

Foliage

a newsletter of AAUW-Eau Claire

October 2013



Interest Group Expo + Book Sorting

Wed, October 2, 5:30-8:00 pm
Lois Helland's home

AAUW Used Book Sale

Friday, October 11-Sunday, October 13
Eau Claire County Expo Center
Volunteer by emailing:
aauweauclaire@gmail.com

Annual Lunch & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 11:00
am-2:00 pm
Clarion Campus Area (formerly Holiday
Inn- Campus Area)
2703 Craig Road, Eau Claire, WI

Soup & Cinema

Saturday, January 18, 2014, 11:00
am-2:00 pm
Linda Spaeth's home

President's Corner

Missing History

It was near the end of a self-guided tour of a wonderful new Civil War museum in Gettysburg. I'm not really much of a history student, but this trip was for my husband's birthday and he could watch a Ken Burns documentary every night. The museum told the story of the battle of Seminary Ridge and the fight to abolish slavery. In one of the rooms on the first floor before we were about to leave, the exhibit brought us up to modern time and a large photo of President Obama taking the Oath of Office with his smiling wife and children looking on. Then, as I turned to the side wall, I saw a large bulletin board full of little yellow post-it notes. It seemed out of place in this clean, orderly new space. But all was explained by the question it posed above: "What do you think is the unfinished work for freedom?" Many visitors had scribbled and printed their thoughts, but right in the middle at eye level, there it was: "Equality for Equal Work! Equality in Marriage for All! Equality for Service Women free from fear!" It was profound reminder that many battles continue.

Last Spring, when Kate Hinnant, our talented and dedicated past president, asked me to take on the presidency of our branch, I knew it would cut into my retiree free time, but I didn't think it would affect my traveling experiences. First, it meant going to the State AAUW Convention in April. I came home with pages of notes about how to make our great branch even better. Then, it was off to the national convention in New Orleans in June, where the words of some really accomplished women inspired everyone there to strengthen their resolve to support AAUW's mission. But now, on a trip to see some of our country's historical sites, I'm seeing everything through a sharper lens. There was only one book in the Antietam gift

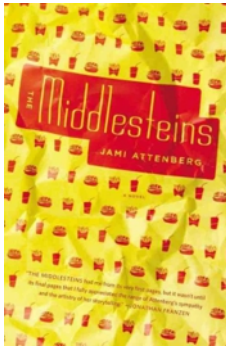
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Book Group Meetings:

Tuesday, Oct 1 at 7:30 at Ginny Jordan's to discuss **Lighthouse Road** by Peter Geye (from the Chippewa Valley Book Festival)

Tuesday, Nov 5 at 7:30 at Claran Ramsdell's to discuss **The Middlesteins** by Jamie Attenberg.



Tuesday, Dec 3 at 7:30 at Marge Quaid's to discuss **Brain on Fire** by Susannah Cahalan.

Congratulations

to AAUW-Eau Claire scholarship winner **Christine Manwiller**. She has been awarded a scholarship through the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program to study abroad.

She was awarded \$5,000 to study at the Lorenzo de Medici Institute in Florence, Italy, for the 2013-14 academic year.



Public Policy

Online Resources for AAUW Members

AAUW National

<http://www.aauw.org>

Find all about AAUW programs, public policy platform and Two Minute Activist, grants, and a whole lot more.

Sign up at the national site for AAUW Washington Update and AAUW Action Network.

AAUW Advocacy Issues:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/>

AAUW Blog - the latest news and commentary:

<http://www.aauw.org/blog/>

AAUW Eau Claire Branch

<http://eauclaire-wi.aauw.net/>

What's going on in the Eau Claire branch? Check here.

AAUW Wisconsin

<http://aauw-wi.aauw.net/>

AAUW Wisconsin site which features a Two Minute Activist for state legislation, find your elected officials, etc.

Sign up here for AAUW of Wisconsin's Two Minutes Activist.

Friend us on Facebook

AAUW-Eau Claire

Additional site that has excellent links to resources on elections

www.wisconsinvote.org Wisconsin Public Radio

Please watch your email for important policy updates from our local branch.

Mary Hayden & Sarah Harder
Public Policy Co-chairs

Remember the cool donations last year? Personal services, food, doll clothes?

Yeah. I heard we can send in our ideas for donations for this year now!



Welcome, new members

Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe
Sharon Markwell
Molly Patterson
Susan M Nelson
Judith Anibas
Ruth Lovejoy
Erica Benson
Suzie Slota
Jackie Christner
Kimberly M Schmidt

People are already talking about this year's Fall Lunch & Silent Auction (11/9). If you have ideas for items you'd like to donate, please email aauweauclaire@gmail.com

Legislative Day - October 16 Madison

There is still time to sign up! The registration form can be found in [Badger Briefs](#)

Topics covered:

Women's Health/Reproductive Health with WI Alliance for Women's Health and PP

School Voucher Effects – Dept. of Public Instruction

Work Place Issues - 9 to 5

Campaign Finance Reform and Redistricting for 2020 with Mike McCabe of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign



Wisconsin ranks No. 29 a new study, by Center for American Progress, mapping "The State of Women in America."

The report factors in issues such as economic security, leadership and health care and looks at progress and setbacks in all 50 states.

To see the full report, go to <http://tinyurl.com/k7votct>

AAUW-Eau Claire Scholarship Recipients 2013-14

Non-traditional UW-Eau Claire Women, returning to school to make a difference.

Kaileen McMickle

I am a 27 year-old, non-traditional student commuting from Rice Lake, raising a five year-old daughter, and attending school full-time during fall and spring semesters. I am attending UWEC for clinical psychology, and will be graduating in December of this year with a BA in psychology. As I am applying for clinical psychology graduate programs all around the nation close to my graduation time, I hope to be accepted to continue my studies in fall of 2014. I am very passionate about helping others, and hope to own my own practice after I become a licensed clinical psychologist, specializing in panic disorder and anxiety, and helping as many individuals as possible.

Mary Joanne Goodman

Currently a 32-year old woman working full-time, raising a 16-month old daughter, and a proud wife to my WI National Guard veteran husband, I decided to take the step of returning to the world of academia 2 years ago. As a 2nd degree seeker I am currently in pursuit of a Social Work degree along with a Substance Abuse Counselor certificate. It is my goal to stay employed with the State of Wisconsin-Department of Corrections and transition from my current role as a Correctional Officer II to one as an AODA Social Worker. Although a struggle in time management, it has been an honor to be back in the classroom. I find my studies to be very rewarding and gain strength in my fellow nontraditional students. It was an honor for me to be invited to join UWEC's Sigma Gamma Zeta II, Nontraditional Student Honor Society this past Spring Semester.

Anna Niccolai

I am a mother of three children: my son Raven is 14yrs old, my daughter Avery is 6yrs old, and my youngest son Gavin is 4yrs old. I have been working for Kwik Trip since 2007. My family and friends have always encouraged me to go back to school, but it wasn't until I was a manager at a small telecommunications company back in 2006, that I realized through a series of unfortunate events that I was not on the correct path in life. If I wanted to provide a stable financial environment for my children, and defend those who cannot defend themselves I had to go back to school. During the summer I volunteer at various community organizations to help broaden my awareness of local issues. Volunteering helps me strengthen my skills needed to become an effective social worker.

Lacey Mancil

I received my B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in May 2011. I am now a graduate student working towards my M.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders at UWEC. My graduation is quickly approaching in May 2014. I am excited to graduate and find a position in the field. I find this career rewarding and look forward to providing the best service to my clients.

The President's Corner (continued)

about women and the civil war. Even at Betsy Ross' house, one book about her was displayed on the shelf, overwhelmed by books about our Founding Fathers. I think I remember now why I'm not much of a student of history. It seems a good chunk of it is missing.

Things are improving, though. You can expect that we'll pack and unload enough books about women to fill several tables at the book sale in October. If you haven't signed up yet to help, please give a few hours to help make this sale another financial success so we can continue to give young women scholarships and opportunities to attend NCCWSL. I had the great pleasure of meeting Alicia Fields, one of the NCCWSL recipients, a few weeks ago at the UWEC Community Action Fair. She cannot wait to tell all of you about her experience in Washington DC at our November 9 luncheon and silent auction.



And check out the rest of the great program schedule Robin Miller has put together for us this year. Near the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, the National Park Service has built an area exposing the basement

where George Washington's slaves were kept. If you think slavery is a thing of the past, be sure to come hear the founder of Fierce Freedom talk about modern day human trafficking.

And, if you attend any of these events, take time to meet some of our new members. Our Kick-Off event at From the Vine was a great success, with ten interesting women joining our organization.

Finally, since looking at history can be frustrating, look to the future! Specifically, look at April 25 and 26, when our branch and the rest of District 4 will be hosting the state convention at the new Holiday Inn South. Donna Weidman and I are grateful to all of you who volunteered to help with local arrangements. We will need a lot of help to make it happen.

And now, I am going to dive into "A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War" by Ina Chang so I can finish it in time to put it in the book sale for some one else to enjoy.

Connie Russell, President
Baltimore, September 22, 2013



Cathy Rex and Erica Benson at the September Kick-Off at *From the Vine*

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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