

OCTOBER MEETING

Integrative Therapies
of La Crosse -
*A Franciscan Approach to
Community Healing.*

Presenters: Panel of Holistic
Therapy practitioners

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015

Where: Assisi Room, Franciscan
Spirituality Center, 920 Market
Street, La Crosse, WI

Parking located in the paved lot
across the street from the center

Breakfast Cost: \$10

Breakfast Menu:

Scrambled eggs, meat, fruit, breads,
coffee, hot tea and juices.

*Please note: Anyone with dietary
restrictions should notify the
person taking reservations. The
food service will do their best to
accommodate.*

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

Registration9:30 AM
Breakfast10:00AM
Program10:30AM

RSVP DEADLINE:

For cancellations or late
reservations please call Silvana
Richardson at 608-788-0595
by **NOON on MONDAY,
OCTOBER 5th.**

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Repeating Cycle

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

The weather seems more like
summer rather than fall as I write
this column, but once thing is sure:
autumn will soon be upon us with
all its beautiful colors. Hopefully
you will be able to travel near or far
to experience this repeating cycle.

As we head into autumn, our
Branch is fortunate to have two
UW-L student interns working
with us for the fall semester. Jordan
Sheets with Erica Koonmen on
Social Media, and Hanna Riedel
will help Betty Kruk and Lois
Gilbert with Public Policy. We are
glad to have them assisting us and
thanks to Erica, Betty, and Lois for
offering to work with the students!

We have several other students
who have asked for volunteering
opportunities with our branch. It is
great to have students assisting us
in our efforts!

As we gear up for the year, I would
like to remind you of several
upcoming opportunities:

1. General meeting on Oct. 10th –
read about it in this issue!
2. AAUW-WI's Legislative Day is
Thursday, Oct 15 in Madison.
\$20. Register by Oct 10 to
marymodder@hotmail.com
Registration form can be found on
the AAUW state website.
3. League of Women Voters
program, Oct 21, 5:30 at LaCrosse
Public Library - How to engage
citizens in democracy, with a focus
on students.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, Oct. 5th at 6:30 pm

Location:

Viterbo University Nursing Building,
Room 103 Meetings are open to any
member who is interested in attending.

Contact Carol at:

399-1751 or cfrobertson@charter.net
to place items on the agenda.

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

The Repeating Cycle

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Our thanks go to Robert Richardson for once again compiling the Directory for members. Copies not picked up at the October meeting will be mailed. If you cannot attend, please ask someone to grab your copy – the fewer we have to mail, the lower the cost!

As you can see, the cycle of programs and events continues. Hope you are able to take advantage of some or all of these opportunities.

Thanks for all you do.

RSVP for Meetings

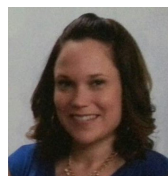
The vendors who provide meals for our meetings have requested earlier dates for final numbers. We'd like to provide a final count on the Monday morning 6 days prior to the meeting. Changes to reservations can be made by Wednesday prior to the meeting. Please try to reply to your caller or e-mail list manager by the dates in the messages you receive before the meetings.

Until we get to May and the evening Scholarship/Grant Reception, we meet on the 2nd Saturday in each month.

Self Sufficiency Program Breakfast

You are invited to attend the SSP's Locally Grown Scholarship Breakfast on Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Breakfast is served at 7:30am; the program is presented from 8-9am. It will be held at the Cleary Center on the UWL campus.

The speaker this year will be Heidi Svec; a 2003 SSP graduate.



There is no charge but please RSVP by Wed, Oct 28th to Andrea Hansen at ahansen@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8733.



Join New Horizons Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, Oct 1 at from 5-7pm. Rain or shine, the kickoff will be held at Riverside Park, Anderson Band Stand.

There will be food, speakers, a candlelight vigil and other community organizations there to promote ending

violence. This year, we are focusing on Community Activism and eliminating the Bystander Effect.

If you see violence happening, you can help!

OCTOBER MEETING

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Integrative Therapies is a collective of holistic practitioners, guided by Franciscan values, and committed to offering affordable, compassionate, integrative health care for the Common Good.

You are invited to join a panel discussion by their practitioners about the therapies they offer (including community acupuncture, cranio-sacral therapy, cupping, Mayan-abdominal massage, and healing arts) and the benefits of practicing within a mission-oriented collective. It will be an inspiring program!

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

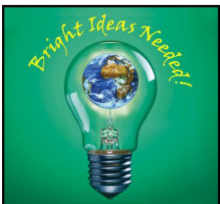
Study Group News

HEARTH & HOME

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. The group is in the process of re-organizing; it needs new members and new ideas for activities. Until further notice, the group will not be meeting.

If you are interested in planning a program for the group or if you would like to head it up, please contact Sharon at 788-5356 or sharon.decicco@gmail.com.

STUDY GROUP IDEAS NEEDED



We're looking for people with interests to share or who would like to get together to learn something new. All it takes is for someone to step up and set a date for a first meeting!

Ideas include: Art Appreciation, Game Nights, Ukelele band, Movie Goers....whatever you'd like! Please let Carol Robertson know of your interests and plans!

AAUW IN ACTION

Next Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 8, **11:00am** - Moka Coffee
127 West Ave N., La Crosse



AAUW in Action is a study group that serves as a springboard for community service activities for our branch that promote AAUW's mission.

This coming year, we'll be continuing several events:

- International Women's Day Panel
(mark your calendars for Thurs., March 10, 2016)
- Women's History Month window display
- Working with YWCA's Transitional Housing
- Start Smart Salary Negotiation workshops

We also plan to offer WINGS (Women INterested in Going to School) in the spring.

Please join us at the first meeting of the year as we set plans in motion. We welcome new members and suggestions for events and programs.

A US Supreme Court Victory



A female UPS employee requested and was denied lighter duty work due to complications with her pregnancy. She was forced to go on unpaid leave and then was fired.

The court ruled in her favor 6-3. This upheld the same rights given to employees with injuries or illness.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee invites new members to join us in our valuable and rewarding work. The committee will meet in later October for the first time this year. Reading the scholarship applications is actually exhilarating; we discover that our current high school and college students contribute in many ways to the improvement of our communities!

If you want to join this great committee, please contact Sharon DeCicco or Robert Richardson.

600K People Asked for a Woman on the \$20, What We Got Was a Major Downgrade

The Women On 20's Campaign Team | www.womenon20s.org

Earlier this year, our campaign to get a woman on paper money went viral. Hundreds of thousands of people like you took to the idea, and voted to choose Harriet Tubman to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill.

In June, the Treasury Department announced that it *would* be putting a woman on the \$10 bill -- or rather, that a woman would share the \$10 bill with Alexander Hamilton.

This is not what hundreds of thousands of people asked for. Please add your name to the petition asking the White House and the Treasury to properly respond to the Women on 20s petition to put a woman's portrait on the \$20!

John Oliver, in his characteristically hilarious and blunt way, perfectly summed up why this move felt like such a blow to us:

“ This is basically the perfect embodiment of the women’s rights movement. Women ask for something they’ve earned, a bunch of men get together and talk about it, and then they give the woman half and ask her to share it.”

Indeed, it *is* almost funny. But there's a more serious reason why we believe the \$20 bill needs to be changed: it currently features the face of our 7th president, Andrew Jackson, who is known more today for his disastrous mistreatment of native Americans and active role in slave trading than for any other aspect of his legacy. There is nothing that makes more sense than to boot Andrew Jackson from the \$20 bill and replace him with Harriet Tubman, an inspirational former slave and freedom fighter.

2020 is the 100th Anniversary of the



triumph of the 72-year campaign that won women in the U.S. the right to vote. Women on the \$20 will be a constant reminder of this historic, non-violent campaign for women's right to participate in our democracy.

It's time American currency values women as much as it values men. Please sign the petition telling President Obama and the Treasury Department that women deserve more than the \$10 bill.

The Women On 20's Campaign is a 2016 Partner of the National Women's History Project

Call: (707) 636-2888

Email: nwhp@nwhp.org

Web: www.nwhp.org

www.womenon20s.org

FROM THE TREASURER

Kristin Foehner

Financial Report as of September 18, 2015

Checking Account\$10,224.46

CD'snone at this time

Scholarship Bridge.....\$364.02

DUES REMINDER

Please remember that now is the time for renewing your AAUW dues.

Dues are \$70, of which \$46 is tax deductible.

If dues are not received by October 31, your name will be removed from the local and national rosters.

Please mail your dues to:

Kristen Foehner
4104 Beverly Drive
Onalaska, WI 54650

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES**

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Congratulations! Member **Diana Moran**

Thundercloud was hired to be the principal at a school in western South Dakota close to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We wish her well in a position in which her skills will highly benefit the pupils and community.



Welcome! New member **Patti Savarin** recently moved from Iron Mountain, MI, where she was an active AAUW member. She joined just in time to be included in the new directory, so her contact info can be found there. We were happy to meet Patti at the September meeting!

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Public Policy Chair

Support Title IX in Our Local Schools

Title IX requires that every school have at least one employee - known as the *Title IX Coordinator* - who's responsible for coordinating the school's compliance with the law. The US Dept. of Education has issued new resources to help coordinators do their jobs. Coordinators should monitor the number of girls in STEM classes and athletics, address complaints of sexual harassment or violence, and support pregnant and parenting students.



AAUW members can help enforce Title IX by making our local school districts aware of these resources. The materials you will need to help your local schools become Title IX compliant can be found at www.aauw.org/resource/TitleIXDelivery. Female students are counting on AAUW to do so!

WI State Budget Holds Few Victories

Wisconsin will spend \$1,014 less per year per student now than in 2008. The voucher program was expanded, reducing public school funding even more. Special Needs Vouchers allow students with disabilities to attend private schools, but they do not have the same rights and protections as those who attend public schools. The budget also establishes new ways to create charter schools without the approval of local school boards. They will be financed like vouchers that shift funding from public school districts. One bright spot is that teacher certification requirements remained mostly intact. Our feedback to state legislators continues to be as important as ever. **Keep those e-mail addresses and phone numbers handy - right in the back of our branch directories!**



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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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