

From the Presidents

We have survived the Wisconsin Spring Primary and what a wonderful voter turnout there was for it. The Spring Election occurs on April 1st and calls us to consider candidates for local races. Let's support another high voter turnout.

I am sure many of you are asking the question, "When is this winter ever going to end?" All the news of upcoming AAUW events should help take your mind off the weather. Read more in this newsletter about the Credit Card Management session on **March 26th**, and plans for the discussion of *Make Dollars, Not Excuses* at the **April 8th** Annual meeting and pie social. The April annual meeting is also the time when we elect new officers and approve the budget for the coming year, so your attendance is crucial.

Kolap Mao, the young woman from Cambodia who is attending UW-Eau Claire this semester has received notice she has been admitted to UW-Madison to work on her MLS degree. If you still wish to make a contribution to support her studies, you may do so through Teachers Across Borders. Go to the TAB web site (www.teachersacrossborders.org) to complete and print out a contribution form. Please note on the form that the contribution is for the Kolap Mao Scholarship Fund.

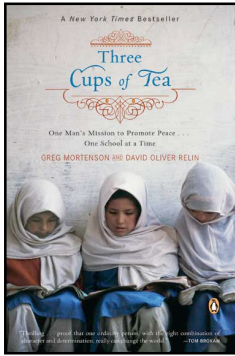
We participated in the Youngsters Community Day coupon sale and sold 28 coupon books. The Board is recommending the \$140 from the coupon sales be applied to the Community Action budget item. Stay tuned as Youngsters will host another Community Day coupon event sometime in November, 2008 giving us yet one more opportunity to earn some \$\$ to support our budget should we choose to participate.

The AAUW State Convention will be held at the Milwaukee Brookfield Sheraton April 25-27. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more familiar with the organization and meet members from other Wisconsin branches. If you are interested or have questions about the convention, please contact any Board member. For the Convention agenda and more background information, check out the Spring, 2008 issue of *Badger Briefs*.

Stay warm! We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Branch events. Invite a guest to join you at a meeting. Keep up with AAUW National by checking out the national (aauw.org) website. Of particular interest is the recently introduced blog site loaded with timely issues, information and advocacy concerns.

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Book Group: Three Cups of Tea

The Book Group will be discussing *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson on April 1st, at Ginny Jordan's. Book group begins at 7:30 and is always on the first Tuesday of the month.

The next book and location for the book group:
May 6th – *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
at Marge Quaid's

If you are new to the group please call Chris Kondrasuk (835-1638). Books are available through the library.

Guess who's in *Badger Briefs*?

Eau Claire! Take a close look at pages 10 & 11 of the spring issue for news of our branch.

March is Women's History Month

For a list of events being held at UW-Eau Claire, go to:
www.uwec.edu/sdd/wage/new/calendar.htm#Mar

Highlights include talks by Dr. Robert Jensen on pornography and feminist activist Ellen Bravo, as well as screenings of several films and the annual production of the *Vagina Monologues*.

Contact the Women and Gender Equity Center for more information, wage@uwec.edu, 715-836-2693.

Women + Fiscal Responsibility

When: **Tuesday, April 8th at 7pm**

Where: Sandy Hume's house

Why: **Annual Meeting & Book Discussion**

Come for the discussion and our delicious PIES!

Our book discussion is on *Make Money, Not Excuses* by Jean Chatzky. It's easy to become wealthy: Earn money, spend less than you make, invest wisely, and have a plan for financial disasters, says the TV and print financial expert. The rest are details that mean nothing if these four basic strategies are not in place. Chatzky is a refreshing, at times innocent-sounding, speaker, but her persistence is ever present as she pushes women to accept financial responsibility. She takes money management out of the competitive realm and encourages gentler practices, such as mindful and humanitarian spending. With encouraging warmth in her voice, she describes the internal conflicts women have about being more proactive with money and describes relationship issues that often lead women to abdicate money responsibilities to a man.

This book was AAUW's August Book Club selection and is available at booksellers online or your local library.

Looking forward to seeing you in April!





Are you worried
about credit card debt? Want
to learn how to manage your
credit cards?

American Association of University Women
Eau Claire Branch and
Women in Higher Education
present

Credit Card Management
Wednesday March 26, 2008
6:00 - 8:00pm

Chancellor's Hall Lounge
UW-Eau Claire Upper Campus

Pizza and drinks will be provided

**Parking is available in F and R spaces across from
Chancellor's Hall, but you must pick up a parking pass
at the Visitor's Center.**

For further information, visit:
<http://www.uwec.edu/home/maps/campmap.htm>

Upcoming events for AAUW-Eau Claire

March

- 26 6 PM – “Credit Card Management” – UWEC Chancellors Hall
- 30 Deadline for registration for State Convention

April

- 8 7 PM - Annual Meeting + Pie Social (Sandy Hume’s home)
Elect officers/Approve 2008-2009 Budget
Book discussion – *Make \$ Not Excuses*
- 12 Foliage Deadline
- 16 Board Meeting – changed to Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe’s home
- 22 Pay Equity Day at UWEC Hibbard Hall and CVTC – 11 AM – 1:30 PM
- 25-27 AAUW-WI State Convention

May

- 14 6 PM - Eleanor Roosevelt Walk
Girls Bullying Girls – Deb Pattee
Installation of New officers
Cheesecake dessert – Courtesy Barb Radtke & Rebekah Streit
- 18 Annual Planning meeting – Margot Bouchard’s home

Officer Nominations

The Board acting as the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations:

Secretary/Communications – **Chris Kondrasuk**
Treasurer - **Donna Weidman**

We will vote at the APRIL 8th Annual Meeting.

Younger Voters Might “Rock the Vote”

I receive a LOT of email from the AAUW public policy group in Washington. A recent email caught my attention because it contained the following good news.

“[Rock the Vote](#), a non-profit, non-partisan organization working to engage and mobilize youth in the political process, released their latest poll of 18 to 29 year olds this week. According to the [poll](#), young voters are energized and excited about this campaign. In fact, 75 percent of respondents believe they have the power to change the country and, when asked if young voters as a group had the ability to change the country, 88 percent of those surveyed agreed and 77 percent of women surveyed strongly agreed. These feelings of enthusiasm have already been reflected in the primaries and caucuses, with record numbers of youth—over 7 million young adults so far—coming out to vote, according to [Lake Partners Research Group](#).”

The email went on to discuss the importance of letting young women voters know that, although a lot of progress has been made, our slogan, “Because Equity is Still an Issue” applies to them. Whether we are talking about financial equity in their careers, an equal opportunity to participate in sports, paid sick days as proposed by the Health Families Act, or the opportunity to enter the engineering or other STEM field, younger women definitely need to continue the fight for equality.

What can you do?

- Our branch makes an impact on college-aged women and men through our Equity Bake Sale and you can help by baking, working/promoting the sale, or making a donation.
- You can encourage women of all ages to vote. Also remind these women to look for the candidates who support what is important to them and to all women “Because Equity is Still an Issue.”
- Vote for and remember to thank elected politicians who support our issues. I recall Rep. Tammy Baldwin telling an AAUW group that it is very important to let the people who represent you know when you agree with their actions. Most often they hear from those opposed to their stand. I recently received an AAUW email that said that my U.S. representative’s voting record supported ALL of the issues that AAUW supports. The email gave me the opportunity to thank him, which I found it easy to do using the links provided.

If you would like to help with an AAUW-Eau Claire “get out the vote” initiative, please contact one of your public policy co-chairs.

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2008-09 Budget – to be voted on April 8th

AAUW - EAU CLAIRE BRANCH PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET

CARRY FORWARD

Operating Expenses	180.00
Book Sale Rental	1,100.00
National Conference	1,000.00

INCOME

Dues	4,550.00
\$70 x 65 members	
Book Sale	8,800.00
Interest	15.00
Fund Raiser (LAF Silent Auction)	500.00
Misc. Fund Raising	200.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$16,345.00**

EXPENSES

Dues

National (65 members x \$49)	3,185.00
State (65 members x \$10)	650.00
Student member (5 affiliates x \$22)	110.00

Meeting Expenses

Rent	150.00
Hospitality	50.00
Speakers/Programs	200.00

Conventions/Workshops

National	1,600.00
State	1,000.00
Other (Regional Meetings)	100.00

Operating Expenses

Liability Insurance	150.00
Newsletter	500.00
Membership	150.00
Executive Board	50.00
Book Sale	2,300.00

Scholarships

UWEC Foundation (4 Schlrs x \$550)	2,200.00
CVTC Foundation (1 Schlr. X \$500)	500.00
UWEC Endowment	1,000.00

National Contributions

Legal Advocacy Fund	500.00
Education Foundation	1,000.00

Community Action/Organ

Comm. Action (MS Adventure Girls, etc.)	500.00
Mis. (Women of Dist/Donation Requests)	300.00

Mis. Fund-raising Expenses 150.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$16,345.00**

= Pay Equity Bake Sale =

UWEC Campus – Hibbard Humanities Hall and CVTC Campus – Library
entrance

Tuesday, April 22nd 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

We need bakers and staffers!

- Bakers can drop off their baked goodies to Kim or Jodi the night before or bring them at the start of the sale.
- Sale staffers are needed 10:30 – 1:30
We can arrange parking for you.

Can you help?

Please contact:

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.....because *equity* is **STILL** an issue!

Proceeds raised will go towards the Legal Advocacy fund.

New Member - Jessica Witte

Networking is one of the many benefits of AAUW. I was able to tap into the special talents of Jessica Witte recently while working on one of the presidential campaigns. Jessica graduated from UWEC with a degree in broadcast journalism. She not only has the journalism background but is competent using the technology.

Four years ago Jessica decided to leave her job with Channel 18 as news director and anchor. It had become increasingly difficult to juggle the extremely long hours and flexibility of schedule that her job demanded with two young children at home. Her son and daughter are now 8 and 10.

Directly after leaving news, Jessica worked as an event planner and fund-raiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She also worked with her husband doing marketing for his company, Chippewa Valley Office Solutions. Her current career is now at UWEC where, as student services coordinator, she is an event planner and marketing person for career services.

She absolutely loves what she is doing today. Her favorite event is a program called "Explore Your Possibilities Week": a huge undertaking each fall where many experts descend on UWEC to share what students can do with their degrees/majors

Jessica is also a wine enthusiast, shoe-lover, and consummate wordsmith. She has also developed an obsession for "Obsession Chocolates" on Water Street.



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

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

Newsletter of the American Association of University Women - Eau Claire Branch
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