



AAUW - Eau Claire

Upcoming Events

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Feb 2011

Two weeks ago, at our branch board meeting, Sarah Harder spoke up and asked if the Wisconsin Two-Minute Activist had started yet. There was a slightly amused tone in her voice and I was pretty sure I knew how to interpret it. With the speed things were happening at Madison, not only did the Two-Minute Activist need to be up and running, but in all likelihood, we should be getting about ten appeals a day.

When the Two-Minute Activist for Wisconsin evolved into a reality last fall, it seemed appropriate that we would get an actionable item weekly. But by the time our February board meeting rolled around, we were already lamenting lost battles, such as the bill that makes legal recourse against negligent senior care centers almost impossible. We feel for those getting the Two-Minute Activist off the ground!

At that point, the Budget-Repair Bill wasn't even public yet, either. But it threatens women in many ways. For one, over 1500 Limited Term Employees across the state will lose health insurance. Not all are women, but many work in this tenuous position for years so that they can provide healthcare for their families. Another poison pill in the Budget Repair Bill is that it transfers some of the Medicaid oversight from the legislative

branch to the executive branch, giving the Governor the power to prune Badgercare. Meanwhile, as we gird for a local and state fight, the national scene is no more boring. The House of Representatives considers a budget bill that will have powerful effects on women: <http://blog-aauw.org/2011/02/17/house-funding/>

The heartening thing about the last week has been hearing so many voices talking about these changes. People writing letters and phone calling. Images from Madison. Images from Eau Claire. Talk in the elevator. At the grocery store.

At our February meeting, Catherine Emmanuelle and Julie Keown-Bomar introduced us to a version of Power-mapping that may come in handy as we think of ways to make change. And we will.



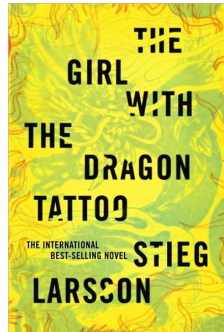
Power Map: Assisting local voters if Voter ID Bill passes



Book Group

Upcoming book club meetings are:

7:30 pm Tuesday March 1
at Chris Kondrasuk's to
discuss *Girl with the
Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg
Larsson



- ✓ Tuesday April 5 at Pam Hick's to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- ✓ Tuesday May 3 at Lois Helland's to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- ✓ Tuesday June 7 for Temple Grandin's *My Life in Pictures* at Ginny Jordan's.

Please call or email the hostess if you plan to attend.

NCCWSL 2011 reminder

The deadline for UW-Eau Claire and CVTC students to apply for our branch's scholarship to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is quickly approaching, February 28, 2011. The NCCWSL will take place between June 2-4, 2011 at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. Last year, AAUW-Eau Claire branch sponsored two UW-Eau Claire students and this year, we will again send two students. The \$900 scholarship will cover registration fees, airfare, lodging, some meals, and ground transportation. You can find out more information about the NCCWSL at <http://www.nccwsl.org> or contact Beth Kozbial Ernst (ernstbk@uwec.edu) if you have questions or would like an application.

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To cut down on spam, we will avoid including individuals' email addresses in *Foliage*. Please check your membership booklet for contact information.

AAUW State Convention – April 8-10th

Email kate.hinnant@gmail.com if you are interested in going!



From the Two Minute Activist:

<http://capwiz.com/aaaw/issues/alert/?alertid=28348501>

Tell Your Senators to Oppose Cuts to Critical Programs

Now is the time to build up our future, not chip away at it

As the House of Representatives is poised to pass the **Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011** (H.R. 1), the Senate is all that stands between a sensible budget and House proposed cuts that would hurt ordinary Americans and have a lasting, detrimental impact on our economy.

The House's proposed \$100 billion in funding cuts would fall unfairly on the backs of students, women, and working families by terminating or cutting funding for several important programs. For example, the proposed **cuts would END programs** that:

- **Help children succeed in school.** The bill would end the Even Start and Striving Readers programs, which support literacy projects for low-income children under age 7 and middle and high school students from troubled schools.
- **Encourage students to remain in school.** Programs that prevent high school dropouts would be entirely eliminated, as would programs helping low-income students pursue college readiness.
- **Assist students in pursuing higher education.** Financial aid programs for low-income and first-generation college students would be eliminated, as would programs for disabled students. Even Pell grants would be cut – in the middle of the school year!
- **Help workers pursue job training.** Although we're in the middle of a recession that has displaced millions of workers, the bill would strip billions in funding for job training programs.
- **Enable access to affordable health services.** The bill would end all funding for community health programs that provide cost-saving screenings, as well as Title X, which provides health care for millions of low-income women and families. It would also stop all funding for teen pregnancy prevention grants.
- **Support older adults and their family caregivers.** The bill eliminates initiatives that help older Americans stay in their homes as they age and avoid costly nursing home care.
- **Help protect workers' against sex discrimination, pay discrimination and pregnancy discrimination.** Strong enforcement is essential so workers can provide for their families, yet the draconian cuts in this bill endanger the enforcement programs that protect the hundreds of thousands of women denied wages they earned, denied their rights under the Family and Medical Leave Act, and subjected to harassment and discrimination on the job.

It is time to send a message to the Senate: You promised to create jobs and strengthen the economy -- why would you support legislation that undermines these goals?

Take Action!

Urge your senator to oppose the drastic funding cuts proposed in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (H.R. 1) that would cut \$100 billion from FY11 appropriations. The cuts would hurt ordinary Americans and have a lasting, detrimental impact on America's economy.

Budget vote: March 29th

AAUW - EAU CLAIRE BRANCH 2011-12 Proposed Budget

	2010-11	2011-12
CARRY FORWARD		
Operating Expenses	1,516.00	3,235.00
Book Sale Rental	1,312.00	1,312.00
National Conference	1,200.00	-
 INCOME		
Dues	4,354.00	4,550.00
\$70 x 65 members		
Book Sale	10,000.00	7,500.00
Interest	18.00	18.00
Fund Raiser (LAF Silent Auction)	750.00	1,000.00
Misc. Fund Raising	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,150.00	\$17,615.00
 EXPENSES		
Dues		
National (65 members x \$49)	3,000.00	3,000.00
State (65 members x \$10)	650.00	650.00
Meeting Expenses		
Rent	150.00	150.00
Hospitality	90.00	110.00
Speakers/Programs	225.00	225.00
Conventions/Workshops		
National	1,900.00	1,900.00
State	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other (Regional Meetings)	175.00	175.00
Operating Expenses		
Liability Insurance	125.00	125.00
Newsletter	210.00	210.00
Membership	100.00	100.00
Executive Board	75.00	75.00
Book Sale	2,600.00	2,800.00
Scholarships		
UWEC Foundation (Min. of \$500 each)	4,000.00	2,000.00
CVTC Scholarship (Min. of \$500 each)	1,500.00	500.00
UWEC Endowment	1,000.00	1,000.00
National Contributions		
Legal Advocacy Fund	750.00	1,000.00
Education Foundation/Leadership	1,000.00	1,800.00
Community Action/Organ		
Comm. Action (MS Adventure Girls, etc.)	300.00	300.00
Mis. (Women of Dist/Donation Requests)	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,150.00	\$17,420.00

Slate of Officers:

President: Kate Hinnant (incumbent)

Membership: Margot Bouchard (incumbent)

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421 Farwell (off of Gray St)

Why So Few?

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics :
<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm>

[Creanna Cote](#), Admissions Counselor for STEM students at UW-Eau Claire, has put together a panel to discuss women in STEM fields and AAUW's report.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday **March 29**, 7 pm, UU Social Hall
(see left)

PIE

Budget

Vote for Officers

coffee

chatter chatter

business meeting

Half the

Sky



February Meeting: Catherine Emmanuelle and Julie Keown-Bomar from Eau Claire Clear Vision, at the Hmong Mutual Association

AAUW VISION STATEMENT - *AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls..*

AAUW MISSION - *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.*

FOLIAGE - *Newsletter of the American Association of University Women - Eau Claire Branch*

Send or call items of interest to Kate Hinnant, kate.hinnant@gmail.com, 831-0182, 220 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701



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