



AAUW - Eau Claire

Upcoming Events

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Feb 2012

The recent Susan G. Komen debacle reveals something important about non-profit advocacy organizations. The board of the non-profit breast cancer foundation chose to cut off funding to Planned Parenthood on the grounds that they were under congressional "investigation" instigated by Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida. An immediate and firm response from Komen supporters and others led the board to at least partially reverse its decision.

So what went wrong? The Komen board exceeded the parameters set out by their organization. When supporters signed up for walks for breast cancer or donated money, they were signing up for breast cancer research and education, not an anti-reproductive choice platform. The board's decision was a surprise and a slap in the face. Highly partisan members of the board allowed their personal objectives to overshadow their charge and the organizations mission.

AAUW responded by canceling a joint event planned for NCCWSL this summer. In their [press release](#), Lisa Maatz is quoted as saying "AAUW is disappointed that some are playing politics with women's health and jeopardizing care for the most vulnerable among us." AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman followed up with "This is a

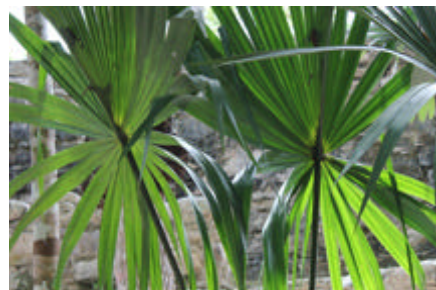
regrettable situation for all concerned but exactly the kind of circumstance in which we must strongly adhere to our principles."

This kind of consistency is what gives AAUW its strength and credibility. If you look at the [Public Policy Platform](#), or the [AAUW Issues](#), there is a lot going on there, but it is all consistent with our principles and mission, as is our philanthropy, our legal support, and our education.

We have an exciting few months ahead of us, starting with the Eau Claire premiere of *MISS Representation*, which on Feb 28th occurs on Women's History Month-eve.

Because of some of the special programming we have going on, we weren't able to squeeze in the Annual Meeting in April. We still will be voting on the budget and the board, **but the budget vote will occur early this year, at the March 14th event** with Kerry Kincaid and Carol Craig. The budget is included in this issue of the Foliage. Please look it over and let me know if you have any questions before our March meeting.

-Kate
Hinnant
President





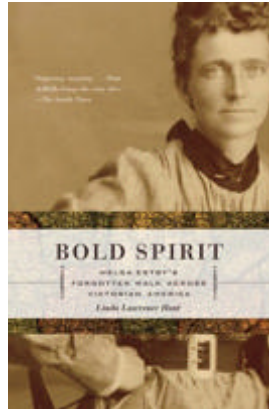
Book Group

Book group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at members' homes.

Upcoming selections are:

March 6th: *Bold Spirit*
by Linda Hunt at
Marge Quaid's

April 3rd : *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Gowda at Pam Hicks'



May 1st: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

June 5th: *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obret.

Silent Auction Success

There is nothing as satisfying as spending time with a group of talented and generous friends. The silent auction at the December meeting raised \$886, and AAUW Funds will put our money to good use.

Thanks to everyone who donated creatively, whether it was of their time, their talents, or items to the auction. The bidding was fun, the bidders generous, and many of us went home happy with our "purchases."

The students we sent to the NCWSL Conference gave a great presentation. The money we raise in our branch is well-spent when used to support this very talented next generation of women.

Mary Hayden

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STATE CONVENTION

April 27-28 in Janesville

Speakers: Mike McCabe of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign **and Sarah Harder!**

Funds are available for branch members who are interested in attending.

Volunteer at the Community Table with AAUW

We're forming a team to volunteer at the Community Table! Please consider volunteering, and even recruiting friends and family (including teens) to participate.

Mark your calendar to volunteer **Saturday, March 10th** at the Community Table (320 Putnam Street, Eau Claire).

Volunteers are needed for two shifts:
9:00-11:00 AM (5-6 volunteers)
11:00 AM-2:00 PM (6-8 volunteers)



To sign up to volunteer, contact Robin Miller at robin.miller@gmail.com or (715) 836-3132.

If you cannot volunteer on March 10th, but you would like to donate a gallon of milk to add to AAUW-Eau Claire's contribution, also contact Robin.

February 28th – the Eau Claire premiere of MISS Representation



Our branch is sponsoring the Eau Claire premiere of **MISS Representation**, an important new documentary about women and the media.

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 PM

Davies Theatre, Davies Center, UW-Eau Claire

Cost: Free!

Invite your friends!

You can preview the film at

<http://www.missrepresentation.org>.



I Hereby Resolve...to What?

We cannot help but hear about what is happening in Wisconsin. Women's health is taking a big hit in our legislature, as is medically accurate sex education and education at all levels. And that's only a start. Resolve to stay informed and take action at <http://aauw-wi.org/>.

It's also important that we resolve to keep track of Congressional legislation and the policies of our national leaders. Here is a summary of three issues from the AAUW Public Policy and Advocacy site. Please check for the details about many more issues and the status of legislation at: http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/

January 30-- AAUW and a broad coalition of advocacy groups held a briefing on Capitol Hill for senators and their staff on the critical need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Senate has heard from professional advocates in Washington -- now they need to hear from you. Raise your voice and ask your senators: Cosponsor and support the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (S. 1925)!

January 27--Obama Announces Higher Education Affordability Proposal
President Barack Obama outlined today his new college aid proposal, an effort that would link colleges' eligibility for campus-based aid with the schools' value and affordability. AAUW is committed to making the dream of higher education a reality for women. AAUW appreciates and supports President Obama's efforts to help students shoulder the economic burden of college attendance costs.

January 23--2011 was a banner year for rollbacks on reproductive rights, with 80 anti-choice restrictions enacted in state legislatures. The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that would limit comprehensive coverage of women's reproductive health care and allow doctors to refuse even lifesaving abortion care. (Read more about the rollbacks.)

Make your resolution for 2012

"I (your name) resolve to remain informed about issues that affect the health and well-being of women in our country. I will take action on these issues by using both the AAUW National and Wisconsin Take Action sites. I will do what I can, with the many resources at my disposal."

Mary Hayden
Public Policy Co-chair

Update: S. 1925 - VAWA was passed out of the Judiciary Committee and placed on the Senate calendar to come before the floor under "General Orders."

AAUW - EAU CLAIRE BRANCH 2012-13 Proposed Budget

CARRY FORWARD	2011-12	2012-13
Operating Expenses	3,235.00	1,660.00
Book Sale Rental	1,312.00	1,312.00
National Convention	-	1,900.00
INCOME		
Dues	4,550.00	4,550.00
\$73 x 65 members		
Book Sale	7,500.00	8,000.00
Interest	18.00	3.00
Fund Raiser (Silent Auction)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,615.00	18,425.00
EXPENSES		
Dues		
National (61 members x \$49)	3,000.00	3,000.00
State (65 members x \$13)	845.00	845.00
Meeting Expenses		
Rent	150.00	250.00
Hospitality	110.00	90.00
Speakers/Programs	225.00	180.00
Promotion		100.00
Conventions/Workshops		
National	1,900.00	1,900.00
State	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other (Regional Meetings)	175.00	150.00
Operating Expenses		
Liability Insurance	125.00	125.00
Newsletter	210.00	210.00
Public Policy		200.00
Membership	100.00	100.00
Executive Board	75.00	75.00
Book Sale	2,800.00	3,000.00
Scholarships		
UWEC Foundation (Min. of \$500 each)	2,000.00	2,000.00
CVTC Scholarship (Min. of \$500 each)	500.00	500.00
UWEC Endowment	1,000.00	1,000.00
NCCWSL		2,000.00
National Contributions		
AAUW Funds	1,000.00	1,100.00
Education Foundation/Leadership	1,800.00	-
Community Action/Organ		
Comm. Action	300.00	300.00
Mis. Donation Requests	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,615.00	18,425.00



Early vote on budget!

Because of our exciting April line-up, the traditional annual meeting didn't make it on the schedule.

We will vote on the budget at our March 14th meeting with Kerry Kincaid and Carol Craig.

Voter ID

You have another opportunity to be deputized to register voters.

When - March 8th

Time - 5:30 PM

Where - City Hall (probably north conference room - there will be signs)

Cheryl Bruner (assistant city clerk) will be your leader and it takes about 1 1/2 hours.

Following are some of the most recent tidbits on the Voter ID front:

At a recent meeting, members of a number of organizations came together and formed a group we are calling the Voting Rights Coalition. Representatives attended the meeting from AAUW, Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, League of Women Voters, the Senior Center, Jonah, ACLU, as well as professors, teachers, students etc. Six people from this group agreed to be on a central committee to follow up on various concerns that were raised and to keep us informed. Some of the concerns/issues they are checking out include using community television to inform the public, and investigating new media to get out the word and using public service announcements.

People attending this meeting are already registering people at the senior center, community table and the Hmong Assistance Association center.

The ACLU lawsuit currently has 17 plaintiffs but they would like more. If you know of someone who has been disenfranchised ask them to contact the local ACLU. Ann Heywood, Stephanie Turner and Mildred Larson are local contacts.

After the Feb 22nd primary, we will be focusing on registering CVTC students. I found that 38% of CVTC students are Eau Claire residents. If you are interested in helping me register students after the primary, please let me know via email at margotbouchard@yahoo.com or by phone at [715 832-9848](tel:7158329848). You do have to be "deputized" to register voters.

Mary Hayden, Robin Miller and Jill Markgraf are going to woman a table at the library at UWEC.

- Margot Bouchard



NPR ran article about voter disenfranchisement: ["New Photo ID Laws Mean Some Won't Vote."](#)

NCCWSL

Scholarship Applications were submitted – the due date was Feb 10. Look for an announcement in the near future regarding the successful candidates!



Soup & Cinema 2012

STEM Corner:

Check out local scientist and UW-Eau Claire professor Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff as she discusses [female careers in science](#) on the HigherEd Jobs website.

A highlight: "It is my opinion and experience that parents and relatives need to be supportive and encouraging of the sciences, whether or not they are scientifically literate themselves. Also, we need to focus on using human intelligence and talent to solve real problems and not on our societal obsession of visual appearances and the consumption that supports it. We can start with our daughters at home. I am so thankful that as a child I was encouraged to read, garden, do science, spend time outdoors in wild places, build with tools and make repairs...and at the same time, still do stereotypic "girl" stuff."

AAUW-Eau Claire & the Alliance for Strong Communities

Our branch participates in the local Alliance for Strong Communities along with 13 other local and regional groups including the cities and school districts of Eau Claire and Altoona, EC County, along with CVTC, Chippewa Valley Home Builders Assn, and 3 labor unions.

Here is the Alliance's Statement of Purpose

"The Alliance for Strong Communities is a regional network of organizations in the greater Eau Claire metropolitan area united to strengthen public services and public infrastructures in all local communities so that families and businesses can thrive. The purpose of the Alliance is to:

- a. Fortify community awareness around the importance of the public sector and how the state's current revenue system contributes to local budget problems;*
- b. Engage community organizations and associations with diverse backgrounds to advocate for change in the state revenue system; and*
- c. Develop a state fiscal policy agenda that will expand the revenue base and ensure fairness to all taxpayers by reducing reliance on local property tax."*

Plans for 2012 include programs highlighting decisions on public revenue and services to be decided in local, state and national elections.

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.

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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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