

# October Meeting: The Political Process

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**Presenter: Dr. Joseph Heim**

*Professor of Political Science  
and Public Administration at the  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012

**Where:** Room 1300,  
Centennial Hall, UW-L

**PLEASE NOTE: Centennial  
Hall is the new building across  
from Morris Hall.**

**Breakfast Cost:** \$10.00

**Menu:** fruit, scrambled eggs,  
bacon, french toast, breads, scones,  
coffee, and juice.

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 to Marla French at mfrench000@  
centurytel.net by noon on  
Wednesday, Oct 10, 2012.*

This program will explore the  
political process including polling

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### It's Your Vote

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

As this election cycle continues, I want to take this time to remind members of the importance of voting. National and State AAUW have set a goal to register women to vote with a special emphasis on younger women who may not have registered previously. I realize that all of you take this privilege of voting seriously, but I also want to remind you of how important it is to be an educated, informed voter. Study the issues and understand what is important to you.

Read what issues AAUW supports and why it takes the position it does. Research and know which candidates support your views. Along that line, the board has approved for our Branch to be a co-sponsor for the Wisconsin Public Forum on campaign finance and election reform to be held Oct. 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. at the UW-L Union. For those of us following the election debate schedule, you will have time to attend the forum and still

see the presidential candidates' debate that evening. The forum is being organized by Common Cause in Wisconsin. Speakers include State Reps. Jill Billings and Steve Doyle, former State Rep. and former candidate for Lt. Gov. David Martin, and Common Cause executive director Jay Heck. Several other participants are in the process of being finalized and flyers will be available once they are confirmed. On the fall schedule is another program of

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## Next Board Meeting

**Monday, October 8th 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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## It's Your Vote *(continued from pg. 1)*

note – the Women's Fund Fall Luncheon. It is being held on Wednesday, Oct 17, UW-L, Valhalla Hall. Carlene Roberts started the ball rolling by asking if people would like to sit with her at a table. Tickets are \$35 if purchased on or before Oct 10 (\$45 after that date). Darryle Clott, faculty member at Viterbo U and recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, 2011 will be the speaker.

As for our branch activities, a big round of thanks goes to Robert Richardson who volunteered to assume the responsibilities for the Directory. He had them available at the Sept. general meeting and will have them for distribution at the Oct. meeting. The more members that can pick up their directory, the less we will have to mail (which helps cut down costs).

As for the Oct meeting, check out the details listed in the Current for an informative program on the process of polling in elections and the impact of ads.

See you in October.

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## Membership News

*by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership*

There is a **new** name to add to our beautiful new membership directory.

Marian Schiesser  
223 20th St. So.  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
782-1558  
schiesser@charter.net  
UW Milwaukee, BA Education; Winona State, MA Counselor Education



Marian attended our first meeting so she truly is entering into branch activities.  
**WELCOME!**

While you have your directory open, please note these **changes** in email addresses:

Joan Gundersen -- joaniegundersen@gmail.com  
Alice Ross -- aross5243@centurytel.net  
Michele Strange -- mstrange@uwlax.edu

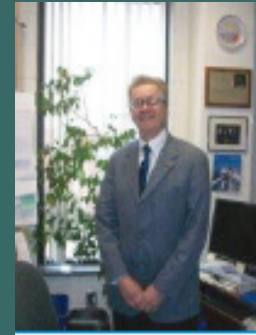
And a correction from last month's board listings:  
Robert Richardson---richards.rob2@uwlax.edu



**Best wishes** to Liz Wing for a quick recovery from hip surgery.

## October Meeting (cont.)

and the impact of advertising on that process.



*Dr. Joe Heim*

*Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

*Degrees:*

*PhD from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

*MA from Marquette University*

*BA from Marquette University*

*Military : Two years active duty,, US Navy; 19 years in Naval Reserve*

*Teaching: UW-L, 1975 to present*

*Courses taught include Public Budgeting, State and Local Government, Campaigns and Elections*

*Senior political analyst on WKBT-TV-8, La Crosse, Wi.*

*Frequent guest on Wisconsin Public Radio*

*Married to Pat Heim, well known La Crosse attorney*

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

WHEN: Wednesday, October 17th

WHERE: Dim Sum Tea Shop  
221 Pearl St, La Crosse

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

COST: Order tea and oriental  
goodies from the menu

CONTACT: JoAnne Revels: jarevels@yahoo.com; 782-1975  
or  
Marilyn Hempstead: marizah@yahoo.com; 784-8763  
for reservations or more information

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



### About Study Groups...

Study groups provide an opportunity for members to grow intellectually and creatively, broaden their involvement in topics of interest, become agents for intelligent community action and meet people who share similar interests. Please note that anyone is always welcome to attend any of these groups – no strings attached! Drop in, and bring a friend, to experience fellowship and the pleasures of lifelong learning.

### AAUW in Action

*Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4th  
6:00 pm, River Place Apts, 1 River Place Dr.*

AAUW in Action is a study group that serves as a springboard for community service activities for our branch that promote AAUW's mission.

Our meeting on Oct. 4th will be a planning meeting for programs and projects for this year. This is your opportunity to be involved with a local organization or community cause; come help us find meaningful activities to promote AAUW's mission and the La Crosse branch.

*Questions? Contact Erica at moogs56@hotmail.com or  
608-366-1509*

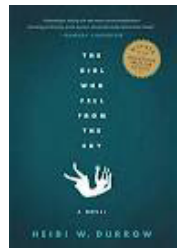
### Contemporary Authors

Our next book will be:

**The Girl Who Fell From the Sky**  
by Heidi W. Durrow

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 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.



# Art Fair on the Green

by Pat Staupe, Chair



This is a quiet time of year for the art fair committee. However, it's a good time of year to keep your eyes open for new artists that you think might be a good addition to our annual AAUW

Art Fair on the Green. Just forward the name, address or email address of the artists to Erica Koonmen or Carol Robertson and they will add them to our mailing list for next year.

A big thank you to Polly Smith and Patt Boge for their many years of service on the committee. It's great to have replacements in place at this early date in our planning for next year. Marcia Wine will be working on the raffle. Robert Richardson will be doing the program for the art fair. Welcome to the committee and being so willing to volunteer.

We haven't received our bill from UW-L for the use of the grounds. When we do, we will be able to inform you of the profits from this past year.

## October Highlights in US Women's History

- Oct 3, 1904 - Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, FL.
- Oct 4, 1976 - Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC.)
- Oct 8, 1993 - Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- Oct 10, 1983 - Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements.
- Oct 11, 1984 - Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to "walk" in space during the Challenger flight.
- Oct 15, 1948 - Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy.
- Oct 16, 1916 - Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.'s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, NY.
- Oct 23, 1910 - Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight.

# Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair

## Voter Registration and Voter Turnout

Has your name or address changed since you last voted? Are you registered to vote? Do you need assistance to register? Contact Carlene Roberts at 788-0868 to make arrangements.

Do you know where to vote? Do you need transportation to vote? Fellow AAUW members have volunteered to provide a ride. Please contact Carlene Roberts at 788-0868 to make arrangements.

## Anti-women Votes

A new report prepared by minority members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee finds that 55 votes for anti-women policies have been cast during the 112th Congress, beginning January 2011. These include areas of health care, reproductive and maternal care and environmental laws.

## Congressional Voting Records

How have our Representative and Senators voted on these issues? Find out on-line at AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record. The legislation included in the voting record was selected on the basis of AAUW's public policy priorities and principles as adopted at the 2011 Convention. This voting record provides information about legislators co-sponsorship and votes on AAUW issues - economic security, education and civil rights.



## Voter Education

AAUW Action Fund offers voter education information on candidates for Senate which will be coming out soon at [www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/](http://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/). AAUW has also produced 4 Issue Fact Sheets on Access to Affordable Birth Control, College Affordability, Women's Employment and The Gender Wage Gap. These can be found at [www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/issues/](http://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/issues/).

Please share these resources with friends.



*From the Treasurer*  
Michele Strange

## Financial Report as of September 20, 2012

Checking Account .....\$11,545.16

### CD's

*none at this time*

Scholarship Bridge.....\$1,026.02



## Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid  
your dues, now is the  
time!

Please send your  
membership renewal  
form and \$70 to the  
treasurer:

Michele Strange  
2442 Redwing Rd.  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## AAUW LA CROSSE BRANCH BUDGET 2012-2013

*by Michele Strange, Treasurer*

The following 2012-13 budget was approved by the Board at their meeting on September 10, 2012. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the October general meeting or you may call Michele Strange at 781-6962.

### Income

Art Fair.....	\$ 1,800
Branch Dues.....	\$ 750
Investment Income.....	\$ 25
Meals.....	\$ 0
Fundraisers (LAF, etc.) .....	\$ 1,500
Miscellaneous donations to LAF.....	\$ 0
Miscellaneous donations.....	\$ 0

Total Income.....\$ 4,075

### Expenses

Board Tools (postage, supplies) .....	\$ 50
Convention.....	\$ 400
Current (printing, postage, supplies) .....	\$ 175
Legal Advocacy Fund Donation.....	\$ 1,000
Other Donations.....	\$ 1,500
Insurance.....	\$ 400
Membership.....	\$ 75
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 200
Organization (Directory, PO Box) .....	\$ 300
Program (room rent, honoraria) .....	\$ 500
Scholarship Expenses.....	\$ 100

Total Expenses..... \$ 4,700

Overall Total.....\$ -625

## Campus Happenings

The UW-L Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies has the following event coming up on **Monday, October 22, 2012 at 4 pm in Centennial Hall, Room 1303: *The Women of Contemporary Presidential Politics: A Panorama of Survey Reports from the iPoll Databank.***

This research talk combines numerous surveys over a fifty-year period to explore public perceptions of several First Ladies of the United States (or, "FLOTUSes") and how pollsters "talk about" these important women.

**Presented by Prof. Ray Block, Political Science and Public Administration**



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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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