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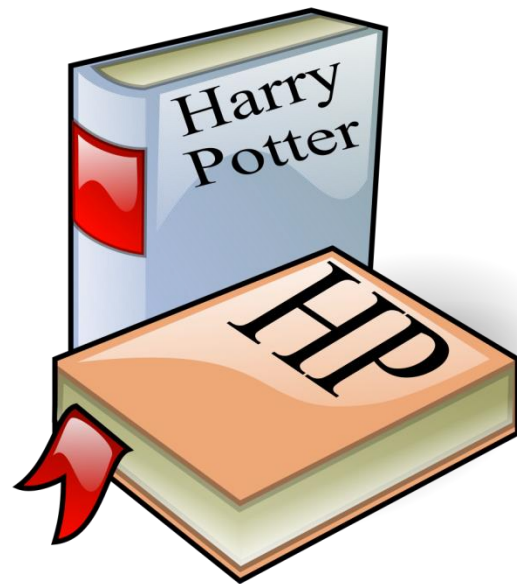
President's Corner

Cause It's Fun!

By Connie Russell

"Hey, look at this one! Awesome!" The annual used book sale always generates some excitement, but it was a surprising pleasure to hear those words from a young college student. As we toiled to unpack hundreds of boxes of books and get them all organized on the tables, the volunteer English majors from Sigma Tau Delta joined us in our annual festival of discovery – what treasures can be found in the boxes beneath the tables? Indeed, each year I've participated in the sale, I have discovered something interesting or new. Sorting one night a few years back, I flipped through a book to find a cut-out secret compartment. No jewels or money were in it, but it was surprising to know people actually did that. Last year, I found a clipping in one of Cleo Powers' books noting her achievement in high school which included the name of one of our current members. This year the title that caught my eye was "How to Fight a Bull." Since I don't anticipate that challenge in my near future, I left it on the table for a customer, but wondered about the ambitions of the original owner. Often there are inscriptions inside the cover denoting the book as a gift. As I opened a copy of "When I am an Old Women I shall Wear Purple," I read this note: *"Dear Mom, The other day someone said, 'You know, you're a LOT like your mother! Do you know that? 'And gladly I said, 'Yes! Thanks!'-"*

I wonder how many times the recipient has read that note since 1992. Sometimes, meeting new people at check-out hits the discovery button. I now know there's a guy who has written down every Louie L'amour title he has read, and it's a LONG list. Sometimes the discoveries come from a distance. A woman who is the adviser to the Library Science majors' student organization at UW-Madison happened to have heard about our sale and stopped in to stock up on books for the organization's service project: running a lending library for prison inmates. It was reassuring to hear that the demand for books is high among those whose circumstances don't allow them to shop at a book sale. There are lots of reasons people still read books, but one of our 7-year old customers probably summed it up best on our "Why do you like to read books?" post-it board: *"cause it's fun!"*



2015 BOOK SALE

Book Sale Wrap-Up 2015

The annual book sale is over, and planning has begun for future book sales—or whatever will serve as our major fundraiser. Thanks to the members (plus friends, family, Norske Nook, and students) who helped collect books, promote the sale, sort books, set up the sale, and work at the sale. We had about the same number of books as other years, but with fewer AAUW members able to help, higher expenses, and customers who spent less, the sale was a lot of work for lower profits. Despite our best efforts, our net is only a little over \$3,500 instead of the \$5,000 that we had anticipated in our budget. If you would like to make a donation to help fund the scholarships that depend on this fundraiser, send a check to UW-Eau Claire Foundation and indicate that it is for the AAUW-Eau Claire Branch Scholarship Fund. Or pay online at <https://connect.uwec.edu/donate>

Brainstorming will be important this year, as we consider changes to the sale or an alternative fundraiser. Help guide the future of our scholarship program by contacting Connie Russell with your ideas.

Book Sale Committee
Margot Bouchard, Rita Houser, Mary Hayden, Connie Russell



Our Next Big Event

Annual Holiday Lunch & Silent Auction

Invite a friend and join us for a lovely lunch, an exceptional silent auction, and an inspiring presentation from the three recipients of our branch's scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Saturday, November 21, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

Auction closes at 1:15 p.m.

Clarion Hotel Campus Area
2703 Craig Road, Eau Claire

Cost: \$17 per person (please bring cash or check)

RSVP with your entrée choice by Thursday, November 12 to:
aauweauclaire@gmail.com

Lunch Menu

Choose one of the following entrees:

Chicken a la King

Choice pieces of boneless chicken breast meat served with fresh garden vegetables simmered in a savory sauce. Presented in a puff pastry boat with a side of fresh fruit.

Spinach Tortellini

Roasted garlic and spinach filled tortellini tossed with sun-dried tomatoes in a tomato garlic cream sauce. Garnished with fresh Parmesan cheese.

Entrees will be served with a house salad, fresh bread, and coffee or hot tea.

Cocktail servers will take orders on a cash basis.

On Saturday, November 21, we will raise money to send young women to the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders. Our silent auction offerings will focus on services and consumables, so use your creativity to add something to the auction. We already have Betty planning to offer a jewelry-making party, Becky offering jams and cookbooks, Margaret has pickled more veggies, and Mary will make you a kettle of chicken dumpling soup. Could you teach a lesson about your hobby, offer computer help, host a lunch or tea, babysit, clean, run errands? Create a theme basket with a friend?

Contact Mary Hayden, haydenm@prodigy.net with your items and services. Bids on the items will be accepted online before the auction, and at the lunch. Your support through a purchase or a donation will help UW-Eau Claire women become tomorrow's leaders.

Watch for emails about the auction items and services, and let the bidding begin!

NCCWSL Participants for 2015

Come meet our 2015 *National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders* scholarship recipients at the annual holiday luncheon on November 21, 2015.

Claire Arneson – Physics and Mathematics
Claire is a sophomore from Spring Valley, Wisconsin and has been active in the Women in STEM and Math Club campus organizations. She is a University Honors Program student and is in the Blugold Fellowship Research program, having studied the interdisciplinary relationship between math and music. She plans to attend graduate school and hopes to conduct research and develop new materials to study future energy sources and global climate change.

Sarah Sortedahl – Materials Science
Sarah is a junior, also from Spring Valley, Wisconsin and is involved in a variety of activities on campus including the Materials Research Society and the Women in STEM student organizations and has presented a materials science research poster about superconducting wires at the Wisconsin Science and Technology Symposium conference. She has a passion for research and believes it is essential for women to be involved in research to help gain equality for women.

Sydney Van Dorf – Chemistry and Pre-Pharmacy

Sydney is a junior from Neosho, Wisconsin who is president of the Pre-Professional Health/Pre-Pharmacy Club on campus. She is also a member of the Women in STEM organization and two Honor Societies, as well as being in the University Honors Program. She hopes to practice pharmacy in a hospital setting where she can meet with patients and teach them about their medications they are being prescribed.

Many thanks to this year's NCCWSL selection committee:

Susan Bruce

Mary Hayden

Betsy Richmond

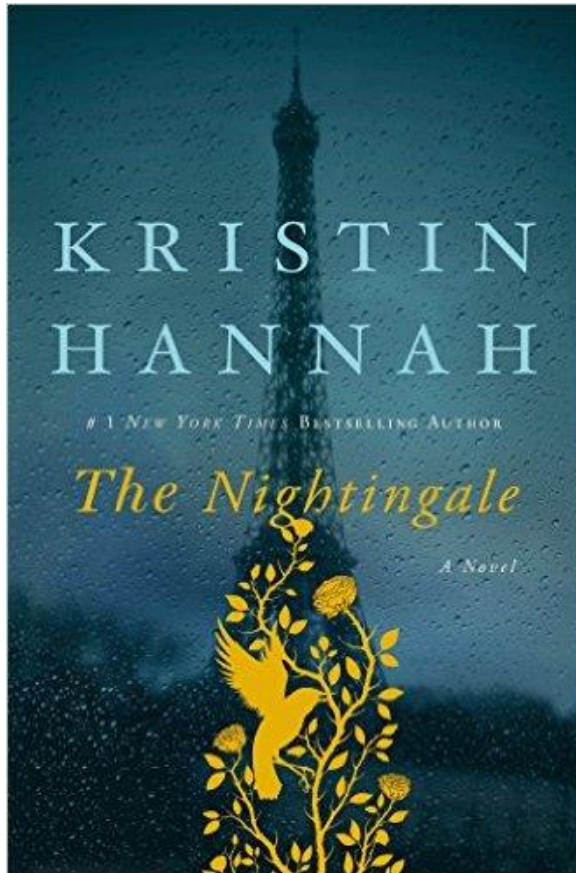
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BOOK GROUP

November 3, 2015

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
@ Dee Schorr, 7:30 p.m.



December 1, 2015

Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail
By Malika Oufkir
@ Chris Kondrasuk, 7:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE DAY, OCTOBER 15

A Day of Issue Advocacy at the State Capitol

Our day in Madison was aptly named.

Donna, Kathy, Margot, and Mary participated in an action-packed morning program by speakers who were passionate about issues like changes to the Government Accountability Board, voter registration, women's reproductive health, the influence of big money in our elections, and school funding woes.

By 1 p.m. we were well-armed with the details of pending state legislation as we headed over to meet with our legislators at the Capitol. Because AAUW is non-partisan, we met with legislative representatives from both parties. We explained that AAUW supports adequate funding for our public schools, especially rural schools. We asked them to vote NO on 3 bills related to voting rights and election administration, all of which contain portions that make registering to vote more difficult, and make oversight of election funding and activities open to fraud and outside influence. (SB292/AB387, SB 295/AB389, SB294/AB 388) We explained our opposition to laws that limit funding of women's health facilities. Margot pointedly asked two young women in one office, "How do you feel about your legislator voting to regulate your reproductive health?"

We ended the day with a strong conviction that getting out the vote in the next election is very important. As Sara Finger of

the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health said, "Young women voters are not paying attention. If we each tell three women how hard we fought for the right to vote and tell stories that explain why they must use that right, we can make a difference for women."

Mary Hayden, Public Policy Co-chair
with Margot Bouchard, Donna Weidman,
Kathy Briggs



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Gatherings

Soup & Cinema

Saturday, January 23, 2016

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Linda Presley's home

2933 Putnam Glen Place

At the November 21 luncheon, a film list will be circulated for members to indicate preferences; also a sign-up sheet for bringing soup, bread, or dessert will be available.



TED Talk Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in February

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dooley's Pub backroom

442 Water Street

Enjoy a casual lunch, while watching and discussing a short video on a topic related to a women's issue.

Our Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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Send or call items of interest to Donna Weidman, donna.weidman@gmail.com, 715-835-7735, 3112 Mercury Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703



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