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# FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI

## Branch Newsletter

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September 2018

**Next meeting will be October 29, 2018 at the River Falls Public Library, 140 Union Street, River Falls.**

There will be a brief business meeting at **6:00 PM**. The program will start at **6:30 PM**. Documentary film maker, Craig Dudnick, will introduce his film, "Alice's Ordinary People," which is about the work of fearless civil rights activist, Alice Tregay, of the Chicago Freedom Movement, which spanned several decades. It is co-sponsored by the River Falls Public Library and the River Falls Branch of the AAAUW.

The film will be followed by a question and answer period with Mr. Dudnick. **Invite your friends.**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lorraine Davis, Branch President

### Welcome to the new AAUW year!

The Board has worked diligently to prepare for the upcoming year with meaningful programming and projects.

At our first meeting on September 11, River Falls College students and scholarship recipients, Temitope Abiodun, and Jillisia Solberg shared their experiences at NCCWSL this summer. It was wonderful to share their enthusiasm and excitement for the life changing opportunity which they described. Once again it reinforced the importance of **OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE** in providing the funding for this scholarship and the one awarded this year to nursing student, Cheyanna MaCabe, at Chippewa Valley Technical College. The soliciting, collecting, schlepping, sorting, sitting and selling (and buying) that we do make immediate and long term differences in the lives of women. So thank you in advance for your participation.

AAUW Wisconsin has changed the due date for its application for 2019 NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) to **December 1st**. To coordinate we will be changing our application

process time line. Applications will be available on our website in Mid-October and due on **November 21**. Please encourage capable sophomore or junior UWRF students to apply.

Don't forget the site of the **AAUW Book Sale is 109A North Main Street**. Talk it up with your friends. Help with the cleanup as well so that the unsold books can find a "good home".

This is an exciting time at AAUW as we focus on education & training, economic security, leadership and governance & sustainability, the four pillars of [AAUW's new strategic plan](#). AAUW is currently emphasizing the economic security pillar. With others, our branch is being asked to help reach goals to achieve pay equity by 2030 and train 10 million women to negotiate their salaries by 2022.

I have been impressed that organization will be giving us more than words for action! It is giving us tools. A video will be sent to presidents later this fall to outline how our local members can help achieve these important milestones. AAUW will launch *Work Smart Online*, a virtual salary negotiation workshop this month. They are asking every member to take an hour to go through the tool to get first-hand experience with it. More information will be forthcoming as I receive materials.

Additionally, an upcoming report examines how sexual harassment disrupts women's career paths and affects women across age ranges but in particular toward the end of their careers. As part of that study, we hope you will [respond to our survey regarding sexual harassment over the course of your career](#). Be thinking about how you will be able to participate

I look forward to a productive and meaningful year.

**We do make a difference!!!!**

**Caveat:** In the newsletter Cheryl Maplethorpe, our esteemed newsletter editor, has put together a current schedule of events for the year. Please note that times and places are different from other years and these may not be final since as a group, we are nothing if not flexible. Thus, I encourage you to look at future communications carefully.

**Also**, we continue to work on making our Facebook page effective and for that we need everyone's support. If you have things to share, contact Kendra Morgan [kendra.morgan@edwardjones.com](mailto:kendra.morgan@edwardjones.com)

We have a **new Facebook page**. [https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-River-Falls-WI-Branch-232384647299972/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-River-Falls-WI-Branch-232384647299972/?ref=br_rs)

If you have not done so already, please **"LIKE" the page** by clicking at the top left side under the title.

## **BRANCH MEETING MINUTES**

Maureen Olle-LaJoie and Magdalena Pala, Co-Secretaries

## **AAUW River Falls Branch - September 11, 2018**

Lorraine Davis called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.

Guests Kendra Morgan and Jo Ann Prout, as well as NCCWSL attendees Temi Abiodun and Jillisa Solberg, were welcomed.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written in the August newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report (Tina Kelly)**

There will be an update next month. Tina reminded members to pay dues.

### **President's Report (Lorraine Davis)**

Lorraine distributed a survey for members to sign up for short term assignments so we can all get involved and make a difference.

The AAUW website had a new national strategic plan, <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>, focusing on education and training, economic security, and leadership. Lorraine encouraged all members to review this plan and see how this applies to our branch to make a difference in our own community.

### **Book Sale Report (Jane Matthews)**

The book sale will be held at 109A North Main Street. We can start delivering books there on 9/15. Books are being collected at Dick's Market and Family Fresh in River Falls and County Market in Hudson. Jane circulated a signup sheet for book pickup and for people to work during the book sale, October 11-13 and 18-20. We need tables and flats. The dates and times for sorting books and for tear down will be announced later.

### **Membership (Ruth Lee and Suzanne Hagen)**

Ruth Lee and Suzanne Hagen are serving as co-chairs. They reminded people to renew memberships and to invite people to meetings. First time guests will receive a small gift, put together by Gretchen To-man.

### **Program (Suzie Danielson)**

October's meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the film Alice's Ordinary People with Craig Dudnick at the River Falls Public Library. Craig will be present and talking after the film. Our meeting will be at 6pm and the film will start at 6:30pm.

### **Public Policy (Barbara Peterson)**

AAUW National Office opposes Judge Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination and asks that members contact their Senators.

Wisconsin's Choice is hosting an online forum for Tony Evers and Mandela Barnes on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Details were passed out at the meeting.

Barbara talked about Sara Finger from the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health. Sara has been posting about women voting in Wisconsin that may be of interest to our membership.

Patty Schachtner is the new state senator for Senate District 10. She has a monthly newsletter that highlights events in the district. The Girls in SCIENCE event was highlighted in April and we could suggest other future AAUW events, such as the book sale.

## STEM

Suzanne Hagen and Lorraine Davis have been meeting with Rellen Hardtke. This year's event will take place 4/13/2019. Members should talk up STEM.

## Ethel Johnson's Memorial Fund (Jean Johnson)

The Johnson Family generously seeded the fund with \$525. Jean thanked members for donating to the fund. The money raised will be used as grants for literacy projects such as the backpack program and food shelf. The committee is looking at how to sustain this fund.

## Moose Brunch (Suzanne Hagen)

Suzanne is confirming the November 11<sup>th</sup> date for the Moose Lodge Brunch. She will make sure tickets are available for sale prior to the October branch meeting. Volunteers are needed to work the brunch.

## New Business

Lorraine asked the membership to think of how to celebrate the ratification by Wisconsin of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919.

(<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS419>)

There is a sign up for hostess duty.

The Agitators, a play about Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony, is showing at Park Square Theater. If there is enough interest in a Sunday matinee, we can get a group of tickets.

Cheryl Maplethorpe asked the membership for feedback on when the newsletter is sent out. People are fine with the current publication schedule.

Barb Peterson distributed business cards with contact information for elected officials at the state and federal levels.

Jeanne Zirbel completed the scrapbook for 2017-2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maureen Olle-LaJoie, Co-Secretary.

## FINANCE REPORT

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

## AAUW-River Falls Finance Report - September 30, 2018

Checking balance 7/1/2018	\$ 3642.31
Receipts:	
Dues	608
Dues (natl reimbursement)	22
Dues	166
Misc	49

<i>Total receipts (7/1/2018-9/30/2018)</i>	\$ 845
<b>Disbursements:</b> Check Order UWRF Conferences Transfer to Savings (Ethel Johnson Mem- orial Fund)	 35.70 45.00 525.00
<i>Total disbursements (7/1/2018-9/30/2018)</i>	\$605.70

**Balances 9/30/2018**

Checking: 3881.61  
Savings: 2354.10  
\$ 6235.24

E. Johnson Memorial Fund contributions placed in savings account in addition to the \$525 were:

8/6 \$20  
8/17 50  
9/12 100  
Total: \$170

Fund now totals \$695.00

Note: There is a slight overlap between this report and the previous report dated 7/10. Being new to the treasurer's position, I found it easier to reconcile with bank statement and record book transactions if I started with July 1 balance. I will continue to keep a separate record for the Ethel Johnson Memorial Fund.



**Pictured are the two 2018 recipients of the River Falls AAUW (America Association of University Women) Branch Scholarship for NCCWSL ( National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) .**

University of Wisconsin -River Falls students Temitope Abiodun, Psychology and Criminology major from Champlin Minnesota and Jillisia Solberg, Criminology and Political Science major from Clear Lake, Wisconsin attended the three day conference at the University of Maryland in June. The women re-

lated their experience at the September meeting of the Branch and detailed the inspirational programs of the event, reputed to be the premier leadership conference for college women in the nation.

## **Moose Brunch – AAUW Fund Raiser – Sunday, Nov. 11**

From Suzanne Hagen

Tickets for the Moose Lodge Brunch, November 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., are now available for our AAUW members to sell. As co-sponsors, we have a great opportunity – thanks to the RF Moose Lodge – to earn money in support of our varied program initiatives. Our previous partnerships garnered \$300-600 for our branch each year.

What needs to be done? **First and very importantly, sell tickets.** They are \$9.00 for adults; children five and under free. Packs of tickets are available for pick up during the book sale or by calling Suzanne Hagen at 715-425-1471; she will get them to you. The more tickets we sell, the greater our profit. Please ask people paying by check to make **checks to AAUW.** **ALL checks and cash you collect as well as any unsold tickets should be given to Suzanne on or before November 11. (Please do not return monies directly to the Moose.)**

**Second, we provide volunteers** in two shifts (9 – 11 a.m. & 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) of 2-3 people each on Nov. 11 to help serve coffee, bus dishes and clean tables. **The sign-up sheet available at the book sale, our Oct. 29 meeting, or just call Suzanne to volunteer.**

Thanks for supporting this fund raising effort!

## **STEM UP DATE**

Plans for Girls in SCIENCE are being made for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at UWRF. It will focus on hands-on STEM activities in sessions designed for 80 elementary students in the morning and 80 middle school students in the afternoon. These students will participate and meet scientists/professors and university students in sessions throughout the day. Information is already available in the River Falls Community Education Fall Bulletin,

AAUW has cosponsored this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program with related departments at UWRF for the past four years. Professor Rellen Hardtke is again heading the program. Presenters will be asked to provide exciting activities for attendees with new activities being developed this year. In the past, the larger community has provided additional support to offset the costs with offering funds for scholarships and materials for participants. For its part, AAUW has accessed community support and provided volunteers and "nourishment" for the day of the event. We will be asked to fulfill similar roles this year as well as promoting STEM and the program in the community throughout the year. More information will be forthcoming.



This event is one that the community looks forward to and it is wonderful that our organization can play a vital part.

Many of our Branch members contribute a great deal to our community. If you know of any members who have been recognized for their achievements, let Magdalena Pala ([magdalena.e.pala@uwrf.edu](mailto:magdalenae.pala@uwrf.edu)), our secretary, know and she will send a letter of congratulations on behalf of AAUW. Let's celebrate one another.

## CARDS FOR SALE



We have reissued notecards recreating the pen and ink drawings of past member, Helen B. Walker.

The new cards are of two of Helen Wyman's flower prints and are packaged in groups of eight.

They are available from Suzanne Hagen for \$10.00.

A great gift!!!! A great support for AAUW efforts!!!!

## ETHEL JOHNSON MEMORIAL

Submitted by Jean Johnson, Committee Chair of The Ethel Johnson Memorial Fund

The Ethel Johnson Memorial honors a woman dedicated to learning. AAUW wishes to remember Ethel for her many roles of service to our organization and the community. Her life is an example of what education and a spirit of giving can inspire in all of us. The fund will be used for grants that promote literacy, such as books for the food shelf or the public school back pack program. By sustaining this memorial, AAUW continues the values by which Ethel lived as a teacher, mentor, traveler, and friend.

Please send your monetary support to Tina Kelly, W9908 State Rd 35. Hager City WI 54014 or donate at our monthly AAUW meetings.

## BOOK SALE NEWS 2018

Jane Matthews – Chair

By Jane Matthews

Please remind friends and family that the River Falls Branch of AAUW fall book sale will be held on **October 11, 12 and 13 and 18, 19 and 20**. Donation containers will be placed in the stores in the community, and the public is invited to donate new or gently used books and electronic media --- **no encyclopedias and text books!!!**

The Committee has had some anxious moments. I just learned that we will be allowed to use the building at **109 North Main Street as the venue for our book sale (formerly St. Croix Title)**. More good news: we can start storing our collected books there around September 15. This is going to make life easier for all of us—not so many books to transfer from point A to point B.

I will be making sign-up sheets and collection schedules available in the near future, but I wanted to get the good news out to members as soon as possible. I will also be negotiating with other contacts for possible use of tables and other support. Even though our wait was a bit stressful, other good folks in River Falls were willing to continue negotiations with us for possible spaces.

There are **three** collection points this year—**Dick's Market** and **Family Fresh Market in River Falls** and **County Market in Hudson**. We will be placing collection containers in these businesses September 1, and have people scheduled to collect the books for the month of September. We will be arranging for others to collect the books in October. Let me know if anyone has a collection to be picked up.

The committee welcomes any and all suggestions for a good outcome, so feel free to contact us (Jane Matthews, Jeanne Zirbel, Elizabeth Williams, Lorraine Davis) at any time.

Thanks

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Suzanne Hagen, Vice-President Membership

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their AAUW memberships for 2018-19. If you still need to renew, please do so on-line at <https://www.aauw.org/> or mail a check to Tina Kelly, W9908 State Rd 35, Hagen City, WI 54014-8343. Dues total is \$83 (\$59 national, \$13 state and \$11 local).

We welcomed two new members at our September meeting: **Kendra Morgan and Joann Prout**. Look for their brief bios in our next newsletter. They each very willingly signed up for book sale work shifts, so you can meet them at the sale with a warm welcome!

Finally, our Membership Motivator effort continues: invite a potential member to any of our fall meetings and both you and your guest will receive an appreciation gift. Dedicated and committed members are key to realizing equity for women and girls!



## POLITICAL POLICY

Barb Peterson, Chair

I want to encourage you to VOTE, VOTE, VOTE --- But that isn't enough! As concerned citizens, as women, as an important part of our nation's culture, AAUW members in River Falls and elsewhere need to talk to friends, neighbors and especially to their children and grandchildren about the importance of voting and partaking in our democracy. We need to express the issues that are important to our families and to our nation as a whole.

Those issues include:

1. Education funding for public schools.
2. Equal pay for equal work.
3. Civil rights for every man, woman and child.
4. Against sexual harassment and sexual assaults especially on our campuses and in the workplace.
5. For voting rights rather than placing obstacles to voting.

We have a right and an obligation to encourage others to vote. Make reminder calls, offer rides to the polls, talk about the candidates that truly represent our issues.

**The election is Tuesday, November 6th, 2018.**

Then VOTE! Have you done enough?

If so, thank you.

Even though it is a little outdated our membership needs to know where AAUW stands with regard to this nomination.

AAUW Urges Withdrawal of Kavanaugh Nomination - September 27, 2018

**WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement calling for withdrawal of the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.**

“Given what we have learned in recent weeks coupled with the testimony shared today from Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Kavanaugh, AAUW believes that if the Senate will not allow the FBI to investigate the allegations against him, Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination must be withdrawn. AAUW has opposed his confirmation based on his available record because it demonstrates his hostility to AAUW’s policy priorities and the health, education, and economic security of women and girls.

Now there is even more at stake. Today, in the face of threats and intimidation, Dr. Blasey Ford sacrificed her privacy for the sake of our democracy. For his part, Judge Kavanaugh revealed a bias, which combined with his record, further demonstrated that he is unfit to serve on the Court.

We have repeatedly called for a full, fair, and nonpartisan investigation into the serious and credible allegations of sexual violence against Judge Kavanaugh in order to ensure that the survivors and witnesses to the allegations have been heard. Nonetheless, the Senate has moved ahead with a flawed process. The rush to a vote in Committee and on the Senate floor ignores these allegations and continues to conceal

Judge Kavanaugh's full record from the American public, who may have to live with the outcome of their decision for decades to come. His confirmation devalues the promise of justice for all survivors and would compromise the reputation and integrity of the Supreme Court. Without this investigation, this process must be halted and his nomination must be withdrawn."

## LET CONGRESS KNOW

If you listen to the news regularly you know that political actions can change quite rapidly. Some think legislators pass bills quickly before the public gets wind of their actions. It's hard to know how to be heard in Washington and Madison. Let's try to make it easier for you to express your opinion prior to their voting on bills. AAUW has the perfect solution for you:

On your computer or cell phone, go on the internet to the website <[aauw.org](http://aauw.org)>

On that website Home page you will find "Issues" at the top of the page. Click on it.

On my cell phone I needed to click on "Menu", then on "Issues". Each cell phone displays the pages a bit different so you may need to scan the page to advance to the Issues page.

On the Issues page you will see a list on the left side. Click on "Take Action".

The Take Action page rotates on five current actions that you can take. But first, let's get you signed up for notices. Scroll down to "Become a Two-Minute Activist". Enter your email address so AAUW can send you urgent notices of actions needed on legislation. Click on "Sign Up" following your email address entry.

Now you are on the **Two-Minute Activist** page and can fill in your information. I suggest you put a check next to "Washington Update Newsletter". It is a concise newsletter telling you federal policy news. Click on "Submit".

Now back up < one page to "Take Action". You can chose from the five actions currently. Health care is the urgent issue. You should "Take Action" and CALL SENATORS TOO!!

You may have noticed that AAUW is dealing with federal policies. There are often local policies that you may want to voice an opinion on. I suggest that you use the following websites to stay current on WI politics.

[madison.com](http://madison.com) - articles from **The Cap Times** and **Wisconsin State Journal**

[jsonline.com](http://jsonline.com) - articles from the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

[wiseye.org](http://wiseye.org) - watch or listen to hearings, speeches, or news in review from around the state

I will also try to keep you informed. Please remember that timing is important so take action quickly so you are heard. Your involvement in political action is important!

**Thank you for TAKING ACTION.**

This link below is to a fine discussion by Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign in Madison. It's a fast read and very informative.

<http://www.wisdc.org/op091817.php>

### OCTOBER 2018 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Japan gets first female fighter pilot

Japan has appointed its first female fighter pilot, the latest achievement in the national push for greater gender equality in the traditionally male-dominated country. 1st Lt. Misa Matsushima, 26, joined the Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) after graduating from the National Defense Academy in 2014, becoming one of the 13,707 servicewomen who make up a mere 6.1% of all Japanese troops. After she finished her training, and was officially named a fighter pilot in a ceremony on Friday, said the JASDF in a press release.

Matsushima, who is from the eastern city of Yokohama, got her pilot's license in 2015, before advancing to fighter pilot training. She will now be stationed at the Nyutabaru Air Base, and begin flying F-15J fighter jets.

The first female fighter pilot aircraft of the Air Self Defense Force is born," said the JASDF in a tweet Thursday. The JASDF didn't accept women until 1993, when most positions became open to female applicants. However, women were still not allowed to fly fighter jets and reconnaissance aircraft until the ban was lifted in 2015, as part of a government initiative to increase the number of women in the workplace, according to the JASDF statement.

Facing an aging population and shrinking workforce, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged in 2013 to empower working women. This new "**womenomics**" policy also reached the military; the Defense Ministry launched a series of initiatives last April aiming to increase the number of women in the Self Defense Forces to 9% by 2030.

By contrast, women make up 16% of the US enlisted forces, according to think tank Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

However, with previously restricted positions in Japan's Marine, Air, and Ground Self Defense Forces now open to women, new female leaders have started taking the reins. In March, Japan's navy appointed the first female commander of a warship squadron, local media reported.

#### A Japanese Medical School Reportedly **Altered Entrance Exam Scores to Fail Women**. By MARI YAMAGUCHI / AP

(TOKYO) — A Japanese medical university has systematically discriminated against female applicants because women tend to quit as doctors after starting families, causing hospital staffing shortages, media reports said. The Yomiuri newspaper said Tokyo Medical University has manipulated the entrance exam results of women since about 2011 to keep the female student population low. Quoting unidentified

sources, it said the manipulation started after the share of successful female applicants reached 38 percent of the total in 2010.

Other Japanese media, including NHK public television and Kyodo News, also reported the exam manipulation. Quoting unnamed sources, NHK said female applicants' scores were slashed by about 10 percent in some years. The allegation surfaced during the school's probe of a separate scandal in which its former director was accused of granting admission to the son of a top education bureaucrat in exchange for a favor. Yoshiko Maeda, head of the Japan Medical Women's Association, said it was astonishing that women in Japan are still being stripped of their right to seek entry to the medical profession. Maeda added, "Instead of worrying about women quitting jobs, they should do more to create an environment where women can keep working, and create a workplace where everyone can perform to the best of their ability regardless of gender."

As Japan's population ages and birth rates remain low, many workplaces including hospitals are chronically short staffed. The slow progress in medicine has prompted speculation among some doctors about possible widespread interference in the school admissions process. According to the Yomiuri, the school started to restrict the portion of females in each class to about 30 percent by manipulating the test scores to get more women to fail.

Admissions records released to The Associated Press by the school show the percentage of women who passed the entrance exam rose from 24 percent in 2009 to 38 percent in 2010. The figure has since stayed below that level until decreasing to 18 percent this year. The ratio of female applicants who were accepted this year was 2.9 percent, compared to 8.8 percent for men.

### **GWI recognizes literacy development as fundamental in empowering women and girls through education**

On International Literacy Day (ILD), held annually on 8 September, GWI shall mark the occasion by celebrating progress continuously being made in literacy development around the globe whilst also raising awareness of the improvements still necessary in order to achieve illiteracy eradication. Since ILD was first observed, in 1967, this date provides the opportunity to mobilize the global community in recognizing literacy as a human right and its importance both for individuals and for their communities.

This year's theme focuses on "literacy and skills development", endorsing both the simultaneous development of literacy and skills and their necessity in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly that of SDG 4, to "ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning".

GWI extends this year's message with a press release promoting literacy both as a human right and as a cornerstone of development.

**Ending Child Marriage in the United Kingdom** September 6, 2018, by Heather Barr Senior Researcher, Women's Rights Division

## **Hypocrisy Undermines UK pledge to Fight Child Marriage Overseas**

Pauline Latham, a Conservative MP, introduced a bill to ban marriage before the age of 18 in England and Wales. She has support from across the political spectrum for an effort that is long overdue. In England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, children aged 16 and 17 can marry with their parents' permission. In Scotland, the minimum age of marriage is 16, with no parental permission required.

In allowing some children to marry, the UK is out of step with the international standards it claims to support. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child supports a global minimum of 18 years for marriage, without exceptions, and recommended in 2016 that the UK raise the minimum marriage age to 18, including in its overseas territories.

In 2014, the UK government hosted the high-profile Girl Summit, designed to boost – and pledging UK leadership for – global efforts to end child marriage and female genital mutilation. But in the years since, the UK government not only failed to ban child marriage at home – it actually blocked an earlier effort to do so.

Hypocrisy has consequences. In 2017 Bangladesh re-legalized child marriage, and government officials there repeatedly cited the fact that child marriage is legal in the UK as justification. Other countries failing to enforce bans on child marriage have also cited the UK law to defend themselves. When key donors like the UK ignore their own problem at home, the SDG goal seems impossible.

Latham's is a Private Members Bill, meaning it stands little chance of passing unless the government adopts it. The government should do so, and the authorities in Scotland and Northern Ireland should pass similar legislation. It's time for Theresa May and her government to recognize that girls around the world need the UK to practice what it preaches.



## **River Falls Branch: 2018-19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Monthly meetings are usually the second Tuesday of each month September to May with business meetings at 6:30 and programs open to the public at 7:00 at the River Falls Public Library. Exceptions are noted.

**September 5** – City Sampler at UWRF, 11-1 pm

**September 11** - Regular Meeting: COMMUNITY ROOM at the First National Bank, 104 E Locust Street, **6:00** Pot Luck Dinner, our business meeting at **6:30 PM**, program presentation at **7:00** by our NCCWSL delegates, Jillisa Solberg and Temitope Abiodun

**Early September** – Book donation barrels placed in Family Fresh, Dick's Grocery store and County Market in Hudson.

**October 6** - Sorting of book donations, 9-noon - place TBD

**October 29 (Monday)** – Regular Meeting: 6:00 promptly at the River Falls Library. 6:30– Presentation by Craig Dudenick about Alice Tregay, unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement. Film and Discussion.

**October 11** - BOOK SALE - October 11, 12, 13 and October 17, 18, 19, **109 North Main Street, River Falls**

**November 6** – Election Day

**November 11** – Sunday Moose Lodge Breakfast Fund raiser

**November 13** - Regular Meeting: Speaker, Madeline Ura-neck, Wisconsin Educator and author of How to Make a Life about her friendship with a Tibetan family.

**December 7** – Deadline for Middle School Science Essay contest

**December 11** - Regular Meeting and Holiday Auction at Lorraine Davis' House, 583 Devin Lane. Bring a meatless appetizer or cookies to share. Starts at 6:30.

**January 26, 2018** (Saturday 1 p.m.) – Regular meeting and STEM presentation with Science and Math Essay Awards at the River Falls Library. Katharine Hagen will be speaking about her career in biochemistry.

**February 12** - Regular Meeting at 5:01 at Junior's (to take advantage of HAPPY HOUR). Grace Coggio and Krista Cleary will help us learn about Radical Civility.

**March 12** - Regular Meeting and Women's History Month presentation in conjunction with the River Falls Public Library. There will also be a presentation of the Role Equity Award. Ruth Bader Ginsberg film to be shown and discussed

**April 9** – Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Program is a presentation by Agnes Ring, Executive Director of the Family Resource Center of St. Croix Valley.

**April 13**– 2019 STEM Girls in SCIENCE

**April 14** – Equal Pay Day

**April 26-27 - State AAUW Convention in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin**

**May 14** – Installation and Celebration 5:00 Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, 6:30 Pot Luck Dinner at Suzanne Hagen's house, 2464 Golf View Drive.

**June 10** – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment by Wisconsin



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