



Foliage

A newsletter of AAUW-Eau Claire Branch
September 2015

President's Corner

"You must change in order to survive." -- Pearl Bailey
Autumn is a time of anticipation and change and truly the best season to open a new AAUW year. The leaves are turning, the sun light is different, the sky a deeper blue, and the air crisper. Like the season, our AAUW branch is getting ready to head into a year of celebrating change.

The first notable change is that we have resurrected publication of our newsletter after a year hiatus. Thanks to Donna Weidman for volunteering to reactivate "Foliage" on a quarterly basis. We hope this will again be a way for all of you stay informed of what AAUW is doing locally, regionally, and nationally.

Second, a number of our programs this year will focus on change. The Dinner and Forum on September 24 is a chance to hear from a trio of human rights luminaries and legends who exemplify how "the power of one" can transform the world. Titled *"I Am The Change,"* this forum

promises to inspire us to launch our own ideas into action. At our annual luncheon and silent auction on November 21, you'll hear from the three young women who attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Learning how this is a transforming experience for the attendees is always a source of pride for our organization. Then, in March, we are collaborating with the Chippewa Falls branch to bring together a panel of local activists -- women who are and have been working for change -- who walk the talk.

Third, our primary fundraising effort -- the used book sale--will have a new twist this year. Rita Houser has arranged to have Norske Nook pies donated for a raffle and to have Cindee Borton-Parker autographing copies of "The Norske Nook Book Pies and Other Recipes" cookbook on Sunday, October 4, during the bag sale day. We hope this will draw more customers to the sale. As

many of you know, the proceeds from the sale support scholarships for returning female students at UW-Eau Claire who are working hard to change their lives, and often their children's, by earning a degree, an increasingly more expensive goal.

Finally, you have an opportunity to advocate for legislative change. AAUW Wisconsin sponsors a Legislative Day every two years. This year's day of action will be October 15 in Madison. It's a chance to voice your concerns about issues that affect women, such as healthcare, pay equity, and family leave, in person before the people who vote on legislation.

Embrace the season with a renewed commitment to keep AAUW-Eau Claire a brilliant branch on the AAUW tree.



AAUW-Eau Claire Scholarships

Congratulations to the five recipients of \$500 scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. To be eligible, students must be returning female students age 23 or older, currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at UW-Eau Claire and in good academic standing, with a total GPA of 2.0 or higher. Many thanks to last year's selection committee of Jackie Christner and Elaine Wendt, and to Kim Wellnitz for administrative support and coordination.

Following are the names of the recipients and excerpts from their scholarship acceptance letters.

Jaime Burse – Masters of Science in Teaching Reading

"Thank you for supporting me as I pursue my educational endeavors. I am committed to continuing to work hard to finish my degree and, ultimately, make a difference in the lives of each child I work with."

Hao Pay Lee – Social Work Major

"My career goal is to bridge the barriers of people to become economically self-sufficient and empower them to succeed with their goals...Words cannot express my feelings of gratitude toward you all who have worked so hard to support this scholarship."

Noreen Metz – Business Operations and Materials Management Major

"I plan to graduate with honors and provide my children and myself with the financial stability that we need to succeed. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal...Your generosity has inspired me to pursue my goals to the fullest

and to continue to teach my children that an education is the most important thing to strive for in their future."

Kari Sarauer – Social Work Major

"I believe that because of my experience, that I will be able to educate my clients as well as provide compassion and empathy...I hope that I will be able to make a difference. I believe I will. I am getting closer to graduation next spring, and excited to finally put my education to use. "

Alyssa Vach – Masters -- Communication Sciences & Disorders

"I aspire to work in a hospital and work with patients recovering from strokes and traumatic brain injuries...I hope to make a difference in many people's lives, and your organization is helping me get there. Thank you!"



If you wish to make an individual donation to the AAUW-Eau Claire scholarship fund, make your check payable to UW-Eau Claire Foundation and send it to UW-Eau Claire Foundation, PO Box 4004, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004. Be sure to indicate that your gift is for the AAUW-Eau Claire Branch Scholarship Fund and include your contact information for the Foundation to confirm receipt of your tax-deductible gift. You may also pay online at <https://connect.uwec.edu/donate>.

Coming up soon!
Thursday, September 24
Dinner and The Forum:
“I Am The Change”

Join AAUW members from Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls for a casual dinner and conversation on Thursday, September 24, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Dooley’s Pub, 442 Water St. Then, walk or drive a short distance to the UW-Eau Claire campus for an inspiring presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Schofield Auditorium.

Please contact Connie Russell by Sunday, September 20, if you plan to attend both the dinner and the Forum and would like to pay for the Forum tickets at dinner. If you have already purchased your ticket for the Forum or just want to come for dinner, contact Connie by Tuesday, September 22, to reserve a seat for dinner. Contact info: russelc@uwec.edu; 715-828-2030.

Program description: The 74th season of The Forum, UW-EC’s distinguished lecture series, opens with ***“I Am The Change,”*** an exciting program that exemplifies how “the power of one” can transform the world. Presented by an esteemed trio of human rights luminaries and legends - [Ndaba Mandela](#), the grandson of Nelson Mandela, [Donisha Rita Claire Prendergast](#), Bob and Rita Marley’s granddaughter, and [Jasmine Rand](#), the family attorney for Trayvon Martin – this once-in-a-lifetime event inspires audiences to pursue meaningful change in their own lives and in the lives of others.

In this unique presentation, audiences will learn not only how to take action, but how

to realize the vision of their own philanthropic dreams. Learning directly from some of today’s most inspiring voices, attendees will become equipped with the tools and techniques needed to effectively mobilize their own schools and communities to seek equality and justice. Together, Ndaba, Donisha and Jasmine will show you how to launch your own ideas into action, explaining how every individual – young or old – rich or poor – has the power to play their own part in improving society.

I Am The Change promises to be an engaging, inspiring and truly motivating event that you won’t soon forget. More than a keynote, *I Am The Change* leaves audiences with a renewed faith that Nelson Mandela’s cry for justice remains strong and Bob Marley’s songs of freedom still echo in the modern social justice and civil rights movements throughout the world, including the recent “I Am Trayvon Martin,” movement. Most importantly, *I Am The Change* will leave individuals inspired to be the change.



Public Policy Update

A very important benefit of being an AAUW member is that AAUW helps distill the overwhelming details of what's happening in the political world. Legislative and judicial actions that result in policy changes affecting women and girls are summarized, the consequences examined, and appropriate action suggested. The focus is on **THE ISSUES** at the national and state levels, not the candidates.

Judges, Senators, Representatives, and the President will all be chosen in the next 16 months. The results of these appointments and elections will affect us for years to come, so getting out the vote is more important than ever. If you would like to see our branch work on a "get out the vote" campaign, a candidate forum with another organization, or other ideas (and would like to help), please contact us.

Take action

1. Legislative Day: Madison, Thursday, October 15.

Get information on current policy issues & meet with area legislators. Check <http://aauw-wi.aauw.net/> for details.

Contact [Mary Hayden](#) to join our Eau Claire delegation for this energizing event.

2. Receive updates on legislation & judicial decisions, respond quickly to items needing urgent action from YOU:

Go to AAUW.org

Click "What we do"

Click "Public Policy"

You will find links to sign up for AAUW Washington Update, AAUW Action Network, and important articles that summarize the issues that we in AAUW find important.

Sarah Harder & Mary Hayden

Public Policy Co-chairs



Looking for a way to be more involved in AAUW? If you like short, focused projects, consider volunteering to coordinate the silent auction at the November 21 luncheon. The proceeds from this event are used to support sending students to the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland - College Park. All that is involved is soliciting donations of goods or services for bidding before and at the sale. With the holidays following soon after the luncheon, attendees are in the mood for shopping. The auction usually generates about \$1,000.

For more information, contact Mary Hayden, haydenm@prodigy.net, 715-832-0445.

AAUW Annual Used Book Sale

Sort, Sell, Smile!



Our annual fundraising event is underway! Bags and boxes of used books are piling up in Helland's garage waiting to be sorted into categories that we hope will lure customers to the tables in search of literary treasures, or just something entertaining for winter nights by the fire. Everyone's help is needed. Even if you can only devote a few hours, you will be contributing to the success of the sale and to our mission as an organization.

The AAUW Book Sale is a tradition in Eau Claire. Why do we continue it?

- Scholarships: Much of the profit from the sale goes to fund scholarships for non-traditional age women students and to send students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).
- Community Service: New books are expensive. Our sale provides a service to those in our community who cannot afford to purchase new books.
- Recycling: Our sale puts books in the hands of new owners, instead of the landfill.

- AAUW Visibility: As a community event, the sale publicizes AAUW and our mission.
- Camaraderie: It's a chance for members to get to know each other.

How can you help? Lots of ways...

- Help sort books on Wednesday nights or whenever you can.
- Find good sturdy boxes, preferably the printer-paper size with lids, and bring them to the garage.
- Save grocery bags and plastic bags to use at the sale.
- Put up flyers on bulletin boards or in windows at businesses around Eau Claire and surrounding towns. You can pick up some flyers at the garage.
- Help set up the sale at the Expo Center or help with clean up after.
- Work a shift at the sale as a cashier or a greeter/helper on the floor.
- Bring snacks for the volunteers at the sale.
- Talk to everyone you know about donating good, used books. Collection barrels will be in grocery stores through September 28th.
- TALK IT UP! Let all your book-loving friends know about the good deals at this sale.

Here are the details:

Sale:

Friday, Oct. 2, 3 – 9 pm

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 am – 4 pm

Eau Claire County Exposition Center
5530 Fairview Drive.



NEW!! On Sunday, we will be having a raffle to win Norske Nook pies and Cindee Borton-Parker will autograph copies of "The Norske Nook Book Pies and Other Recipes" cookbook for customers. Spread the word!

Sorting: Wednesday nights after 5:30 pm at Lois and Mark Helland's garage (400 Foxmoor Lane) If you can't make it on a Wednesday night, you can come over on any day or evening that fits your schedule; the small side door to the garage will be unlocked. Please sign in so we can acknowledge your help.

Directions to sorting site:

Take Golf Road to So. Lowes Creek Road. Look for the MeadowBrook sign and turn right on Foxmoor Lane (if you go over I-94, you've gone too far). Drive to the end of Foxmoor. Look on left side of the circle for a white sign hanging from the light post that reads "Helland's". A short ways down the drive you will see another sign that says "Lois Lane." Proceed all the way down the long, scenic, wooded driveway.

Shifts for sale set-up and during the sale:

Contact Margot Bouchard to volunteer for a shift: margotbouchard@yahoo.com; 715-832-9848

Thanks for volunteering – this event is a success because of you!

Wednesday, Sept. 30:

Set-up 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 1:

Set-up 12 Noon – 9:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 2:

Set-up any time before 2:45 pm

First Shift Sale 2:45 – 6:00 pm

Second Shift Sale 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Third Shift Sale 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 3

First Shift Sale 8:45 am – 12 Noon

Second Shift Sale 11:45 am – 3:00 pm

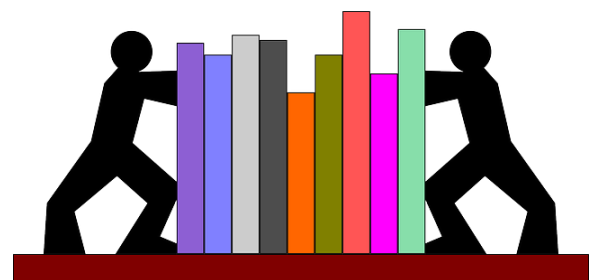
Third Shift Sale 2:45 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 4

First Shift Sale 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

Second Shift Sale 12:45 – 4:00 pm

Clean-up 3:30 – 5:00 pm



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Little Theatre, Memorial High School

Rebuild America's Infrastructure and Economy

This presentation sponsored in Eau Claire by the Alliance for Strong Communities is being given at four locations around the state to help raise awareness of both the dire state of our infrastructure and the solutions that could help revive our economy.

Learn how to be part of the solution to two of our most pressing problems. The presenters will be Martin Hanson from Ayres Associates of Eau Claire, representing the American Society of Civil Engineers who will talk about the **ASCE Infrastructure Report Card = Grade of D+ for the U.S.** and Dr. William L. Holahan, Emeritus Professor, Economics, UW-Milwaukee, whose topic **Repair Our Infrastructure and Jolt the Economy** will discuss the jobs impact of increased investments. The presenters will speak from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. with a Q & A following until 8:00 p.m.

AAUW-Eau Claire is represented on the Alliance for Strong Communities, a non-partisan regional network of community organizations and agencies united in strengthening the public structures essential for individuals, families, and businesses to flourish.

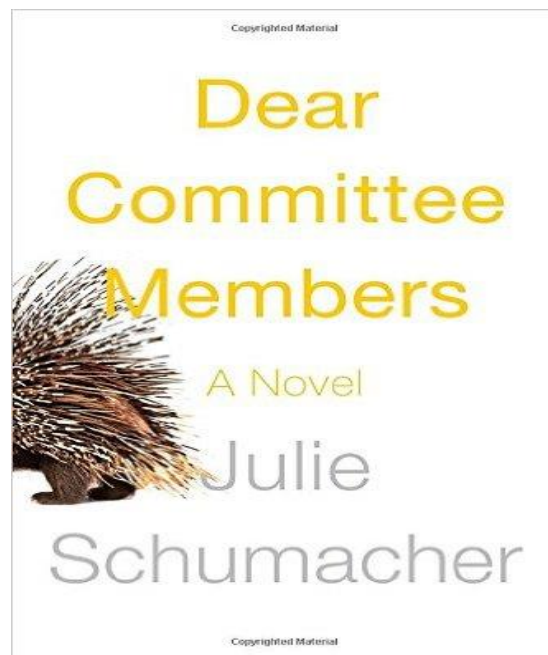
The goals of the Alliance are to:

1. Strengthen public awareness of the importance of public structures to sustain and enhance quality of life and economic vitality of Wisconsin communities.
2. Engage groups from diverse backgrounds in informed discussion and dialogue about public policies and issues that impact communities locally.

Book Group

October 6, 2015

Dear Committee Members by Julie Schumacher
@ Marge Quaid, 7:30 p.m.



November 3, 2015

The Nightingale by Kristine Hannah
@Chris Kondrasuk, 7:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events 2015-2016

2015:

Membership Kick-Off Social

Monday, August 31, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

From the Vine Wine Room, Golf Road

Guest Speaker: Caitlin Lee, Hmong Women's Summit

District 4 Meeting

Members from Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, River Falls, La Crosse, and Tomah meet to share information and discuss how to better market our branches.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Moe's Diner, Osseo, WI

Dinner & Forum: "I Am The Change"

Thursday, September 24

Dinner: 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Dooley's Pub, 442 Water St.

Forum: 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Schofield Auditorium, UW-EC

Book Sale

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Set-up: Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2

Sale: Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 4
Eau Claire County Expo Center

October program: "Rebuild America's Infrastructure & Economy"

Sponsored by The Alliance for Strong Communities

Wednesday, October 14, 6 – 8:00 pm
Little Theatre, Memorial High School

AAUW Wisconsin - Legislative Day

Thursday, October 15

Madison

Advocacy training and visits to legislators

Annual Lunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, Nov. 21, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Clarion, 2703 Craig Rd., Eau Claire

Featuring presentations by students who attended the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders.

2016:

Soup & Cinema

Saturday, January 23, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Home of Linda Presley, 2933 Putnam Glen Pl.,

February 2, 9, 16, 23 – "TED Talk Tuesdays"

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Dooley's Pub, 442 Water St., backroom.

Enjoy a casual lunch, watching /discussing a short video on topics related to women's issues.

March Program - "Activism through the Ages"

Date TBA, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Co-sponsored by AAUW -Chippewa Falls branch.
Hear a panel of women activists comparing experiences and strategies through past decades to the present.

Camille's Side Walk Café, 1120 122nd St.,
Chippewa Falls

Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, April 12

April Annual Business Meeting & Pie Social

Date & Time TBA

Home of Margaret Melrose,
5650 Pinewood Rd., Eau Claire
Guest Speaker: TBA

AAUW State Convention

Friday, April 22 – Saturday, April 23

Madison

May Spring Celebration

Date, time, & place TBA

AAUW – Eau Claire Board 2015 – 2016

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Board Meetings

Friday, Sept. 18, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 23, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Monday, Nov. 16, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 11, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Location: All in Dooley's Pub backroom.

Newsletter deadlines

Friday, Sept. 11

Friday, Oct. 23

Friday, Jan. 8

Friday, Feb. 26

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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