



AAUW - Eau Claire

Upcoming Events

September 16, Sunday

Kick-Off

3:00-5:00 pm

Home of Lois Helland (see Book Sale article for directions)

September 2012

Back to the Future

The school bus came last week to take away my children for the first time. I felt like I was looking straight into the future as I watched their little legs clamber up the big rubber-matted stairs. And, lucky for me, I didn't sense too much bitter in the bittersweet.

Back-to-school, election season, bulbs going in the ground for spring blooms – the fall has a lot of futurity in it. It's also when we come together again as a branch – for our Kick-Off on September 16th, for our Book Sale, and forward from there.

Work has already begun on the Book Sale, but we need all hands on deck. Mary Hayden has an article about volunteer opportunities. Also, check out the scholarship winners made possible by last years Book Sale, listed at the end of this issue. Our scholarships are an investment in these impressive women's futures.

In addition to the Book Sale, we have some other exciting things going on this fall.

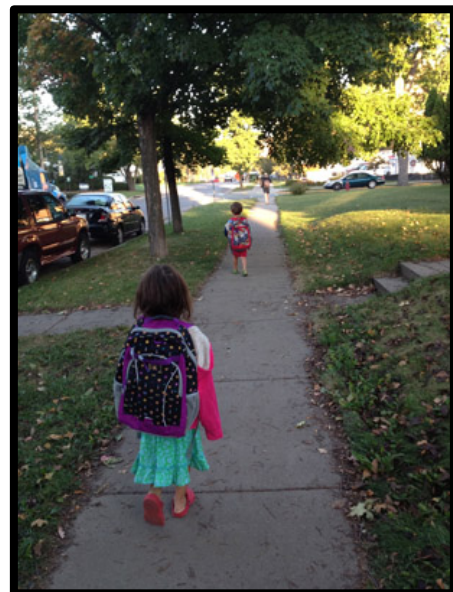
- ✓ Our own Catherine Emmanuelle was hired by AAUW to be the field organizer for the "It's My Vote" campaign. We will be working with

her to register voters – particularly under-registered "Millennial" women – and get those women to the polls.

- ✓ By popular demand we will be starting up some Special Interest Groups (SIGs), in addition to our current Book Group. Possible focuses will be Current Issues, Genealogy, "Created by Women," and more. There will be multiple opportunities to express your interest, including the Kick-off!

So please come to the Kick-off, and bring your friends. Anyone who is interested in the future of women & girls, and thus of everyone, is welcome!

- Kate Hinnant, President





Book Group

Upcoming Book Groups:

Tuesday October 2nd
7:30pm at Marge Quaid's
to discuss *Montana
1948* by Larry Watson.
Larry Watson will be one
of the authors at the
Chippewa Valley Book
Festival.



Tuesday November 13th (changed because of
voting) 7:30 pm to discuss *American
Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar, another Book
Festival author. No hostess yet.

The group usually meets the first Tuesday of
the month. We try to pick books that are
available through the library system. Please
contact the hostess if you plan to attend.

Fall Program Calendar – 2012

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October 3 – Location TBA

Catherine Emmanuelle – “It’s My Vote”

Book Sale – Oct 12-14

November

AAUW Annual Lunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 10

11:00 am-1:30 pm

Holiday Inn

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To cut down on spam, we will avoid including
individuals’ email addresses in *Foliage*.
Please check your membership booklet for
contact information.

What's At Stake? Medicare & Medicaid

Tuesday, September 25 at Good
Shepherd Lutheran

11:00am (lunch included)

6:30pm (refreshments)

Alliance for Strong Communities
(including AAUW–Eau Claire)

THE AAUW USED BOOK SALE

– Why Does the Tradition Continue? How Can You Help?

- ✓ Raises approximately \$6000 for **scholarships** for non-traditional women students and expenses
- ✓ Provides a **service** to those in our community who cannot purchase new books
- ✓ **Recycles used books** and keeps them out of the landfill
- ✓ **Publicizes AAUW** and our mission
- ✓ Engenders **camaraderie** among branch members



All the above reasons make fall an exciting time for AAUW-Eau Claire. Our annual book sale is a LOT OF WORK, but you can help make this another successful sale by participating in many ways. Donations of books began in July, when AAUW friends donated books as they moved, downsized homes, and weeded their collections. A very **large donation from Crossroad Books** will ensure a wonderful selection of books for our buyers.



Below are the ways you can help now and at the sale October 12-14.

Boxes and bags

Please bring **printer-size paper boxes** or similar size to the Helland's garage. Save **paper and plastic grocery bag** for use at the sale.



Book barrels at grocery stores

Thanks to everyone who is picking up books at the stores. Please coordinate with your barrel partners to check often so the stores do not have to call to tell us (Mary) that the barrels are overflowing.

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Book sorting

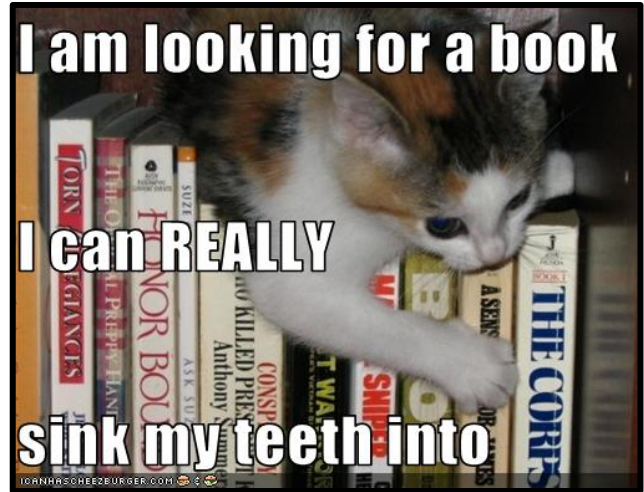
You're invited to sort books. Sorting is scheduled after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings at Lois Helland's garage (400 Foxmoor Lane). If you can't make it on a Wednesday, please stop by any time or day you can; the small door to the garage will be unlocked. Call Betty Hurst at 715-834-4899 with questions about sorting.



Please **sign in** so we can acknowledge your help.

Please close all doors when you leave to **keep the cat out**.

Directions to Lois': Golf Road to So. Lowes Creek Road. Right onto Foxmoor Lane (if you've gone over I-94 you've missed it). Drive to the end of Foxmoor and look for a white sign hanging from the light post, it reads "Helland's". Drive down the hill to the end of the long driveway. Lost? Call Lois at 715.831.8315.



Book sale publicity

We will need volunteers for distributing cards at the Farmer's Market and color posters around town. Stay tuned! Contact Kate Hinnant for questions on publicity at 715-831-0182.

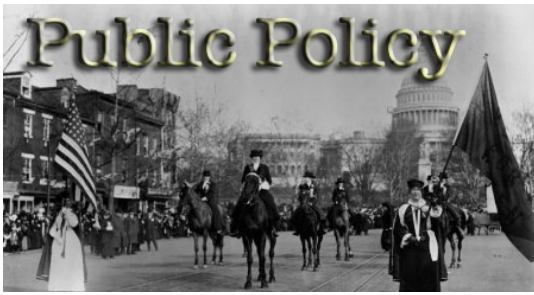
Shifts for sale set-up and during the sale

Contact Kim Wellnitz to volunteer for a shift kimwellnitz@yahoo.com, 970.443.2964
Kim says, "Thanks for volunteering – this event is a success because of you!"

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – Set-up 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Saturday, Oct. 13 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - First Sale Shift 11:45 – 3:00 p.m. - Second Sale Shift 2:45 – 5:00 p.m. - Third Sale Shift
Thursday, Oct. 11 - Set-up 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 12 anytime before 2:45 p.m. – Set-up 2:45 – 6:00 p.m. - First Sale Shift 5:45 – 9:00 p.m. - Second Sale Shift	Sunday, Oct. 14 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - First Sale Shift 12:45 – 4:00 p.m. - Second Sale Shift 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Clean-up

Thanks in advance to all members, friends, and families who are hooked on this sale—and dedicated to making it work year after year.

Book Sale co-chairs,
Mary Hayden haydenm@prodigy.net 715-832-0445
Margot Bouchard



To the voting booth with AAUW!

I'll bet you feel as I do. Tuning out the din of this election season has been a losing battle even with a mute button at hand. With the political conventions behind us, we want to move past the crossfire of charges, half-truth, and misrepresentation. Here in the Eau Claire Branch, we want to point you at some quieter opportunities to plan your personal election strategy.

Our first suggestion is -- dip into the latest issue of AAUW **Outlook** that should have arrived in the past week. Each of the four feature articles provides a look at national trends with the potential to restrict or expand the electorate, especially women. As it has for a century, in 2012 AAUW is doing much more than simply standing by, and you should know about it.

Our second suggestion is to hook onto the "Washington Update," AAUW's free members-only weekly e-bulletin. It includes the latest news about public policy with updates on Congress, AAUW action, and resources. Signing up is easy, especially if your **Outlook** copy is nearby. On its mailing label, check out the 7-digit number printed just above the date and your name. Then enter: www.aauw.org/learn/publications/washupdate (If you're thinking, "NO, I can't stand one more thing in my inbox," think again! It only comes on Fridays, and begins just listing headlines, so you can scroll in seconds through weekly high points. If you choose to go on, sections offer a substantive paragraph on each.)

Our third suggestion is this. Get yourself right into the act here in Eau Claire to examine one of this campaign's hottest debates: the future of Medicaid and Medicare. Look at FACTS instead of charges and counter-charges. AAUW members will join one of two public community dialogues on September 25 (11:00 w/lunch; 6:30 w/o) at Church of the Good Shepherd OR another on October 11 @ 9:30am at the LE Phillips Senior Center. Our branch is co-sponsoring these with the Eau Claire Alliance for Strong Communities.

Then on October 3, our own Catherine Emmanuelle will give us some tools to get local women to vote. She was recently hired as an AAUW field organizer to help Wisconsin AAUW branches to implement AAUW's national GOTV (get out the vote) strategy.

So these are suggestions how to turn this 2012 campaign from annoying noise to understanding what is at stake and why it matters. Keeping up with weekly election changes, you can dig deeper into a major debate issue. We think you'll better understand how your support of AAUW works to make a difference -- and how that difference also works for you.

Sarah Harder – Public Policy Co-chair

2012-2013 AAUW-Eau Claire Scholarship Winners



Missy Scherkenbach

Major: Information Systems

On her summer internship at Target: "I have found the environment at Target to be very welcoming and fostering of my career, especially being a woman in the male-dominated IT field."

Araceli Whitwam-Sell

Major: Latin American Studies

"I am the mother of three children the oldest being 25 years of age. My son just finished up his freshman year at UWEC and my youngest is off to Winona State to attend their school of nursing this fall. It is my intention to graduate in the spring of 2013 with a major in Latin American Studies and two minors. The first one being a topical minor titled 'Advocacy for Women of Marginalized Cultures' with an Emphasis on Latino Culture as well as Teaching English as a Foreign Language. "

Amber Allen

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Graduate Program

"Returning to school is never easy, but doing it as a single parent is especially challenging. I am proud to be entering my first year of the Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program this fall. I am on my way to becoming a speech and language pathologist, and know I am setting a good example for my daughter, who is now 4. Charlotte sees my hard work and persistence, but she also sees the people who make it easier for me to achieve my goals, and I know this will have an impact on her future decisions."

Olga Oney

Major: Nursing

"I believe that I can do so much more for my patients and the whole healthcare system. This is why I am interesting in obtaining nursing degree. Getting an education is a hard and interesting process. I am very grateful for this chance. Finishing nursing school would not only satisfy my personal goals, but also will set a great example for my teenage son, and show him how important education is today."

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Magdalyn Kufner

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

“I am a mother of two and currently in my Junior year at UWEC. I returned to the university after taking a five year break to be home with my kids. I entered school as a nursing major but fell in love with the CSD courses I took. Both of my children have had to visit the audiologist and my son current sees a speech therapist, and I fell in love with the field.”

Kelly Muller

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Graduate Program

“While working as a special education assistant at a local elementary school, I found the population I wanted to serve professionally. This was a fulfilling job, but the salary was insufficient to support my family and my husband was out of work. I decided to go back to school to become a speech-language pathologist. In this role, I can work in either a school or medical setting, the job market is stable, and I'd be able to help others communicate to the best of their ability -- a fundamental human need.”

Rosemary Ard

Major: Biology/Optomtery Pre-Professional

“I am a nontraditional student that is struggling to keep a balance between work, school and my two beautiful children. My goal is to become an optometrist.”



**These 7
scholarships were
made possible by
your hard work on
the 2011 Book
Sale.**

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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