

*March Meeting:
Outside the Fence:
Food Defense in
Northern U. S.
Schools*

Presenter: Dr. Carol Klitzke
Associate Professor of Nutrition
Viterbo University

When: Saturday, Mar. 8, 2014

Where: Room 195, School of
Nursing, Viterbo University

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Assorted Quiches, Fresh
Fruit, Scones, Juice, Coffee and 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., March 5
2014.*

More simply expressed, the question
is “How do you prevent food
tampering?” Dr. Carol Klitzke’s
interest in Dietetics stems from her
interest in food and science, leading
her to research in that field. She’ll
be sharing with us the results of
her survey of five different school

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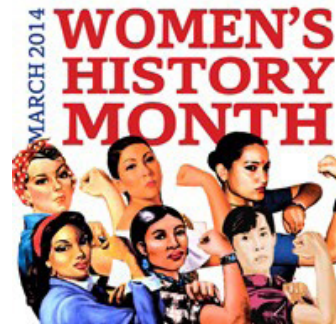
MARCH 2014



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: Women's History Month

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

After watching the USA Women's Hockey Team play an awesome game against Canada for the Gold Medal and even though I wanted a different outcome, I am reminded of how young women such as those representing USA in the Olympics were able to play for their respective schools because of Title IX. Girls did not always have the opportunity to participate in the sports they wanted to play. We owe a debt of gratitude for those who worked to make Title IX a reality so girls can experience “the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat”.



The theme this year highlights women of “Character, Courage, and Commitment”. A big thank you goes to Lois Gilbert who is researching and submitting the items to be published. Be sure to look for these in the Tribune beginning March 1. Secondly, as we have done the last couple of years, we will have a display in the windows of Pearl Street Books, La Crosse to showcase Women's History. Take a look as you shop downtown.

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, March 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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Women's History Month... *(continued from pg. 1)*

Thirdly, AAUW is sponsoring with UW-L an International Women's Day Event to be held March 6, 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, on the UW-L campus. Four women will share their experiences as to how their country's attitudes toward women have affected their lives. Last year's program was very enlightening. Check out the details in this issue.

March is also when our Scholarship Committee conducts their process of reviewing and recommending deserving students for the respective scholarships our Branch offers each year. Thank you to all who volunteer their time so that students can receive the education they have earned.

We have a lot to celebrate and acknowledge as we remember the accomplishments of women that came before us and we have an obligation to build on their achievements.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

We welcome Gloria Doyle's mom Carolyn as a new member. Please add her information to your directory.

Carolyn C. Wicker
351 Mason St., Apt. 321
Onalaska, WI 54650
608-779-1837
ccwicker22@yahoo.com
Wayne State U, BS Special Ed/Speech & Language Therapy



We offer sincere condolences to Sheila Garrity and her family on the sudden loss of her brother.

Grace Nicholson-Maly has moved from Trempeleau to River Place Apartments in La Crosse and has a new phone number 608-385-6946.

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.

March Meeting (cont.)

districts, and interviews of 25 people ranging from administrators to cooks. Among that relatively small group, she found 8 incidents of food tampering, or something being added to the food served in the lunch program, leading her to the realization that the problem is more widespread than one might think.

Dr. Klitzke, an Associate Professor of Nutrition, teaches courses in food science and foodservice management in the Nutrition and Dietetics department. Her courses are part of the Coordinated Program in Community Medical Dietetics, which combines a 1200-hour internship with a Bachelor Degree in Dietetics. She has been at Viterbo for over 28 years. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and Master's from Stout. She completed her Ph. D. In Hospitality Management at Iowa State University and holds a graduate certificate in Food Safety and Defense.

She is also an AAUW La Crosse branch member.



Dr. Carol Klitzke

From the Treasurer Michele Strange

Financial Report as of February 20, 2014

Checking Account\$11, 130.86

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$ 934.02

WTC Seeks Nominations

Tara Johnson, Chair, Board Appointment Committee of the Western Technical College District, is looking for candidates for members to the board.

This is a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017.

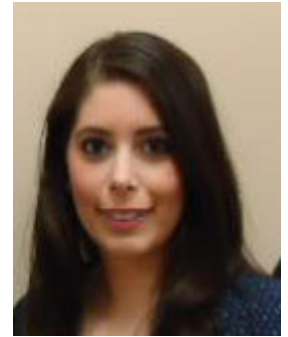
For more information, visit:
<http://systemattic.wtcsystem.edu/Policy/appointment-process.htm>



La Crosse Branch Public Policy Intern

By Betty Kruck

Our AAUW La Crosse Branch is pleased to welcome Genia Castro as an Intern with our branch working in the area of Public Policy. Genia completed a Bachelor of Science Degree from Montana State University with a Major in Secondary Education and a double minor in Government and History Teaching. She also completed a Bachelor of Science Degree from UW-L with a Major in Women's Studies. Genia was active on the UW-L campus as Women's Studies Student Association President and Intern, worked as an undergraduate research assistant, served on a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Knowledge into Action Panel and participated in Empowering Women, Inc. Genia plans to enroll in law school and hopes to one day run for public office.



As an Intern with our branch, Genia is closely following updates on legislative news from the AAUW National Public Policy Office. She is investigating AAUW national programs and projects available to branches and to college campuses, and she is attending a Wisconsin Supreme Court Hearing in Madison. Carlene Roberts and Betty Kruck will be serving as branch mentors for Genia.

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.

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. That is celebrated around the world on March 8 as was designated by the United Nations in 1975. However, our event will be earlier to accommodate our target audience.

March 6th

Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall, UW-L

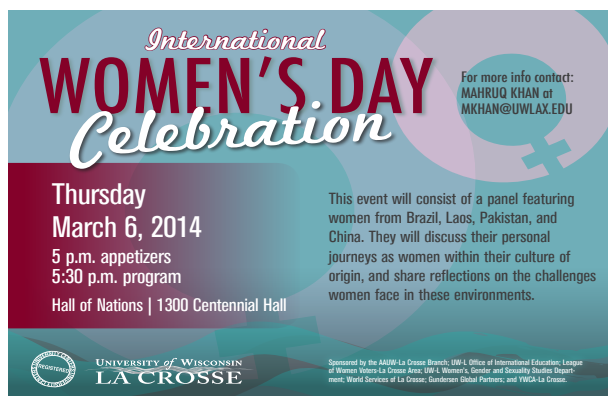
5:00 pm Refreshments

5:30 pm Program

In this our second year, we will continue with the format of a four women panel representing various countries. Gina Yang from Laos, Clare Wright from Brazil, Lily Augustine from Pakistan and Busya Lugovier from Russia will each have a compelling story of growing up in a culture different from our own. Diana Moran Thundercloud, who was a panelist last year and is now an AAUW member, will introduce the panel.

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.

If you came last year, you know what a great experience this is. Hope to see you there.



International
WOMEN'S DAY
Celebration

For more info contact:
MAHRUQ KHAN at
MKHAN@UWLAX.EDU

Thursday
March 6, 2014
5 p.m. appetizers
5:30 p.m. program
Hall of Nations | 1300 Centennial Hall

This event will consist of a panel featuring women from Brazil, Laos, Pakistan, and China. They will discuss their personal journeys as women within their culture of origin, and share reflections on the challenges women face in these environments.

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Public Policy

by Carlene Roberts, Chair

Use Your Voice



The next Congressional recess will be March 17-21, and our elected officials will be home to listen to constituents in person. Call 202-224-3121 and ask when they will be holding town hall meetings. Invite a friend to join you and attend a meeting. Visit the AAUW website for

talking points on issues that effect education and women and girls.

New Resources on Human Trafficking

Are you or a member of your family or a friend a lawyer or judge? The National Human Trafficking Resource Center has published a short guide on recognizing victims within our court system. Knowing this information can help survivors escape human trafficking and gain access to critical services. This is important information for all of us to read and share. Find the 2 page report within the Feb. 21st AAUW weekly Washington Update.



AAUW and Common Core

AAUW supports the Common Core State Standards Initiative, which established a single set of K-12 standards for English and Math. This is a state led, voluntary effort adopted in 45 states, District of Columbia, 4 US territories and the Military Dept. of Education. AAUW believes this baseline helps lead to academic and career success

for all students regardless of their zip code. We need to speak up in the face of misinformation on this issue - something to share with our legislators. Read more about it on the AAUW website under Issues, Education.



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

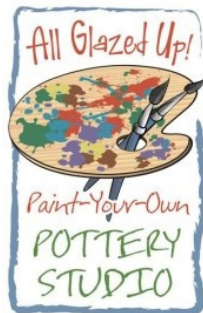
Study Group News

Hearth & Home

When: Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Where: All Glazed Up – Pottery Studio
205 Pearl Street, La Crosse.

Join us for an evening of fun! Choose from the shop's huge collection of pieces and let the knowledgeable, friendly staff assist you in creating your own unique pottery.



Check out their website: www.allglazedup.com to see what it is all about! They have a wide range of prices from \$6 to \$50.

Snacks will be provided by hosts Jane Wernecke and Sarah Stuber. Please bring your own beverage.

RSVP by Saturday, March 15th to Jane at 608-780-1121 (email: ajja701@trivest.net) or Sarah at 784-9310 (email: sjz212@charter.net)

AAUW in Action

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

- 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. Please see the article on page 4 for complete information.

- Women's History Month:

Remember to look for Lois Gilbert's daily history tidbits in the La Crosse Tribune starting March 1. Also stroll by the Pearl St. Books window in March and check out the display by our members celebrating "Women of Character, Courage & Commitment".

- 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. 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. We'll be sending a reminder email as it gets closer to April 12. If you would like more info about how to help, please let Erica know.

New members are always welcome!



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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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