

Foliage

a newsletter of AAUW-Eau Claire

November 2012



upcoming events

Lunch & Silent Auction

Campus Holiday Inn
Saturday, November 10
11:00 am-1:30 pm



Soup & Cinema

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Saturday, January 26
11:00 am-2:00 pm
Home of Linda Spaeth

Suggest a movie:
aauweauclaire@gmail.com

The election season is almost done!

And then the real work begins...

A few days ago, I

received an email from one of my Senators. It was a reply to an action alert response I must have sent months ago, regarding pay equity.

The Senator thanked me for my correspondence and then proceeded to tell me that the Paycheck

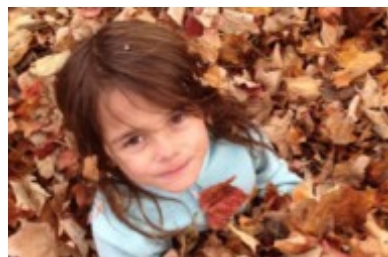
Fairness Act was political theatre. He then invoked that age old fear that Pay Equity measures would lead to frivolous lawsuits and very rich trial lawyers.

As I read this, I thought, have we not adequately debunked this talking point? States like Minnesota, who have Pay Equity laws in place for government jobs, have not seen any uptick in litigiousness. Nor have the myriad other countries that are more advanced than we on this front.

I toddled over to AAUW's Public Policy website to get some

language to fire back at my Senator. When I returned to my inbox, I composed a message and hit send. I felt complete. Until the evil "Mail Delivery Subsystem" informed me that I had hit reply to a "no-reply" address.

A no-reply address, and no email or website listed on the Senator's email. Hmm.



I thought of that on Tuesday, as I watched the Presidential debate with a bar-room of young adults, mostly women. Finally, we were seeing

women's issues take center-stage in a national forum.

When the last ballot is finally counted, or recounted, we then turn to the work of keeping women's issues and the truths we know, through the research of AAUW and others and through our own experiences, on the radar. And in a representative democracy, we also cannot allow our Representatives and Senators exist in the comfortable state of "no-reply."

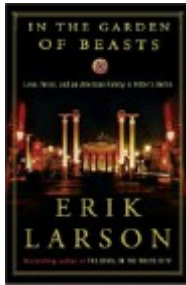
-Kate Hinnant, AAUW-EC President



Book Group:

Nov 13th - 7:30 @ Dee Schorr's:
American Dervish by Ayad Akhtar, a Book Festival author

Dec 4th - 7:30
In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson with Lois Helland reviewing



January 8th
The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Feb. 5th
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Three New SIGs

We have three new Special Interest Groups, ready to be launched: Genealogy, Current Issues, and a new book group.

If you did not get the opportunity to sign up for one at the meetings, or online, please send us an email.

Genealogy will be lead by Linda Spaeth. For the other two groups, we are looking for a leader. So if you feel a tap on your shoulder in the next few weeks...



It's a Wrap!

Book Sale 2012

The mountain of books

that buried us is gone. The 1000 boxes of books donated for the sale were by far the most books we have received in over 30 years. Needless to say, it took many people to move that mountain.

Thanks go out to many of our members (and their families and friends) whose work resulted in another successful sale. It took the advertising expertise and planning of Kate Hinnant and her team for the publicity needed to sell those books. Kim Wellnitz and the barrel team covered the job of delivering the book collection barrels to area grocery stores and maintaining constant vigilance of overflowing barrels. This year, more than ever, we received large donations of books which required the use of muscle, pick-up trucks, and hired help. Connie Russell, Donna Weideman, Sandy

Flores, and Denny Hayden had trucks ready to move those books.

An enormous amount of physical effort went into to sorting the books, and then unpacking them at the sale. There are too many people to thank in this category, but special recognition goes to Betty Hurst,



who organized the book sorting in Helland's garage, then recruited her 3 sisters and husbands for hours of work. Cleo Powers handled hospitality and Carey Applegate

created a Halloween theme for the sale,

Selling the books at the sale was the fun part, and the camaraderie of members was good for our branch. We are grateful to the UW-Eau Claire teams (recruited by Kim) who assisted us with their strength and enthusiasm—without them we could not continue to hold the sale.



Blugold Volleyball Team

Not pictured:
Blugold Men's Hockey Team
& EnglishFest student volunteers



Sigma Tau Delta, English Honors Society sets-up

Sucessful Debate Watch Party

Young Voters Turn Out!



As part of AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote Campaign", AAUW-Eau Claire recently hosted a Presidential Debate Watch party for Millennial voters (ages 18-31). For the second Presidential Debate, AAUW collaborated with Catherine Emmanuelle to invite young voters to a Debate Watch party at Mogie's Pub on Water Street in Eau Claire.

We're pleased to report that 19 Millennial voters attended the event! Students enrolled at UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College were recruited to attend the event, which was also advertised via Facebook, Twitter, and by word of mouth. While chowing down on cheese curds and onion rings, debate watchers played AAUW Debate Bingo as they listened to the debate, a game that

highlighted issues important to AAUW, including pay equity. In addition to entering their names for door prizes, our guests received AAUW issue fact sheets about college costs, pay equity, and access to affordable contraceptives. Most of the young voters in attendance were already registered to vote, but we registered three new voters!

AAUW members Kate Hinnant, Margot Bouchard, Connie Russell, Robin Miller, and Kim Wellnitz also attended the event. The Debate Watch party was a first for AAUW-Eau Claire, and we're pleased to share our success!

AAUW created several bingo cards so that participants could follow along and mark off when one of the candidates used the words in the squares. Surprisingly, we had over eight bingos that night!



IT'S MY VOTE I WILL BE HEARD AAUW ACTION FUND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE BINGO

How to play: Listen to the candidates' speeches and mark any phrases or ideas that they cover. Pay special attention to issues that matter the most to you! First person to get six in a row wins.

M	Y	V	O	T	E
Middle class	Paycheck Fairness Act	Spending	Millionaire	Bootstraps	Women
Bill Clinton	Founding Fathers	STEM	Medicaid	Family	Gridlock
47%	National debt	"My wife"	Social Security	Equal Pay	Jobs
Girls	Birth Control	Violence Against Women Act	Wall Street	Supreme Court	Title IX
Voter ID laws	Healthcare reform	Medicare	College	Paid Sick Days	DREAM Act
Tax cuts	Education	Ledbetter	Wealthy	Student Loans	Unemployment

November Holiday Lunch & Silent Auction

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

Saturday, November 10, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Holiday Inn – Campus Area, 2703 Craig Road, Eau Claire

Cost: \$15

Please pay at the door. Cash or check only. Includes lunch, beverage, tax, and gratuity.

RSVP with entrée choice by November 1 by replying to aauweauclaire@gmail.com

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.

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

Cocktail servers will take orders on a cash basis.

Our holiday lunch is an opportunity to:

- **gather** as a branch and **catch-up** before the holiday season
- **introduce** a new friend to AAUW (new members can join at a discount: \$48.50)
- **hear from the young women who attended NCCWSL last summer**
- **shop** for the holidays
- compete for fantastic items and experiences in the **silent auction fundraiser**
- vote on the **film** we'll view at the January Soup & Cinema event

Contribute to the Auction!

Can you offer an item, service, or talent? Please let us know what you can contribute by replying to aauweauclaire@gmail.com

Save the date

Soup and Cinema

Saturday, January 26, 2013

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Home of Linda Spaeth (2933 Putnam Glen Place)

Film to be determined at November lunch event



Invitation from AAUW-River Falls & More Book Sale Pics

An Invitation from AAUW-River Falls



You are cordially invited
To

Behind the Pay Gap
A presentation about AAUW's most recent
research

With

Dr. Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of
Research

7:30 pm Tuesday, November 13, 2012
River Falls Public Library
140 Union Street, River Falls
(Corner of North Main and Union Streets)

Plus a presentation by
Carol Rognrud, AAUW Director of
Transformational Giving

RSVP misshelen61@yahoo.com 715-381-0228
River Falls WI Branch
Helen Nicholson, Secretary



Above, Sarah Harder's grandson prepares for Sunday bag-day!
Below, UW-Eau Claire students help move boxes from
Crossroads Books to the Expo Center earlier in the fall



Kim,
a drill,
and the
amazing
take-apart
sign
standards!

Hat tip to
her husband
Todd, too!

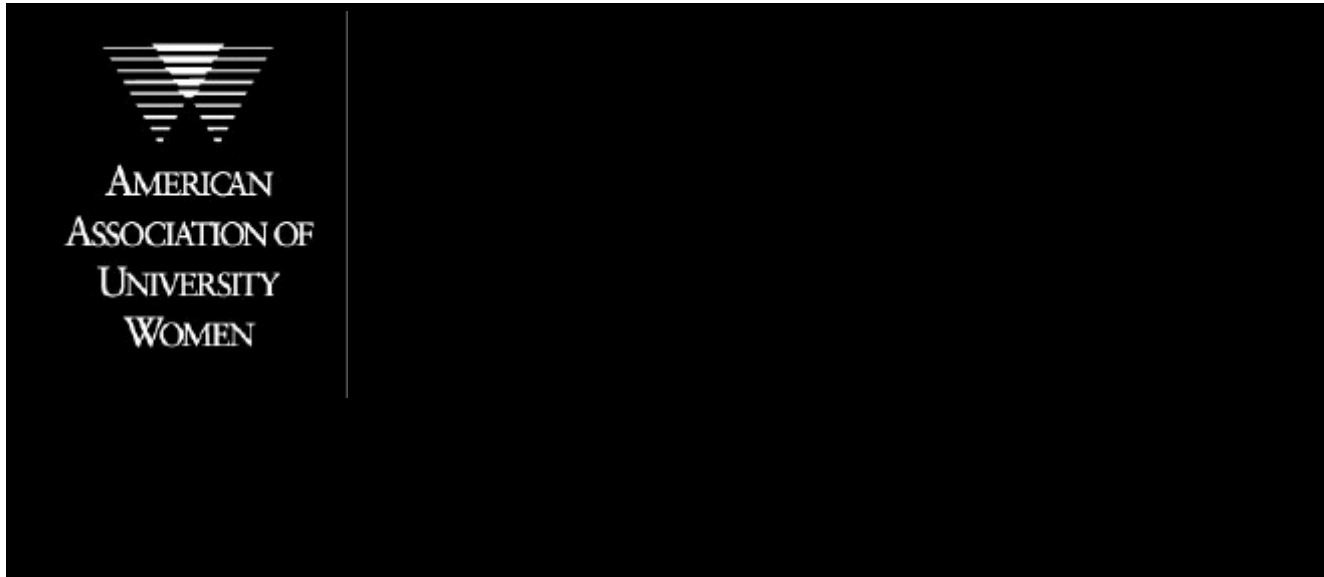


AAUW VISION STATEMENT - *AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls..*

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

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