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# FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI Branch Newsletter

## November 2014

## NEXT MEETING

PROGRAM NOTES Lorraine Davis and Elaine Davis, Co-Chairs

**November 11** SART on Campus and Military and Veteran Support for Women -River Falls Public Library. Co-hostesses; Ethel Johnson and Karen Brohaugh

To commemorate Veterans Day, our November 11 branch meeting will feature a program about women in the military: Women Veterans on Campus. Sharon Seidl, Veterans' Coordinator at UW-RF, will moderate a panel of female veterans who are presently students at UW-RF as they discuss the challenges of integrating into the non-military world and the resources that the university is able to provide.

Sharon is a veteran of the Air Force, having served as a Security Forces member. She is also a military spouse, with extensive experience working with other military spouses and families in transition and separation. She earned her graduate degree at Minot State University where she managed DANTES-funded testing programs for active duty Air Force, veterans, and their family members. She currently works for UW-River Falls as the Veterans' Coordinator where she has expanded her clientele to include affiliates of all military branches, including Guard and Reserves."

The **business meeting** will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the **public library** at 6:30. The presentation will begin at 7:30. The public will be invited. The program is a SHAPE the Future event so encourage friends and acquaintances to attend.

**Plan Ahead**: Our December 9, 2014 will be a holiday gathering at the home of Suzanne Hagen at 6:30. Think about the goodies/crafts that you can provide for the auction whose proceeds will fund conference travel. Also, bring a goody to share that evening. This event is always great fun enhanced by Suzanne's gracious holiday hospitality.

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

These changes should be made in your River Falls Branch Membership Directory 2014-2015:

AAUW Funds: change to Sue Halseth 715-690-7989 susanhalseth@Comcast.net

Public Policy Chair/s add: Elise Nooney 715-425-2260 elisenooney@yahoo.com

# **BOOK SALE UPDATE**

Suzie Danielson

Wow! What a great sale this year. The location was wonderful and we had lots of good books. The total will be somewhere around \$1,900.00 which is a lot more than last year. Thank you to everyone. There were lots of people to help as we sorted, sold and cleaned up. You guys rock!

# **PRESIDENT' S COLUMN**

Ruth Lee, Branch President

On Saturday, September 27 four members of the River Falls Branch of AAUW traveled to Eau Claire to attend the District IV meeting. As Coordinator of District IV, Susie Danielson chaired this meeting, others attending were Ann Gustafson, Cheryl Maplethorpe and Ruth Lee.

Items discussed included: proposed redistricting so branches would have less travel time to district meetings; Convention Format starting Friday and ending Saturday by 4:00 pm with shorter business meeting (with some suggestions as to how that could be accomplished), having counterpart sessions during Saturday lunch when most officers are present, recommended having a recognizable speaker to draw better attendance, attempt to locate the convention in a more central location with Districts still rotating the hostess duties.

The eleven members present reviewed the overall branch needs assessment together.

Scholarship giving: Chippewa give a STEM scholarship to a Middle School girl to attend a wee STEPS camp at UW Stout; Wausau contributes funds to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for scholarships; Eau Claire budgets for \$2,000 in scholarships but will give according to money raised, they give to four UW-Eau Claire students and a \$500 academic scholarship to a students attending Chippewa Valley Technical College; River Falls has chosen to give a scholarship to a UW-River Falls student to attend NCCWSL and will also give a high school scholarship to student attending a Technical College (New Richmond or Chippewa Valley in River Falls). SEE THE SECRE-TARY REPORT FOR CHANGES IN THE AAUW RIVER FALLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

There are four State Board Officer Positions that need to be filled this year: 1) Vice President Leadership, 2) Vice President Membership, 3) Vice President Program – 1 year, and 4) President elect. President elect requires previous state board experience.

Have you gone to the AAUW website yet to check out NCCWSL? The date set for the 2015 conference is May 28 – 30 at University of Maryland, College Park. Registration will not open until January of 2015 so the fees, speakers, workshops, are not all set yet for 2015. Registration fee for 2014 was \$395. If a registrant wants to attend a pre-conference workshop there was an additional fee of \$25 which included transportation from the residence hall to the workshop site and back.

The fee includes conference programming and numerous activities, meals, some transportation, housing for two nights. (There is the possibility of additional nights housing for \$60. per night.) Conference programming offers choices of over 50 workshops, make lifetime connections with fellow leaders, meet incredible role models (awardees and speakers), there are exhibits of more than 80 graduate schools and employers. What a

wonderful opportunity to gain confidence and skill then return to campus and communities and prepare to take action.

Kudos to Susie Danielson and Jeanne Zirbel for chairing the successful Book Sale this year! It takes great leaders and wonderful workers to make all of that happen so pat yourself on the back everyone for a job well done!

Get Out the Vote committee has also been very busy this fall. Special thanks to Jane Matthews, Barb Peterson, Elise Nooney, Ruthann Frank, Sue Halseth, Valerie Malzacher, and Cheryl Maplethorpe. The "Iron Jawed Angels" was a perfect program for October and refueled that commitment that we just can't take voting for granted!

## **INTERNATIONAL ISSUES**

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

# Women: President Obama Signs Implementing Legislation for the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance

Press statement: John Kerry, Secretary of State, Washington, DC, September 30, 2014

The United States was the first country to sign the Child Support Convention in 2007. Protection of our most vulnerable citizens, our children, is fundamental. Every child deserves to be supported by both parents. We know that recovering child support when the child and one parent are in one country and the other parent is in another is difficult and too often impossible. The United States has a comprehensive system to establish, recognize and enforce domestic and international child support obligations. The Convention just requires that all treaty partners have similar systems in place and, as a result, more children in the United States and abroad will be receiving more support, more expeditiously than ever before.

**A Brief and Heady Taste of Freedom-** Author Jenny Nordberg wrote a non -fiction book " The Underground Girls of Kabul" discovering a subculture of girls dressed as boys in Afghanistan's patriarchal culture.

**International Association of Women Police meets in Winnipeg, Canada-** The two-day Conference drew more than 600 female police officers from around the world. Law enforcement officials from the U.S., Canada, and Ghana among others attended. Michaelle Jean, a former broadcast journalist who served as Canada's Governor General, Erin Gallagher, a former war crimes investigator with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoeslavia, and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau, were among the speakers.

**First womb-transplant baby born –BBC News, 10/4/14 -** A 36-year-old woman in Sweden has given birth to a baby boy using a transplanted womb in a medical first, doctors say. Doctors at the University of Gothenburg then performed the womb transplant. The 36-year-old mother, who was born without a uterus, received a donated womb from a friend in her 60s.

Women: U.S. Department of State and Ernst & Young (EY) Announce Partnership in Support of Women Entrepreneurs in the Americas - On Thursday, October 2, the U.S. Department of State announced a new partnership between Ernst & Young (EY), a multinational professional services firm headquartered in London, and the Bureau of Information Resource Management's Office of Diplomacy at the Department of State. The partnership was sealed by signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining a public-private partnership that will directly benefit women entrepreneurs in four Latin American countries as part of the Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas Initiative (WEAmericas).

Under this new partnership, EY will contribute to the long-term impact of four interactive technology workshops called "TechCamps" which the Department will conduct over the next six months. The Bureau of Information Resource Management will manage the WEAmericas TechCamps in partnership with the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs (WHA), the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, and U.S. embassies in Colombia, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Argentina. These workshops will enable women entrepreneurs in those countries to make better use of technology to grow their businesses. EY-affiliated firms in each of the four countries will provide up to six months of business advice and mentorship to an entrepreneur selected from among the participants in each of the four events.

WEAmericas was launched by President Obama at the Summit of the Americas in 2012. WEAmericas leverages public-private partnerships to encourage inclusive economic growth in the Western Hemisphere. The initiative reduces barriers and increases opportunities for women entrepreneurs to start and grow small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) by improving: access to markets; access to capital; skills and capacity building; and leadership opportunities.

**Nobel Prize in Medicine Is Awarded to Three Who Discovered Brain's 'Inner GPS'** - A British-American scientist and a pair of Norwegian researchers were awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on Monday for discovering "an inner GPS in the brain" that enables virtually all creatures to navigate their surroundings. John O'Keefe, 75, a British-American scientist, will share the prize of \$1.1 million with May-Britt Moser, 51, and Edvard I. Moser, 52, only the second married couple to win a Nobel in medicine, who will receive the other half.

The three scientists' discoveries "have solved a problem that has occupied philosophers and scientists for centuries — how does the brain create a map of the space surrounding us and how can we navigate our way through a complex environment?" said the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, which chooses the laureates. The positioning system they discovered helps us know where we are, find our way from place to place and store the information for the next time, said Goran K. Hansson, secretary of the Karolinska's Nobel Committee.

Women: U.S. Department of State to Host Google+ Hangout with Ambassador Catherine M. Russell to Mark International Day of the Girl - In celebration of the third annual International Day of the Girl on October 11, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Catherine Russell will host her firstever Google+ Hangout with girls from around the world on Thursday, October 9. The Google+ Hangout discussion will focus on the importance of empowering adolescent girls, including through the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence.

**Malala Is the Youngest Nobel Peace Prize Winner** – Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for risking her life to secure girls' education. The 17-year-old activist is the youngest Nobel winner in history and will share the award with Indian children's rights activist Kailash Satyarthi. True to her commitment to education, Malala was in school when she was named the winner and will remain there until class is dismissed. **International Day of the Girl, October 11** - International Day of the Girl reminds us of the need to recommit to investing in the world's 850 million girls so that they can use their talents to contribute to their communities and countries.

We must involve elders, faith leaders, educators, and influential community figures in this effort. Governments must educate their citizens about the correlation between investing in programs for girls and the benefits to society, and hold accountable those individuals responsible for acts of violence and oppression. Make no mistake, educated girls, empowered with knowledge, are the best rebuke against the brutal forces of violent extremism.

By working together as a community of nations, we can build a world in which girls are not treated as property, chattel, or spoils of war, but rather as individuals with their own voice, talents, and freedom to realize their potential and contribute to our collective humanity. This is the message Malala Yousafzai has taught us, and this is the message of progress and justice.

**Scotland to get first female leader** - Nicola Sturgeon is set to replace Alex Salmond as leader of the SNP and Scotland's first minister, it has been confirmed. Ms Sturgeon is currently the party's deputy leader, and the country's deputy first minister. After studying law at Glasgow University and working as a solicitor at the city's Drumchapel Law Centre, Ms Sturgeon's entry into full-time politics came at the age of 29, when she was elected to the new Holyrood parliament in 1999, as a Glasgow regional MSP.

As a frontbench opposition spokeswoman, she sought to hold the Labour-Lib Dem coalition government to account on education, justice and health. She will formally take over the leadership next month, and will also become **Scotland's first female first minister**.

**Boko Haram agrees to release kidnapped girls after cease-fire -** The break in violence is a relief for Nigeria and for the world, but experts don't expect the peace to last.

**Ambassador Catherine M. Russell Traveled to Chile and Guatemala** - Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Catherine Russell traveled to Santiago, Chile, October 19-21, to address the second annual conference of the Women Entrepreneurs in the Americas (WEAmericas) Network. Launched at the Summit of the Americas in 2012 by President Obama, the <u>WEAmericas</u> initiative aims to advance women's entrepreneurship and economic participation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean by reducing barriers and increasing opportunities for women to start and grow small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) and expand business networks. The initiative leverages public-private partnerships and encourages inclusive economic growth in the Western Hemisphere. While in Santiago, the Ambassador also visited the Peace Park at Villa Grimaldi and met with alumni from the State Department's ECA Museums Connect project on Girl Ambassadors for Human Rights to highlight the importance of promoting the rights and status of women and girls to U.S. foreign policy.

Ambassador Russell continued on to Guatemala to speak with interlocutors about the violence and lack of economic opportunity affecting women and girls, a contributing factor to the undocumented migration of adults and unaccompanied children. On October 22, she met with Guatemalan officials, including law enforcement representatives, and civil society leaders in the capital to discuss cooperation on prevention and response to gender-based violence and trafficking in persons. While in Guatemala, Ambassador Russell also met with local officials and indigenous women in the town of Chichicastenango.

#### **REMEMBER TO VOTE**

By Barbara Peterson, Public Policy Co-Chair

I was greatly pleased at the turnout for the movie, "Iron Jawed Angels" about the struggles by women in the 1910 decade to obtain voting rights for women by 1920. They just wouldn't give up. It left many of us wondering if we would have been that persistent. I think we are!

As educated, active members of our community, it is often necessary for us to be more vocal about women's issues. Lisa Maatz, AAUW V.P. of Government Relations, puts it well in a letter published in the Huffington Post recently. Please read it (you may be able to click on it within this document and it will take you to the internet for the letter): http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-maatz/an-open-letter-to-women-v\_b\_5952380.html

Being politically/issue active should not be socially unacceptable. It is okay to talk to your friends about issues, about what our legislators are doing and about reminding them to vote and/or offering them a ride to the polls. It's also okay to walk through campus and remind students to vote. I like to use the phrase from the WI Alliance for Women's Health GOTV campaign. "Ask, Learn, VOTE".

We don't have a U.S. Senate race in WI this year. However, the Democrats have had a one vote majority and could lose it in November. If that happens, and if a Supreme Court vacancy comes up, the current President would have to name an extreme moderate to conservative candidate to fill the vacancy. There will be a litmus test. Another conservative on the bench will set back women's issues (equal pay, affirmative action, job discrimination, reproductive rights and more) for years to come. This will be important to watch on election night.

One of the closest races this year is going to be between Walker and Burke for Governor of Wisconsin. They are neck and neck in the polls. Your vote WILL count. If you haven't seen them debate you can watch the Eau Claire debate (Oct.10<sup>th</sup>) on YouTube here: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvjoxN8yO2M</u>

Remember, in a democracy you have a right to your political opinions. We are united in AAUW by our interest in women's issues. Talk to your friends, your neighbors, your church mates and your family. Tell them why it is important to vote. As Lisa Maatz says, **"Remember: Elections are decided by the people who actually show up."** 

## **MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

Ann Gustafson and Jennifer Willis-Rivera, Co-Chairs

Have you shared information about AAUW with someone in the community? Have you developed an elevator speech? This may be a bit difficult to visualize as the opportunities for a literal "elevator speech" may be some limited in River Falls. However, the concept works whether you are in a physical elevator or somewhere else.

In a nutshell, an elevator speech is when a person gives information about an organization or issue that is brief enough to be completed in the time it would take to go from floor to floor in an elevator. So what would you want to tell someone about AAUW if you only had a couple of minutes to convince them they should join AAUW? Would it be about the AAUW research? About the \$3.7 million that AAUW awarded as fellowships and grants this year? About our public policy activities including Get Out To Vote programs? One of the benefits of belonging to AAUW is its wide range of issues that are part of what AAUW does to advance equity for women and girls—through advocacy, through education, through philanthropy and through research. What issue(s) resonate with you and other individuals you know?

### HERE'S A CHALLENGE TO EVERY MEMBER:

- 1. Think of a person who is currently not a member of AAUW.
- 2. Plan your "elevator speech" to use when invite that person to come to the next branch meeting on November 11.
- 3. Invite that person to the meeting and follow-up by offering to actually *bring* that person to the meeting.

There will be a reward for each member who brings a person to the meeting that joins the branch at the November 11 meeting. This will be a *Shape the Future* event so any new AAUW member who joins at that meeting will be able to join at half cost.

At the November meeting, Jeanne Zirbel will be honored for her 50 years as an AAUW member. All members are invited to come to the meeting to join in honoring her. Congratulations, Jeanne!

## **INTRODUCING TWO NEW MEMBERS**

**LISA BENZ** – Lisa Benz received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She is an instrumental music teacher at the Ellsworth Middle School as well as teaching music to fifth graders. In addition she directs the bell choir at the United Methodist church in River Falls. She has been active in the state organization for music educators and in WEAC.

MARY BAKER – Mary Baker was born in Michigan but moved around quite a bit because she was married to a



career Army officer. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Elementary Education and taught for a few years. When her youngest child graduated from high school, Mary attended UW-Stout and received a master's degree in School Psychology. She worked in that field for more than 15 years until she retired.

In retirement she is a member of the "Have Water, Will Paint" watercolor group. As part of this group, she has exhibited her art work at Gallery 120 in River Falls, at the Phipps and tourant in Hudson, and currently at the Evangelical Church in River Falls. In addition, she

at the Stonetap Restaurant in Hudson, and currently at the Evangelical Church in River Falls. In addition, she has learned ballroom dancing. She says, "This is SO fun!"

Mary had two children; a daughter who lives in Shakopee, MN, and is a genetic counselor in oncology, and a son who is an Assistant District Attorney for Los Angeles County. Mary says she plans to visit him "a lot this winter."

Please welcome Lisa and Mary to AAUW-River Falls.

Correction to October newsletter article on the Coalition for a Compassionate Community <u>Coalition for a Compassionate Community</u> (CCC)

By Susan Koosmann

The CCC is starting its 4<sup>th</sup> year this fall in River Falls. AAUW member, <u>Rev. Nancy Holden</u>, is the chair of the committee. Its mission is "to foster mutual respect and inclusion in our community. We provide educational resources, support and recognition to groups and individuals working to prevent any form of abuse, and to foster compassion and non-violence."

The first project in 2011 addressed the need to respond to bullying. We partnered with River Falls schools under their "Leader with Character" initiative. In August, AAUW presented a power point program, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* during the River Falls regional Character Education Conference. In 2012, the CCC turned to domestic violence in the community and partnered with Turningpoint to bring a renowned speaker, Lundy Bancroft, to River Falls in May 2013, to lead a workshop entitled: The Batterer as Parent & *Supporting Children's Recovery from Domestic Violence.* Bancroft is the former Co-Director of Emerge, the nation's counseling program for batters, and is a domestic violence author and workshop leader. The event was well-attended by professionals in the field.

The next goal was a very ambitious one: The CCC would like to have a center for free mental health care in River Falls, much like the River Falls free medical care center founded in 2007. On January 14, 2014, there was a forum addressing this project. A panel included Catherine Olson, Youth & Family Therapy; Lucas Black, National alliance for Mental Illness; Jeff Horner, retired school psychologist; and Don Richards, secretary of the CCC. In August a name was chosen: <u>"Free Mental Health Care Center"</u>. Their mission statement: To provide professional, free, and accessible mental health care for the people of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. The CCC steering committee turned the reins over to Catherine Olson as Chair, and according to Rev. Nancy Holden, they are making progress.

In September 2014, the CCC decided to address women's issues and to partner with like-minded organizations in our community. AAUW's public policy states: 1) To preserve a strong system of public education. 2) To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, and 3) To guarantee equity, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. One such local collaboration might be supporting Turningpoint's Lighthouse Project shelter expansion. (More about this will be forthcoming as things develop). Some other area topics in our community might be: campus sexual assault, domestic violence, having access to birth control, pay equity, and strengthening retirement programs for women. There may be other needs in our community. Your ideas are welcome!

## **FINANCE**

Suzanne Hagen Finance Chair

AAUW Fund Raiser: Please support our co-sponsorship of the Moose Lodge Breakfast by selling tickets. The breakfast is Sunday, Nov. 2, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 (children 5 and under free). Tickets may also be purchased at the door (Lodge location: 620 N. Clark). By selling tickets and assisting\*\* with the breakfast, we will receive half of the breakfast profits (200 tickets sold, through pre-sales and at the door, may garner us an estimated \$450). If members sell 8-10 tickets each, our scholarship funds will continue to grow! Please contact Suzanne Hagen (715-425-1471) to pick up tickets for sale and to turn in your sale proceeds.

\*\*Those working at the Nov. 2 breakfast (i.e., pouring coffee, cleaning tables) are:
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Jeanne Zirbel, Ruth Lee, Ruthann Frank

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Suzanne Hagen, Cheryl Maplethorpe, Magdalena Pala

Many thanks to those who have already sold tickets and to folks working at the breakfast!

**2014-15 Branch Member Directory now available.** Any directories which have not been picked up by Oct. 31 will be mailed to members the first week in November.

#### AAUW-River Falls Finance Report - Oct. 20, 2014

| Checking balance 9/15/2014         | \$ 1052.02 |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Receipts:                          |            |
| Dues                               | \$ 170.00  |
| Sept. Meal                         | 70.00      |
| Book Sale                          | 1877.00    |
| Total receipts (9/15-10/20)        | 2117.00    |
| Disbursements:                     |            |
| National Dues                      | \$ 122.50  |
| State Dues                         | 58.50      |
| Program (presenter gifts for year) | 90.00      |
| Printing (Member Directory)        | 47.00      |
| Membership (STF 10/2/14 expense)   | 166.56     |
| Total disbursements (9/15-10/20)   | 484.56     |

#### Balances 10/20/2014

| Checking: | \$2684.46      |
|-----------|----------------|
| Savings:  | <u>1655.60</u> |
|           | \$ 4339.06     |

**Restricted Accounts Expentitures:** 

| 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.

# **CORRECTED BRANCH OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

River Falls Branch AAUW - October 14, 2014 - River Falls Public Library

President Ruth Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

September minutes approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Financial report approved as printed and filed for audit.

#### **Board Meeting Recommendations:**

1) Bob Gustafson shared information on the proposed scholarship changes including student requirements and guidelines for the branch scholarship committee. A motion was made to accept the board's position to take the \$300 scholarship awarded to a high school student in the spring of 2014 from the savings account. Motion carried.

A motion was made to drop the UW-RF Scholarship for the 2014-15 school year and replace it with an award of up to \$1,000 to a UW-RF student to attend the NICWSL Conference in May 2015, a one- year proposal. Motion carried.

2) \$300 for the High School Scholarship to be transferred from savings account to line item budget for current year.

3) \$200 was allowed for a membership event October 2. Actual expense was \$117.77

4) Affirmed the Association Strategic Plan as the River Falls Branch Strategic Plan. Statements are printed in the 2014 - 2015 branch directory.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Brunch at the Moose Sunday, Nov. 2, 9am -1pm, \$8.00. Volunteers are needed to work and all members are asked to sell tickets. Pick them up from Suzanne Hagen. Please turn money back in to Suzanne.
- Book Sale Sue Danielson reported that the first three days of the sale brought in \$1200. Work schedule was circulated. Please help with clean up on Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00am. Trucks needed to haul books.
- Program Development Elaine Baumann and Lorraine Davis gave information on upcoming meetings:
  - Nov. 11 Women Veterans on Campus Veterans Affairs Officer Sharon Seidl with three women on campus who have served in the military.
  - **Dec. 9** Holiday Gathering and Auction at Suzanne Hagen's home.
- Membership Ann Gustafson reported that 200 invitations were sent to area teachers for the Oct. 2 membership event. Lisa Benz attended and joined. Welcome Lisa!
- GOTV Jane Matthews and Barb Peterson and the entire GOTV committee have been busy providing voting information to students and the community.

#### **Other Business:**

Barb Peterson recommended the book *Blue Jeans in High Places* by Mike McAbe, \$15. Subject: High finance

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm to allow time for viewing "Iron Jawed Angels".

Submitted by Karen Brohaugh

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check the web site for updates <a href="https://riverfalls-wi.aauw.net/">https://riverfalls-wi.aauw.net/</a>

**November 11** SART on Campus and Military and Veteran Support for Women - River Falls Public Library; Co-hostesses; Ethel Johnson and Karen Brohaugh

Business meeting 6:30 Program: 7:30

**December 9:** 7:00 PM; "Holiday Gathering and Auction" - Home of Suzanne Hagen, Co-host Ann Gustafson



#### 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.