

December Meeting:

The Ninth St. Singers

AND

“Recycled Art” Auction

AAUW

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When: Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012

Where: Viterbo University,
School of Nursing - Room 195

Breakfast Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Maple
Bacon, Asst Fruit breads, Fresh Cut
Fruit, Orange Juice, Hot tea, Coffee.

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 Pat Markos at
pmarkos@uwlax.edu or 780-8623
or Marla French at mfrench000@
centurytel.net or 782-6589 by noon
on Wed., Dec. 5, 2012.*

*Come and be entertained at the
December meeting. Musical selec-
tions will be presented by the Ninth
St. Singers from Viterbo. They will
entertain us with a short program.*

*Here is a chance for you to reas-
sess some of the original art in your
collection. Have you changed the
decor? When is the last time you
wore that piece of jewelry? Bring a
piece of art that you no longer
need for the silent auction of those*



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

End Of Year Musings

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

End of the year...each year we say
how did it arrive so soon? It's not
as if the date changes. December 31
happens each year whether we like it
or not.

For AAUW though, it is the middle
of the year for our activities.
The Scholarship Committee
will be meeting in December to
start their process of
selecting candidates for
scholarships. InAction
is scheduled to collect
goods for those in need
and is making plans for
several projects in the
coming months. Book
clubs continue to meet for
their monthly discussions and bridge
groups are competing monthly.

Hearth & Home is celebrating the
season with their annual dinner.
Our program chairs have arranged
the monthly meetings with a variety
of topics. For December we will
be surrounded by the sounds of the
9th Street Singers from Viterbo.
And, don't forget to bring your
“gently used” works of art for the

2nd Annual Art Auction. (see the
general meeting notice). Art Fair
Committee will be meeting to
wrap up the 2012 Fair and start
plans for 2013 (July 27/28 - save
the date). Public Policy concerns
do not stop with the election, but
continue to be in our minds as to
issues AAUW is concerned with
as they relate to our mission of

empowering women.
Community Days at
Herbergers will soon
be in the planning
stages as we look to
raise funds for LAF.
So it goes on, not the

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Happy Holidays!

Next Board Meeting

Monday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm

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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End Of Year Musings *(continued from pg. 1)*

end of a year but rather the opportunity to support our various projects as we continue our year.

One thing for the end of the year though is the reminder that not all share what we have. We heard of the poverty of women in our state in the September general meeting. We have seen the destruction that nature has done on the East Coast with Sandy. We know locally that our food pantries are stretched to meet the needs of those who have difficulty providing for their families. Each day we receive some solicitation from deserving organizations that need our help. One thing for the end of the year is to encourage you to support in any way, through time or money, to help those who are experiencing hardship.

However you choose to celebrate the holiday season, I wish for you a time of renewal and joy as families and friends get together to have good times, share memories, and create new ones to remember in the years to come.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Information to add to your directory:

Welcome to Liz Nutter who has joined our branch again. We are glad to have you back!

Liz Nutter

2605 Main St.

La Crosse, WI 54601

608-784-4850

liznutter@charter.net

UW-La Crosse, MA Education



New member Theda was referred to us by National as she is a member at large and has now joined our branch.

Theda K. Holder

N294 Vanity Dr.

Stoddard, WI 54659

608 -787-1795

While you have your directory out there are two email changes:

Bev Mach: bjmayermach@centurytel.net

Linda Eppelheimer: leppelheimer@gmail.com

Best wishes to Ginny Brochhausen who is recuperating from back surgery and Mary Reiman who is recovering from cracked ribs. Rapid healing to you both.

Congratulations to Marla French who is marrying long time friend Charlie Anderson on December 28th.



December Meeting *(cont.)*

pieces. The donations don't have to be from our own art fair--just make sure it's an original. How about something you won in the raffle, nice, but not to your taste?

So come early with your donated pieces and allow yourself time to peruse and bid on the recycled art. Last year we made over \$400 on this event. The money goes to help support the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).



The 9th Street Singers is a select, small (12-18 voices) choral ensemble dedicated to performing classical, jazz, Broadway, and pop repertoire. This ensemble sings several times a year on campus and for local civic organizations. The 9th Street Singers has toured with the Concert Choir in the US and abroad. The 9th Street Singers is directed by Diane Foust.



Silent Art Auction goes until 10:30am; come early, bid high!

Study Group	Meeting day/time	Contact person
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Pat Sheehan, 788-3808
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	Pat Staupe, 788-7439
AAUW in Action	1st Thursday of month at 6:00pm	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

Hearth & Home

Holiday dinner, games and prizes!

When: Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Where: Washburn on Park Apartments

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Cost: \$20, includes wine and catered dinner

Bring: A complete place setting (plate, utensils, napkin)

Contact: Sharon De Cicco at 608-788-5356;
sharon.decicco@gmail.com or Phyllis Miletto at 608-788-1346

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



AAUW in Action

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2012
6:00 pm, River Place Apts, 1 River Place Dr.

Thank you for all the holiday cards and calendars donated last month; they've all found homes with local organizations. Our next collection will be in January: sheets and towels so when you've purchased new items for your home at the January white sales, please consider donating the old sets at the January meeting!

We've had positive feedback on our planned "Salary Negotiation Skills" workshop as well as an International Women's cultural program with women from 3 different cultures sharing women's roles and perspectives in their countries. Both events will take place next year.

Contemporary Authors

There is no meeting in December!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013 2:00 PM

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. For meeting places and any further information contact either Alice Ross at 608-788-4206 or Mary Hall at 608-783-3483.

AAUW Gives Thanks for ...

from the national AAUW website



The American Association of University Women would like to pause this Thanksgiving to give thanks for the many opportunities and advancements for women and girls during 2012. Although there is no way for us to list all of the advances we have seen this year, here are just a few to reflect upon and give thanks:

We are thankful to the AAUW states, branches, and coalition partners that made voter education and mobilization a priority as part of the AAUW Action Fund It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign. With your work and commitment, we challenged millennial women to make their voices heard—and they were.

We are thankful for the record number of women elected to Congress: 20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and three delegates in the House. We are particularly grateful for the states that elected their first female Senators—Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin—and the other “firsts” in the 2012 elections, which broke representation barriers for religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

We are thankful that women's issues were a key part of the 2012 elections nationwide, due in large part to the AAUW Action Fund It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign and AAUW social media efforts such as #Women1016.

We are thankful for the implementation of the requirement that all new health insurance plans must include coverage without cost sharing of an additional eight women's preventive care services, including contraception, testing for sexually transmitted infections, and breastfeeding support.

We are thankful that AAUW was ranked as a top-rated women's empowerment organization of 2012 by GreatNonprofits.

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair

Pass VAWA Now

As members of Congress return to Washington, D.C., we need to make clear that passing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization should be at the top of their to-do list. The Senate passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (S. 1925) by a bipartisan vote in April—now it is time for the House of Representatives to do the same.

Call your representative and tell her or him to:

Urge the House leadership to bring an inclusive reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act to the House floor for a vote.

Speak out in support of the bipartisan AAUW-supported Senate-passed bill, S. 1925.

Since its enactment in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has saved lives and saved money. Though the programs continue to run, the current authorization expired almost two years ago. VAWA reauthorization is long overdue and should be a priority in the lame duck session.

To call your representative and view talking points, visit AAUW Two-Minute Activist at www.aauw.org.



We are thankful for the 40th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the landmark legislation ensuring equal opportunity in education for all students. We are also thankful for the release of a coalition report, chaired by AAUW, recognizing this milestone.

From the Treasurer
Michele Strange

Financial Report as of
November 27, 2012

Checking Account\$10,954.61

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$1,184.02

Celebrating 131
Years of AAUW

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston.

Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated.

You can listen to a 1945 radio program where Marion, at age 86, tells the story of that first meeting and how the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was founded at : <http://blog-aauw.org/2012/11/28/celebrating-131-years-of-aauw/>

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU ...

by Robert Richardson, Co-Chair

The scholarship committee undertakes the difficult and challenging, but rewarding, job of making the best possible use of hard-earned money that AAUW awards in the form of scholarships. The committee seeks to identify scholarship candidates who demonstrate need and ability.

With the scholarships offered by our branch, we can break down barriers to help women and men succeed.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Robert Richardson, richards.rob2@uwlax.edu or Sharon De Cicco, Sharon.decicco@gmail.com -- scholarship committee co-chairs. To keep our deliberations focused and productive, we seek to add a few new members each year to this committee.



National Convention News
June 9-12, 2013



In 1929, AAUW women met in New Orleans to celebrate our sixth national biennial convention. In June 2013, we'll return for our 47th biennial convention and applaud the accomplishments of women leaders past,

present, and future. At our June 9–12 meeting, we will celebrate leading across generations, honoring AAUW's accomplishments and women at the forefront of the fight for equal rights.

Join Melissa Harris Perry, Lilly Ledbetter, and other exciting keynote speakers as they share their struggles, triumphs, and how the members of AAUW helped them become the inspiring leaders they are today. Celebrate 125 years of fellowships and grants and the legacy they provide.

Registration goes live on December 4! Please visit convention.aauw.org to take advantage of our best-value rates, or call Connect2AAUW at 800.326.2289. You can also register right now for the pre- and post-convention tours and activities at www.aauw.org/convention/tours.cfm.



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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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