

## OCTOBER MEETING

### Wake Up Call: Signals of Substance Abuse

**Presenter: Judi Zabel,**  
Health Educator, La Crosse  
County Health Department

**When:** Saturday, October 13

**Where:** : UW-L, Centennial Hall,  
Room 1300 (Hall of Nations)

**\*NOTE: This is a CHANGE of  
VENUE from what is listed in the  
directory**

**Cost:** \$12

**Menu:** Silver dollar pancakes,  
Scrambled eggs with shredded  
cheese, Bacon, Seasoned breakfast  
potatoes, Seasonal fresh fruit,  
Fresh assorted bakery to include  
gluten free, Coffee to include decaf,  
Assorted teas, Orange juice

Registration: 9:30 AM

Breakfast: 10:00 AM

Program: 10:30 AM

Members and guests are welcome  
to attend the brunch or just come  
for the program. Please indicate  
such when you RSVP. For late  
reservations or cancellations, please  
call Robert Richardson at 788-0595  
by NOON on Monday, October 8th.

Have you ever wondered how  
a young person can become  
involved in drug use without  
parents knowing that it was  
happening? Our program this

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# The Current

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: Autumn Events and Information

by Jan Eriksen, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Happy Fall! I'm pleased to  
announce that our Vice-President  
for Membership, Marilyn  
Hempstead, will be one of  
the recipients of  
YWCA's Outstanding  
Women of  
2018 awards in  
November. This  
is the second  
year in a row that  
AAUW La Crosse  
has had a member  
so honored. In  
2017 it was Betty  
Kruck. This year the Tribute  
to Outstanding Women event  
is scheduled for Thursday,  
November 8. Please see page  
5 for complete information on  
how to join the branch table  
and purchase tickets. Michele  
Strange is coordinating that.  
The tribute, according to the  
YWCA La Crosse website, is "A  
celebration of our honorees'  
community impact, leadership,  
and dedication to the core values  
of YWCA La Crosse." Thanks to  
Erica Koonmen for proposing  
Marilyn and writing the

nomination. Unfortunately, Marilyn  
is unable to attend the tribute event:  
she'll be in England at the time.  
However, she still plans to send  
a videotape that can be  
shown during the awards  
ceremony.

At the September meeting  
Robert Richardson  
distributed the new 2018-  
2019 branch membership  
directories. He will again  
have them for you to pick  
up at the October meeting.  
Any directories still remaining after  
the October meeting will be mailed  
to members.

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## NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Monday, October 8, 2018  
6:30 pm**

Viterbo University Nursing Building,  
Room 502. Meetings are open to any  
member who is interested in attending.

**Contact Jan at:** 787-5946 or  
[jperiksen@viterbo.edu](mailto:jperiksen@viterbo.edu)  
to place items on the agenda.

## Autumn Events and Information ... (continued from page 1)

Also, please don't forget to obtain your bookmark, which lists all the general membership meetings for this year.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. Rachel Lloyd, author of *Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale*, will be speaking at the Viterbo University Fine Arts Center Main Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Ms. Lloyd founded Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) 20 years ago. That organization, along with Ms. Lloyd's advocacy and outreach, "...has helped shift the perception of trafficked girls from criminals to victims and now to survivors and leaders." She facilitated the passage of laws in 29 states designed to protect trafficked and exploited youth, beginning with New York State's Safe Harbour for Sexually Exploited Children Act in 2008. Ms. Lloyd's lecture is sponsored by Viterbo's D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership.

## Directory News

by Robert Richardson



I will mail to members, all Directories remaining unclaimed at the end of the October branch meeting. The fewer I need to send, the lesser AAUW will need to spend on postage.

### Directory Corrections

#### Meetings and Programs:

Change the meeting place for the October 13th meeting to:  
UW-L Centennial Hall, Hall of Nations (rm 1300)

#### Members:

Change Ann Brice's phone number to 608.780.5026  
Change Dorothy Dedo's address to 530 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, PA 19146-1550

**NOTE: The directory is for the personal use of each AAUW La Crosse member, for his or her convenience in contacting other members on branch-related business or for social purposes. No solicitation of any kind is permitted.**

## Scholarships & Grants

by Robert Richardson, Scholarship & Grants Committee Co-Chair

After the program of the October 3rd branch meeting, the Scholarships and Grants committee will gather at a corner table for a 1-hour business meeting. We have added one new member to the committee; we would like to add another two or three.

If interested or to ask questions, contact Robert Richardson or Sharon De Cicco.

## OCTOBER MEETING

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month may provide some helpful insights. The La Crosse County Prevention Network (LCPN), will host the "Wake Up Call", a mobile presentation for adults 21 and over featuring a life size exhibit of a teenager's bedroom with more than 50 red flags that can signal substance abuse. The bedroom identifies spots where teens/adults may hide drugs as well as household items that can be used as drug paraphernalia. The display will be ready for you to view when registration opens at 9:30. Come early and challenge yourself to see how many signals you can identify.

The goal of this program is to empower participants to have important conversations with youth and to provide access to resources within our community.



Judi Zabel

COME FIND THE  
HIDDEN CACHES!



## Study Group News

### AAUW IN ACTION (AIA)

See this page for meeting info

Contact: Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

### HEARTH & HOME

See below for meeting info

Contact: Sharon De Cicco, 788-5356

### CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS

3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm

Contact: Alice Ross, 788-4206

### SCHOLARSHIP BRIDGE/CARD GAMES

TBA

Contact: Sharon De Cicco, 788-5356

## HEARTH & HOME

Hearth & Home study group meets monthly to explore new ideas, culinary experiences, fun activities and our area through visits to local businesses or in-home happenings.

If you are interested in planning a program for the group or if you would like to head it up, please contact Sharon at 788-5356 or [sharon.decicco@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.decicco@gmail.com).

## Feminism on Tap meeting



Please join us to celebrate National Women's Small Business Month with four entrepreneurs who will share their inspiration and words of wisdom as local women business owners.

**What:** National Women's Small Business Month

**When:** Wed., Oct. 3, 5-7 p.m.

**Where:** New venue! Le Chateau, 410 Cass St., La Crosse

**Panelists:** Eva Ewers, Le Chateau; Adrian Lipscombe, Uptowne Cafe; Missy Hoch, Gold Heart Tattoo; and Puja Mehta, Indian Meal Kits

*Come with your questions and learn, be inspired, and support local, women-owned businesses!*

Questions? Call Rebecca at 608-781-2783

## AAUW IN ACTION

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

If you are interested in joining us for a meeting, or just knowing what we're planning, please ask to be on our email list by sending an email to Erica at [moogs56@hotmail.com](mailto:moogs56@hotmail.com)

**Next meeting: Thursday, Oct 4; 4:00pm**

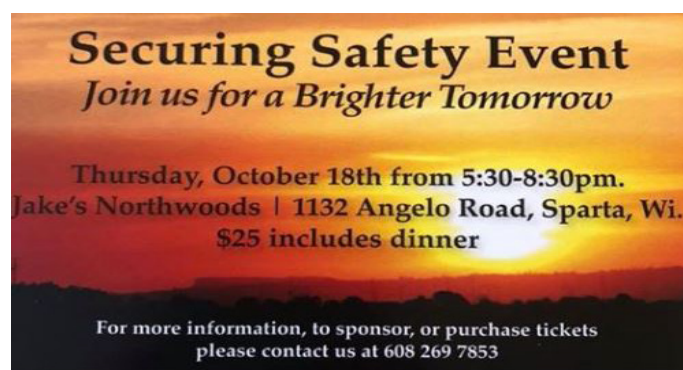
**JavaVino 2311 State Road**

This coming year, we'll be continuing several events:

- International Women's Day Panel
- Women's History Month window display
- WINGS Workshop
- Celebrating Equal Pay Day

Please join us!

## Brighter Tomorrows Fundraiser



The \$25 ticket includes buffet dinner, speaker and basket raffle. Ten dollars of the ticket price is tax deductible. Purchase a ticket by contacting Erica at [aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com](mailto:aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com) or 608-366-1509. Tickets must be purchased (or committed to purchase & picked up on the 18th) by Oct 3rd. Our branch will have a table if there are 8 people interested in attending.

Speaker is Devyn Prielipp. Her mother was the victim of domestic violence homicide in Tomah several years ago. She will be sharing her mother's story and talking about the importance of creating awareness.

Since 1996 Brighter Tomorrows has been committed to creating a safer personal environment for residents of Monroe County. Last year we served nearly 400 survivors by providing them with advocacy, support, and safe housing. By purchasing a ticket, you will be able to help us raise funds used for the purchase of toiletries, household items, school supplies and gift cards for gas, food and clothing – everything a survivor needs to re-establish his or her life.



## Public Policy

From aauw.org

### Judge Brett Kavanaugh Nomination

AAUW's expectation is that our next Supreme Court justice will support the fundamental rights of all individuals and understand that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives of women and their families. After careful review of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's available record, it is clear to us that he would not be that justice. Judge Kavanaugh's record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. The Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of the rights essential to women and girls, and if confirmed Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in those decisions for decades to come. Therefore, AAUW opposes Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

### Rescinding Diversity and Affirmative Action Guidance

Diversity and equal opportunity should be top priorities for U.S. education. Today's (July 3, 2018) decision by the Trump Administration to rescind the affirmative action and diversity in schools guidance is a major step backward in efforts to advance equity in education. Affirmative action has been a critical tool for promoting opportunities for all students and diverse learning environments, where all students thrive from learning with and from individuals of different backgrounds and perspectives and can better contribute to a more tolerant, global economy.

The roll back of this guidance does not change the current laws or take away any rights- the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized the value of diversity in upholding the use of race-conscious admissions – and we encourage educational institutions to continue to follow practices that support affirmative action programs and increased diversity. While there have been many advancements for women, including women of color, in education and in the workforce, equal opportunity remains elusive in part because discrimination still exists.

AAUW will continue to fight for educational equity and economic security for all women and girls.

## Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, Chair

### New Members

Two new members were introduced at the September meeting and should be added to your directory.

Nancy F. Hill  
425 19th St. S  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608 386 6237  
Eastern WA U MA French  
nancy.hill57@gmail.com



Linda K. Kastantin  
N1702 Paris Angel Drive  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608 787 8983  
UW-L MS Education  
acorn388@centurytel.net

Nancy was the guest of Betty Kruck and Linda was invited by Michele Strange. Thanks to Betty and Michele. Welcome Nancy and Linda!



### La Crosse Branch Cameo

1. How did you find & join AAUW?
2. What significant changes/ improvements have you seen in AAUW over the years?
3. What do you think is the most important issue facing women today?
4. What's on your bucket list?
5. What's something we don't know about you?



### Phyllis Miletto

1. When my husband and I moved to La Crosse in 1972 I looked for a women's group to join.
2. I like the interesting educational meetings.
3. Abuse.
4. I graduated from Alverno College in Milwaukee with a degree in El.Ed. in 1960. I have traveled on all the continents except Antarctica. I took classes in London, Austria and Japan. I taught school for 40 years, in Chicago, Minneapolis and 28 years in La Crosse. I would not change a day in my life!
5. My family enjoyed an African safari in Kenya. We have a photo taken at the Equator.

## FROM THE TREASURER

Kristen Foehner

Financial Report as of  
September 22, 2018

Checking Account..... \$9,319.87

CD's .....none at this time

Scholarship Bridge..... \$651.00

## Last Call!

by Kristen Foehner, Treasurer

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2018-19, now is the time to send in your payment. Please make your check payable to AAUW - La Crosse Branch.

Dues are \$80.00, of which \$56.00 is tax deductible. If your dues are not received by October 31, 2018, your name will be removed from the local and national rosters.

Please mail your dues to:  
Kristen Foehner  
4104 Beverly Dr.  
Onalaska, WI 54650



## AAUW La Crosse 2018-2019 Budget

The following budget was approved by the AAUW La Crosse Branch Board at their meeting on September 10, 2018. Please contact Kristen with questions related to the budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

**Income**

Art Fair	\$2,000.00
Branch Dues	\$700.00
Meals	\$0.00
Fundraisers (book sales, cookie walk, etc)	\$236.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
AIA projects	\$400.00
Total Income	\$3,336.00

**Expenses**

Board Tools	\$75.00
Convention	\$350.00
The Current (printing, postage, supplies)	\$125.00
Legal Advocacy Fund Donations	\$500.00
Other Donations (memorials, NCCWSL)	\$550.00
Hospitality	\$40.00
Insurance	\$500.00
Membership	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Name Grants	\$500.00
Organization (directory, PO Box, website)	\$276.00
Program (room rent, honoraria, tech support)	\$400.00
Scholarship	\$15.00
AIA projects	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$3,906.00

**OVERALL TOTAL****-\$570.00**

## YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women

by Michele Strange

For the second year in a row, one of our members, Past President Marilyn Hempstead, will be among those honored at the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women. The event will be held Thursday, November 8, at the La Crosse Center South Hall B, 300 Harborview Plaza with a social beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and awards ceremony at 6:00 pm.

We will be reserving an AAUW table at the event to show our support of and pride in Marilyn and her many accomplishments. Tickets are \$65.00 each. If you would like a seat at the table, please let Michele Strange know via e-mail at [mstrange@eagle.uwlax.edu](mailto:mstrange@eagle.uwlax.edu) or by phone at 608-781-6962. Please notify me if you have any dietary restrictions. I will take care of the reservations, so if you would send me a check for \$65.00 made out to me to 2442 Redwing Rd., La Crosse, WI 54601.

We already have 6 women who signed up at our September brunch, so we have only 4 seats available. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. I would like to have your payments by October 15th.

Thank you and I hope that you can join us.



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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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