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**Branch Newsletter** **February 2019**

 **Next regular meeting will be 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

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

**PRESIDENT’ S COLUMN**

Lorraine Davis, Branch President

**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.

**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

**State Convention is April 26-27 in Lake Geneva.**

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

Suzanne Hagen, Vice-President Membership

New Members:

**FINANCE REPORT**

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

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

**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

**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 Dudnick 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 Uraneck, 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 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 2** - Equal Pay Day

**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.