



## PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

Ruth Lee, Branch President

Some very interesting things are being planned for the River Falls branch of AAUW for the 2013 – 2014 year. You will read what great things the Program Development chairs are planning under the theme of “*Women: Yesterday and Today*”. That opens the gates to numerous engaging subjects, as we know the subject of women is endless!

Our book sale co-chair women are very busy doing those necessary preliminary things and will be seeking all of our help in the near future. Be saving books and talking with all acquaintances about donating books for the sale and preparing to buy new/used books back.

It is with pride and pleasure to announce that Suzie Danielson has agreed to join the Wisconsin State Board as District 4 Coordinator. She will attend the state board meetings and report back to all branches in District 4. This is especially important this year as this District 4 will host the State Convention in Eau Claire in April 2014 and the River Falls branch will be involved in working on this event.

Plan to invite a prospective member to the dinner meeting on September 10, 2013 at Ezekiel Lutheran Church. Every member of AAUW is a member of the Membership Committee and needs to share the wealth of opportunities available through this organization. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in September as another year is launched.

MEMBER NOTE: Recently, member **Ethel Johnson** fell and broke her wrist and suffered a fracture in her neck. She is presently in a swing bed at the River Falls Area Medical Center while the fracture is healing. No doubt Ethel would appreciate receiving cards from members sent either to her home or the RFAMC. Keep her in your thoughts for a full recovery—being incapacitated is not part of Ethel’s daily routine. Hope you see you out and about soon, Ethel.

## EDUCATION

### PROGRAM NOTES

Lorraine Davis and Elaine Baumann, Co-Chairs

Planning for programming for the 2013-2014 branch meetings has begun with the theme “Women: Yesterday and Today”. There will be a mix of programs, some specific to AAUW and its members and others with a broader appeal. Our goal is that everyone who attends a meeting will come away with new information to stimulate both thinking and action. We still are open to anyone's ideas for programming and assistance. Look for the hostess sign-up sheets!

### INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

***Mujeres Adelante* Network Addresses Gender-based Violence in Central America, Dominican Republic** Media Note: Office of

the Spokesperson; Washington, DC - June 21, 2013

Fourteen women civil society leaders from Central America and the Dominican Republic visited Washington, DC from June 24-28 to participate in *Mujeres Adelante* (“Women Moving Forward”), a program aimed at eliminating gender-based violence (GBV) in the region.

Launched in collaboration with the Seattle International Foundation and the Secretary’s Office of Global Women’s Issues in October 2012, *Mujeres Adelante* is a network of Central American and Dominican women leaders who work to:

1. Raise awareness of the prevalence of GBV, women’s rights, and available resources;

2. Increase accountability for preventing, responding to and addressing GBV;
3. Share best practices on service provision and advocacy efforts; and
4. Facilitate ongoing networking, skills and capacity-building of women in-country.

The United States has made preventing and responding to GBV a cornerstone of its commitment to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment around the world. U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally recognizes that gender-based violence is a human rights abuse that significantly hinders the ability for individuals to contribute fully to their families, communities, and nations.

### ***A Hospital That Charges Women \$5 Every Time They Scream During Childbirth***

The *Washington Post's* Max Fisher flags the most disturbing anecdote from Transparency International's biennial "Global Corruption Barometer," a report that in general hasn't exactly made anyone feel good about the structures of business and society around the world:

Corruption is so systemic in Zimbabwe, one of Africa's poorest countries, that a local hospital charges mothers-to-be \$5 every time they scream while giving birth. ... The \$5 hospital screaming fee, purportedly a charge for "raising false alarm" but clearly aimed at separating mothers from their money, is no joke. Gross domestic product per capita is only \$500 in Zimbabwe; average annual income per person is about \$150. Zimbabwean hospitals also charge a \$50 delivery fee. This means that, in a country where underemployment is 95 percent and poverty is rife, a mother who screams a few times during delivery might owe half her annual income after giving birth.

FROM INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

[Governments must take more responsibility for delivering on education - Kishore Singh](#)

- The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Kishore Singh, called on the world's governments to ensure that accountability is a cornerstone of the post-2015 development agenda. The right to education should include secondary education and a focus on skill development.

### [IFUW reads oral statement at ECOSOC](#)

- Access to and control over science and technology play a role in determining which countries, and which people within these countries, are rich and powerful or not. IFUW is seriously concerned by the gender imbalance that persists in science, technology and innovation worldwide.

### [IFUW, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO, CERN AND ITU, CALLS FOR GENDER BALANCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY](#)

- Women's involvement in science and technology is an essential component of economic development. The International Federation of University Women, in partnership with UNESCO, CERN and ITU, today highlighted that women's equal access to science is crucial to unleash the full potential of science and technology, in a panel discussion held during the ECOSOC High-Level Segment.

### AN INVITATION TO AN AAUW CELEBRATION



On Saturday, September 14, the Appleton Branch of AAUW will conclude its year-long centennial celebration of the founding of their branch with a gala and is inviting all members and friends of AAUW to share this big event with them.

The gala will be held at the Buttes des Morts Country Club in Appleton and will begin at 11:00 AM with a Social hour, the beginning of a Silent Auction and cash bar. A luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon and will be followed by the program. The cost is \$20. A copy of the invitation and registration form are included with this newsletter. The registration deadline is *August 31*.

## ADVOCACY

### PUBLIC POLICY

Barbara Peterson, Chair



Please mark your calendars for an important day in Madison, WI. AAUW-Wisconsin is holding its bi-annual Legislative Day on **Wednesday, October 16**. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM.

The program will run from 9:00 until 12:30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and will feature speakers on topics of legislative issues. Confirmed speakers include Sara Finger from the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, Mike McCabe from the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and a yet to be determined speaker from Planned Parenthood. Other speakers will also join them.

The afternoon will find attendees in the halls of the capitol from 1:00 — 3:00 PM talking to our legislators and/or staff. There will be more information coming in the next issue of the *Badger Briefs* and I will speak about the details at our September branch meeting.

I will be going to Madison on the August 15 to complete the arrangements for Legislative Day. I would be glad to have company on this drive so let me know if you are interested. It is appropriate for each branch to send several delegates to this meeting. It will be an interesting advocacy day. You'll love it. Come on down!!!

Barbara Peterson  
Public Policy Chair  
715-425-5638

## MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Jane Matthews, Chair

### INFORMATIONAL/OUTREACH MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 26

Our River Falls branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a *Meet AAUW* event for the public on **Monday, August 26** at the River Falls Public Library, 140

Union Street, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. This is an ideal time for individuals who possess an Associate degree or higher to talk with branch members about AAUW. Newer branch members are encouraged to attend to learn more about AAUW.

AAUW has been empowering women since 1881. This *Meet AAUW* event will provide community members with an opportunity to learn about AAUW's broad scope which includes, but is not limited to, women's health issues, pay equity, public education issues, college/university connections, and the \$4.5 million awarded in the form of grants and fellowships last year. This will be a *Shape the Future* membership event so new members and former members who have not been a member for the past two years joining at the event will be eligible for half-cost dues.

All current members are asked to attend so that we may present potential new members with the numerous reasons for being a part of AAUW. News releases have been sent to the River Falls *Journal* and Hudson *Star Observer*. In addition, special invitations will be sent to individuals who have expressed an interest in AAUW. If there are individuals that should receive personal invitations, please contact me at 715-425-2442 or [jjmatthews@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:jjmatthews@baldwin-telecom.net) as soon as possible.

We hope to see you there.

## PHILANTHROPY

Suzanne Hagen  
Finance Co-Chair



### Book Sale Planning Begins

Suzie Danielson and Jeanne Zirbel, book sale chairs for the 2013 event are already beginning their planning. The obvious first step is locating a site for the sale. They are asking that anyone who knows of a building (a main street location would be a huge plus) that is currently, vacant and does not have a tenant ready to move in next month, to let Suzie know by phone at 715-425-9082 or e-mail at [suzie40@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie40@hotmail.com).

<b>BRANCH BUSINESS</b>
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# FINAL FINANCE REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2012--JUNE 30, 2013

## TOTAL RECEIPTS:

Dues 2012-2013	\$ 511.00
State travel	616.00
Association travel	442.95
Branch meals	130.00
Interest	.86
Book sale	2,509.00
AAUW Funds	68.00
Misc.	20.00
Dues 2013-2014	<u>2,237.00</u>
	\$6,534.81

## DISBURSEMENTS:

National dues	\$1,764.00
State dues	533.00
Room rent	75.00
Newsletter	00.00
Postage	66.70
State travel	327.29
Association travel	746.05
High School scholarship	300.00
UWRF scholarship	500.00
Math/science awards	100.00
Publicity	67.92
Program	61.67
Branch meals	00.00
Public policy	00.00
Book sale	50.00
Printing	00.00
Directory	35.00
Forums	00.00
Membership	00.00
LAF	00.00
AAUW Funds	1,500.00
Misc.	<u>610.07</u>
	\$6,736.70

## AAUW-River Falls Finance Report August 6, 2013

Checking balance-- 7/01/2013: \$ 500.21

### Receipts

National Dues (2013/14)	\$ 267.00
Donation	<u>2.00</u>
	\$ 269.00

### Disbursements

National dues	\$ 147.00
State dues	<u>91.00</u>
	\$ 238.00

### Balances --8/06/2013

Checking:	\$ 531.21
Savings:	<u>1,953.76</u>
	\$1984.97

### Restricted Accounts:

UWRF Scholarship	\$ 00.00
High School Scholarship	00.00
AAUW Funds	297.00
LAF	63.00
Travel	
State	00.00
National	00.00*

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 13	6:30 – 8:00 PM – Branch Board meeting; RF Public Library Conference Room
August 26	5:30 – 7:30 PM – <i>Meet AAUW</i> event for new and prospective members; all members welcome. RF Public Library main floor meeting room
Sept. 9	6:00 PM – Branch Kick-Off Dinner; Ezekiel Lutheran Church; \$12.00 6:40 PM – Business meeting 7:00 PM – Program – Elise Whaley will discuss her participation in the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders
Sept. 14	11:00 AM - AAUW-Appleton Branch Gala celebrating their branch's 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Butte de Morts Country Club, Appleton; \$20
Sept.20	Branch newsletter deadline
October	Book Sale set up and brief business meeting; date TBD
October 16	AAUW-WI State Public Policy Day – Madison, WI
October	Branch Book Sale; dates TBD



### **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-Appleton Centennial Gala

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Date: Saturday, September 14, 2013

Place: Butte des Morts Country Club

3600 W. Prospect Ave. (Entrance on Bluemound Dr.)

Appleton, WI 54914

Time: 11:00 a.m. Social, Start of Silent Auction Bidding, and Cash Bar

12:00 noon Luncheon Served with program to follow.

Cost: \$20

Contributions and silent auction proceeds go to AAUW-Appleton Centennial Fund #4365

Come bid on the fabulous items -- perfect gifts for family, friends, or maybe even yourself.

RSOP:

Make check payable to: AAUW-Appleton

Mail registration and check to: Mary Grace

2517 S. Harmon St.

Appleton, WI 54915

Questions: Mary Grace 920-734-6379 or Betty Pontius [pontiusb@athenet.net](mailto:pontiusb@athenet.net)

## AAUW-Appleton Centennial Gala Registration

Deadline: August 31, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$20

(non-refundable after Aug. 31)

\_\_\_\_\_ I've enclosed a response to *Why I Joined AAUW* or *What AAUW Means to Me*.  
(Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, I'm unable to attend the gala but have enclosed a contribution to the  
AAUW-Appleton Centennial Fund #4365



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