

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Greetings! Ciao,  
Përshëndetje, Bună,  
Guten Tag, Hello!

### AAUW: Our mission and our members

**When:** Saturday, September 15  
--THIRD Saturday

**Where:** Viterbo University,  
School of Nursing Building, Rm 195  
*(If you need directions, please contact  
Robert Richardson at 788-0595)*

**Cost:** \$12

**Menu:** Eggs, meat, fruit, breads,  
coffee, tea

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 Mon, September 10.

Our September meeting will be a time to welcome back our returning members as well as an opportunity for each one to invite a potential new member. You will have a chance to mix and mingle and get to know one another better. Learn why so many find AAUW brings meaningful opportunities for gaining insight into current issues and for bringing our mission to life in our community. Find out how AAUW is relevant today from a national, state, and local perspective. We look forward to seeing you!



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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: Summer Review and a Look Forward to the New Program Year

by Jan Eriksen, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Greetings, AAUW La Crosse members! It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and our September meeting will soon be here. The summer seemed to speed by, but some notable activities occurred.

First, the board held its annual transition meeting on June 6 at the home of Michele Strange. The meeting is a time for outgoing and continuing elected board officers and appointed board officers to share their knowledge and experience with the incoming board.

Then, on June 9, AAUW La Crosse members staffed a booth at Artspire, promoting our Art Fair on the Green and distributing "save the date" bookmarks about the fair. Throughout June and July, Art Fair committee members continued to meet and plan for this year's fair. The 60th AAUW Art Fair on the Green was held July 28 and 29

on the grounds of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse campus.

Fortunately, we were blessed with lovely weather, talented artists, delicious food, and a huge attendance, ensuring that our scholarship legacy will continue. For photos and a video of the 2018 art fair go to [lacrosse-wi.aauw.net](http://lacrosse-wi.aauw.net)

and click on Art Fair on the Green. Congratulations to Carol Robertson, Art Fair Chair, and all the committees and volunteers for another successful art fair!

So, it's on to the fall and a new year of AAUW La Crosse programs

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## NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Monday, September 10, 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.

### Summer Review and a Look Forward ... (continued from page 1)

and events. The Vice-Presidents for Program, Silvana Richardson and Margaret Wood, were busy over the summer planning what looks to be a very timely and informative variety of programs for 2018-2019. In October Judi Zabel, a health educator at the La Crosse County Health Department and member of the La Crosse County Prevention Network, will discuss how to interpret the signs that someone you know, especially a teen, is abusing drugs or alcohol.

We're also looking forward to March 2019, when the AAUW Winona Branch will host us. We will share a meal with Winona AAUW members and tour the phenomenal Minnesota Marine Art Museum. It is truly a world-class museum, which includes works by Cassatt, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Monet, Picasso, Homer, O'Keefe, Cézanne, and other acclaimed artists. We're fortunate to have this incredible gem, "great art inspired by water," a short drive away from La Crosse. Even if you have been to the museum previously, you'll still see something new, due to its visiting exhibits.

Many more wonderful programs are planned for 2018-2019. Please see your Branch Membership Directory to view them all.

## 2018-2019 AAUW La Crosse Board

### Elected Officers

**President:** Jan Eriksen

**President-elect:** open

**Secretary:** Jo Anne Revels

**Financial VP Co-Chairs:** Kristen Foehner & Bev Bodine

**Membership VP:** Marilyn Hempstead

**Program VP Co-Chairs:** Silvana Richardson & Margaret Wood

### Appointed Board

Art Fair: Carol Robertson

Historian: Marilyn Hempstead

By Laws: Carol Robertson

Publicity : *Open*

Public Policy: Pat Markos

Name Grants: Michele Strange

Fundraising: Alice Ross

Newsletter (*The Current*): Erica Koonmen

Hospitality : Jo Anne Revels

Telephone Coordinator: Sarah Stuber

E-Mail RSVP Coordinator: Robert Richardson

AAUW In Action (AIA) Coordinator: Erica Koonmen

Scholarship Co-chairs: Sharon De Cicco & Robert Richardson

Membership Directory: Robert Richardson

Scholarship Bridge: Sharon De Cicco

University Relations:

**UWL** - Andrea Hansen **Viterbo** – Silvana Richardson **Western** – Ann Brice



## ELECTRONIC RSVP

by Robert Richardson

Prior to each monthly meeting, I send an e-mail request to respond.



If you could simply reply to my message, I can keep all replies together in a stream. If you send a separate reply, I must maintain a collection of replies which is manageable but cumbersome.

Either way, I appreciate your reply. I need to give the program VP's a final count at noon on the Monday prior to any Saturday meeting.

Thank you!

## BRANCH DIRECTORY

by Robert Richardson

At our September meeting, you will receive your personal copy of the branch directory. If you find any errors, please let me know. I will publish a corrections' listing.



## 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 DeCicco, 788-5356

### CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS

3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm

Contact: Alice Ross, 788-4206

### SCHOLARSHIP BRIDGE/CARD GAMES

TBA

Contact: Sharon DeCicco, 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.

## Highlight the Remarkable



Lise Meitner, the discoverer of nuclear fission whose male partner was awarded the Nobel Prize.

See all the ads at:  
[www.invisionapp.com/blog/stabilo-boss-ad-campaign/](http://www.invisionapp.com/blog/stabilo-boss-ad-campaign/)

This print campaign from Stabilo, the world's largest manufacturer of highlighter pens, has received amazing reactions on social media as it attracts attention to "remarkable" women who played important roles in the history and stayed invisible.

Featuring NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, U.S. First Lady Edith Wilson and Austrian-Swedish physicist Lise Meitner, each print ad has a black and white photo with highlight on the woman, whose contribution was put in the shade by the man she was working with.

## AAUW IN ACTION

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

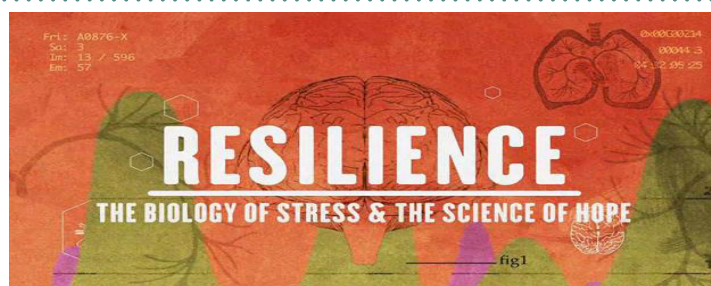
If you are interested in joining us for a meeting, or just knowing what we're planning, please ask to be on our email list by sending an email to Erica at moogs56@hotmail.com

**Next meeting: Thursday, Oct 4; 1:30pm**  
**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!



### Free Informational Workshop:

Building a Community Response to Trauma  
 Including the film *Resilience*

September 14th, 2018

12:30-2:30 pm, Black River Beach Neighborhood Center

To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/educationsessionresilience>

The child may not remember. But the body remembers. Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), toxic stress, and trauma can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on brains and bodies, putting people at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time, mental health challenges, and early death. The documentary Resilience chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to build a community response to trauma and strengthen resilience.

Through this collaborative learning community, this first session is focused on our community's response, the role of resilience, and the changes we can all make to be more trauma-informed so that together we can build resilience.

## Public Policy

From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

Since AAUW's founding our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance our work to empower women and girls. With the member-endorsed Public Policy Priorities as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. The AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department, with input from the member leaders of the AAUW Public Policy Committee, leads AAUW's lobbying and grassroots efforts. However, AAUW member advocates across the country who give their time, energy, and voice to AAUW issues deserve the credit for truly advancing women. We have many resources available, and the AAUW policy staff can be reached at [advocacy@aauw.org](mailto:advocacy@aauw.org).

## Scholarships & Grants

by Robert Richardson, Scholarship & Grants Committee Co-Chair

Several long-standing committee members have retired from full-service on the Scholarship Committee. We welcome any AAUW-La Crosse branch member (even brand new members) to join us. We meet in October after the regular branch meeting to determine dates, make adjustments to our scholarship applications, and assign grant research tasks. We meet again in January after the regular branch meeting to report and to finalize our budget (based on Art Fair proceeds). All committee members serve on sub-committees to read scholarship applications in later February. We find these reading times enlightening, rewarding, and humbling. Then, together with all the branch members, in May we celebrate the accomplishments of our recipients at the Scholarships and Grants Recipient Reception. If interested in joining us or if you want more information, contact either of the chairs (Sharon De Cicco or Robert Richardson) or any of the committee members.

## Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, Chair

### New Member

Our third new member for this year is:

Susan Rindner  
4205 Elm Drive  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
703 371 1154  
USC JD 2reindeers@  
gmail.com



Welcome to Susan who joined in May. We look forward to seeing her at meetings.

The two other new members for 2018/2019 are Christina Kovacs and Jeanne Hermanson who joined in April.

### New Addresses

These two members have recently moved. Their changed addresses will be in the new directory.

Margaret Winch  
3501 Park Lane Drive, Room 611  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Elizabeth Nutter  
801 Main St. Apt 103  
La Crosse, WI 54601



### Get Well Wishes

We wish Cindy Mischnick a quick recovery from her surgery. It happened at the end of July just after her duties for the art fair committee were completed.





# FROM THE TREASURER

Kristen Foehner

## Financial Report as of August 19, 2018

Checking Account..... \$9,275.87

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

Scholarship Bridge..... \$200.00

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## And...It's renewal time

by Kristen Foehner, Treasurer

### Dues Reminder

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

You may email me with any questions regarding your dues at:  
K\_Foehner@Yahoo.com

# Art Fair Report

By Carol Robertson, Art Fair Chair



Thank you to all who worked on the art fair committee, and all the volunteers who sold raffle tickets, worked the admission gates, sold water, helped set up or take down, put up signs, handed out programs, counted money, and picked up garbage (thanks George & Charlie!). Art Fair can not be accomplished without the extraordinary efforts of all of you!

The preliminary financial numbers are looking very good - should be able to continue in the same way with scholarships that we have the last few years. There are still some outstanding bills we are waiting for so we will have a more detailed report at a later date.

Attendance was approximately 3200 which is good. Trane Corporation bought 400 tickets for their employees this year which boosted our numbers. Thank you to Trane!!

My utmost appreciation goes to the members of the Art Fair Committee. Thank you to all of you for your diligence in making sure we have a successful art fair! I am grateful for your willingness to serve.

### Art Fair Committee:

Artists: Erica Koonmen, Sharon De Cicco and Cindy Mishnick

Awards: Marilyn Hempstead and Sue Johnson

Concessions: Betty Kruck and Michele Strange

Grounds: Susan Fabian, Sarah Koehler and Robert Richardson

Hospitality: Mary Hall

Program: Robert Richardson and Erica Koonmen

Publicity: Marian Schiesser

Raffle: Karen Landstrom and Sarah Stuber

Volunteers: Marla French

Treasurers: Bev Bodine

A special shout out goes to Bev's grandson, Nick, his girlfriend, Abby and to our Garbologists, George and Charlie!

And now the planning begins for the 61st art fair--July 27 & 28,2019!

## VOTE Yard Sign Available

To encourage people to vote, the League of Women Voters of La Crosse and the Driftless Voter Coalition (both non-partisan groups) have arranged for people to purchase this yard sign.



The \$11 or \$12 price is the actual cost of this sign. No profit is being made. Just use this link to purchase:

<https://www.everyonevote2018.org/order-a-yard-sign>



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