

April  
2009

## Presidents' Message

April will be a busy month for our Branch with several events planned:

- We are co-sponsoring a public forum on April 20th entitled, "What Ever Happened to Good Government in Wisconsin?"
- The annual meeting is on April 22nd. We are pleased to announce that our slate of officers is complete. Kate Hinnant has agreed to serve as our President. Thank you, Kate, for your willingness to provide leadership to our Branch.
- The Pay Equity Bake Sale at UW-Eau Claire and CVTC is on April 28th. Please contact Kim Wellnitz if you can bake and/or work on the day of the sale.

You can find details for all of these activities in this issue of FOLIAGE.

On the national level, the Obama administration cleared the way for a \$50 million contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the first U.S. donation since 2002. The UNFPA, which is supported by 180 member nations of the United Nations, works to reduce poverty, improve the health of women and children, prevent HIV/AIDS, and provide family planning assistance to women in 154 countries. AAUW celebrates the reinstated U.S. contribution to UNFPA as a vital effort to advance women and girls' equity on a global level.

Our State Convention in Wisconsin Rapids is scheduled for May 1-3. This year the Branch delegation includes Margot Bouchard, Lois Helland, and Kim Wellnitz who all hold state level Board offices as well as Cleo Powers, Kate Hinnant, Mary Hayden and Linda Spaeth.

Locally, as we begin to wrap up another year of AAUW activities, we are looking ahead to 2009-2010. Once again the Board will hold a planning session on May 17th at Margo Bouchard's home. We welcome your input. Please complete the membership survey on our website by May 10th. The responses we receive will help us plan future program topics, speakers, and projects.

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Henri Matisse's *Les toits de Collioure*

## Book Group:

Tuesday April 7 at 7:30 at Dee Schorr's to discuss ***Born on a Blue Day*** by Daniel Tammet (the story of an autistic savant)

Tuesday May 5 at 7:30 at Marge Quaid's to discuss ***March*** by Geraldine Brooks

Tuesday June 2 at Ginny Jordan's to discuss ***Blood of Flowers*** by Anita Amirrezvani.

Our summer book will be *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Naslund.

Our group has gotten very large this year, so we currently do not have room for new members. I am sorry to have to say that, but we meet in homes and we have to keep the group at a number that works for that venue.

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## SLATE OF OFFICERS

The AAUW Board acting as the Nomination Committee puts forth the following names for the offices listed below for 2009-2011:

**PRESIDENT:** Kate Hinnant (2 year term)

**MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS:**

Margot Bouchard (1 year term)

Linda Spaeth (2 year term)

**PROGRAM CO-CHAIR:**

Barbara Radke



## A Tisket, a Tasket, a GREEN Basket

Help us collect items for 2 baskets to take to the AAUW state convention.

Funds raised by the silent auction will support the Legal Advocacy Fund.

### Clean & Go Green!

Items for cleaning that are environmentally friendly, such as:

- ✓ Recycled paper or cleaning cloths
- ✓ Cleaning products like Seventh Generation, baking soda, vinegar, etc
- ✓ Spray bottles
- ✓ Book on making your own cleaning products



### Live Green!

Items to help reduce your carbon footprint, such as:

- ✓ Cloth tote bag
- ✓ Book on being green
- ✓ Power strip to turn off equipment
- ✓ Florescent bulbs
- ✓ Seed packets for your own garden
- ✓ Items made from recycled products
- ✓ Reusable items

Bring your donations to the April 22 meeting or deliver them to Mary Hayden (832-0445) by April 24.

HINT: if you don't bring any item to the meeting, remember that \$\$ is green, too.



## Give A Grad A Gift

As spring approaches and with it the graduation season, it is the perfect time to remind ourselves of the "Give A Grad A Gift" program.

The person you designate gets a free one-year national AAUW membership at no cost.

That lucky person expands her networking opportunities, is exposed to the power that comes from belonging to a highly respected national woman's organization, and is provided with tools that will help her stay current on events, people, legislation and programs that will impact her life.

If you would like to give your person a membership to a local/state branch as well as a national membership, you only have to add on the cost of the state/local branch dues. In the case of our branch in Eau Claire, the entire gift of national and local/state membership for an entire year would be an extra \$21.

Sign on to our national website using your member number, click on the Give A Grad A Gift option under membership and see the online application.

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## Public Policy

AAUW members know how important it is to be a part of the informed electorate and to cast our vote. Now a new U.S. government report has been released which should make us proud to belong to AAUW, a non-profit organization that helps preserve our democracy.

### How Nonprofits Helped America Vote

Last week, [OMB Watch](#) released a new report, [How Nonprofits Helped America Vote: 2008](#), which clarifies the important role that nonprofits have in encouraging voter engagement in the United States. The report demonstrates how nonprofits protect election integrity and use various ways to get out the vote. Lee Mason, OMB Watch director of nonprofit speech rights, said, "This report showcases just how important it is for nonprofit organizations of all stripes to continue and increase their nonpartisan voter engagement activities."

AAUW members across the country enthusiastically participated in AAUW's The Power of One Vote campaign that successfully helped turn out women voters across the country for the 2008 elections. [AAUW's Voter Education Campaign](#) encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and shows the impact congressional action has on their lives.

Public Policy Chairs  
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Branch Survey? [www.aauweauclaire.com](http://www.aauweauclaire.com)  
Have you done it?

Check [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
for the new AAUW  
federal policy agenda.



## April

Do not miss Cathy Sultan's book review and Middle East update at our **Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at Sandy

### Cathy Sultan



Hume's home. Cathy will be reviewing her third book, *Tragedy in South Lebanon: The Israeli-Hezbollah War of 2006.*

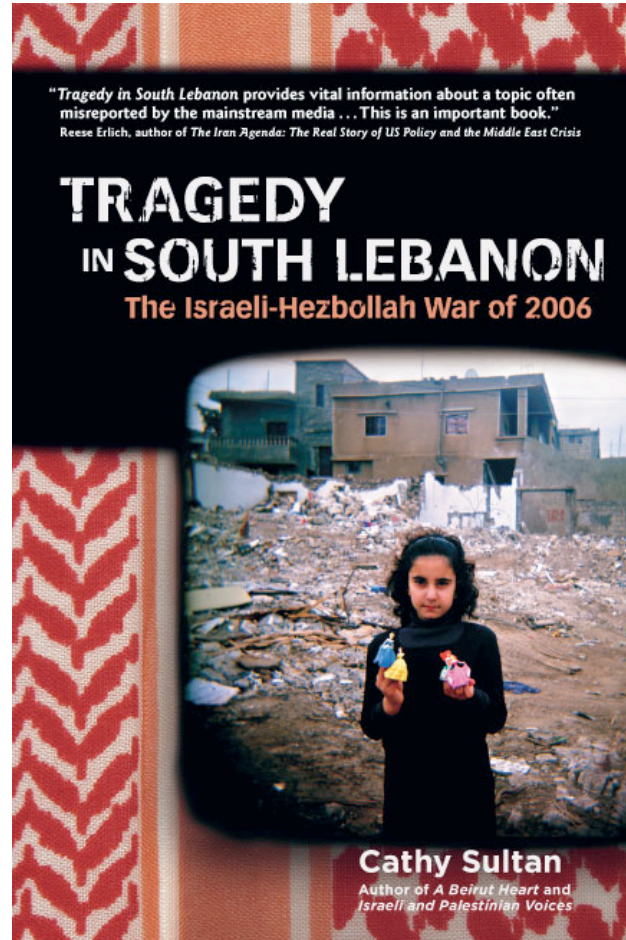
Join us even if you have not read the book – these discussions

are so very interesting and informative. Plus, we will have a briefannual meeting and **pies** will be served.

Directions to Sandy's:

- Merge onto US-53 N via the ramp toward SUPERIOR.
- Take EXIT 89 toward RIVER PRAIRIE DR.
- Turn RIGHT onto 10th Street
- Turn Left onto Lake Road
- Turn Left (second left) onto North Moonlight Drive
- Go to 935 N. Moonlight Drive

Sandy's number: 835.1239



## May

On **Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.** we will be gathering at the First Congregational Church for the **Eleanor Roosevelt Walk**. After the short walk we will enjoy a potluck salad supper followed by a presentation by **Carrie Andringa**, who will update us on the Girl Scout Spectacular project which focuses on technology and science for young women. We will welcome spring-please join us!





# Pay Equity Bake Sale

Tuesday, April 28th 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

UWEC Campus – Hibbard Humanities Hall  
CVTC Campus - Library Entrance

**If anyone is still interested in baking or helping to staff the sale at CVTC, please contact Kim Wellnitz at #970.443.2964 or [kimwellnitz@yahoo.com](mailto:kimwellnitz@yahoo.com)**

**Bakers:**

Cleo Powers  
Kim Wellnitz  
Mary Hayden  
Margot Bouchard  
Linda Spaeth  
Chris Kondrasuk  
Donna Weidman  
Dawn Bosold  
Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe  
Claran Ramsdell  
Janet Bethke  
Rita Sorkness


**UWEC Sale Staffers:**

Cleo Powers 11 – close  
Mary Hayden 12:30 – 1:30  
Margot Bouchard 11:00 – 12:00  
Chris Kondrasuk 11:00 – 12:00

**CVTC Sale Staffers:**

Donna Weidman 11:00 – 1:30  
Janet Bethke

**Support pay equity.**



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AAUW Educational Foundation  
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

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**AAUW MISSION** - *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.*

**FOLIAGE** - *Newsletter of the American Association of University Women - Eau Claire Branch*  
*Send or call items of interest to Kate Hinnant, kate.hinnant@gmail.com, 831-0182, 220 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701*



**April 14, Tuesday, 7 p.m.**  
**Annual Meeting and Pie Social,**  
**Book Discussion**  
**Sandy Hume's House**

**April 28, Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**AAUW Pay Equity Day**  
**UWEC Hibbard 1st Floor & CVTC Main**  
**Lobby**

220 Roosevelt Ave  
Eau Claire, WI 54701