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FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI

Branch Newsletter

DECEMBER 2014

December 9, 2014 branch meeting , our annual Holiday Auction, will be at 6:30 PM at the home of Suzanne Hagen, 2464 Golfview Drive , River Falls. The program will be live auction facilitated by outstanding auctioneers!

AAUW-WI STATE CONVENTION:

April 24-25, 2015, Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake

AAUW-ASSOCIATION CONVENTION:

June 18 - 21, 2015: San Diego, CA

PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

Ruth Lee, Branch President

November (I know this is the December issue however it is pre-Thanksgiving as the thoughts are flowing) is just another opportunity to be THANKFUL to be part of an organization which has a *Mission Statement* that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research; has a *Value Promise* that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that ALL women have a fair chance; has a *Vision Statement* that empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential; and a *Diversity Statement* where there are no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

When you need to reevaluate the details of these Statements take out your yearbook and look through them. While your yearbook is in your hands turn to the pages that list the River Falls Branch Meetings/Events for 2014-2015 and compare the programs and the AAUW Mission Statements! This branch continues to frame the programs around the goals of the organization. Take the energy from each meeting and be an advocate for what you believe about women in the past, the present and the future. Share your energy and enthusiasm through conversations with friends and acquaintances throughout your life.

Recently someone questioned how retirement was and what do you do with your time. Well it didn't take long to get to AAUW and the joy of *empowering women since 1881!* What a great opportunity to share information regarding the gender pay gap (he was amazed – especially in 2014), \$tart \$mart, STEM, TECH Trek, NCCWSL, etc. You all know the drill as I'm sure you've been there too. Then the true joy of saying "and you could become a member too" as we

search for diversity. So did you develop your “elevator speech” as recommended by our MVP in the November issue?

Every month is an opportunity to be grateful for AAUW. December encourages River Falls Branch members to set their creative minds free! What wonderful new opportunity can be made available for the Holiday Auction which people will not be able to resist. Remember that all profits go towards the Wisconsin State AAUW Travel fund. Have you discovered that special surprise (or old faithful) project that you are going to bring along for others to beg/bid and enjoy at a later date? This always promises to be a special evening with opportunities to purchase some sweet indulgences amongst other things. The true joy is being together in a friendly relaxed atmosphere to appreciate the shared talents of all members. (Remember to bring your checkbook! That can be a special talent too when time and wondering what to bring get in the way.)

Think **spring** and the Wisconsin State AAUW Convention located in Elkhorn Lake which is resort country. Need a family get away while you spend one day at the convention? Coming up in April of 2015! Check out the Calendar of Events on the last page of Falls Notes.

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“The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.” Ralph Nicho

PROGRAM NOTES

Lorraine Davis and Elaine Davis, Co-Chairs

The December branch meeting , our annual Holiday Auction, will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, **December 9, 2014** at the home of Suzanne Hagen, 2464 Golfview Drive , River Falls. The program will be live auction facilitated by outstanding auctioneers!

Everyone is encouraged to bring an item (or two) for the auction; it could be baked goods, a wonderful "white elephant" that someone else needs, a simple basket that you put together (even with another member), a service such as washing windows, shoveling or a theme dinner for four or more. Share your special talent with the branch and surprise us! Let your imagination be your guide!

Especially needed are *buyers* with deep pockets to purchase items that are donated. Funds raised provide money for expenses to the Wisconsin State AAUW Convention and the National AAUW Convention. It is valuable to have members attend these conventions for the ideas and enthusiasm that are gained

Each person attending the festivities is a ‘co-hostess’ and is requested to bring four to six cookies, bars, or other snacks to be shared. Beverages will be provided by the host/hostess.

Prospective and former members are welcome. This event is always great fun enhanced by Suzanne’s gracious holiday hospitality

80th Celebration

The branch 80th anniversary committee has begun planning for the celebration on **May 12, 2015**. So far Anne Anderson, Lorraine Davis, Jayne Matthews, and Ruth Ann Frank are involved but new participants and ideas are welcome. Beginning in January, articles will be provided for the newsletter which will recount the history and some of the activities of the branch.

Former members and officers will be invited to celebrate with us on May 12 in a special event. We will provide information as the plans are finalized.

Update on a Free Counseling Center (FCC)

Catherine C. Olson, LCSW, LICSW

Chairperson-Steering Committee for a Free Counseling Center

The volunteer Steering Committee for a Free Counseling Center has been making vital progress every month over the past year since it began. This is clearly barebones grassroots at its finest! The members of the committee are a growing group of area citizens and professionals passionate about making mental health care accessible to the uninsured people of Pierce and St. Croix County. The FCC will provide direct face-to-face counseling and resource and referral.

Procuring mental health care services requires much careful planning to ensure quality, confidential, efficient and ethical treatment to those in need. We are lucky to have two main local models for reference. Currently, we are in the process of formalizing an agreement for a no cost site to provide the service; seeking a list of qualified therapist/counselors to provide one to two days per week scheduled sessions; determining next steps of gaining start up funds; writing up a business plan; and setting up a fiscal plan. Once we have enough money to pay for start up fees (phone, liability insurance, secured private data sources, marketing, office infrastructure) and have clear plans, we can then begin to apply for 501c3 status.

We are looking at utilizing St. Croix Valley Foundation to be our fiscal agent to facilitate fundraising and accessing grants, yet this still requires \$400 to begin. Once we have a formal address, then we can get a tax id and bank account and begin accepting formal donations.

FCC has no definitive date set to begin providing services, but will be better able to determine this when we have a secured site, financial base, volunteer counselors/therapists, private data sources, and malpractice liability coverage in place.

For further questions or if you wish to donate, please contact chairperson Catherine C. Olson at c.olsoncounseling@gmail.com

Catherine C. Olson Counseling, LCSW, LICSW

VOTING COMMITTEE

Jane Williams

Even though the voting season for 2014 has come to an end, The My Vote Committee has decided to remain intact in order to get a head start on planning for 2016 Get Out The Vote activities. We are looking forward to having extra time to explore new tactics and possibilities. We are especially excited to focus on the role that community television can play in helping us be more effective in our efforts to reach more people. We hope to explore topics of interest to voters that will also make voting more attractive.

HISTORY

from Anne Anderson

NOTE FROM HISTORIAN:

AAUW River Falls Branch information in the archives is quite complete but lacking in information from 2003 – present. If any member happens to have some important information that could be shared please send to Anne Anderson. Copies of all FALLS NOTES have been donated so they are not necessary.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

Unfortunate Update -Boko Haram Abducts 25 More Girls - Afolabi Sotunde- Reuters-

A day after a ceasefire was announced with Boko Haram, the terrorist group abducted 25 more women and girls. The truce had given many hope that the hundreds of kidnapped schoolgirls would be returned after six months in captivity. The group hit three towns in northeast Nigeria, and rounded up women and girls in each.

Boko Haram has been using the girls and women it abducts in northern Nigeria as fighters and assistants on the front lines, according to Human Rights Watch. In interviews with 30 escapees, a new report outlines the various tasks these young women are forced to do: from handling ammunition to killing civilians. Many described being raped, threatened with death to convert to Islam, and being forced to marry Boko Haram fighters. Since 2009, HRW estimates that 500 women have been abducted by the militant group.

India's boom hasn't equalized genders

Indian women still face some of the world's worst inequality in access to health care, education and work despite years of rapid economic growth, according to a survey of 142 nations released.

The Annual Gender Gap Index by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum showed India falling to 114th place after being ranked 101th out of the 136 countries surveyed last year. That puts India below other fast developing nations including South Africa ranked 18th, China at 87 and Brazil at 71.

Northern nations led the world in promoting equality of the sexes, as they have for many years. With Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark occupying the top five spots. The United States climbed 3 places to 20th, thanks to narrowing the gap and more women occupying political offices. Yemen, Pakistan and Chad remained at the bottom of the Index.

Women: Remarks at National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women's Event

Remarks, John Kerry, Secretary of State, Beijing, China, November 8, 2014

Secretary Kerry met with senior business leaders and government officials from APEC economies at the National Center for APEC's (NCAPEC) private sector-led roundtable, "**Catalyzing Strategic Business Growth: Women and the Economy**," in Beijing, China. The roundtable, which coincides with NCAPEC's 20th anniversary, focused on public and private sector policies to engage women in the workforce and create business opportunities, social stability, and economic growth.

The Asia Pacific region loses apparently some \$89 billion a year from the restrictions on women's participation in the economy. Narrowing the gender gap in some emerging economies could boost GDP in those economies by at least 10 percent. A rise in female income in Latin America already was judged to have reduced poverty by 30 percent over the last decade. That is why the U.S. State Department is launching the '**Women and the Economy Dashboard**'.

The Dashboard is going to help track the critical indicators of women's economic success—female labor force participation, financial literacy, educational attainment—all of these will be measured. And will set a clear benchmark for women's participation in the economy, monitoring progress, and supporting countries in their efforts to get women into positions in business, where they are leading and able to inspire and be role models for future generations. The State Department is also launching a regional network called WE-APEC to answer those questions by helping companies to be able to identify future private sector leaders, link them to training programs and loan guarantees, and then connect their networks to global supply chains. And as 'capital chases confidence and opportunity together', this will help provide both.

Women: Video Remarks for the Launch of USAID Promote in Kabul

Remarks: Catherine M. Russell, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
Washington, DC, November 10, 2014 (Excerpt)

Through the launch of the **Promote** program, there has been incredible work done to expand women's participation in the Afghan economy and create entrepreneurial opportunities; to increase the participation of women in the judiciary, particularly women judges; to expand the number of women and girls in school, including as female teachers; and at an even more basic level, to ensure that every Afghan woman knows she has the right to be heard. **That progress was evident in the significant number of women who voted in Afghanistan's recent election, which led to the first democratic transition of power in Afghanistan's history.**

This is exactly what **Promote** is about: it's about a commitment to doing everything we can to help the Afghan government continue to build momentum for women and especially the next generation of women leaders. We are so proud to have the opportunity to be a part of that.

Congratulations to the brave women of Afghanistan who have already done so much for their country, and to the girls following in their footsteps who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

Women: Remarks at the Launch of UNFPA's State of the World Population Report

Remarks, Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, November 18, 2014 (excerpt)

The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration supports UNFPA's work to **increase access to reproductive health services and prevent and respond to gender-based violence throughout the world.**

On this date, the Bureau launched the 2014 State of the World Population Report on "*The Power of 1.8 Billion: Adolescents, Youth, and the Transformation of the Future.*"

As this report points out, it hopes for peace and prosperity which depend on what happens to the largest generation of young people in human history.

The report recommends a number of promising interventions. They are:

- Stopping early and forced marriage and preventing adolescent pregnancies
- Strengthening sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights among young people, including adolescents
- Preventing and addressing sexual and gender-based violence
- Discouraging harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation
- Promoting equal education for girls
- Improving young people's prospects for finding good jobs.

More education, less child marriage and gender-based violence, delayed childbearing, healthier kids, stronger economic growth, gender equality, and expanded opportunity all go together.

This report can help close the gap between the principles enshrined in our international pledges.

It shows how important it is to understand what holds young people back, not only in theory but in practice, and to give them a voice in shaping solutions.

Turkey's Erdogan: Women Not Equal

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan used an international conference on justice and rights for women Monday to declare that women should not be regarded as equal to men and that pregnancy presented an obstacle to equal opportunity in the workplace. Erdogan, a Muslim, also condemned feminists for rejecting motherhood, noting that pregnancy and motherhood were sacred in Islam. Some forms of work, he cautioned, are unsuitable for women. Women's rights activists stormed social-media networks with furious responses to the address, given at a conference sponsored by the conservative Women and Democracy Association.

PUBLIC POLICY

Barbara Peterson, co-Chair

I have mentioned in recent monthly meetings the excellent book, *Blue Jeans in High Places*, by Mike McCabe who is the current executive director for the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. Mike has spoken to our branch on the topic of campaign funding and the current state of redistricting and ideology in our legislature.

I would like to recommend this reading to each of you. If we still have a book group, I hope you would chose this book. In addition, this would be an excellent program to open to the public in the library setting. Mike could be enticed, I believe, to travel here to speak again, perhaps for a travel fee.

Information about the book can be read at the publisher's website. It can be ordered online for \$15.95 and we may want to consider a group order. http://littlecreekpress.com/store/blue_jeans.php

I am willing to help with this project. Please contact me if you need more information - Barbara Peterson, [715-425-5638](tel:715-425-5638)

No matter how we feel about **birth control**, we all want our youth to have a better chance at a productive life. Nicholas Kristof puts this in perspective in his November 12th column in the New York Times. You can read it here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/13/opinion/nicholas-kristof-politicians-teens-and-birth-control.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&r=0>

Are we asking our schools to prepare youth in reproductive health? Are we holding our WI lawmakers responsible for a high pregnancy rate among teens when they eliminated the new law requiring medically accurate sex education in schools? If young folks don't have the facts, they can't be expected to act thoughtfully. What can **we** do to change this?

Politicians, Teens and Birth Control

Nicholas Kristof

New York Times Ed-OP Nov. 12, 2014

Here's a story of utter irresponsibility: About [one-third](#) of American girls become pregnant as teenagers. But it's not just a story of heedless girls and boys who don't take precautions. This is also a tale of national irresponsibility and political irresponsibility — of us as a country failing our kids by refusing to invest in comprehensive sex education and birth control because we, too, don't plan ahead.

I kind of understand how a teenage couple stuffed with hormones and enveloped in each other's arms could get carried away. But I'm just bewildered that American politicians, stuffed with sanctimony and enveloped in self-righteousness, don't adequately invest at home or abroad in birth-control programs that would save the government money, chip away at poverty, reduce abortions and empower young people.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans seem particularly interested in these investments. The inflation-adjusted sum spent on Title X family planning in the United States [has fallen by two-thirds since 1980](#).

A few depressing facts:

- American teenagers become pregnant at a rate of about one a minute.
- Some [82 percent of births to teenagers](#) in the U.S. are unplanned.
- American and European teenagers seem to be sexually active at roughly similar rates, although Americans may start a bit earlier. [But the American teenage birthrate](#) is three times Spain's rate, five times France's, and 15 times Switzerland's.
- Young Americans show a lack of understanding of where babies come from. Among teenagers who unintentionally became pregnant, [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found](#) that the most cited reason for not using contraception was "I didn't think I could become pregnant." And 18 percent of young men somehow believed that having sex standing up helps prevent pregnancy, [according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](#).

Hello?

A teenager who has a baby often derails her own education and puts the child on a troubled trajectory as well. [In Oklahoma last year, I met one family](#) where the matriarch had a baby at 13, her daughter had a baby at 15, and that child, in turn, gave birth at 13. That's how poverty replicates.

[Medicaid spends an average of \\$12,770 for a birth](#). Yet we spend only \$8 per teenage girl on programs to avoid pregnancy. In financial terms, that's nuts. In human terms, it's a tragedy.

Internationally, we and other donor countries also underinvest in family planning in poor countries. Globally, [220 million women don't want to become pregnant](#) but lack access to contraception.

Isabel Sawhill of the Brookings Institution has written [an important new book](#), "Generation Unbound: Drifting Into Sex and Parenthood Without Marriage." She notes that most young single moms in America don't intend to become pregnant but drift into it fatalistically, partly because they rely solely on condoms or other less reliable forms of birth control.

Condoms are 82 percent effective in preventing pregnancy in any one year, [according to the C.D.C.](#) But that means that after four years of relying only on condoms, most women will have become pregnant at least once.

So Sawhill advocates a move to what she calls "childbearing by design, not by default." That means providing long-acting reversible contraceptives, or LARCs, to at-risk girls and young women who want them. LARCs are IUDs, or implants that can remain in place for years, and the failure rate is negligible.

Teenage birthrates in America have already dropped by more than half since 1991. But Sawhill calculates that if LARCs became much more widespread, the proportion of children born outside marriage could drop by a quarter, and the proportion of children who are poor would drop sharply as well.

"By turning drifters into planners, we would not only help those women achieve their own goals but also create much stronger starts for their children," Sawhill writes.

[The American Academy of Pediatrics recently urged doctors](#) to recommend LARCs for sexually active teenagers. One obstacle is the initial cost — \$500 to \$1,000 — so that many young people can't afford them.

[A study in St. Louis](#) offered free birth control, including LARCs, to sexually active teenagers and found that pregnancy rates for them plunged by more than three-quarters. Abortions fell by a similar rate. That's what we need nationwide.

[The Affordable Care Act provides](#) free access to all forms of contraception, which helps. But many pediatricians aren't trained in inserting LARCs.

So we need more women's health clinics, yet, instead, some are being closed as casualties of abortion wars. Moreover, states and schools should embrace comprehensive sex education, teaching contraception, the benefits of delaying sex and, also, the responsibility of boys.

A starting point for the United States should be to rebuild Title X spending on family planning. Surely we can afford to spend as much in this area as we did back in 1980.

So, of course, let's ask teenagers to show responsibility toward sex. **But let's demand the same of our politicians.**

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Ann Gustafson, Membership Vice President and Jennifer Willis-Rivera, Co-Chairs

The December branch meeting, which is our annual Holiday Auction, is just around the corner. This is a good time to invite a guest/potential member to attend and get to know other current members. This is a “no strings attached” opportunity for community members to learn more about AAUW and especially about our members. We’ll wait until January to focus on having them join the branch.

In the meantime, there is some important business for branch members. Now is the time for all members to participate in the discussion of some of the business of the 2015 National Convention. In 2007, AAUW became a “One Member, One Vote” organization. This means that every two years every member has an opportunity to comment on or propose amendments to the by-laws, the Public Policy Program, and Resolutions. This is the year.

In order to participate in the discussion or to read through any proposals, go to www.aauw.org/resource/national-election. This will ultimately take you to the Resource page called National Election webpage—you will need your member number. You will be given an opportunity to click on what you want to view. Spend some time there viewing the by-laws and reading proposals or discussions, or making comments. *For by-laws and resolutions, and the Public Policy program this opportunity will be available only until DECEMBER 5.*

One of the current discussions that relates to Membership is a possible change in the criteria for those who join AAUW to be able to join if they support our mission, regardless if they possess a degree. At this point, this item is only a discussion item. Whether it is presented to the membership as a proposed by-law change may depend on whether there is strong support or opposition to the possible by-law change at the discussion phase. Any changes to the by-laws or public policy program, or proposed resolutions will be voted upon on-line prior to the convention next June.

If you have questions about the process or in accessing the website, feel free to contact me at agus_mbrshp@yahoo.com (note the underscore between the s and m in the e-mail) or 715-425-2516.

FINANCE REPORT - Kay Montgomery and Suzanne Hagen, Co-Finance Chairs

Moose Breakfast Fund Raiser: Thank you to everyone who sold tickets for the Nov. 2 Moose breakfast. This effort resulted in earning \$519.02 for our scholarship accounts. Special thanks to those who worked at the breakfast pouring coffee and clearing tables: Ruth Lee, Cheryl Maplethorpe, Jeanne Zirbel, Magdalena Pala, RuthAnn Frank and Suzanne Hagen. (Thanks also to members who attended and brought family and friends!)

AAUW-River Falls Finance Report
Nov. 15, 2014

Checking balance 10/20/2014	\$ 2684.46
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 36.50
Moose Ticket Sales	360.00
Moose payment breakfast profit share	519.02
Book Sale	123.00
<i>Total receipts (10/20-11/15)</i>	<i>1,038.52</i>
Disbursements:	
National Dues (M Baker)	\$ 24.50
State Dues (M Baker)	6.50
Mailing (Member Directory)	11.90
Moose payment for tickets sold	360.00
<i>Total disbursements (10/20-11/15)</i>	<i>402.90</i>

Balances 11/15/2014

Checking: \$3320.08
Savings: 1655.60
\$ 4975.68

Restricted Accounts Expenditures:

UWRF Scholarship = \$00.00
High School Scholarship = \$300.00
AAUW Funds (formerly EF) = \$472.01
LAF = \$00.00
Travel
State \$00.00
National \$ 61.91*

*Any funds left in State travel after the State convention are added to the National travel fund.

Suzanne Hagen
Treasurer

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

River Falls Branch AAUW November 11, 2014

River Falls Public Library

President Ruth Lee called the meeting to order.

October minutes approved as printed in the November newsletter.

Financial report approved as printed and filed for audit. Checkbook balance is \$3,047. Treasurer Suzanne Hagen reported the following income:

\$519 Brunch at the Moose Lodge

\$2,000 Book Sale

Committee Reports:

Program Development – Elaine Baumann reviewed our upcoming programs. Refer to your directory for details. December 9, 6:30 pm, Suzanne Hagen will host the Holiday Gathering and Silent Auction.

Membership – Ann Gustafson introduced our newest member, Lisa Benz. New members are invited to join at a reduced rate at *Shape the Future* meetings. **Our total membership is 46.**

Public Policy – Barb Peterson expressed concern over the low turnout of white women and minority voters at the November 4 election. She again recommended the book *Blue Jeans in High Places* by Mike McAbe.

Funds – Sue Halseth has attended a national convention, but couldn't have done it without the financial support of our branch. A luncheon to raise funds for travel will take place at Ruth Lee's home, Tuesday, November 18. RSVP to Ruth by November 12, requested donation is \$25.

Scholarship – Bob Gustafson received a thank you from the recipient of our 2014 scholarship which will be printed in the December newsletter. \$500 remains in our fund and will be awarded in 2015. The NCCWSL scholarship application is in rough draft form and an effort is being made to get it out to students.

Thank you letter from UWRF student for scholarship

October 18, 2014

Dear Robert Gustafson;

Please extend my gratitude to everyone involved in the decision making process for awarding scholarships. I am truly honored to receive the American Association of University Women scholarship for \$500.00.

I work hard every day no matter if it is at home, work or when volunteering for EMS. I find it refreshing to have a strong belief in myself and my accomplishments and receiving a scholarship reminds me that I still have so much more to do and believe in.

My focus is to complete my bachelor degree in Health and Wellness Management. I am working full time, volunteer 40+ hours each month with EMS and above all things have a family. My family is supportive of my education and career goals and receiving a scholarship certainly helps to lessen the financial burden that so many people struggle with.

Thank you, everyone, for your belief in me; who I am and who I will be and for helping make my dreams come true. I will always be grateful.

*Sincerely,
Renee Taylor
UERF Student
N8888 Dayton St.*

Historian – Anne Anderson has checked the archives. She found branch information up to 2003, but very little since then. Please submit any news clippings you might have saved. Kay Montgomery continues to submit monthly newsletters.

Old Business:

Book Sale – Thanks from Jeanne Zirbel and Sue Danielson. Location was great. Please express your appreciation to building owners Pat & Dan.

New Business:

Jeanne Zirbel was presented with a framed certificate and a letter from AAUW National Headquarters for her 50 years of membership in AAUW. She received life membership and exemption from national dues. Our local branch gave her a bouquet of fall flowers. Congratulations, Jeanne!

Barb Peterson suggested that we do a special project at Christmas for the residents of the halfway house in River Falls. Look for more information.

Announcements:

Newsletter deadline is November 20.

AAUW-WI State Convention is April 24-25 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

AAUW-Association Convention is June 18-21 in San Diego, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Karen Brohaugh

Program to follow meeting is by Sharon Seidl, Veterans Affairs Officer at UW-River Falls and three female students who have, or are serving, in the military.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9, 2014 branch meeting , our annual Holiday Auction, will be at 6:30 PM at the home of Suzanne Hagen, 2464 Golfview Drive , River Falls. The program will be live auction facilitated by outstanding auctioneers!

January 10 Business meeting/lunch 12:00; Program 1:30 Speaker: Arriety Lowell

February 10; Business meeting 6:30 Program 7:30

The Common Core: Jennifer Petersen, RFSD Director of Academic Services

March 10 Business Meeting 6:30 Program 7:00

Wisconsin Nazi Resistance: The Mildred Fish Harnack Story – film of the Wisconsin woman Hitler executed for involvement in the Berlin resistance.

April 14 Annual meeting and election of officers

Speakers on Campus Safety for Women

Business Meeting 6:30 Program 7:30

May 12 80th Anniversary Celebration and Installation of officers.

Location to be determined.



AAUW's MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW's VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.