

October Meeting:

AAUW Today

Presenter: Pam Thiel

When: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014

Where: Room 259 (2nd floor)
Cartwright Center, UWL

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Scrambled Eggs/Salsa
Sausage, Cubed Fresh Fruit Tray,
Assorted Muffins and Coffee Cake
Chilled Carafe Orange Juice and
Cranberry Juice

Seattle's Best Regular & Decaf
Coffee, Herbal & Non-Herbal Teas

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 Wed, Oct. 8.

Pam Thiel, local branch member
and national board member, will
present the program "AAUW To-
day". She will give us an overview
on the national and international
level of AAUW and furnish new
insights into AAUW programs.

You will learn how we interface at
the local, state, and national level
on public policy and make a
difference for sexual harassment
and discrimination in work places
and on campuses.

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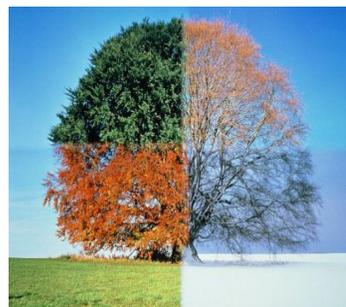


PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Cycles

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

As we move into the fall season,
we are reminded that some cycles
stay the same. The NFL has shown
us that domestic violence and
child abuse have
been and continue to
be problems in our
culture. Victims are
blamed and excuses
are made for actions
that we find hard to
understand. AAUW
has been instrumental
in the passage of the
bipartisan Violence Against Women
Act (VAWA) reauthorization. Our
branch has been asked by World
Services to host a delegation from
Tajikistan in 2015 on the topic of
Domestic Violence Prevention and
Services. Thank you to Betty Kruck
and Carlene Roberts for agreeing to
head up this project. The proposal
has been submitted and we will
learn in the coming months whether
we have been chosen as the host
organization.



And one cycle we seem to always
be in is the one for elections. The

Nov. 4 election is coming up
quickly and AAUW is sponsoring
"Get-Out-The-Vote" (GOTV)
which emphasizes the importance

of women voting,
especially with
college-age young
women. AAUW
members tend to
be regular voters
so this program
is a reminder
to encourage
registration with

younger voters. With all the
confusion regarding voter ID
requirements, we want to assist

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2014

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.

Cycles... *(continued from pg. 1)*

those that may encounter difficulties voting.

Autumn brings us new opportunities to become involved in a project or join a Study Group. If you have wanted to share ideas with others, check out the Study Group opportunities listed in this issue of The Current and choose what works for you.

For the October general meeting, we will hear from our own branch member, Pam Thiel, Director at Large for AAUW, who will update us on programs and projects at the national level. We are fortunate to have someone in our midst that knows the “bigger” picture and is able to answer questions we may have.

I hope that you are able to enjoy the beautiful fall days and take advantage of the cooler temperatures and changing colors in our area.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Already we have two new members to add to the new directory.

Susan Goeldner
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UW-L BS Psychology/Sociology

Teri Holford-Talpe
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785 8944
teri.holford@gmail.com
UW-Madison MLS Library/Info Science



Welcome to you both.

Joan Koonmen spotted the recent obituary of Pat Johns. Pat was president of our branch 1954 - 1956, but was not a member in the past many years. Condolences to her family.

There is a new supply of bookmarks, describing National one side and our branch on other, hot off the press. Thanks to Erica & Tegan. They will be available at the October meeting, great for handing to someone who might be interested in joining.

October Meeting *continued...*

There will also be information on our new research, how to engage young women in STEM and campus activities, and intriguing videos.

This program was presented at state conventions across the country last spring and received excellent reviews.

Please join us and learn how AAUW is making our voices heard in our local communities, in Congress, and globally.



Pam Thiel

Redesigned Branch Website

If you haven't visited our branch website in awhile, check it out! Our on-staff designer, Tegan Jerde-Koonmen, worked with AAUW National to move our old site to one hosted by national.

You type in the same address but will be re-directed to the new site:

<http://lacrosse-wi.aauw.net/>

The result is a cleaner, easy to navigate site with more information!

www.aauwlacrosse.org

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	Second Saturday of month, after general meeting	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 15

Time: 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Location: No event has been planned at this time. If you are interested in being a host for any of the months Oct-May, please contact Sharon DeCicco at 788-5356 or sharon.decicco@gmail.com

Hearth & Home study group meets monthly to explore new ideas, culinary experiences, fun activities and our area through visits to local businesses or in-home happenings!

What are Study Groups?

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. Please note that anyone is always welcome to attend any of these groups – no strings attached! Drop in, and bring a friend, to experience fellowship and the pleasures of lifelong learning.

AAUW in Action

Next Meeting: Sat, Oct. 11, 2014 after the general meeting

Here are a few of our events for the year; please join in if you see anything that interests you!

- *YWCA Transitional Housing group*: we'll be doing dinner and a holiday craft with the group on Dec. 9th
- *International Women's Day program*: our 3rd year of celebrating this with a panel of international women sharing their stories. Thurs, Mar. 5, 2015. UWL
- *Start Smart salary negotiation workshops*:
 - 1) Dr. Carol Klitzke, branch member, will be offering a workshop to her class at Viterbo
 - 2) Pam Thiel, branch member, is working with Moving Women Ahead group to offer a spring workshop
- *WINGS (Women Interested in Going to School)* will expand to a full day program this year. Tentative date is Saturday, April 18th.
- *Celebrating March as Women's History Month*, we'll be designing an informative window at Pearl St. Books again this year. The theme is: "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives"

New members are always welcome!



You are invited to join the La Crosse Women's Fund 17th Annual Fall luncheon on Thursday, Oct 16, 11:00am-1:00pm, UWL Cartwright Center. Enjoy a lovely lunch while listening to the featured speaker, Jeannie DuBose. "Power of Knowing your Story" One of Jeannie's core beliefs is that everyone has a story to tell--we are all more interesting than we look! Jeannie will invite you to reflect on meaningful moments in your lives. She will supply the seeds for how to engage your life story with expanded energy and authenticity to those you share your story with. To register, visit www.womensfundlacrosse.org. Cost of the luncheon is \$40.

Indigenous People's Day Event

Contributed by Diana Moran Thundercloud



Dr. Sarah Deer, 2014 MacArthur Fellows Program Award Recipient, will present "*Decolonizing the Rape Law: A Native Feminist Synthesis of Safety and Sovereignty*" on Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:00pm, Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall.

This event is free and open to the public.

Presented by UW-La Crosse Native American Student Association;
Co-Sponsored by: ALANA, WSSA, OMSS, WGSS & New Horizons.

Professor Deer first worked to address violence against women beginning when she was an undergraduate in 1993. She volunteered as a rape crisis advocate while working toward her B.A. in Women's Studies and Philosophy from the University of Kansas. She later attended law school so that she could address the social unique legal issues facing Native rape survivors, and received her J.D. with a Tribal Lawyer Certificate from the University of Kansas, School of Law. Currently, Sarah Deer serves as Associate Professor at William Mitchell College of Law located in St. Paul, MN.

Dr. Deer will also be speaking in 2 of Diana's classes on Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Gender and Human Rights (9:30am) and Women's Diversity (11am). You are invited to attend these presentations also.

Please contact Diana if you have questions: dmoranthundercloud@uwlax.edu

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair

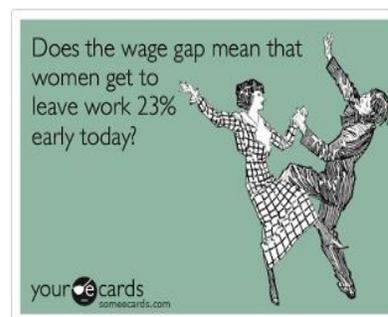
PUBLIC POLICY IMPACTING POVERTY

We are invited to join League of Women Voters La Crosse on Thurs. Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Lonnie Berger of UW Madison speak on Public Policy Impacting Poverty. The event will take place in the Marycrest Auditorium, 2nd floor of Mayo-Franciscan Hospital. Women and children are impacted disproportionately by poverty due to policies in our state and nation. Please attend this event to increase our awareness and response as AAUW members and individuals to this issue.



CONTACT OUR U.S. SENATORS

Four years ago the Supreme Court decided Citizens United could counter the 1st Amendment concerning campaign finance. The Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment would have restored the ability of Congress and state legislatures to regulate campaign finance. However, it was defeated on Sept. 11 by 48 Senators, even though recent polls show 73% of citizens in favor of the amendment. Please let Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Sen. Ron Johnson know your opinions on their vote on this important issue. Their contact information is in our directory. You can also respond through the AAUW 2-Minute Activist.



The gender pay gap has not changed for 10 years. On Sept. 10th, 73 senators finally voted to allow debate on legislation that would make a difference, but on Sept. 15th blocked it from coming to a vote. The

1963 Equal Pay Act needs updating which would impact the lives of millions of women and their families. Please contact our US Senators and let them know this issue isn't going away nor are their AAUW constituents.

From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

**Financial Report as of
September 20, 2014**

Checking Account\$12,477.08

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$1,255.02

Hilson Art Exhibit

Carrie Hilson, the 2014 winner of our branch art award through UWL, invites you to enjoy her newest exhibit:

Religious Freedom Art Exhibit.

WHERE: Common Ground
Coffee House
1334 Pine St.
La Crosse, WI

WHEN: October 11th-
November 27th, 2014

GALLERY OPENING:
October 11th,
2 to 4 pm

The artwork in this exhibit is being put on display to bring awareness of the injustice that religious minorities suffer around the world. Also in this series, I use visual means to describe what my faith means to me.

For more info about the artist,
go to:www.thehilsongallery.com

La Crosse Branch 2014-2015 Budget

The following 2014-2015 budget was approved by the Board at their meeting on September 8, 2014.

You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the October general meeting or you may contact Michele Strange at 781-6962 or mstrange@uwlax.edu.



Income

Art Fair.....	\$ 1,800
Branch Dues.....	\$ 775
Investment Income.....	\$ 0
Meals.....	\$ 150
Fundraisers (LAF, etc.)	\$ 1,650
Miscellaneous donations (LAF,etc).....	\$ 50
In Action Projects.....	\$ 200

Total Income.....\$ 4,625

Expenses

Board Tools (postage, supplies)	\$ 75
Convention.....	\$ 400
Current (printing, postage, supplies)	\$ 195
Legal Advocacy Fund Donation.....	\$ 1,000
Other Donations.....	\$ 575
Hospitality.....	\$ 25
Insurance.....	\$ 450
Membership.....	\$ 50
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 25
Name Grants.....	\$ 1,000
Organization (Directory, PO Box)	\$ 300
Program (room rent, honoraria)	\$ 500
Scholarship Expenses.....	\$ 75
In Action Projects.....	\$ 500
UWL Senior Art Award.....	\$ 50

Total Expenses.....\$ 5,220

Overall Total..... - \$595



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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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