

*February Meeting:
The Park System in
La Crosse:
John Nolen to
Steve Carlyon*



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Presenter: Steven C. Carlyon
*La Crosse Parks & Recreation
Director*

When: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014

Where: UWL Cartwright Center
Ward Room

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: *Ham and Cheese Quiche,
Fresh Fruit Tray, two Breakfast
Baked Goods, Chilled Carafe
Orange Juice and Cranberry
Juice, Freshly Brewed Seattle's
Best Coffee and Seattle's Best
Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal
& Non-Herbal Teas to include
Decaffeinated Tea*

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., Feb. 5 2014.

Steve Carlyon, Director of Parks and



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Caring For Others

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

As Valentine's Day approaches and as we have recently observed Martin Luther King Day, I am reminded of what it means to care for others. Caring takes on many different faces. It may be volunteering at a shelter, cooking a meal for a family, donating clothing so people can stay warm, or fighting for equality. It can take the shape of making others aware of discrimination whether in pay or voting rights. It may take the shape of being inclusive to those perceived as "different". Whatever form caring takes, we need to be aware of those who need assistance – physically, emotionally, or economically.

Our Branch cares for others by supporting the various projects we have, one of which is Herberger's Community Days. You may ask how the action of buying and selling coupon books helps others. The money raised from this effort goes to the Legal Advocacy Fund which supports the legal cases involved in

equal pay, gender discrimination on the job, and the military sexual assault cases. People need to know that others care what happens to them and that they are not alone in their struggles.

As we ramp up for the annual AAUW Art Fair on the Green scheduled for July 26 & 27, we are reminded of how many young women have been helped to further their education by the scholarships that have been

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, February 3, 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

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Caring For Others... (continued from pg. 1)

provided by the proceeds from the Art Fair. AAUW has a long history of supporting women's education and we continue that tradition.

I would encourage you as you read of the various projects that our Branch offers to see which one speaks to you and volunteer to help. Caring benefits both those receiving and those who are giving.

Thank you to all of you for how you have cared for others and for how you will continue to care.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Congratulations are in order in the careers of two members:



Lois Gilbert retired January 2 from her position as director of the La Crosse North and South libraries. Best wishes, Lois, as you rest on well deserved laurels.

Carol Klitzke who was hired ABD (All But Dissertation) by Viterbo University as Associate Professor in Dietetics received her Ph.D this past semester. Good work, Carol!

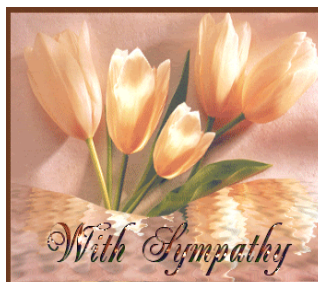
New Member Information

When Erica's mom was welcomed in last month's newsletter, her info was not included. Here it is to add to your directory:

Joan Koonmen
1209 Euclid Ave
Sparta, WI 54656
608-366-1825
Marygrove College, BA Art
flitswi@hotmail.com

Condolences

The branch extends our sympathy to long time branch member Marian Ramlow and her family on the death of Marian's husband of 70 years, Dr. Robert Ramlow. Daughter Liza has been staying with her parents and will help Marian now in this difficult period. We have been happy to see Liza at our meetings.



February Meeting (cont.)

Recreation for the city of La Crosse will be the featured speaker at the February meeting. He has held the position for the past seven years.

Prior to taking this job, Steve in charge of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation for the United States Air Force, a civilian position. He retired after 27 years in government service.

Steve will be speaking on the background, as well as the future of our local park system, including the work of John Nolan, who long ago created the parks system for La Crosse.

He holds an undergraduate degree in Parks and Recreation from the University of Memphis, and a graduate degree in Leisure Studies from the University of Illinois. He is married, with 2 children.



Steve Carlyon

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 DeCicco, 788-5356
Contemporary Authors	3rd Tuesday of month at 2:00pm	Alice Ross, 788-4206
Scholarship Bridge/Card Games	TBA	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Liz Wing, 782-7963

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

The annual Hearth and Home

Valentine's party

When: Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Bring something edible that is either red, heart-shaped, or in a heart container.

Also bring an inexpensive (\$10 or under) wrapped gift to exchange.

Host: Patt Boge
219 21st St. S.
La Crosse.
Home phone:
608-784-3952.



Look for the heart-shaped, lighted big wreath on the front of the house.

AAUW in Action

*Next Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2014
right after the general meeting*

- We welcome our first Intern:

Eugenia Castro will be doing a Public Policy internship with our branch this spring. She will be working with Betty Kruck on projects related to AAUW's Public Policies. Genia is a December 2013 graduate of UWL. We hope to be able to introduce her at one of the general meetings soon.

Two other branch internships will be offered through UWL: Social Media and Diversity.

- International Women's Day Program:

Thurs, March 6, 2014, 5:30-7pm; Hall of Nations, UWL. A presentation featuring 4 women from different cultures sharing their stories. Watch for fliers soon!

- WINGS (Women Interested In Going to School) program in conjunction with UWL's Self-Sufficiency Program will be held April 12, 2014 from 9am-1pm. This program helps women gain the confidence to pursue higher education. We be providing snacks and lunch and invite all branch members to help by donating food. If you would like more info about how to help, please let Erica know.

New members are always welcome!

Scholarship News

by Robert Richardson, Co-Chair

The La Crosse Branch of AAUW will award scholarships at our May Branch Meeting (called the "Scholarship Brunch"). If you know of an interested/potential applicant for any of these scholarships, please refer that person to our website or direct the person to the high school guidance office or the college/university scholarship website. We must receive all completed applications by March 1, 2014.



All **Karen Wilson Scholarship** applicants must arrive with a nomination by a branch member. These nominee-applicants must be non-traditional students.

You probably know one or more individuals who meet the following criteria:

- 1) An applicant must be female and age 30 or older.
- 2) An applicant must apply credits earned with the help of this scholarship toward a specific educational goal. A person taking graduate courses toward a Master's Degree can apply. A person taking courses in order to update or change careers can apply. A person taking courses for personal enrichment will not be considered.
- 3) An applicant must plan to enroll for the next academic year in an institution of higher education (excluding proprietary schools).

The applicant must complete all parts of the application as indicated on the form, which can be found on our website or by contacting the scholarship committee at aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com.

Public Policy

by Carlene Roberts, Chair

Paycheck Fairness Act:

From the Shriver Report, for which AAUW served as a resource:

'If women in the U.S. received equal pay for equal work, the poverty rate for working women would be cut in half.'

From Lilly Ledbetter: 'Giving women my Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, without the Paycheck Fairness Act, is like giving them a nail without a hammer.'

PLEASE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT.

This week: the White House College Opportunity Summit took place with 100 college and university presidents - many C/U Partners with AAUW - joining administration officials to discuss how to increase access to higher education. Those that attended committed to projects to improve/increase college counseling, college access and college affordability. AAUW's mission to improve access to higher education for all students, especially women, helped make this possible.

Women's Health:

The good news - medications that help prevent breast cancer, for women who are at increased risk, will be fully covered under the Affordable Care Act, without co-pay or cost-sharing.

The bad news - in state legislatures across the country, more abortion restrictions have been passed in the last 3 years than in the previous decade. Legislation concerning maternity leave, health coverage, equal pay, child care, affordable housing and domestic violence prevention/protection is more scarce.

PLEASE, REMEMBER TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL OUR LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

Financial Report as of January 20, 2014

Checking Account\$11, 573.73

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$ 924.02

Nominating Committee for 2014-2015 Board

Marilyn Hempstead and Betty Kruck have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee with Carol Robertson.

The committee will meet in February and present the candidates in the March issue of The Current and at the March meeting.



LAF Community Days Fundraiser

By Marcia Wine, Chair

Herberger's Community Days are February 28 and March 1 this year. Booklets will be available for pickup at the February General Meeting with the remainder being mailed out.

We will be selling booklets at Heberger's in 2 hour shifts. A schedule will be available at the February meeting as well. You may also contact Marcia Wine at 783-0172 or mrswineiii@charter.net.

This is our annual LAF fundraiser. Last year we sent \$1500 to this fund which supports ending sex discrimination in workplaces and in higher education.

UWL WGSS Happenings

By Mahruq Kahn, UWL Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Dept.

- 1) **SISTERS OF FREEDOM:**
A 6-poster exhibit, highlighting the work of 40 Remarkable African- American Women



Feb 10-14, 2014

Cartwright Center Galley

The panel exhibit will be displayed near the Cartwright Info. Desk and Red Mango.

- 2) **MISS SAIGON, ORIENTALISM, AND THE PROBLEMATICS OF INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION: CHALLENGING RACIAL, GENDERED, AND FAMILIAL COMMONSENSE.**

Dr. Sara Docan-Morgan, Communication Studies and

Dr. Gerald Iguchi, History

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

4pm; Hall of Nations, 1300 Centennial

In this talk, Dr. Sara Docan-Morgan will discuss difficulties faced by Koreans adopted by white American parents and how narratives of cultural forms such as Miss Saigon and its predecessor Madame Butterfly exacerbate and perpetuate their pain and alienation. Dr. Gerald Iguchi will discuss a long history of the Orientalist, imperialist, and racial commonsense present in and perpetuated by the aestheticized racism of these same cultural forms. The idea for this presentation arose out of protests against the October 2013 theatrical run of Miss Saigon at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul, MN. Both Docan-Morgan and Iguchi are themselves products of inter-ethnic, inter-”racial” adoption.



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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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