



January/February
2010

President's Message

By now, the unwelcome news of Dawn Bosold's passing has settled in as a stubborn fact. At first, I wanted to go back to the moment before she announced that she had a recurrence of cancer. Now, I am left with a feeling of gratitude for all those years on the board when I was lucky to be in her company.

Dawn was an affirming presence on the board. She encouraged new ideas, always helping to talk them through. She could be levelheaded one minute and laughing the next. She recognized the seriousness and the scope of the inequity AAUW works to address, but that did not deter her from praising every step in the right direction, however small.

Dawn was passionate about both education and our branch scholarships, so it is fitting that the branch chose, by unanimous vote at our January Soup & Cinema meeting, to name the AAUW- Eau Claire scholarship at CVTC, where she had worked for 30 years, after her.

At our January meeting, I also announced that the branch is offering two full scholarships to the 2010 National Conference for College Women Leaders to be held this summer. The scholarship is open to both UWEC and CVTC students. It provides a wonderful opportunity for attending students to both learn new skills and network with other leaders like

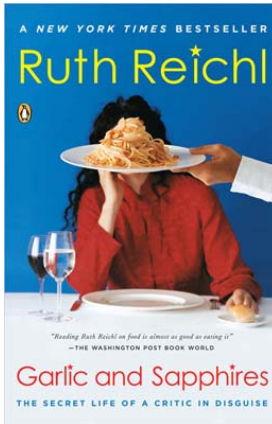
themselves. Feel free to distribute the attached flyer to interested students. Beth Ernst has been working to develop this opportunity, making connections with departments and units at UWEC and securing supporting funds from the Office of Student Organizations.

We are very excited about our February speaker, Deb Tackman. I have never heard her speak, but every time her name comes up, someone pipes up in praise.

February 23, Tuesday - 7 p.m.
**Teenage Health & Sexuality Issues
with Deb Tackman**
1st Congregational Church

-Kate Hinnant, kate.hinnant@gmail.com





Book group

The AAUW Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at members' homes. Upcoming book selections and dates are:

Tuesday Feb. 2

Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise by Ruth Reichl at Chris Kondrasuk's 464 Summit Ave. 7:30 PM

Tuesday March 2 Poetry selections at Dee Schorr's at 7:30 PM

Tuesday April 6 *Peony in Love* by Lisa See at Ginny Jordan's at 7:30 PM

Tuesday May 4 a classic TBA at Karen Haugen's at 7:30 PM

Tuesday June 1 *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry 7:30 PM

Please call the hostess if you plan to attend a meeting.

Chris Kondrasuk
835-1683

we want you!

We need a few hardy souls to step up to the plate. In 2010-2011,

we have the following vacancies:

Treasurer
Book Sale Co-chairs (2)

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½ Price Memberships

Do you know someone interested in joining for the rest of this year?



AAUW BOOK SALE 2009 Final Income/Expense Report January 20, 2010

Income

Friday	\$7,496.95
Saturday	2,745.75
Sunday	<u>2,188.46</u>
Total Income	\$12,431.16

Expenses

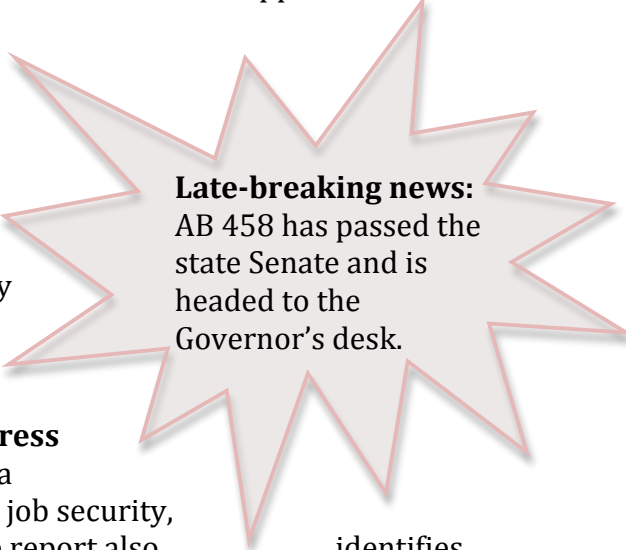
Eau Claire Expo Center	\$1,183.25
Expo Center Clean Up	25.00
U-Haul Rental	69.31
Labor-Moving Books	100.00
Supplies	68.50
Postage	206.82
Use of Garage - Gift Certificate	60.00
Flyers	204.69
Advertising	687.15
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,604.72</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$9,826.44</u></u>

Public Policy

The significance of our public policy activism was underscored in the film **Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority**, whose story inspired lively discussion among branch members on a gray January Saturday. The name of this crusading Hawaii Congresswoman has been affixed to groundbreaking Title IX legislation that passed in the '70's with strong AAUW support. As a result the numbers of American women in graduate schools increased from 10% to 50% while girls earned a permanent place in public school sports.

Our next February 23 branch meeting features an award winning North High School health educator addressing a top priority state AAUW education issue -- accurate, appropriate and comprehensive sex education. After a decade of decline, teen birth rates and sexually transmitted diseases are rising among Wisconsin youth. Wisconsin AAUW supports the Healthy Youth Act (AB 458), requiring that teens receive complete and accurate information in our public schools to protect and save lives.

Our local State Senators and YOU need to hear why a health curriculum like Deb Tackman's, tackling tough issues such as drinking and sexually explicit behavior, is critical for today's teens. (The Wisconsin State Assembly has already passed AB 458 with support of our local Representatives Jeff Smith and Kristin Dexter.)



Late-breaking news:
AB 458 has passed the state Senate and is headed to the Governor's desk.

Access **The Obama Administration's First Year: A Progress Report on AAUW Priority Issues** at www.aauw.org for a comprehensive analysis of steps taken toward pay equity, job security, reproductive rights, education and work-life balance. The report also identifies issues where more work can be done.

At www.aauwaction.org you will find AAUW's **Congressional Voting Record** that provides both members and the public with critical information on how their representatives voted in 2009 on issues affecting women and girls. 2009 successes for AAUW include House passage of Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. Disappointments include the House Stupak Vote to eliminate the options on insurance coverage for abortion in pending Health Care legislation, and Senate failure to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, while also advancing proposals for school vouchers.

Share this electronic Voting Record with friends (local and national) to inform them of both AAUW priorities and the performance of their own representatives. Senators Feingold and Kohl have 100% voting records on AAUW issues in 2009. January's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing unlimited monetary support by corporations and unions for or against candidates (national, state or local) will have unprecedented impact on elections. This makes accurate information like AAUW's **Congressional Voting Record** even more significant to help counter misrepresentations of those now serving in Congress.

Sarah Harder, Public Policy Co-chair



We still need a Pay Equity Day coordinator.

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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.*

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



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Teenage Health & Sexuality Issues
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March 24, Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Legal Issues w/Teresa O'Halloran J.D.
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