



AAUW - Eau Claire

Upcoming Events

Saturday **November 20**, 11:30 am
Action Fund Lunch/Auction [Jewel of India](#)

Saturday **January 22**, 11 am -2 pm
Soup & Cinema - Linda Spaeth's Home

Nov 2010

President's Message

First, the bad news: most of the bills for the Book Sale are in and it's not looking so hot in the profit department this year. Now the good news: the balance in our bank account is still quite healthy. We can still go forward with scholarships and other budgeted items for the year.

There were a lot of factors in play this year that may have had a significant effect on our Book Sale downturn. Last year, the public library book sales were on temporary hiatus due to building construction. This year, we had unseasonably warm and beautiful weather. Some of us knew that if we weren't volunteering, we surely wouldn't be there!

I also think that the bad economy is a double-edged sword. While many people are looking for bargains – ways to keep themselves educated or entertained, people are also cutting down on discretionary personal spending. One of the used booksellers who attended the first day of the book sale reported to one of our members that *his* sales had dropped 40% in the last year.

It was also a tough year because our Book Sale had no leaders. Last year, we were unable to find anyone willing to co-chair the

sale. Because we depend on this sale to allow us to support our local scholarships, contribute to national funds, and do many other things that help us fulfill our mission, we didn't feel we could just not do it.

We planned and prepared the book sale "by committee" and while it wasn't a disaster, I don't think we should do it that way again. It was harder. There were mistakes, duplications, and uncertainties that probably would have been averted if we on the committee weren't trying to be both coordinators and do-ers. I would have to use another page for this column if I were only to list only my own "d'oh!" moments.

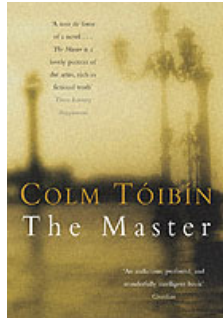
We've always said that the Book Sale is a well-oiled machine, and I think we can stand by that claim. But even a well-oiled machine needs an operator, preferably with a manual. We've got the manual, the diagrams, even plenty of extra oil.

We need co-chairs if we are to run the Book Sale in 2011. I am soliciting self-nominations. Please email me by the end of December. We will need plenty of time to look at alternative fundraising ideas if we cut the 2011 Book Sale.

-Kate Hinnant
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Book Group



Tuesday December 7
The Master
by Colin Toibin at
Ginny Wright's

Tuesday January 4
*The Girl in the Blue
Dress*
by Gaynor Arnold at
Karen Haugen's

Tuesday February 1
Half Broke Horses
by Jeannette Walls at JJ Henricksen's

Tuesday March 1
The Help
by Kathryn Sockett

Tuesday April 5
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
by Rebecca Sklott

Tuesday May 3
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
by Stieg Larsson at Lois Helland's

We meet at 7:30 usually the first Tuesday at members' homes. Please contact Marge if you plan to be at November's meeting.

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Correction:

The membership directory incorrectly gives the names of last year's board members, instead of the 2010-2011 board, listed above.



AAUW Action Fund Luncheon & Silent Auction

Meet in the **CLEARWATER ROOM**
right off the bar.

Menu: Buffet Indian cuisine

Meatball Curry

Tandoori Chicken

Diwane Handi (vegetarian)

Basmati Rice & Naan

*Ice Water served with meal;
order individual beverages
(including non-alcoholic) at the bar.*

- ❖ **When:** Saturday, November 20, 2010
11:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Where:** Jewel of India
Ramada Inn Convention Center, Eau Claire
- ❖ **Presentation:** NCCWSL attendee Gretchen
Bachmeier will discuss her experiences at
the Washington conference last summer
- ❖ **Cost:** \$13.00 per person
(includes tax & tip)
- ❖ Send **Mary Hayden** your list of items for the
silent auction or bring them with you
- ❖ **Please RSVP** to popekj@uwec.edu or
715 529 0272 by **November 15th**

Invite a guest!

LEARN

GIVE



Learn about Gretchen Bachmeier's experiences at the

National
Conference for
College Women
Student Leaders
(NCCWSL) last
summer. Our
branch
supported both
her and Marci
Korb's
attendance.



The Sounds of Silence



No one leaves messages on the voice mail, television is showing nice ads, and the mailbox is full of catalogs. Even the doorbell is strangely silent. The election is over and there is a void. It's a relief, but is it time to nap?

Congress resumes work in mid-November, and the Paycheck Fairness Act, S. 3772, needs our support to help it pass. Even if you contacted him earlier, encourage Senator Kohl to

lend his support to this bill when the Senate votes on it on November 17. Senator Feingold has long been on the AAUW side of the issue, and this may be our best chance, before Congress adjourns, to get it passed. Call to leave a voice message at Senator Kohl's office, (202) 224-5653, or contact Sen. Herbert Kohl via our national 2-minute activist site <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

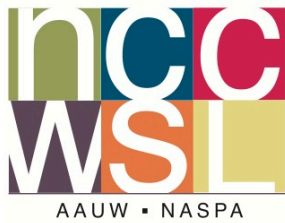
2011 will bring many new faces to federal and state government positions, faces that will represent you. Think about how inexperienced many of these people are. Remember, they will represent you, whether you voted for them or not. **How will they know what you want them to support?** Now is not the time to allow laws to be passed and policies enacted that do not support AAUW issues. We must contact those in office—we know that those opposed to our issues will!

AAUW members in Wisconsin have a **great new tool** to keep us abreast of what is going on in Madison. Read all about it at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/wi/home/>, then scroll **way down** to the bottom of the Welcome page. Under Stay Informed, find the link to the registration form for alerts about current Wisconsin legislation, and requests to contact legislators. Now it will be easier than ever to know what is happening, and to influence what is done.



To replace your pre-election reading, try the AAUW blog. There was an interesting [post](#) on November 5, "Midterm Elections: Good and Bad News for Women," by Rachel Wallace. It's a good summary of the numbers of women elected, the influence of women like Nancy Pelosi and Sarah Palin, and the record-breaking statistics about women in government. Here's an example of her writing, "As the Republican leadership moves into the House, it's important that the boys' club has a few women around, and I trust Palin and some of her friends will make sure that happens."

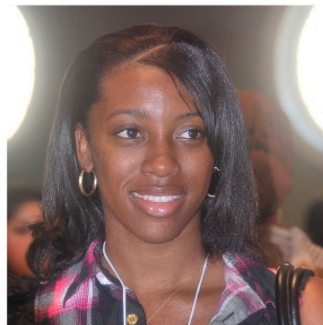
Mary Hayden
Sarah Harden
Public Policy Co-chairs



2011 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

"I felt inspired by all the women I met. So much brilliance and desire for change in one room!"

— Kristin M. Nicholls, Hofstra University



June 2–4, 2011
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland



**"This conference gave me
the inspiration and skills I
needed to follow the calling of
my heart and soul."**

— Hayle McClellan, University
of North Carolina, Wilmington



**"This conference has been nothing less than absolutely
inspiring, encouraging, motivational, and rewarding. I have yet to
attend any conference as empowering as this one."**

— Erica Lynn Hamilton, Northwestern Michigan College



- Hear energizing keynote speakers and meet inspiring Women of Distinction Award recipients.
- Participate in workshops focusing on advocacy, leadership, health and wellness, and "real world" issues such as financial literacy and life after college.
- Get involved in preconference activities, community service projects, and skill-building events.
- Enjoy endless opportunities to network, network, network!

For more information and to register, visit www.nccwsl.org.



NCCWSL 2011 announced

The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) has been slated for 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, Gretchen Bachmeier and Marci Korb. Last year's \$900 scholarship covered registration fees, airfare, lodging, some meals, and ground transportation. Both students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and found the conference empowering and uplifting. This year, depending on funding, hopefully our branch can increase the number of scholarships to four. If you would like to hear more about NCCWSL and Gretchen Bachmeier's experience, please attend our next branch event on Saturday November 20. Gretchen will be speaking about the highlights of the conference. Also, please visit the NCCWSL website at <http://www.nccwsl.org>

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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