



AAUW - Eau Claire

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 19 @ 11:00 am - 2 pm
Holiday Lunch & Silent Auction
Campus Holiday Inn, Chippewa/Eau Claire Room

Saturday, January 28 @ 11:00 am - 2 pm
Soup & Cinema, Linda Spaeth's Home

November/December 2011

So it's 11:15pm, and I just checked the length of this behemoth newsletter and it clocks in at a hefty 10 pages. I haven't even begun to put together an article on our marvelous scholarship winners – that will have to wait for January.

If I'd had time to do a little more reading, I could tell you all about the new study AAUW just released on sexual harassment in grades 7-12. As it is, I have been so effectively ignoring my inbox, that when I saw the headlines this morning, I thought, "Gee, I bet AAUW is going to be all over that." All over it? They conducted the study!

But I would like to use this little sacred space of mine to promote an upcoming screening in Eau Claire of the documentary *The Flaw: The Credit Bubble that Caused the Financial Crash*. The screening and discussion is sponsored by the Alliance for Strong Communities – a non-partisan network, that our branch participates in, interested in strengthening public services and infrastructure.

It may seem like back-story now, what happened during our nation's financial collapse in 2007, but as we are left to grapple with its consequences - in forms that threaten the well-being of women, men,

families, perhaps for a very long time – it does behoove us to learn what went wrong, so that we can speak up for making it right in the future. As we skirmish over the thousand cuts that are proposed daily, to Medicare, to transportation, to childcare and funding for schools, we are distracted from the bigger problems with our economy. Problems, such as wealth disparity, that have only recently taken center stage.

If you're interested in attending this movie, here are the details:

The Flaw: The Credit Bubble that Caused the Financial Crash

Thursday, December 1
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
The Plaza Hotel, 1202 W. Clairemont Ave.
Crystal Ballroom



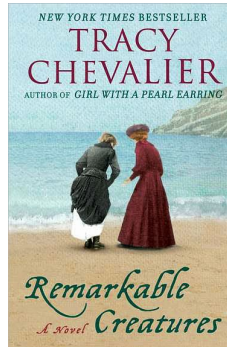


Book Group

AAUW Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at members' homes.

December 6th at Ginny Wright's to discuss **Remarkable Creatures** by Tracy Chevalier. JJ Henricksen will lead the discussion.

January 3rd at Chris Kondrasuk's to discuss **Major Pettigrew's Last Stand** by Helen Simonson.



For February, March and April we will be reading from AAUW's Adelante list. These books are:

- February 7th - **Breaking Night** by Liz Murray,
- March 6th - **Bold Spirit** by Linda Hunt
- April 3rd - **Secret Daughter** by Shilpi Gowda.

Please call the hostess if you plan to attend.

There we go again!

Kudos to new member Melissa Girard for organizing a stellar panel to discuss how gender affects the marketplace. Beth Ernst, Barb Gosch, Robin Miller, and Kristen Dexter also participated and the panel was included in UW-Eau Claire's Explore Your Career Possibilities week. Several audience members were interested in becoming e-affiliate members.

In light of this success, we are planning a spring presentation on salary negotiation!

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Please join AAUW-Eau Claire for our annual

Holiday Lunch & Silent Auction

Join us for a lovely lunch, an exceptional silent auction, and thoughtful comments from a recipient of our branch's scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCSWL)!

Saturday, November 19, 2011

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Lunch served at 11:45 AM

Auction closes at 1:45 PM

Campus Holiday Inn, Chippewa/Eau Claire Room

[2703 Craig Road, Eau Claire](#)

Cost: \$14 (please bring cash or check)

Lunch Menu

*Choose **one** of the following entrees:*

Spinach Tortellini

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

Chicken a la King

Boneless chicken breast with fresh garden vegetables simmered in a savory sauce and presented in a puff pastry boat. Served with a side of fruit.

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

Cocktail servers will take orders on a cash basis.

RSVP with entree choice by November 9th to Margot Bouchard, [\(715\) 832-9848](tel:7158329848).



AAUW Funds AUCTION

November 19, 2011

Holiday Inn 11:00 a.m.

Pre-bid on the silent auction items by contacting Mary Hayden **NOW** with your initial bid and keep bidding until **November 18**, the day before the lunch. Call Mary at 832-0445 or email haydenm@prodigy.net with your bid &/or to add more auction items to the list.

NOTE: MORE ITEMS WILL BE ADDED TO THIS LIST—STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

1. Homemade bread from Betty

Betty Hurst will make 8 loaves of home baked bread for you. The winner can choose from honey oatmeal, Danish spiced rye, pumpkin, and cottage dill. A total of 8 loaves, delivered 1,2,or 3 loaves at a time when needed, with a couple of days' notice.

CURRENT HIGH BID

YOUR BID:

2. You can't beat Margaret's canning

Margaret Melrose has been busy canning, and has generously offered the following:

Dill pickles- 1 quart	Jar 1	Pickled beets-pint	Jar 6
Dill pickles- 1 quart	Jar 2	Corn relish-pint	Jar 7
Bread & butter pickles-pint	Jar 3	Corn relish-pint	Jar 8
Bread & butter pickles-pint	Jar 4	Pickled jalapeno peppers-pint	Jar 9
Pickled beets-pint	Jar 5	Pickled jalapeno peppers-pint	Jar 10

3. "Like this!" you "Tweeters"

Not sure what this means? Then you should put a bid on this item! Catherine Emmanuelle is willing to be your personal tutor for **up to two hours on Facebook and Twitter**. Discover the local and global online conversation that is happening, and the social media world that awaits you! This will be very user friendly and Catherine will personally help guide you through the process of setting up an account, understanding the basics of Facebook and Twitter. Guaranteed good time! Catherine will come to your home, meet you out and about, or joyfully host you at her house & computer with a hot pot of tea or coffee!

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

4. Tickets to the History Theatre

Ami Christensen is offering 2 tickets to the History Theatre in St. Paul, good for any show in their 2011-2012 season. Shows in this season are *A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration*, *1968: The Year That Rocked the World*, *Coco's Diary*, and *Capital Crimes: The St. Paul Gangster Musical*. More information can be found on their website at

www.historytheatre.com

VALUE \$76 **MINIMUM BID \$50**

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

5. Warm up with chicken dumpling soup

Mary Hayden will cook up a pot of rich and delicious chicken soup; made with real chicken. Give me a few days' notice, and it will be ready when you need it.

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

6. Canna bulbs for a colorful summer

Margot Bouchard will share 6 bulbs from this large and colorful plant.

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

7. Who has time to bake cookies?

Robin Miller will help with your holiday baking.

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:



8. Two chickadees

Connie Mattson has donated 12 x14" picture of 2 happy chickadees.

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

9. Fabulous finds from the book sale

Margot Bouchard rescued 3 books from the recent sale; original price \$40-\$60 each. Plan ahead for the adults or teens on your gift list.

1000 Play Thinks: Puzzles, Paradoxes, Allusions & Games (adults or teens)

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

The Century (a magnificent chronicle of the 20th century by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster)

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

Peanuts, a Golden Celebration the Art and Story of the World's Best Loved Comic Strip

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

10. Amelia Piano Trio-2 tickets

Lois Helland hopes that you will enjoy a UW-Eau Claire Artist Series concert on May 10.

VALUE \$34

CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

11. Basket of flowers

Karen Pope is hoping you will enjoy this basket of flowers from May's Floral.



CURRENT HIGH BID:

YOUR BID:

IT'S MY VOTE



I WILL BE HEARD



A A U W A C T I O N F U N D

So, why are we talking about an election that's a year away? Well, in the first place elections begin only 4 months from now with primaries and a possible recall vote. And in the second place, election rules have changed in a *big way* for Wisconsin. A new city of Eau Claire brochure is headlined: "Wisconsin Election Laws: Photo Id And Other Recent Changes effective 2012." If you want to get a head start, go to the website Voter Public Access <<https://vpa.wi.gov>>

But our branch is gearing up to play a number of active roles – in registration, voter education and get-out-the-vote.

Here's the scoop, first about the Association's nationwide initiative focused on **Millennial Women**, those between the ages of 18 and 32, who came of age around the turn of the century. While we care about all voters, Millennials are special in several ways.

Americans largest generation after Baby Boomers, this generation has not yet established voting habits, including whether or not to go to the polls.

Here in Wisconsin that is complicated by new Voter ID rules that could easily exclude Millennials if they go to the polls unprepared without advance registration and the right photo IDs. The reasons are many, based upon what studies show about the Millennial generation. This age group moves more often than any other. They are the most educated generation in US history, but also carry the biggest debts. Most have weaker civic affiliations, don't "do meetings," and don't read or hear traditional news sources. Although adept at social media, they don't use email

GET DEPUTIZED



WHAT: Special training for AAUW members to become certified to register voters in the city of Eau Claire

WHEN: Dec 6th, at 5:30pm

WHERE: UW-Eau Claire, Davies Center, room TBA

DETAILS: Cheryl Bruner, the assistant city clerk, will lead us through a training session that lasts approximately 1.5 hours. No one can register voters without being deputized through a training session, such as this.

Stay tuned for other opportunities to earn your badge.

much. So along with hurdles of registration, we don't know what these young people know or how to adapt traditional voter education strategies.

Wisconsin has been selected by AAUW to play a big part in its VOTE 2012 project, testing new ways to reach out to reach out especially to this generation of women -- based upon issues they care about because their lives will be affected. Five of our branch members joined others from across the state last month to begin serious planning to impact the preparation and voting of Millennial Women in local districts.

Our branch will begin this month by offering a special meeting to train and certify election registrars so outreach can take this process to people who may not seek it out. We will work with both UWEC and CVTC in their special efforts to assure new photo ID rules don't exclude eligible voters. But we will also experiment with new methods to connect with millennials not in school to understand the concerns in their lives and share issues that AAUW supports to address them.

Additional vote-related branch events will be shared in hopes you will want to try intriguing new options for outreach and action together.

Sarah Harder, Branch Public Policy Co-Chair

Got a movie to add to our list of options for the January Soup & Cinema event? Email Robin Miller @ millerrob@uwec.edu

We are especially seeking 2009, 2010, and early 2011 films!



Movie still from *Made in Dagenham*, starring Sally Hawkins

BOOK SALE SUCCESS

It takes a heck of a lot of people to pull off a successful used book sale. Through the years various book sale chairs have organized what used to be an overwhelming event for a couple of sale leaders into a well-planned event, with a timeline and committees with defined roles. Margot and I really appreciated all the past planning that went into making our job as chairs easier.

The best part this year was the amazing number of members who pitched in to help with all aspects of the sale. Not a lot of volunteer organizations are fortunate enough to say that 2/3 of their members help with a group project. This was truly amazing!

Book sale by the numbers:

Boxes of books sorted in Helland's garage	450
Men's hockey team members who moved these boxes	28
Unsorted boxes from St. Bede's, UW-EC, and the Book Peddler	350
Number of tables filled with books	85
Sigma Tau Delta members who helped set up the sale	14
People waiting to get into the sale at 3 p.m. Friday	120
Women's softball team who helped at the end of the sale	9
AAUW Eau Claire members who helped in some way	44 out of 65
Net profit from the sale	~\$5900, up \$1000 over last year



Mark Helland, Margot Bouchard, & tons of books!



Mary Hayden, Harriet Christy, and Margot Bouchard

Many thanks go to our members and their friends & spouses who helped so much with the sale. The official committees are listed below, but each group had other helpers, and some people helped with multiple aspects of the sale.

Committees & Tasks:

*Barrels: Pam Hicks & Kim Wellnitz—and everyone who helped to empty those barrels

*Publicity: Kate Hinnant, Jeanne Claridge, Rita Houser, Connie Russell, Becky Mauch

(Committees & Tasks, cont.)

*Set-up: Karen Pope (who returned from Madison to set up the children's area) Donna Weidman, Betty Hurst, and many more

*Sorting: JJ Hendrickson and the many members who helped sort those books

*Volunteer Coordinator: Kim Wellnitz

*Hospitality: Cleo Powers

*U-Haul drivers: Connie & Chuck Russell

*On-call person to pick up donated books: Margot Bouchard

*On-call husband with red pick-up to haul books: Dennis Hayden

*Treasurer: Linda Spaeth, who counted money with help from Donna Weidman

*Use of garage for sorting: Lois & Mark Helland

We thank all of you for the many hours of work that helped to make the 2011 book sale a great success.

Margot & Mary



Creanna Cote tries to keep the books in line!

Mystery customer... he bought 3 books.



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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