



September
2008

Presidents' Message

Welcome to all of you to the start of our 2008-2009 year. This will be a very special year as we will celebrate our 50th year as an AAUW Branch. We were chartered as a branch in December, 1958 and will mark the event this year with a special celebration in early December.

The Board will meet on August 26 at which time we will finalize plans for our meeting schedule and the year's activities. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Kickoff meeting on **September 14** (Note change from original date of September 7). Invite someone to attend the Kickoff with you and introduce them to AAUW. More details will be found elsewhere in **Foliage**.

This year AAUW has committed to the "**Value Promise**" – *By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.* The AAUW Value Promise is our statement of commitment to ourselves, as AAUW members, and to those who would join our AAUW community, about the essential value of our membership. The term "value" is used with two meanings.

First, we are promising a "value on investment," a return on your investment – financial, intellectual, emotional, and the time and energy you invest in AAUW. That is, you support the organization with your membership, and the membership as a whole (the community of AAUW) pledges to undertake the endeavors (educational programs,

advocacy, research, and the intangibles of our interpersonal relationships) that "break through educational and economic barriers" for women – with you and for you.

Second, the term "value" identifies a principle, an ideal, an ethical position, that is to be understood as a shared commitment of AAUW members that springs from an understanding of and belief in the importance of a "fair chance for women" that means so much to all of us. (Source: AAUW Value Promise: AAUW Current Topics Briefing #3, June, 2008)

Our program committee (Pam Hicks and Sandy Hume) has proposed an exciting and active agenda for the year. We look forward to your attendance and participation in these events.

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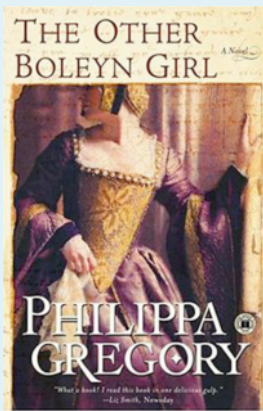
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AAUW Kickoff

September 14th, 4-6
First Congregational UCC

(cleats not required)



Book Group

The book group's first meeting of the year will be Tuesday Sept. 2nd 7:30 at my house, 464 Summit Avenue. Our book will be *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory.

Other selections we decided on at our last meeting are:

October — *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

November — *Beirut Heart* by local author Cathy Sultan

December — *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky.

If you are new to the group, please contact me at 835-1683.

Chris Kondrasuk

**Tell Us Your
Newsletter
Delivery
Preference**

**Don't need a
paper copy of our
branch
newsletter
anymore? Then
let us know...**

For the past year we have been sending an electronic copy of *Foliage* as well as a print copy through snail mail. Many of you have mentioned that you would be happy to receive only the electronic copy.

Please go to our website and click the purplish icon pictured above. Completing a short form will let us know your desires.

www.aauweauclaire.org

Program Calendar 2008-2009

September 14, Sunday - 4-6 p.m.
Membership Kick-Off
First Congregational UCC

October 10-12, Friday-Sunday
Used Book Sale
Eau Claire Expo Center

October 21, Tuesday - 7 p.m.
Election Forum
First Congregational UCC

November 15, Saturday (**Two Events**)
Community Days - Younkers
Leadership Day - UWEC

December 6, Saturday - 11 a.m.
*50-Year Anniversary Party &
LAF Silent Auction*
Fanny Hill Supper Club

January 24, Saturday - 11:30 a.m.
Film and Soup Meeting

February 11, Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Health and Wellness Meeting

March 24, Tuesday - 7 p.m.
Women's History Month Speaker

April 14, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
*Annual Meeting and Pie Social, Book
Discussion*

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

May 1-3 - Wisconsin AAUW State
Convention, Wisconsin Rapids

May 11, Monday, 6 p.m.
*Eleanor Roosevelt Walk: Making Strides for
Woman and Girls, Panel Discussion*

What if I Didn't Have the Right?

Imagine that you are trying to decide how to cast your vote. "Should I vote for McCain or should I vote for Obama?" "Ron Kind or Paul Stark?" "Terry Moulton or Kristen Dexter?" But, to your horror, you are told that you can only vote in school board elections. Your husband, brother, son, or male friends could vote, but not you.

Prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, that's the way things were for women in Wisconsin. Believe it or not, this was an improvement over the 1880 law that gave women the right to run for school board—**but not to vote in the election!**

We **have** come a long way. In fact, in every Presidential election from 1980 to 2004, women have been a powerful force. In these elections, a higher percentage of women than men registered, and then voted. All women do not vote the same, but do tend to vote as a bloc, and in that 24 year period, tended to vote for the Democratic candidate. This means that all sides are now looking to court the vote of women. This gender gap gives us the power to influence politicians to respond to the interests of women voters.

We have a chance to protect hard-fought gains and make progress on issues like education, health, retirement issues, and national security, to name just a few. As individuals and as an organization, we can encourage registered women voters to get to the polls and cast their ballots. We can help potential voters to register. We can be informed voters and help others to find legitimate information on the issues.

Join us at our fall kick-off meeting, as we plan to make a difference in the upcoming election.

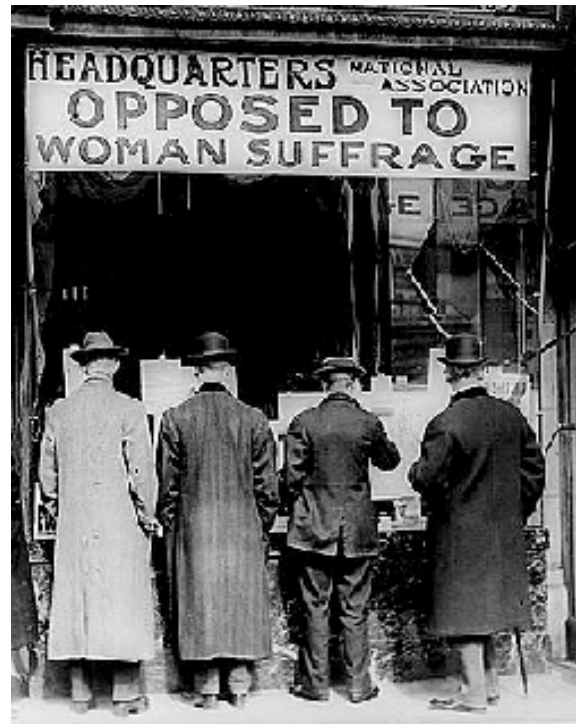
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Fundraising Event Benefits Everyone

AAUW will be participating in the **Younkers Community Day event** again this year on November 15. Last year we raised \$140 through coupon sales and the money will be contributed to the AAUW Education Foundation.

Coupon books are available for purchase right now for \$5.00. All coupon purchase funds go directly to our Branch, so it is a good deal for the Branch. And **you** get a \$10.00 coupon plus 8 coupons for 20% discounts.

We have been assured changes have been made to the event and it will be much easier to find items to apply the \$10.00 coupon to this year.

On November 15, Younkens opens at 6 a.m. but you should also be aware PRESELL (another way of saying lay-away) begins in the store on November 10th, and customers may pre-select merchandise which can then be picked up beginning on Saturday, November 15 through Monday, November 17.



Tickets will be available for purchase at all upcoming AAUW events until November 10. If you would be willing to sell tickets to your friends, work colleagues, neighbors (or even strangers) contact Cleo Powers (834-0794 or powerscj@uwec.edu) and I'll get the tickets to you.

In addition to Younkens, all other Bon-Ton stores (Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's and Parisian-Detroit) accept the coupons for this event.

Board Meeting Schedule 2008-2009

Sept. 23, 6:30 — Kate Hinnant's

Oct. 6, 5:30 (sorting) — Lois Helland's

Nov. 5, 6:30 — Mary Hayden's

Dec. 3, 6:30 — Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe's

Jan. 13, 6:30 — Chris Kondrasuk's

Feb. 11, 5:00 — El Patio

March 4, 6:30 — Cleo Power's

April 2, 6:30 — Pam Hicks'

May 17, 6:30 — Margot Bouchard's

Start Spreading the News...

In addition to the Book Sale flyer enclosed in the print version of this newsletter, you can find a flyer on our website that is more home or office printer-friendly (pictured at right).

Just go to www.aauweauclaire.org. You'll find the downloadable file on our Book Sale page.

AAUW Used Book Sale

Oct 10-12

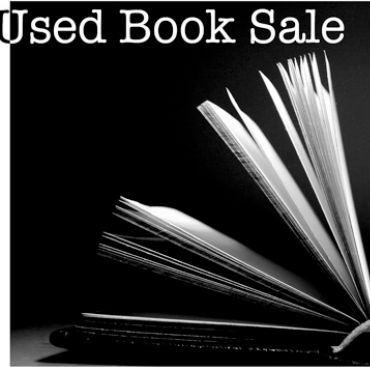
Fri - 3-9pm

Sat - 9am-5pm

Sun - 10am-4pm



Hardcovers - \$3
Softcovers - \$1.50



Fiction • Romance • Children's Books • Mysteries
Westerns • Sci-Fi • Religious • Cookbooks • Art
Travel • Crafts • Reference • Large Print • and More

Proceeds help support local and national scholarships and AAUW activities.

Sunday Sale:

1st bag: \$6

2nd bag: \$4

3rd bag: \$2

At the

**Eau Claire
County
Expo Center**

To donate books:
call 715-834-0794
or email
aauwebooksale@yahoo.com

One block south of I-94 and Hwy 93 exit.
Turn left on Lorch Ave. Free parking.

CVTC

This year we look forward to offering a scholarship at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, in addition to the scholarships we offer at UW-Eau Claire.

Thanks to everyone's hard work on the Book Sale, we are able to extend our scholarships to more and more women seeking education.

Foliage Deadlines

Sept. 25

Nov. 7

Jan. 8

March 6

April 4

May 14



**See you Sunday,
September 14th!**

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.hinnant@gmail.com, 831-0182, 220 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701



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