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A newsletter of AAUW-Eau Claire Branch
October 2018

President's Message

Welcome back from all your various endeavors & vacations. Our AAUW branch had several meetings over the summer. Here are the highlights.

Planning Meeting in June at Margot Bouchard's house

The members who attended were full of ideas. Betsy Richmond, Connie and I wrote them down as fast as we could. We later solidified the ideas into a program schedule that is attached in this newsletter.

Membership Meeting in August with Judy Goodnight

Judy Goodnight, the State Membership Coordinator, drove over to have lunch with a group of us on August 30th. We discussed what our Eau Claire branch is best at and what we could work on. Basically, we think we have wonderful programs, a supportive group of women and we have a University in town which is a great resource. We decided we could collaborate more with other groups and especially the university, we could aim for open meetings and make our presence known in the community more. Basically, our branch should: BE VISIBLE, ATTRACTIVE AND SET US APART FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

September Events

To that end, we're beginning the year by being a presence at a program hosted by another group in town: Citizens Action. It is called *Who Will Care for You? A Crisis in Care*. It was held at the Eagles Banquet Hall on Hallie Road.

Also, under the heading of Being Visible, we hosted a booth at the International Fall Festival on September 29. We were at the festival on Farwell from 11:00 – 5:00. Even with the chilly weather, there was a nice turnout at our booth.

Book Sale

Please contact Rita Houser (rhouser1010@gmail.com) if you can help us sort books in preparation for this year's book sale or if you could work at the book sale itself. The sale will be October 12, 13 and 14

Please think about bringing a friend to one of these events and joining us for future programs!

Enjoy this beautiful autumn!

Andrea Schaffer

EAU CLAIRE'S INTERNATIONAL FALL FESTIVAL

We had a great time at Eau Claire's International Fall Festival on Saturday, September 29. Thank you to Connie, Janet, Mary, Jane, Rita and Margot for coming to host the booth! 5 people signed our email sheet for more information and we gave out about 20 brochures and program schedules. Many kids stopped by to stick their faces behind the superhero portraits and be photographed as Wonder Woman or Superman. That display will be at the book sale because it is about Superheroes in Literature. Many people also took photos of the book sale sign so they would have the information. Thanks again to all those who helped – and to Sharon for providing me with the insurance certificate.



Upcoming Gatherings

Luncheon and Auction

Invite a friend and join us for a lovely lunch, an exceptional silent auction, and an inspiring presentation from the two recipients of our branch's scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Saturday, November 17, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A Buffet Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Auction closes at 1:15 p.m.

Eau Claire Golf and Country Club

828 Clubview Ln, Altoona, WI 54720

(715) 836-8420

Cost: \$20 per person (please bring cash or check)

RSVP by Friday, November 2

to: aauweauclaire@gmail.com

Soup, Cinema, & Celebration

Saturday, January 26, 2019

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Linda Presley's home

2933 Putnam Glen Place

At the November 17 luncheon, a film list will be circulated for members to indicate preferences; also, a sign-up sheet for bringing soup, bread, or dessert will be available. Join us for a 60-year celebration of our branch.

60 Years – AAUW – Eau Claire Branch

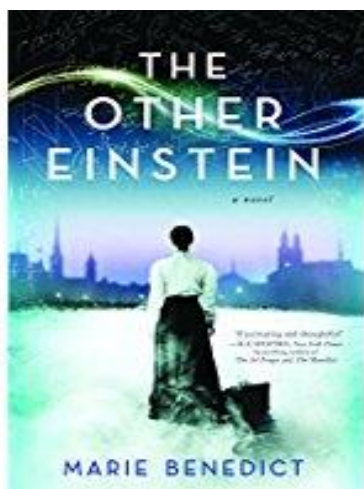


BOOK GROUP

The AAUW Book Group will meet at the home of Betty Gertner's, 1108 Glades Drive, Altoona, Thursday, October 4 – 1 – 3 pm. We will discuss *If the Creek Don't Rise* by Leah Weiss, a book festival author.



The book group will meet at the home of Marge Quaid's, 1310 Ponderosa Dr. N., Eau Claire, Thursday, November 1 – 1-3 pm. The book to be discussed will be *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.



Call Chris Kondrasuk at 715-835-1683(H) or 715-828-4321(C) if you have any questions.

Dues are due!

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, please renew your membership now. On November 1, AAUW national removes unpaid members from the database.

Dues are a little higher this year as a result of the increase in national dues from \$49 to \$59. State and branch dues remain the same at \$13 each.

As is true for many non-profit organizations, expenses continue to rise. The leadership at the national level, however, is actively seeking ways to off-set those costs by streamlining operational staffing, collaborating with other entities, and acquiring sponsors for programming. A \$10 increase is modest when considering the tremendous amount value AAUW provides, not only to us as branch members, but to women and girls throughout the nation. AAUW is a respected voice in the halls of Congress. AAUW research is top-notch and timely. Few other organizations reach out to assist women facing workplace discrimination. AAUW has funded the studies of women scholars in a host of academic areas. Membership with AAUW means you are part of a community dedicated to changing the climate for women and girls.

Here at the local level, you can participate at whatever level works for your schedule. The \$13 helps with some of our programming, but the annual used book sale remains our major source of revenue for awarding non-traditional women student academic scholarships and for supporting students attending the national AAUW Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders. When you join AAUW, you know you're making a difference!

AAUW Eau Claire Membership 2018-2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (s) _____

E-Mail: _____

I'm interested in:

- Program Committee
- Book Sale Committee
- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Book Group
- Public Policy
- Hospitality (provide food/beverages for events)
- Other _____

Make checks for \$85 payable to: AAUW Eau Claire

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Eau Claire, WI 54701

AAUW 2018 USED BOOK SALE

Remember the Who, What, When and Where about writing? To make it easier to explain the details of the book sale to someone, here it is in that format. Use this as your elevator speech!

WHO: AAUW - Eau Claire Branch

WHAT: AAUW Used Book Sale

WHEN: Friday, October 12, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 13, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



WHERE: Eau Claire County Exposition Center, 5530 Fairview Drive, Eau Claire

PRICES: Hardcover - \$3.00; Paperback - \$1.50; Saturday – Buy 3, Get One Free and Sunday Special - Bag Sale – 1st bag - \$6.00; 2nd bag \$4.00; and 3 or more - \$2.00 each.

PURPOSE: Proceeds help to support local and national scholarships and AAUW activities.

TITLE IX: MORE THAN ATHLETICS

In the 46 years since the part of the Education Act known as Title IX was passed, women's participation in sports and athletic programs has made great strides. AAUW and other organizations have worked tirelessly to make sure that the law is enforced. Title IX also affects other areas of education, including:

- recruitment, admissions and housing;
- career and technical education;
- pregnant, parenting, and/or married students;
- science, technology, engineering, and math education;
- sexual harassment and assault;
- comparable facilities and access to course offerings;
- financial assistance;
- student health services and insurance benefits;
- harassment based on gender identity.

Today the greatest area of concern is the attack on the sexual harassment area of this law. The regulations used to enforce the law may be weakened if the U.S. Department of Education proposals take effect. Changes would limit schools' liability in sexual harassment and assault cases, making it easier for schools to dismiss cases, harder to hold the perpetrators of assault accountable, and more difficult for survivors to get the protection they need.

What can you do?

Check aauw.org for action needed to keep the teeth in harassment laws;
Join our branch initiative to identify local Title IX coordinators;
Help deliver tools and resources to local schools;
Write an op-ed to our local newspaper in support of Title IX.

Margot Bouchard is heading up our branch effort to take local action. Contact her to be part of this important initiative.

VOTE AND HELP OTHERS VOTE

The November 6 election is coming up soon. Check myvote.wi.gov for your voter information. In addition to voting, pledge to encourage others to vote, be part of the Chippewa Valley Votes voter registration drive, and help serve at the polls. Poll workers are needed, and your city or town clerk will be delighted to hear that you can help.

Mary Hayden
Public Policy Chair

Our Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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