW-L

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

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, Sept 11, 2013.

Dr. Margaret Webster, staff physician, General Internal Medicine, Gundersen Health System, will address current issues in women's health.

There will be plenty of time for questions so come prepared!

Dr. Webster is the daughter of our own Katie Webster. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Molecular Biology, UW-Madison in 1985. In 1989 she obtained her Doctor of Medicine Degree, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago IL. From 1992 – present, she has been with Gundersen Health System.



She is married to Mark Glendenning; sons Trent -2013 grad from UW Madison, and Brad, Junior at UW Madison.



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Welcome Back!

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

September is upon us again with the restarts of school, general meetings, book clubs, community projects, and all those activities that took a summer hiatus. Hopefully, you were able to refresh through vacation, relaxing, traveling, or just enjoying the area in which we live. Maybe even the members of Congress will come back refreshed and ready to tackle the big issues facing them.

Once again AAUW Art Fair on the Green was a success. Pat's report is in this edition of The Current. Except for a few showers on Saturday, we enjoyed nice weather; can't believe I actually wore a fleece on Sunday! Thank you to all of you for helping to make this event possible. From the members of the Art Fair Committee to those members who volunteered to set up, take down, clean up or collect the attendance fees, the art fair could not be accomplished without your willingness to help. Because of your efforts, our Branch will continue to award scholarships to many worthy recipients.

Marla French and Carol Taebel, Program Co-chairs, have been busy this summer (& I am not referring

to their travel plans) ensuring that we have another year of interesting and accomplished speakers for our general meetings. I am looking forward to hearing Dr. M. Webster speak on Women's Health Issues at our first meeting, Sept. 14.

In this issue is a list of Board members for 2013/2014. I thank all of the new and returning members for their commitment to their respective duties and look forward to another productive year. A big thank you goes to

Robert Richardson for compiling the Membership Directory once again this year.

Be sure to check out all the information contained in this Current and I look forward to seeing you at the September general meeting.



Next Board Meeting

Monday, September 9th 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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 Art Fair Chair 2014:.....Pat Staupe
 Community Days:.....Marcia Wine
 Scholarship Bridge:.....Sharon De Cicco

Membership News by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

In August we added three new members. **WELCOME ALL THREE!**

Katharine Thomas

422 15th St So, La Crosse, WI 54601 608-769-1990 thomas.kat2@alumni.uwlax.edu
 BA History; UW-La Crosse

Susan Fabian

605 13th Ave So, Onalaska, WI 54650 507-458-5800 bcfr.susan@acegroup.cc
 BA Women, Gender & Sexuality; UW-La Crosse

Katharine and Susan graduated within the past year so qualified for free national dues under the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program. Susan attended the National Conference for Women Student Leaders sponsored by our branch a few years ago.

Carol Klitzke

2323 King St., La Crosse, WI 54601 608-780-6038 cjklitzke@viterbo.edu
 PhD Iowa State University; Hospitality Management
Carol is on the faculty of Viterbo University and will be our speaker in March. Thanks to Silvana for referring her.

Condolences to the family of member Rea Schubert who passed away in early summer. She was a good friend and neighbor of Marla French. Also she and I (Marilyn) discovered by chance that we were second cousins. She was a special lady.

Thank you from Pam

The Board approved a stipend for Pam Thiel to attend the AAUW National Convention, held this past June in New Orleans. A portion of Pam's thank you note follows:

“Thank you so much for the generous and unexpected check. It is most appreciated! I also want to thank the La Crosse Branch for all of your support over the years and voting for me in the recent election. I look forward to representing you on the National Board. Thanks again for your kindness! Fondly, Pam”

Congratulations, Lois

This year's name grant recipient is Lois Gilbert. Lois has been a very active and valuable member of our branch, donating time to the AAUW in Action study group by compiling the 25 Books for 25 Years lists, performing in Profiles of Women presentations, providing food and time for the YWCA Transitional housing meetings and, for the last 3 years, researching and writing daily items for the La Crosse Tribune Women in History feature in March. She is also the treasurer for the Art Fair on the Green.

Lois is the branch manager of both North and Southside La Crosse Public libraries.

She designated the Legal Advocacy Fund to receive the Name Grant monies. *Well deserved, Lois!*



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	Pat Staupe, 788-7439
AAUW in Action	Second Saturday of the month, after the general meeting	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Wine tasting at Wine Guyz

122 King St., La Crosse

6:30 p.m.

Hostesses: JoAnne Revels &
Pat Staupe

Reservations to Joanne at 782-1975 or
jarevels@yahoo.com

New members welcome!



AAUW in Action

Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept 14th. After the general meeting, near the Ward room, Cartwright Center.

Please stay after the general meeting and join us! AAUW in Action is a study group that serves as a springboard for community service activities for our branch that promote AAUW's mission.

Our meeting on Sept.14th will be a planning meeting for programs and projects for this year. This is your opportunity to be involved with a local organization or community cause; come help us find meaningful activities to promote AAUW's mission and the La Crosse branch.

Bookfellows

Next Meeting: October. No meeting in September

Save the Date!

The LCF June Kjome Social Justice
Conference 2013 presents:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE COULEE REGION

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Clery Center, UW-La Crosse: 8:30-5:00 p.m.

Evening session: 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

Contact: jkjome@centurytel.net or contact the Coulee Region
YWCA at: 608-781-2783 for more information.



Scholarship Committee Needs You

Job Description: Help the committee fine-tune scholarship applications, assist in the publication of scholarship availability, review two-three application pools, make tough selection decisions.

Benefits of the Job: Intrinsic satisfaction and validation of recipients' tenacity.

Current committee members need not re-apply; we want to keep you!

Other interested AAUW members, please contact one of our Scholarship Co-Chairs:

Sharon De Cicco sharon.decicco@gmail.com 788.5356

or Robert Richardson richards.rob2@uwlax.edu 788.0595

The Scholarship Committee sends HUGE kudos to the Art Fair Committee!

Without Pat Staupe and all the Art Fair Committee Members, the Scholarship Committee would not exist!.

2013 AAUW ART FAIR ON THE GREEN

By Pat Staupe, Chair



The 55th Art Fair on the Green is now history and all indications are that it was a big success. The financial report will not be done for another month or two but the attendance was very good which is a major factor in our overall profit. The UW-L bill for using the grounds always arrives long after the art fair so the books cannot be closed until that is paid.

The artists reported brisk sales and gave many favorable comments. The cool weather seemed to be a positive factor for the art fair. People spent more time perusing the booths and enjoying the overall atmosphere of the event. Did you miss the music this year? Members of Inkapirka had a medical emergency and weren't able to attend this year. They plan to be back next year.

THANK YOU to all of you for your involvement with the art fair – whether it is cash donations, volunteering for the various jobs or by serving on the committee. Some of our members have been on the committee for several years which has led to smooth operations of the art fair.

Art Fair Donations

Our appreciation to all who have sent donations for the art fair. Your generosity is a big part of what makes the Art Fair work and makes the scholarships possible. There were a few people who we missed thanking on our program. Our apologies for this oversight. We wanted to recognize your generosity in the newsletter and express our appreciation to...

Artist Awards

Coulee Bank
Erica Koonmen and Jef Jerde
Marla French
Carlene & Cameron Roberts
Marilyn Hempstead
Joan Gundersen

Scholarships

Cindy Waltherhauser
Jean Petri
Linda Eppelheimer

Purchase Awards
Bosshard Parke LTD

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair



Our Senators and Representatives will be returning to work, just as our students are returning to school. Please contact our federal elected officials today and tell them to get ready for the school year with this ***Congressional Back to School List***:

- 1** - Update the flawed and out dated No Child Left Behind Act. 40 states now have waivers, but this is not a solution. The more responsible permanent fix is to authorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- 2** - Close the legal gaps that allow bullying and harassment in schools. Some particular laws exist, but a comprehensive law is needed to eliminate the gaps. Students don't need to face the school year with relentless bullying - an atmosphere not conducive to learning for the victim, the perpetrator or the by-stander.
- 3** - Pass the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act (S. 372, H.R. 725). This will expand comprehensive sex education with effective, age appropriate, medically accurate programs. Students should have access to all necessary information about their bodies and health.

Pay Gap Persists at the Top of the Corporate Ladder.

A new salary analysis from Bloomberg, of the 5 highest paid executives in 500 companies, shows that females on average still receive 18% less than their male colleagues. Please contact our federal elected officials on this issue.

The Polaris Project has rated all 50 states on their basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, based on 10 categories. 32 states now rate in the top tier with New Jersey and Washington having perfect scores of 10. Only South Dakota remains in the bottom 4th tier. Wisconsin moved up from 3rd to 2nd tier 2 years ago, scoring 5 out of 10.

Contact our state legislators to improve the following:

- 1 - provide training in human trafficking for law enforcement state wide.
- 2 - mandate the posting of a human trafficking hot line.
- 3 - provide a statute to grant immunity and divert sexually exploited minors from juvenile delinquency proceedings to child welfare services.
- 4 - mandate the creation of a state wide victim services plan.
- 5 - vacate convictions for prostitution from the record for sex trafficking victims.

See our membership directory for contact information for legislators.

From the Treasurer
Michele Strange
Financial Report as of
August 19, 2013

Checking Account\$10,969.57

CD'snone at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$304.02

Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid your dues, now is the time! Please send your membership renewal form and \$70 to the treasurer:

Michele Strange
 2442 Redwing Rd.
 La Crosse, WI 54601

Searching for New and Corrected Email Addresses

We have streamlined our pre-meeting contact process.

Many members receive their notification via e-mail; they confirm meeting attendance via e-mail.

Some members continue to receive notification via telephone contact.

If you changed your e-mail address, we need to know your new address.

If you want to migrate from the phone list to the e-mail list, we need to know your e-address.

To make any changes, please contact Robert Richardson by e-mail: richards.rob2@uwlax.edu or Phone: 608.788.0595

AAUW National Convention Report

by Pam Thiel, Branch Member; National Board Director

The 2013 AAUW National Convention "Leading Across Generations" that was held in New Orleans is now history, but oh, what a convention it was! Over 700 members came together to network, reconnect, and learn together with the focus on skill building. The emphasis was on individual and state and branch development.

There were more workshops than ever before: membership, fundraising, public policy, STEM, bullying, and programming. You can go to the following website and link to the resources from the convention workshops: www.aauw.org/resource/national-convention-presentations.

We rejoiced in our 125 years of Fellowships and Grants of \$100 million to 12,000 recipients in more than 130 countries. And we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act, noting what is still needed to have a truly equitable workplace.

Star-studded speakers included: Former Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) and recipient of the AAUW Achievement Award; Lilly Ledbetter, the face of Pay Equity; and author Robin Gerber, who described leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt way.

And last, but certainly not least, the convention was exciting for me because I was elected as a Director to the National Board. I sincerely thank you for your vote and support!

Celebrating the Self Sufficiency Program

by Andrea Hansen, Director

Established in 1988, the Self-Sufficiency Program of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at UW-L extends access to higher education to low-income single parents who are interested in attending college.



The success of SSP hinges on the commitment and active support of community groups such as AAUW-La Crosse Chapter, the La Crosse Women's Fund, PEO chapters, the funds of the La Crosse Community Foundation, and all the generous individuals who believe that access to education should be available to all. The "Locally Grown Scholarship" fund has been established confident of these continuing commitments. This fund provides support to SSP graduates who attend area colleges at least part time. Both modest and generous contributions have enabled us to provide a \$500 scholarship each semester; since 2004, we have provided 85 scholarships @ \$500 each.

As SSP celebrates 25 years this year, we'll be featuring more information about them in future issues of *The Current*.

2013 Breakfast: Wednesday, **November 13, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**, Cleary Center on the UW-La Crosse campus. For information and reservations, call 608.785.8733 or ahansen@uwlax.edu



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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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