

## September Meeting:

### *Modern Motherhood - A Look at the Development of Motherhood in the US*

**Presenter:**

Dr. Jodi Vandeberg-Daves,  
UW-L Dept. of Women's,  
Gender & Sexuality Studies.

**When:** Thurs, September 10, 2015

**Where:** Viterbo School of  
Nursing Foyer and Room 195

**Reception Cost:** \$10.00

**Menu:** *Light hors d'oeuvres,  
Coffee and lemonade*

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.

Members who do not wish to come for hors d'oeuvres, are welcome to attend the program portion at no charge.

**Registration: 5:00 pm**

**Food and Socializing: 5:00-5:45**

**Program: 5:45**

*Call Sue Heuer at 608-526-9397 by 5:00 pm, Mon. Sept. 7, for late reservations or cancellations.*

It hardly seems possible that summer is drawing to a close and we are about to begin another AAUW program year. We are excited about our line up of programs and are grateful for your varied suggestions, many of which have been incorporated into our 2015-2016 schedule.

Because many of our members

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### Beginning Again

*by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President*

September is upon us again with the restart of school, general meetings, book clubs, community projects, and all those activities that took a hiatus during the summer. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy time with family and friends.

As in summers' past, our branch had another successful Art Fair on the Green. Even though the attendance was slightly lower than previous years, preliminary numbers look like we will be able to continue our tradition of awarding numerous scholarships in May of '16. A huge thank you goes 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. I am always impressed with the response we get from members, friends, spouses, family members, and visiting relatives who are so willing to donate their time to do whatever it

takes to make art fair weekend as successful as it is each year.



Sue Heuer and Silvana Richardson, Program Co-chairs, have been busy this summer arranging programs/speakers for our general meetings. Thanks to them for time spent in the last few months so that we have an interesting and informative list of people to enlighten and educate us in the months to come.

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## Next Board Meeting

**Monday, August 31, 2015**

**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 [cforbertson@charter.net](mailto:cforbertson@charter.net) to place items on the agenda.

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## Beginning Again... *(continued from pg. 1)*

In this issue, you will see a list of Board members for 2015/1016. 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. You will be able to pick up your copy of the new directory at the general meeting on Thursday evening, September 10. Yes, we are holding our first meeting of the year the same way we closed out in May – an evening meeting on Thursday so we will not conflict with “Steppin’ Out in Pink” on Saturday, Sept 12. Some of our members cannot attend on Saturdays, so we are giving an option for those of you who have asked us to have meeting other than on a Saturday.

Hope your summer was a good one whether you stayed home or did some traveling. I look forward to seeing you at the September general meeting.

### Your 2015-2016 Board

President .....	Carol Robertson
VP - President Elect .....	Michele Strange
VP – Finance .....	Kristin Foehner
VP – Membership .....	Marilyn Hempstead
VP’s – Program .....	Sue Heuer & Silvana Richardson
Secretary .....	Cindy Waltershausen
Historian .....	Marilyn Hempstead
By Laws .....	Open
Publicity .....	Betty Kruck
Public Policy .....	Carlene Roberts
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E-Mail RSVP Coordinator .....	Robert Richardson
AAUW In Action Coordinator .....	Erica Koonmen
Scholarship Co-chairs .....	Sharon De Cicco & Robert Richardson
Membership Directory .....	Robert Richardson
Scholarship Bridge .....	Sharon De Cicco
University Relations: .....	UWL: Andrea Hansen
.....	Viterbo: open
.....	WTC: open



## September Meeting continued...

either participate in or volunteer for the annual Steppin’ Out in Pink event, we’ve changed our meeting date to Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015. We will use the same format as we did for our Scholarship Awards Reception in May.

Do join us for a presentation by Dr. Jodi Vandenberg Daves, Professor of Women’s Studies and History at UW-La Crosse. Dr. Vandenberg-Daves did her undergraduate work at Macalester College and holds a PHD from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Vandenberg-Daves teaches classes, does research, and is a published author. Her book, *“Modern Motherhood An American History”* discusses the significance of motherhood and its development in the US.



*Dr. Jodi Vandenberg-Daves*

There are many opportunities to be involved in Steppin’ Out in Pink. Go to their website at SteppinOutinPink to register as a walker, become a volunteer, or make a donation. Hope to see you there!



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

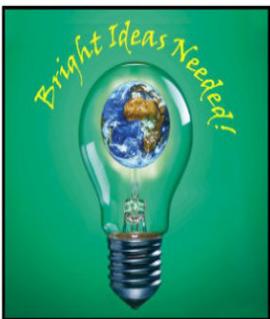
## Study Group News

### 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 are looking for people with interests they are willing to share or people who would like to get together and learn something new. There are lots of great ideas for study groups and all it takes to get one going is someone to step up and set a date for a first meeting!

Our branch has a book club that's full so maybe another one would be a good idea. Other ideas include: an Art Appreciation group, Game Nights, Ukelele band, Movie Goers....whatever you'd like to make happen!

Please let Carol Robertson know of your interests and plans.

### AAUW in Action

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Oct. 8 1:00pm  
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 Thursday, 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.***



## 2015 Name Grant Awarded



Congratulations to Carol Robertson, our current branch president, on being the 2015 Name Grant recipient! Carol has been a branch member since 2008. She jumped right in by volunteering with the Art Fair and has also served as Membership VP, Community Days chair, Art Fair Artist Co-Chair and now Art Fair Chair. A well-deserved recognition!

## Art Fair Thank You

by Jan Eriksen & Marilyn Hemstead, Awards Co-Chairs

Thank you, AAUW La Crosse Branch members, for your financial contributions to the Art Fair on the Green. Your donations helped us raise \$1,450 in Purchase Awards, \$1,105 in Artists' Awards, and \$2,240 toward the Scholarship Fund. Of course, much more will be added to the Scholarship Fund due to gate receipts and artists' booth fees. And, although the Purchase Awards and Artists' Awards go to the artists, the promise of possible awards helps recruit quality artists.

We are grateful for your generosity in supporting the Art Fair and, ultimately, scholarships for deserving area high school and college students.

The winners of the Artists' Awards were Timothy Kobs, painter, for Best Two-Dimensional Art; Alvis Stazdins, jewelry maker, for Best Three-Dimensional Art; and Katherine McMahan, fiber artist, for Best Green Art. Olga Krasovska, painter, won the People's Choice Award.

## Feminism on Tap



Feminism on Tap is an informal educational series. Our local movement is modeled after the successful series in Madison and Milwaukee, WI. Feminism on Tap-La Crosse was established by Options Clinic, New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, and the YWCA-La Crosse in December 2014. Our goal is to connect community members with local non-profits and other community educators to discuss important issues that impact equality for all. The program meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00-7:00 pm at various locations around the area. The next program is Wed, Sept 2 at The Root Note, 115 4th St. S. The program is "Health Literacy". For more info, check out their Facebook page or email them at: [feminismontap@gmail.com](mailto:feminismontap@gmail.com)

## Public Policy

From AAUW.org

### Public Policy Principles for Action

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW believes that high-quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to economic prosperity and gender equality. We advocate equitable climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault. We support academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education and programs for students with disabilities. We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty. We promote equitable efforts to close the persistent achievement gap that disproportionately affects low-income children and students from minority communities.

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well-being are an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities; reduction of poverty; a living wage; quality affordable dependent care; paid family and medical leave; safe, livable, and affordable housing; quality affordable and accessible health care including reproductive health care; and a clean and healthful environment. We support a Social Security system that provides inflation-protected, guaranteed lifetime benefits with a progressive benefit formula, spousal and widow benefits, and disability and survivor benefits. We oppose any efforts to undermine Medicare and Medicaid, including privatization and block grant proposals.

AAUW believes in the right to privacy and freedom from violence. We firmly believe in the separation of church and state. We support a fair, balanced, & independent judiciary. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community. We see an urgent need for campaign finance reform, open and fair elections, and nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office.

AAUW supports affirmative action to improve racial, ethnic, gender, and cultural diversity and inclusion. This includes creating a culture of involvement, respect, and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized.

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking and that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We support the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations. We affirm our active participation in the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and our commitment to ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

*From the Treasurer  
Kristin Foehner*

## Financial Report as of August 20, 2015

Checking Account .....\$9,803.46

### CD's

*none at this time*

Scholarship Bridge .....\$320.02

## 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*

***This summer two new members have been added to our branch.***

Linda Myers  
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Kent College of Law, JD  
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Anita Evans  
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608 799 3461  
U of Michigan, MA Library Science  
anitalarry@centruytel.net

Linda moved to La Crosse from Washington, D.C. in April.

Anita is a retired director of the UW-L Murphy Library.

Welcome to Linda and Anita. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

*Congratulations* to member Gloria Doyle whose investiture as Branch Judge of the 5th Circuit Court occurred on August 10. We wish her well in her new position serving our community.

*Condolences* to Grace Nicholson-Maly on the passing of her daughter-in-law who succumbed to cancer early this summer. Our hearts also go out to Grace's son and her 4 year old grandson who lost wife and mother.

## AAUW- WI District Meeting

Greetings to All,

My name is Suzie Danielson and I am currently AAUW-WI District Coordinator for District 4. At convention we met as the new District 1. Even though the redistricting was voted down, I have permission to go ahead with our ideas that we talked about at convention. I am inviting anyone interested from your branch to come to Osseo for a "new" district meeting. This invitation is going out to River Falls, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, La Crosse and Tomah. There will be someone from UWRF to talk about marketing from the standpoint of nonprofits. The meeting will be from 9:00 to 1:00 at Moe's Diner at 12701 10th Street, Osseo, WI. We will have a chance to hear some ideas on marketing and then talk through some of those ideas to see how they might help our branches. Please let me know if you will be attending by September 12 at [suzied40@hotmail.com](mailto:suzied40@hotmail.com)

## Self Sufficiency Program Info

The Self-Sufficiency Program's fall semester begins Tuesday, September 15, 6 – 8 pm. Supported by AAUW-La Crosse Branch, SSP is a free pre-college program that helps low-income and single parents prepare to be successful college students. Applications are available at [www.uwlax.edu/ssp](http://www.uwlax.edu/ssp) and by calling 608.785.8733. Childcare is provided for each session.

A reminder too: the 2015 SSP Locally Grown Scholarship Breakfast is Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30-9 a.m.



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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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