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FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI

Branch Newsletter

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January 2019

Next regular meeting will be February 12, 2019 at 5:01 at Junior's (to take advantage of HAPPY HOUR). Grace Coggio and Krista Cleary will help us learn about Radical Civility.

This is open to the public, so invite anyone interested in hearing about this interesting presentation.

PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

Lorraine Davis, Branch President

It is a tribute to our organization that the "designated leader" can be enjoying sunshine in Arizona while the real leaders continue to do the work of branch in River Falls (and in extreme cold too). Thank you—especially to Suzi Danielson and Jeanne Johnson who organized the STEM Essay Contest, Suzanne Hagen who arranged for the exceptional speaker and Magdalena Pala, Elizabeth Williams and Ann Gustafson who accepted the responsibility of the branch nominations for next year's officers. Please respond positively if you are asked to serve.

The din of heated conversation continues to escalate in this new year. That is why I am particularly excited that Dr. Grace Coggio of UWRF and branch member Krista Cleary will be presenting a program on Radical Civility at the 5:00 February 13 meeting at Juniors. It should be most interesting, hopefully providing tools to deal with the acrimony which surrounds us. I hope to see you then.

Good News...The branch **did** receive a \$500 grant from the state for the NCCWSL conference to supplement the support that the branch provides our scholarship recipient. The original grant letter congratulated "Park River Falls" but the check was sent to us.

I encourage our "artists" to submit a piece of their art to AAUW Art Contest for the notecard initiative. Funds from their sale benefit the

many AAUW initiatives of our organization. See the website for specifics.

Finally, if you are resident of the Wisconsin Third Congressional District, please urge our Representative Ron Kind to sign on as an original so-sponsor for the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Here is more information on the Paycheck Fairness Act

From: "Holden, Elizabeth" <holdene@aauw.org>
Date: January 23, 2019 at 1:58:28 PM MST
Subject: Rep. Kind & the Paycheck Fairness Act

Hello AAUW advocates,

AAUW staff has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a successful introduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act in Congress next week – and now, we need your help!

As you likely know, AAUW has long supported this comprehensive pay equity legislation and we are optimistic that the bill will be passed by the House of Representatives in early 2019. In order to make that goal a reality, we are working to collect a large number of original co-sponsors, sending a clear signal that this legislation is a priority of the 116th Congress.

Despite his support in past sessions, Representative Ron Kind has not yet signed on as an original co-sponsor to the Paycheck Fairness Act. If you reside in WI-03, it is vital that he hears from you. Will you take two minutes today to call and urge the Representative to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act?

We've set up a toll-free phone number to connect you directly with your member of Congress. Just call 1-855-973-0824 and use the following script:

Hi, my name is {NAME} and I'm calling from {CITY, STATE} to urge the Congressman to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. The bill will be introduced next week in observance of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act 10 year anniversary and, as a constituent, I would hate for the Representative to miss out on being an original co-sponsor for a bill he has previously supported! Does the Representative plan to sign on again?

Please feel free to share this message with your fellow branch members, neighbors, and friends. Constituent voices are a vital part of the political process.

Thanks for all that you do!

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Holden
Grassroots Advocacy Manager
American Association of University Women (AAUW)

State Convention

The AAUW Wisconsin State Convention will be held **Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan.** Registration begins at 2 on Friday and sessions at 3. Thus far, speaker topics

will include Title IX, Non Traditional Career Education for Women, Preventing Human Trafficking and Best Branch Practices. Please consider this in your spring plans. Travel funds will be available for this purpose.

Selection of NCCWSL Scholarship Recipient

The Scholarship Committee (Jeanne Zirbel, Diane Crist, and Lorraine Davis) has selected **Faith Lauryn Velez** as the recipient of the branch's NCCWSL Scholarship.

Faith is a sophomore at UWRF with a psychology major with an emphasis in Social Justice and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. She has had academic successes being on the Dean's list and has been recognized as the "promising New Psychology Major" scholarship by that department. She is an RA in the gender-inclusive community in Johnson Hall, acts as a tour guide for the university and is involved in the UWRF Feminist Organization. Her letters of recommendation included phrases like..."when it comes to thinking of strong leader on campus, Faith is at the top of that list" and I ...cannot say enough good things about Faith...and I believe she has the potential to be a great scholar, leader and activist." **Congratulations Faith!**

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.

Kendra Morgan will be the new administrator for our AAUW branch Facebook Page. We had some difficulties with our old page so the best solution was to create a new page with

the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.RiverFalls> . Please "like it." Also, if you have any events or information which are relevant please send your postings to moke1202@outlook.com.

Thank you, Kendra, for assuming this responsibility.

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 moke1202@outlook.com

We have a **new Facebook page**. <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.RiverFalls>

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 Meeting at the RF Public Library

January 26, 2019

Suzie Danielson called meeting to order at 1:05 pm after introductions.

Suzanne Hagen introduced Cathryn Flowers. Rebecca Davis – UWRF alumna – moved back from Iowa.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report

There were no corrections to either one as printed in the most recent newsletter.

President's Report

Reminder about Work Smart site <https://salary.aauw.org>.

State Convention is April 26-27 in Lake Geneva, WI.

Check AAUW website for current issues: Paycheck Fairness Act, Title IX Rules.

Also on that website is AAUW Art Contest. Submit your artwork to be used for national note cards by February 7, 2019.

Committee Reports

Membership – Suzanne continues to look for new members.

Public Policy – Suzie distributed handouts from Barb Peterson regarding redistricting and gerrymandering in WI. We need to educate public about this topic and advocate for fair redistricting after 2020 census.

Old Business

Elaine Baumann reminded us to submit nominations for Outstanding Woman Award by January 29.

Nominating Committee consists of Ann Gustafson, Magdalena Pala, and Elizabeth Williams. They will look for candidates for two positions: vice president for membership and secretary.

New Business

none

Announcements

none

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Presentation of Awards in middle school contest followed. Students submitted essays about Woman in Science of their choice. The winners are:

Megan Edwards and Aspen Leigh Spears from Meyer Middle School

Layla Chaplewski and Xander Bastien from St. Bridget School.

Each received recognition certificate and \$50.00 check.

Katherine Hagen was the speaker at the meeting. She is River Falls native. Currently she works as an analyst in the US Department of Defense. Her area of expertise is in Biohazardous Threat Agents and Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 12 at Junior's at 5:01 pm (to take advantage of Happy Hour). Dr. Grace Coggio and Krista Cleary will talk about civil conversation techniques.

Respectfully submitted by Magdalena Pala, co-secretary.

State Convention is April 26-27 in Lake Geneva.

Picture from the January 2019 meeting



The Thirteenth Annual Women in Math and Science Essay Contest winners were awarded \$50 and a certificate at the January 26th meeting of AAUW. Megan Edwards and Aspen Spears from St. Bridget's and Layla Czaplewski and Xander Bastien from Meyer Middle School won the contest this year. After the presentation, students, their families and AAUW members listened to Katharine Hagen, River Falls native, speak about her experiences in the field of biochemistry. Katharine works for the US Department of Defense as an analyst in bio-terrorism. The following picture features the 4 students in order with Katharine Hagen.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Suzanne Hagen, Vice-President Membership

New Members:

Rebecca Davis

After graduating from River Falls I enjoyed a satisfying and happy career teaching middle schoolers in Grinnell Iowa and now in my retirement, I am in the midst of returning to the area to be closer to my family. I am looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new in an organization that promotes lifelong learners and opportunities for women. With any luck, I will soon be settled and ready to lend a hand with the next book sale!

Our AAUW member Chantel Flegler wins an award!



UW-River Falls receives NCAA/MOAA Diversity Award at the 2019 NCAA Convention (left to right) NCAA President Mark Emmert; Minority Opportunities in Athletics Administration (MOAA) President and Athletic Director at Virginia State Peggy Davis; and NCAA Executive Vice President of Inclusion and Human Resources Katrice Albert; UWRF Assistant Athletic Director Kellen Wells-Mangold; UWRF Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion & Student-Athlete Success Chantel Flegler; UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen; UWRF Athletic Director Crystal Lanning.

UW-River Falls earns NCAA/MOAA Diversity Award

January 25, 2019 - The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Athletics Department was honored with the NCAA and Minority Opportunities Athletic Association's 2019 Award for Diversity and Inclusion during the NCAA Convention today in Orlando, Fla.

The award is a partnership between the two organizations to recognize and celebrate the practices, programs and policies of NCAA colleges, universities and athletics conference offices that embrace diversity and inclusion. Schools have been recognized for their professional development programs that help educate staff and student-athletes about inclusive practices; community outreach as it relates to diversity; and efforts that enhance opportunities for people of diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk1x3DFzwpo>

Article on UWRF and [NCAA/MOAA Diversity Award](#)

Program information

February Program: Civil Conversations

Be sure to put February 12th on your calendar. The next AAUW meeting will be at Juniors at 5:01 (during happy hour!). Krista Cleary and Grace Coggio will be leading us in activities to help us engage in better conversations. The business meeting will be at 5:00 with the program at 5:30. Beverages, food are available for purchase. This meeting is open to the public, so invite friends, neighbors and family. The following is a summary of the presentation.

AAUW Presentation: Civil Conversations

When we approach difficult conversations with useful strategies and tools, and from a mindset of engagement rather than argument, we have better dialogues and exchange of ideas. With approaches gleaned from both communications and health care, as well as from groups with the objective of bridging the political divide (such as Better Angels and SMART politics), Grace and Krista have developed some strategies and techniques for helping all of us engage in better conversations. We will do a short presentation reviewing the concept we call “Civil Conversations,” and we will provide opportunity to practice techniques that can be very helpful during challenging conversations.

Krista Cleary is from River Falls and works as a nurse-midwife. She uses various communication techniques in her professional interactions with patients and believes similar methods of communication can be utilized by people who want to engage in deep and sensitive (and even stressful) conversations. She’s been enjoying creating these workshops and helping others engage in transformative conversations.

Grace L. Coggio is an Associate Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She teaches courses in small group, organizational and intercultural communication and is particularly interested in the effect technology has on communication. In addition to her work at the university, she is on the board of FORWARD: The River Falls Public Schools Education Foundation. Grace appreciates collaborating with Krista and values her perspective as a nurse in how we think about difficult conversations.

FINANCE REPORT

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

AAUW-River Falls Finance Report January 30, 2019

Checking balance 12/28/2018	\$ 7348.08
Dues	\$ 83
AAUW Reimbursement	11
Scholarship Contribution	50
Book Sale Cash Box deposit	50
District 4 Scholarship	500
<i>Total receipts (12/28/2018 – 1/30/2019)</i>	\$ 694
Disbursements	
Feliz Velez NCCWSL Scholarship	\$ 525
Essay Winners (4 @ \$50 each)	200
CVTC Scholarship Contribution	525
AAUW Dues	72
River Falls Library Room Deposit	50
<i>Total disbursements (12/28/2018 – 1/30/2019)</i>	\$ 1372

Balances 1/30/2019

Checking: 6687.08

Savings: 2494.41

Total \$ 9181.49

Notes:

Savings total includes \$835 for Ethel Johnson Memorial Fund

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), 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.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Suzanne Hagen, Vice-President Membership

Catherine Flowers grew up in Torquay, Devon - also known as the English Riviera.

She moved to London in the sixties, Munich in the seventies and finally settled in Stockholm, Wisconsin in the eighties. After raising and homeschooling her two sons, Catherine moved to St. Paul in 2003 in order to attend St. Catherine University (St. Kate's), where she worked as an Administrative Assistant while completing her degree: BA in English - Writing (Phi Beta Kappa).

She continued to work at St. Kate's as a Sr. Financial Aid Counselor for Graduate students until retiring in 2016.

Catherine moved back to Wisconsin and to River Falls in 2017 to be closer to her family. She currently works as a part-time Library-Aide at the River Falls Public Library. In her spare time Catherine loves to read, to walk, to swim, to bike, to cook and to play Pickle Ball. She also loves to sing & dance and to spend time with her beautiful granddaughters! Catherine is excited to be a new member of AAUW and looks forward to learning more about the organization.

Directory Update and Corrections – Dec. 11, 2018

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Karen Stimeling: Delete B.S., Mankato State University, Elementary Education

Legislative Contacts, p. 20: Delete Kathleen Vinehout as District 31 senator. **Jeff Smith will be incoming senator in 2019.** Current contact information: 715-600-3703; info@togetherwithjeff.com.

No Madison office phone or location available as yet.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

LATE JANUARY 2019 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The Saudi teen who fled her family has been granted asylum in Canada

The Saudi teen whose pleas for asylum went viral after she fled from her family and escaped to Thailand earlier this week has been granted asylum in Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau confirmed that the country had accepted the United Nations request to give asylum to 18-year-old Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun.

“We have accepted the UN’s request that we grant her asylum,” Trudeau told reporters. “That is something that we are pleased to do because Canada is a country that understands how important it is to stand up for human rights, to stand up for women’s rights around the world.”

Alqunun made international headlines after she escaped from her family, who had been vacationing in Kuwait, and boarded a flight to Bangkok, Thailand, on January 5. Alqunun was intercepted at the airport in Thailand, where authorities confiscated her passport and planned to deport her back to her family. Alqunun resisted, saying that she feared for her life, and appealed for asylum. She has claimed that she faced abuse at home, and feared punishment because she had denounced Islam. (Her family has denied allegations of abuse, according to Thai officials.)

The teenager barricaded herself in her airport hotel room and refused to leave until she could speak with UN officials, who could determine her asylum status. After a nearly 48-hour standoff that Alqunun and her supporters broadcast through social media, the Thai authorities dropped their efforts to deport Alqunun, and the teen was allowed to meet with UN representatives.

The Australian government confirmed that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) had referred Alqunun’s asylum request to the country.

Canada, in the end, welcomed Alqunun and provided emergency resettlement, according to a statement from the UNHCR. The organization noted that Alqunun’s case “was dealt with on a fast-track ‘emergency’ basis in light of the urgency of her situation” — a benefit not afforded the rest of the world’s refugees. Alqunun did not immediately comment on her asylum status, as her Twitter account — where she published videos and pleas for safety — went temporarily dark. ABC News reporter Sophie McNeill, who had been in contact with Alqunun, said that she was fine but apparently suspended her account after receiving death threats. But later, a message was sent from Alqunun’s Twitter account thanking “you people for supporting me and saving my life.”

But Alqunun being granted asylum in Canada adds another twist to her story. Canada has been vocal about challenging human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia, so much so that the two countries had a serious diplomatic spat over the summer after the Canadian government criticized and demanded the release of civil society and women’s rights activists detained in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia responded by kicking out the Canadian ambassador, recalling the Saudi ambassador to Canada and all Saudi students studying in the country, and suspending flights as well as “all new businesses transactions and investments linked with Canada.”

Alqunun’s case, as high-profile as it is, may end up making Saudi-Canadian relations even more fraught. Trudeau, when asked whether the country’s decision to grant Alqunun asylum would increase tensions, told reporters that “Canada has been unequivocal that we will always stand up for human rights and women’s rights around the world.

Shedding Light on Forced Child Pregnancy and Motherhood in Latin America *by Mariela Jara (Lima)*
January 14, 2019, Inter Press Service

LIMA, Jan 14 (IPS) - Research and campaigns by women's rights advocates are beginning to focus on the problem of Latin American girls under the age of 14 who are forced to bear the children of their rapists, with the lifelong implications that entails and without the protection of public policies guaranteeing their human rights.

The [Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights](#) (Cladem) addressed the issue of teenage girls who fell pregnant as a result of rape, in [a 2016 study](#) in 14 countries of the region, to remove the cloak of invisibility.

Julia Escalante, a Mexican lawyer and Cladem regional coordinator, told IPS that it was the case of Paraguayan girl Mainunbuy (not her real name) that motivated them to delve deeper into the issue. The girl became pregnant in 2015 after she was raped by her stepfather and was not allowed to have an abortion.

Cladem and **Equality Now** turned to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in May of that year, which urged the Paraguayan state to protect the Paraguayan girl's life and rights. But that did not happen, and since then similar cases have arisen in that South American country, the last one in November.

"The case of Mainunbuy led us to ask what is happening in other countries of the region. We found a lack of policies to prevent pregnancy and childbearing among children, and to protect the rights of girls," she said.

A study published this year by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) reported that this is the second region in the world, after **Sub-Saharan Africa, with the highest teenage pregnancy rate, with 66.5 births per thousand girls and adolescents, compared to a global rate of 46.**

In addition, of the 7.3 million births to adolescents under the age of 18 that occur each year in the region, more than two million are to girls under the age of 15, and if the trend continues that figure will reach three million by 2030.

Cladem's study of 14 countries, **Child Mothers. Forced Child Pregnancy and Motherhood in Latin America and the Caribbean**, underscores that according to the laws in this region, **all births to girls under the age of 14 are legally the result of rape or statutory rape.**

Organizations that defend women's rights in the region say that a forced child pregnancy occurs when a girl under the age of 14 becomes pregnant without having sought or desired it and faces obstacles that keep her from having an abortion if she so wishes.

Cladem's data on births to girls under 15 reveal that in 2015 there were 122 in Uruguay, 1,432 in Peru, 1,444 in El Salvador, 1,600 in Nicaragua, 2,787 in Argentina, 6,045 in Colombia, 10,277 in Mexico, 13,332 in Bolivia and 26,700 in Brazil.

This Lima-based regional network that is active in 15 countries is carrying out the campaign **"Child Pregnancy is Torture"**, which has contributed to raising awareness about this silenced issue in the international community.

Escalante emphasizes the responsibility of governments, which it called upon to gather specific, broken-down statistics on pregnancies and childbirths to girls under 14 years of age.

It also called for prevention measures through comprehensive sex education with a gender perspective from early childhood onwards, the inclusion of such content in the media, and a halt to the sexualization of girls in the media.

At the same time, it demanded that States remove the normative, legal and cultural obstacles that prevent access to abortion for pregnant girls, and thus avoid irreparable damage to their physical and mental health.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has been sounding the alert on the steady rise in teen pregnancy and motherhood in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In a 2014 report, it noted that 20 percent of pregnancies to girls under the age of 18 involved girls under the age of 15 who had been raped.

The annual teen pregnancy rate in Peru is 13 percent of all pregnancies - a percentage that rises as high as 30 percent in Amazon jungle regions such as Loreto.

"The group of girls under 14 is the one that worries us most because there is a relationship of submission and power that leads to girls having children, girls whose rights to be protected against all forms of violence and to live according to their age and to grow up are violated," said the U.N. official.

Five policy recommendations to ensure the rights of adolescents and young people were presented in Peru by the United Nations agencies, led by UNICEF and UNFPA (the U.N. Population Fund), and which can be adopted in other countries.

For example, the design of comprehensive policy packages to address the development aspect of children under 14 and access to friendly health services at appropriate times of the day and with specially trained personnel, as well as comprehensive sex education and making such information available to the girls' families.

"It is about the home and school being safe spaces for every child and adolescent, for them to have health, education, protection against all forms of violence, and participation in their communities,"

Priority should be given to the areas of greatest risk in each country and that, in order to be effective, these measures of comprehensive action by the State must be culturally appropriate, including personnel trained and qualified to provide quality

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AGORA: Online Forum On Women in Science

In 2006, UNESCO and cosmetics company L'Oreal launched this site to highlight and support women's contributions toward scientific progress. All Internet users can access and read forum entries, but only

members of the L'Oreal-UNESCO "Women in Science community" may contribute to the website. Scientists from around the world are invited to join the community and express their views in the forum. The forum will focus on topics such as science education for girls and women, women of science and sustainable development, bioethics, and diversity.

Unlocking Gender Data: Ensuring the Future Is Open for All

Under the theme "*The Future is Open*", the September 27-28, 2018 IODC conference (International Open Data Conference) which met in Buenos Aires, Argentina, reconvened the ever expanding community to address the key issues and challenges facing the open data community today. The conference discussed and shared research findings, lessons learned, and challenges on access and use of open data — to determine how it can be improved to better support women across the globe. It also seeks to identify innovative solutions and opportunities for increased collaboration that will translate into real progress about including and accessing gender data and women's issues in the years ahead.

More information on:

<https://www.opendatacon.org/>

<https://www.developmentgateway.org/blog/unlocking-gender-data-ensuring-future-open-all>

<https://www.ica.org> (International Council on Archives)

Graduate Women International Member News

The Israel Association of University Women sponsors a symposium on Israeli Women

The November event was held in the preserved historic home - a prefabricated wooden structure - of the second President of the State of Israel, Yitzchak Ben Zvi. His wife, Rachel Yanait, was herself an early champion and fighter for the rights of women and for advancement through education.

Four remarkable speakers included Professor Rachel Elijor, author and lecturer on Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Retired Judge Nili Arad, former President of the National Labor Court; Anat Serogosi, journalist and social activist; and Fani Sukenik, ultra-orthodox advocate for women's rights. Each discussed the problems and progress in her specific field of activity.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, the Israel Association of University Women sponsored a symposium on “The Struggle of Women in Israeli Society”: the continuous fight for recognition, obstacles to be overcome, and achievements. Dr. Joan Krauss, CIR, Israel Association of University Women

GWI "Peace through Education" Triennial and Conference

The GWI 33rd Triennial GA, Centenary Celebration and public Conference will be held 25-28 July 2019 at the University of Geneva in Geneva, Switzerland. This major milestone event represents a new beginning for GWI, within a changing global landscape - one of strategic relationships with the United Nations, knowledge competencies in global policies that widen the social and economic divide and advocacy for global and national governance that protect women's and girls' rights. Our Theme “Peace through Education” reflects our deep-seated recognition of education, particularly education for women and girls as the cornerstone of peaceful, just and sustainable societies.

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 Urameck, 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 Suzanne Hagen's House, 2464 Golf View Dr. Bring a meat-less 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 Dr. with a 5 - 6:30 wine tasting for those who would like to participant.

June 10 – 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment by Wisconsin



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.

VISION STATEMENT

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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.