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FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI

Branch Newsletter

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October 2018

Next meeting will be November 13 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**. Speaker, Madeline Ura-neck, Wisconsin Educator and author of How to Make a Life about her friendship with a Tibetan family.

Invite your friends.

November 6 – Election Day

November 11 – Sunday Moose Lodge Breakfast Fund raiser

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.

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.

We do make a difference!!!!

The Book Sale was a great success. It is always such a relief to know that we can once again fund the scholarships to NCCWSL and for a St Croix Valley Technical College student. Thank you to Jane Matthews,

Jeanne Zirbel and Elizabeth Williams for their efforts and for the support that membership provided in making the project viable.

We received a lovely note from Craig Dudnik, speaker at the October meeting. His documentary on Alice Tregay and the Chicago Civil Rights movement was so timely in that it discussed the impact of committed, persistent ordinary people who make a difference the political process. He wrote a lovely note about our meeting: "It was a wonderful gathering and such a special feeling in that room. I'm deeply grateful to have been invited; and wish you all the success in the important work that your organization does."

AAUW is introducing a program: Work Smart Online—a free salary negotiation course to help women earn the pay they deserve." Training 10 million women in salary negotiation is central to AAUW's goal of closing the gender pay gap by 2030.z' The e-tool teaches one to learn the market value of her determine an equitable "target salary" and ask the deserved pay.

According to surveys of participants, the program works!

I would like every member of our branch to take the AAUW Work Smart Online course and share it with their networks to help AAUW reach it goals. I am attaching the document that I received from AAUW.

Finally, I am also attaching the nomination form for the Western Wisconsin 2019 **Role Model for Equity** Award which will be awarded during Women's History Month. Recipient (not an AAUW member) must be a current resident of St Croix or Pierce County , demonstrate involvement in civic life, and exemplify a commitment to advancing equity for women and girls.

There are so many outstanding women in our community. Let's recognize them!!!

AN INVITATION FROM NCCWSL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Poster sessions:

At their September presentation about their experiences at NCCWSL ,scholarship recipients Jillisa Solberg and Temitope Abiodun said they would be presenting their research projects at UWRF at the end of first semester .

The URSCA conference is on **Tuesday, December 11th, 4:30-7PM**. It is located in the Riverview Ballroom, UC; UWRF.

Many of you indicated great interested and although the program is the same day as our holiday party, you might be able to make a quick trip over to support them.

NOVEMBER 7 EVENT:

AAUW member, Teresa Jonas has invited us to join her at Bethel Lutheran Highlands, 504 Frontage Road, Hudson on Wednesday, November 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 to hear a speaker on Islam and further our understanding and knowledge of the religion. Akheel Muhammad, spokesperson for the Islamic Resource Group of Woodbury, will speak about his faith's basic tenets. The speaker was born India and presently lives in Woodbury. (Directions: Get off 94 at Carmichael as if going to Target but turn Right instead of left on Frontage.)

NOVEMBER 6: Don't forget to vote and encourage others to do likewise. Also contact the political group that you support for yard signs and offer to help in getting out the vote.

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

We have a **new Facebook page**. 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 Meeting - At the River Falls Public Library - October 29, 2018

Lorraine Davis called meeting to order at 6:00 pm and introduced Craig Dudnick, director of the film to be shown later.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from September 2018 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report

The financial report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

President's Report

Lorraine passed hand out "Let's work together" with list of committees to sign up.

She reminded us about location change for the December meeting. We will gather at the house of Suzanne Hagen for business meeting and wine tasting.

WORK SMART is a new AAUW initiative that is available on line and is meant to help women in their careers. Lorraine will send us the link to the site.

The new directories will be available soon.

Lorraine thanked all involved in the book sale.

Committee Reports

Book sale – Jane Matthews reported an income of \$2570.50 from the book sale, second highest in the recent years. She read a thank you letter from Cheryl Hoffman from RFHS. The remaining books were distributed to Goodwill, Food shelves, and Servant of the Shepard (bibles). Jane volunteered to be involved in book sale next year.

Program – Suzie Danielson reminded us that November meeting will be at RFPL on November 13 at 6:30 pm. Madeline Uraneck will speak about "How to make a life".

Public Policy – Barb Peterson urged everyone to vote on November 6, 2018 and take family and friends along. She reminded us that both parties need volunteers.

Essay contest – materials were sent to Meyer Middle School and St. Bridget school. The due date is in December 2018.

Old Business

Moose Brunch is on November 11, 2018. Two more helpers from AAUW are still needed. Sign-up sheet and tickets for sale were passed around.

Applications forms for NCCWSL Scholarship are available now.

Hospitality sign up is complete.

New Business

The 100th anniversary of ratification by Wisconsin of Suffrage Amendment is coming. The ideas for celebration are needed.

Elaine passed the nomination forms for Outstanding Woman of Western Wisconsin. The nominations are due by January 25, 2019 to Elaine (elaine.baumann1@gmail.com).

Announcements

The songs by our member, Phyllis Goldin, will be performed at UWRF on December 2 and 3.

On November 7 at 7:00 pm Akheel Mohammed will be a featured speaker at Bethel Highlands Church in Hudson. His talk "All about Islam" is part of 'Getting to Know Our Neighbors' program at Bethel.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Meeting was followed by documentary Alice's Ordinary People. Its director, Craig Dudnick, made introductory remarks and answered several questions after film presentation. The movie and discussion were open to public.

Respectfully submitted by Magdalena Pala, co-secretary.

FINANCE REPORT

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

AAUW-River Falls Finance Report , October 30, 2018

Checking balance 9/30/2018	\$ 3881.61
Receipts:	
Dues	107
Moose Brunch	45
Note Cards	134
Book Sale	2545.50
Book Sale Cash Box (from checking)	50
<i>Total receipts (9/30/2018 – 10/30/2018)</i>	\$2881.50
Disbursements:	
Cash from Checking for Book Sale	50
AAUW Membership Fees	144
Membership Fee Reimbursement	59

<i>Total disbursements (9/30/2018-10/30/2018)</i>	\$253

Balances 10/30/2018

Checking: 6510.11
 Savings: 2394.10
\$ 8904.21

E, Johnson Memorial Fund:

Balance 9/30/2018 \$695

Contribution 40

Total 10/30/2018: \$735

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

From Suzanne Hagen

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

Brief reminder: Tickets for the November 11 Moose Brunch are now available for to sell. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults; children five and under free. 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.) If you need tickets to sell or have money from sales to turn in, call Suzanne Hagen at 715-425-1471; she will get you tickets and pick up money. Thanks for supporting this fund raising effort!

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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), 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 con-

tinues 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

New Members:

Kendra Morgan



Kendra is new to our community, having begun work this summer as an Investment Advisor with the Edward Jones firm in River Falls. She is a 2016 graduate of St. Cloud State University with majors in Spanish and Communications. An Eau Claire native, Kendra was involved in community and campus events there, and family members were particularly engaged in music activities. Kendra's travels include a very valuable living/learning experience in Costa Rica - she definitely plans return visits to that beautiful country. She's been a very involved AAUW member already -- do give her a warm welcome!

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**. They each very willingly signed up for book sale work shifts, so you can meet them at the sale with a warm welcome! You will see JoAnn's bio in the November newsletter.

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
Public Policy

On October 14th, at the suggestion of AAUW member Suzanne Hagen, several members attended a play in St. Paul, "*The Agitators - The Story of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass*". In the director's notes, Signe Harri day said, "Their journey invites us to consider the moments in our lives when we have failed to stand up against the injustices perpetrated on our neighbors, on our fellow human beings. How can we fight for each other? How can we stay in the room with each other when we disagree, when we feel hurt and betrayed? How can we fight for each other's human dignity while not sacrificing our own? How can we fight for the right to vote when the very language of the law welcomes disenfranchisement? How can we be the **agitators** our world needs us to be?"

In light of recent events, words and deeds that divide, we each have to make a personal decision on the amount of effort we are going to give to the causes that make our world a better place for everyone. What will we stand for?

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Know who you are voting for and why they are your favored candidate. You can obtain voting information (find your polling place, check your current registration information, learn what is on your ballot, and request and track your absentee ballot) at this site: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

To know more about your candidates, you can

- watch debates and interviews on <http://www.wiseye.org/Campaign-2018>
- search for Madison news articles on a candidate at <http://www.wiseye.org/Campaign-2018>
- search for Milwaukee news articles on a candidate at <https://www.jsonline.com/news/> -- **select the magnifying glass icon to search for the candidate**
- search for a candidate by name on the internet

Talk to others, encourage them to vote, offer a ride. Go to a candidate's headquarters and offer to make GOTV calls. Do what you can to make this an election about issues, not money.

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.

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>

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 - articles from **The Cap Times** and **Wisconsin State Journal**

jsonline.com - articles from the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

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>

SEE THE ATTACHMENTS THAT CAME WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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 Duddinick 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 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

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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