

## April Meeting:

### Profiles of Women Past and Present & Election and Installation of Officers

**Presenters:** Branch members

**When:** Saturday, April 12, 2014

**Where:** Ward Room, Cartwright  
Center, UW-L

**Breakfast Cost:** \$10.00

**Menu:** Scrambled Eggs /Salsa,  
Seasonal Cubed Fresh Fruit Tray,  
Breakfast Baked Goods (Turnovers  
and Scones), Orange Juice and  
Cranberry Juice, Freshly Brewed  
Seattle's Best Coffee and Seattle's  
Best Decaffeinated Coffee  
Herbal and 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  
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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### Moving Forward

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Hard to believe there are only two more meetings left in this year for our Branch, but they serve to remind us what we are all about. At April's meeting we will hear from our own members who will portray "Profiles of Women" for us. We will see and hear from those women who have inspired us for what they did and what they stood for. Also at this meeting we will elect our executive officers for the coming year who will guide us through the 2014/15 year.

In May we celebrate the culmination of all our fundraising efforts - AAUW Art Fair on the Green last summer, silent Art Auction and gift wrapping in December - as we award the annual scholarships to the deserving recipients. AAUW is an advocate for education and our Branch upholds that tradition through this annual awarding of scholarships. Many thanks go to

the Scholarship Committee for their diligent work in reviewing applications and taking the time to ensure that as many as possible are rewarded for their academic accomplishments.

April also brings us to a new event our Branch is sponsoring this year. WINGS (Women Interested in Going to School) will be held April 12 from 1:30-5:30pm. Details can be found in the In Action article in this issue.

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## Next Board Meeting

**Monday, April 7, 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](mailto:cfrobertson@charter.net) to place  
items on the agenda

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## Moving Forward... *(continued from pg. 1)*

Thanks go to Erica Koonmen and Andrea Hansen and their committee for organizing this worthwhile event to assist women in furthering their education.

And, of course, we couldn't hand out the scholarships without the ongoing work of the Art Fair Committee. In April the committee will meet to make sure the plans are on schedule. Artists are sending in their applications and Jury Day for new artists will be held in April. The Art Fair is truly a Branch effort and my thanks go to all who volunteer.

April also brings State Convention which will be held this year April 25/26 in Eau Claire. Check out the article in Badger Briefs for all the details.

Thanks for all you do to keep up these activities.

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## Membership News

*by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership*

### ***Address Change***

Marian Ramlow has moved but kept her telephone number. The change for the directory is:

Hillview Terrace Apt 210  
3503 Park Lane Drive  
La Crosse, WI 54601

### ***New Family Members***

In this column we don't usually mention births. However, this is unusual. Member Sharon De Cicco became grandmother to twin boys this March 15, Paul Henry and Dominic Peter. They are the second set of twin grandsons to be born in her family within one year. Congratulations!

### ***Calling Prospective Members***

As the year is winding down, the guidelines for joining our branch change. After March 15th a new member's dues will be applied to the 2014/2015-year. All benefits for this year also will accrue as soon as dues are paid.



## *April Meeting (cont.)*

is a series of 3 books with inspiring women's history monologues. Our study group, AAUW In Action, purchased the entire series so that we could present these women's stories to our community.

We've done programs at the La Crosse libraries the past 2 years. Our members pick a woman that interests them, find the necessary costume and props and present the stories in first-person. UWL students from the Dept. of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin- Badgerland Council have also participated as presenters.

We hope that you enjoy the inspirational stories of the women we have chosen to portray for this month's meeting!

At this meeting, we'll also be holding our annual meeting for the election and installation of officers.



*One of our first presentations: Eleanor Roosevelt, Alice Paul, Georgia O'Keeffe, Annie Peck Smith, Maya Angelou, Grace Hopper, Annie Oakley, Sandra Day O'Connor and Juliette Gordon Low.*

| Study Group                   | Meeting day/time                                 | Contact person            |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| AAUW in Action                | 2nd Saturday of month, after the general meeting | Erica Koonmen, 366-1509   |
| Hearth & Home                 | 3rd Wednesday of month, evenings                 | Sharon De Cicco, 788-5356 |
| Contemporary Authors          | 3rd Tuesday of month at 2:00pm                   | Alice Ross, 788-4206      |
| Scholarship Bridge/Card Games | TBA  | Sharon De Cicco, 788-5356 |
| Bookfellows                   | 3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm                 | Liz Wing, 782-7963        |

## Study Group News

### Hearth & Home

What: Dining Out!

When: Wednesday, April 16th - 6:00 PM

Where: Drugan's, Hwy 53N, Holmen

Cost: Choose from the menu; pay on your own.

Check out their website at: [www.drugans.com](http://www.drugans.com)

RSVP by April 14th to Jane Wernecke: email [ajja701@triwest.net](mailto:ajja701@triwest.net) or call: 780-1121.



### AAUW in Action

*Next Meeting: TBA*

- **WINGS** (Women Interested In Going to School) program in conjunction with UWL's Self-Sufficiency Program will be held April 12, 2014 from 1:30-5:30pm. This program helps women gain the confidence to pursue higher education.

We are currently accepting registrations--please encourage anyone you know who might be interested to contact us at [aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com](mailto:aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com) for a registration form.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide food! Since the program is right after the general meeting, you can bring your food donations to the meeting.

If you would like more info about how to help, please let Erica know.

I hope you had a chance to check out the window display at Pearl Street Books celebrating Women's History Month. Thank you to Lois Gilbert, Marilyn Hempstead, Betty Kruck and Carol Robertson for their talented work on that!

*New members are always welcome!*



## International Women's Day Celebration

by Marilyn Hempstead

Among the projects our study group, AAUW In Action, orchestrates during Women's History Month is the program celebrating International Women's Day. Held March 6th in the Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall, UW-L, we had an outstanding attendance! We appreciate our panelists: Gina Yang from Laos, Clare Wright from Brazil, Lily Augustine from Pakistan and Busya Lugovier from Russia. Diana Moran Thundercloud, who was a panelist last year and is now an AAUW member, introduced the panel.



From L-R: Busya Lugovier, Clare Wright, Lily Augustine, Gina Yang

We are grateful to have the support of other organizations: UW-L Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department; UW-L Office of International Education; YWCA – La Crosse; Gunderson Global Partners; World Services of La Crosse and the League of Women Voters.

## Branch Art Award

For the second year, our branch presented a \$50 art award at the All Student Art Exhibition. On March 7, Carol Robertson and Michele Strange attended the event at the gallery in the UWL Fine Arts Building where Carrie Hilson was given the award. Carrie's artwork is entitled "The Missing Heritage".



Branch  
President  
Carol  
Robertson with  
Carrie Hilson

## Public Policy

by Carlene Roberts, Chair

### Equal Pay Day, April 8

President Obama gave an exciting speech at a college in Florida recently, in the presence of some AAUW members and supporters. The President talked about equal pay, paid family and medical leave, access to higher education and increasing the minimum wage. (Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10/hour would cut the wage discrepancy for females by 5 percentage points.)

President Obama's speech launched the White House campaign to draw attention to the needs of women and their families. The Department of Labor's Women's Bureau will hold a series of events - regional summits - that will culminate in a 'White House Summit on Working Families' on June 23.

Equal Pay Day falls in the middle of this campaign on April 8. This is the date when the average woman's salary catches up to the average man's salary earned during 2013. This is an exciting effort, supporting several of AAUW's stands on issues that increase equity for women and girls and promotes education for all.

Watch for more on this in the near future, and look for ways you can become involved.

In the five years since the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act became law, the average woman working full time lost **\$58,050** to the wage gap.

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*From the Treasurer*  
*Michele Strange*

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

Checking Account .....\$12,548.11

**CD's**

*none at this time*

Scholarship Bridge .....\$ 984.02

**New Book by Jodi  
Vandenberg-Daves**

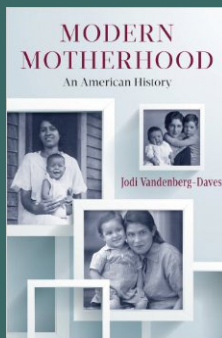
*professor of Women's Studies at the  
University of Wisconsin La Crosse*

Coming May 23rd--  
Modern Motherhood: An  
American History.

How did mothers transform  
from parents of secondary  
importance in the colonies  
to having their multiple and  
complex roles connected to the  
well-being of the nation?

In the first comprehensive  
history of motherhood in the  
United States, Jodi Vandenberg-  
Daves

explores how  
tensions over  
the maternal  
role have  
been part and  
parcel of the  
development  
of American  
society.



*Congratulations, Jodi!*

**It's Time For the State Convention!**

On April 25-26, we will gather for the 94th Annual State Convention in Eau Claire. Plan on joining us in Eau Claire at the Holiday Inn South for two days of networking, gathering new ideas and learning more about AAUW.



Friday kicks off at 1 pm with a pre-convention workshop on \$tart \$mart salary negotiation training. Our branch has 3 trained facilitators and we've already offered 1 workshop with more in the planning. If you're interested in becoming a facilitator, this is a perfect opportunity to get the training!

Friday evening will be a showing of GIRL RISING – an Inspirational film of girls around the world who face heartbreaking circumstances, but who are determined to get an education.

Saturday continues with keynote speaker Catherine Hill (AAUW Director of Research) presenting *The Role of AAUW Research in Advocacy* and an afternoon of workshops.

You can get all the information as well as registration forms in your latest issue of or at the website: <http://aauw-wi.aauw.net>

**Slate of Officers for 2014-2015**

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Betty Kruck, Marilyn Hempstead, and Carol Robertson, is pleased to present the candidates for officers for the La Crosse Branch.

President: Carol Robertson - for 1 yr term

President Elect: open for now

VP Finance: Michele Strange – serving 1 more year on her 2 year term

VP Membership: Marilyn Hempstead – re-election for another 2 year term

VP Program: Marla French – for 1 yr term

Sue Heuer – for 2 yr term

Secretary: Cindy Waltershausen – for 2 yr term

Thank you to all who have agreed to accept these positions for 2014/15. We will vote and install at the April Annual Meeting.

Additional nominations will be accepted by contacting one of the members of the Nominating Committee at anytime or from the floor at the Annual Meeting.



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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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