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# FALLS NOTES



AAUW-River Falls, WI

**Branch Newsletter**

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**October 2019**

**Next regular meeting will be November 12.**

Business meeting 6:30 p.m., Program at 7:00 p.m. - **Civil Conversations** – speakers Krista Cleary and Grace Coggio. The meeting is at the **First National Bank Community Room**, 104 E Locust Street, River Falls.

**PLEASE BRING A FRIEND**

**AAUW 2019-2020 Member Directory Updates:** If you wish to update any Directory information (address, phone no., email) please contact Suzanne Hagen by Nov. 5 at [suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com) or by calling 715-307-8744.

## **Food Pantry Thank You**

To thank our local Food Pantry for their tremendous cooperation with our book sale this year, **we are asking our members to bring feminine hygiene products to our next meeting to donate to the Pantry.** Since our branch is not allowed to donate funds to other non-profits, we felt this would be a great way to show our appreciation for their generosity while fulfilling our mission to support girls and women. Please bring items to donate to our **November 12 meeting** which will be held at the First National Bank Community Room.

## **PRESIDENT' S COLUMN**

Suzanne Hagen, Branch President

### **Courage and Conversation --**

Our October program, the film Iron Jawed Angels, vividly reminded us of suffragettes' courage and determination as they ultimately achieved the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment's passage 100 years ago. It also reminds us that advocating equity for women and girls requires our on-going commitment. AAUW's specific Public Policy Priorities cluster around three major areas of the strategic plan:

- Supporting a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity and inclusivity, and addresses barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women and girls
- Achieving economic security for all women
- Guaranteeing equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society

I encourage you to review more detailed and specific priority goals by following the link above or to read the handout Barbara Peterson provided at our October meeting. One way to support priorities is to sign up as an AAUW [Two Minute Activist](#). By registering your email address, you'll receive notices of pending legislation about which to contact your Congressional representatives. Think of it as a higher tech way to carry on some of the "Angels" legacy!

I also found interesting the recent kerfuffle about Ellen DeGeneres and George W. Bush having a friendly interaction. There were some negative reactions. ("How can you be talking with someone who holds opposing views from oneself?") But DeGeneres responded: "I'm friends with a lot of people who don't share the same beliefs that I have. We're all different, and I think we've forgotten that that's OK, that we're all different." Good communication can help bridge those differences. Please plan to attend our very timely **Nov. 12 program on "Civil Conversations,"** led by branch member Krista Cleary and UWRF Professor Grace Coggio, Communication Studies Program Director. **(Location: First National Bank Community Room, Business meeting at 6:30, Program at 7:00 p.m.)**

Finally, we have busy weeks ahead with our **Book Sale (Oct. 24-26 & Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and now extended to Nov. 7,8, and 9)** and **Moose Brunch (Nov. 10)**. Thank you very much for your work supporting these important fund raisers. Further details follow in this newsletter.

### **Moose Brunch Sunday, Nov. 10 – Ticket Informaton**

We have a great opportunity – thanks to the RF Moose Lodge – to earn money in support of our varied program initiatives. Packs of 8 tickets are available for you to sell by calling Suzanne Hagen at 715-307-8744 or emailing [Suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com); she will get them to you. Tickets are \$9.00 each. (Thanks to those at the Oct. 8 meeting who've picked up their tickets already.) Please ask people paying by check to make checks payable to AAUW-RF. **ALL checks and cash you collect should be given to Suzanne or Kay Montgomery no later than November 12.** (Please do not return monies directly to the Moose.) Suzanne or Kay will happily collect money prior to that date – just contact them and they will connect with you.

**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE** - Kendra Morgan is the administrator for our AAUW branch Facebook Page. Our new page has the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.RiverFalls> . Please **"like it."** by clicking at the top left side under the title. Also, if you have any events or information which are relevant, please send your postings to [moke1202@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:moke1202@outlook.com)

# RIVER FALLS BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Gretchen Toman, Secretary

## AAUW Meeting Oct. 8, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:37

A review of 2 sets of meeting minutes (May & Sept. 2019); approved as submitted.

**Finance Report** – Finance Report – General operating has about \$2,400. We currently have 2 encumbered funds: Scholarship currently with \$820 & Travel with \$2500.

At the end of Oct. the Board will discuss a better use of the travel fund, since there is no longer a national convention.

### President's Report

Work Smart - Suzanne handed out directions on how to access this and set up an account to experience the course. Coca Cola had given a large grant to fund this dependent on 100,000 users in the first year. As of now, over 102,000 users have visited the site.

AAUW National has a new recognition program for branches in each state based on achieving certain benchmarks linked to National priorities. The Board will discuss our progress toward benchmarks at the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting, so bring our findings to the November meeting.

### Committee reports

Book sale – the date to sort books (currently Sat. Oct 19) is a bit uncertain as the Food Pantry is scheduled to move on the 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Consequently, we may have to move the date back to later in the week. Cheryl will get that information to us when decided.

Also, we need tables when the sorting is established and for the sale. Call Elizabeth Williams if you can provide tables, or if you have large amounts of books to be picked up.

Moose Brunch on Sunday Nov. 10 - tickets are available to sell. Contact Suzanne for them. This is a good, fairly easy fundraiser for us, so sell some tickets or attend with some friends.

**Membership** - Suzanne and Kendra will talk about AAUW to the Rotary Club on Oct. 15 in a move to increase our profile and perhaps membership.

The Literacy Grant is still accepting applications.

We still need a few people to be hosts for meetings: 1 in Jan. and 2 in Feb.

AAUW Public Policy Day is Sat. Nov 2 in Madison. Barb Peterson is driving down and would love to have a carful of attendees. Cost is \$20.00 for the day and includes lunch. Barb distributed 2 handouts: one from the WI State Journal on gerrymandering; one on AAUW Public Policy Priorities (talking points on p.2)

Plans for the April convention in LaCrosse are moving along. We will bring the poster boards on suffrage with us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to watch Iron Jawed Angels.

## **AAUW Board Meeting    Oct 28, 2019**

Present: S Hagen, T Kelly, S. Danielson, A Gustafson, K Montgomery, E Baumann, G Toman, C Maplethorpe, B Peterson, M Olle-LaJoie, L Davis, K Morgan

Meeting Called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes of the July 17 board meeting were approved as stand.

Finance update will wait until a deposit is made from the book sale of last weekend

### **Old Business/Ongoing initiative updates:**

Book Sale -we made about \$1,400. in the first weekend of the book sale. \$5.00/ bag on the last day, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

IF we are allowed to keep the space, and have enough volunteers, we could do one more weekend of \$5.00/bag.

As a thank you to the Food Pantry, we will collect feminine products and/or baby diapers at the next general meeting (Nov 12) to donate.

What to do with remaining books? Board members offered to reach out to some contacts to encourage them to get books. Potential for RF High school guys to earn incentives by helping pack and cart out books when we need to clear out – Kristie M. will talk with them.

Moose Brunch tickets are still for sale.

**Program plans** – for the financial aid program (March 17<sup>th</sup>),the UWRF Director of Financial Aid will speak. Suzie requested clarification as to what to tell speakers to focus on that day. It is more of a policy discussion on how to manage student debt than a “how to fill out FAFSA forms” talk.

Literacy Fund has 6 applications.

NCCWSL for 2020 – Suzanne has e-docs for scholarship applications from Nat'l at \$500. Level.

The Chamber of Commerce connection – After some research that Suzanne did on the Chamber, it was revealed that they take opposite positions on some of AAUW's core issues, such as not increasing the minimum wage. We will wait to decide on joining the Chamber.

Kendra did a great power point presentation at the Rotary meeting in Oct.

UW notes – a UWRF student came to the book sale and talked to Kendra about starting a UWRF chapter of AAUW. She was at NCCWSL and is energized to do this.

Also, Missy Wilson of Career Services at UWRF will keep the Work Smart link on their web page.

Discussion of Ann Anderson, grand-daughter of Bry Wyman may consider giving rights to AAUW to reproduce other works by Helen for note cards.

And we do have an AAUW archive file at UWRF. Kay M. has been contributing to this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Travel Fund currently has \$2,500 in it. A motion was passed to take a vote to the general meeting on consolidation of the State & National travel funds. We will also vote in Nov. on 2 motions:

- 1) To put a cap on travel funds at \$2,500 (used for conference fees, lodging, transport). Suzanne will review the budget and see what amount is necessary.
- 2) Distribute the Dec. auction revenue moving any excess funds to the general operating budget to be used as needed.

**Communication policy** – guidance on emails to members

We will follow the AAUW guidelines for sending emails. Cheryl will place links to longer, informative articles that are NOT time sensitive in the newsletter. Any time sensitive information will be sent via email to members.

**AAUW National's 5 Star Branch program** - It was moved that we think this is worth pursuing. Ann G. and Suzanne will discuss the approach and being point people for tracking our branch's progress.

Member Relationship building - At our next meeting we will have a greeter and cards to fill out if anyone has a life event to share. Suzanne will read the information from the cards during that meeting as a way for us to better get to know each other. We will discuss at Nov. meeting about asking for/sharing birthday information to send cards and being sensitive to those who don't celebrate birthdays.

Facebook AAUW WI has some great daily posts on inspiring women. Check these out!

Discussion of speakers for the State convention in La Crosse: Frederika Freiburg of WPTV  
Or Ann Reed (Google Hero's Song)

Could our branch sponsor the film Iron Jawed Angels at the conference using some of our surplus to help pay the PPR costs (~ \$400.)? It would be good PR for our branch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

## **MEMBERSHIP NOTES** – Kendra Morgan, Vice-President Membership

Here is the bio for Susan Kurtz.

I joined AAUW in September. I grew up in River Falls on a dairy farm in Kinnickinnic Valley. My parents, dog, and I moved to town when I was 9 and I became an active participant in the public school system. I loved music and theater and have fond memories of marching in the River Falls Wildcat Band, singing in the various choirs offered, and playing my trusty clarinet in the pep and dance bands. Doris "Freddie" Fuka was my neighbor, teacher, and mentor, and I enjoyed acting in the plays she directed. After my high school years, I attended the University of River Falls teacher education program. I graduated with a Bachelor of

Science degree in elementary education and found myself heading to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, to teach 4th grade. I loved teaching and soon found myself mentoring student teachers in my classroom from River Falls and Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. I went back to River Falls to pursue a Master's Degree in Education and ended up designing a character education curriculum for my classroom. It centered around the theme of being a "Warm Fuzzy" instead of a "Cold Prickly" and was well received in the teaching community. In 2002 I "retired" only to be hired by Hamline University as their elementary supervisor for undergrad student teachers. I loved working with "future teachers" and later was asked to mentor teachers in their classrooms. I found this to be so rewarding! Today I enjoy being active in my church, working on the Journey House Campus Ministry Board on the River Falls campus, and being an active member of Kinnickinnic Chapter #80, Order of the Eastern Star. I love to walk, bike, work with kids, and cheer the Packers!

## FINANCE REPORT

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

### AAUW-River Falls Finance Report September 20, 2019 – October 29, 2019

<b>Checking balance 9/20/19</b>	<b>\$ 5706.54</b>
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 729.50
Book Sale	1214.00
Note Cards	150.00
Donation	30.00
Moose Brunch	72.00
<i>Total receipts ( 9/20/19 – 10/29/19)</i>	\$2195.50
Disbursements	
AAUW Renewal Fees	\$618.50
Cash for Book Sale	50.00
<i>Total disbursements ( 9/20/19 – 10/29/19)</i>	\$668.50

### Balances 10/29/2019

Checking: \$7233.54

Savings: 4000.57

Total \$11234.11

### Notes:

Savings total includes \$ 2340 for Ethel Johnson Memorial Fund

## PROGRAMS

Sue Danielson, VP Program Chair

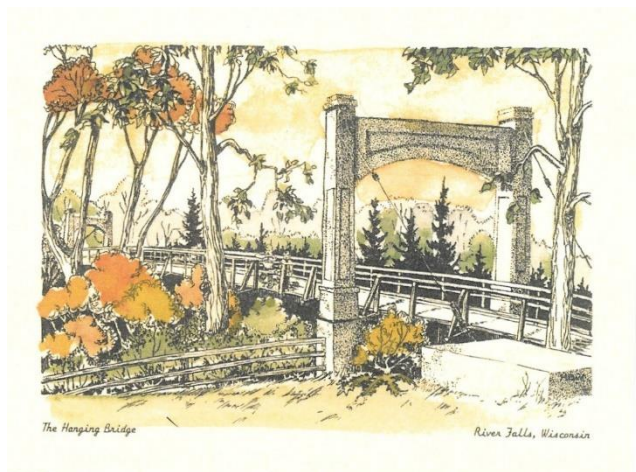
### Civil Conversations

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, 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, nurse-midwife and Grace Coggio, Associate Professor of Communication Studies

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 [Gretchen Toman](mailto:gretchentoman@gmail.com) (gretchentoman@gmail.com), 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. Wyman.

The cards show four views of River Falls' bridges 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.

## Ethel Johnson Memorial Grant

Over the summer, the process and procedure for the Ethel Johnson Literacy Grant has been developed. It will be publicized in the media and with interested groups. Please read through it and then share it with those you know who might want to apply.



### Ethel Johnson Literacy Grant Funding for projects that enhance reading

AAUW member Ethel Johnson was raised in rural Wisconsin and was committed to education throughout her life. She began college in the depression years and dedicated her life to the teaching profession, retiring from Hudson Schools at the age of 70. The lives she touched during this time are a testament to her values, foremost a love of reading backed by patience and skill.

She volunteered whenever she could and a favorite was AAUW, an organization whose goals of equity Ethel embodied. The River Falls AAUW branch and friends of Ethel have established this fund to honor her memory.

Thank you to all the individual donors who make this grant possible and **thank you, in advance, for submitting the application to support reading.**

#### APPLICATION GUIDE

1. The grant's purpose is to enhance reading skills of residents of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. The recipient must be able to impact on individuals who reside in one of those counties.
2. Applications will be accepted September 15 through October 25 and will be awarded by November 10. Applications will be accepted in paper or electronic form (available at <https://riverfalls-wi.aauw.net>). Applications will be reviewed by a panel of AAUW members and awarded on merit of objectives and population served.
3. Grant recipient will also receive an evaluation form to be completed and returned within 20 days of completing the project.
4. Maximum grant amount is \$400.00 per application.

#### Grant Application

Person or Group Applying:

Contact Information:

Address  
Phone  
Email

Amount Requested:

Use of grant money and description of project (objective and process):  
Location of the project:  
Date for use (start and finish):  
Number and age of readers:

Send to:

Jean Johnson ([jeanajohnson@gmail.com](mailto:jeanajohnson@gmail.com))  
N8048 1094th St  
River Falls, WI 54022





**Attention AAUW Members:** There is still time to place your order for the navy blue AAUW t-shirts. They are regular cotton t-shirts with the white AAUW logo printed on the front (see photo). The shirt is optional but will be used to increase awareness at our tabling and volunteer events. The cost per shirt is \$10 which can be paid by cash/check to Kendra before or at pick-up.

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Please contact Kendra Morgan at 715-450-6870 or [moke1202@outlook.com](mailto:moke1202@outlook.com) with your size if you are interested in getting an AAUW t-shirt. She has three orders waiting and will send in the order when she gets a total of 12 orders, so help out your fellow AAUW mem-

bers and order an AAUW t-shirt now.

## INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

### OCTOBER 2019 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**New European Commission President**, from The Economist, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Ursula von der Leyen, the next president of the **European Commission**, unveiled her proposed team of commissioners. Three new “executive vice-presidents” will help her. Margrethe Vestager is the most interesting of these, with the key job of making Europe “fit for the digital age” on top of her powerful existing role overseeing competition policy.

**New Managing Director of the IMF (International Monetary Fund)** from the Minneapolis Star/ Tribune.

As the new managing director of the IMF, Kristalina Georgieva, a Bulgarian economist, is the first person from a developing economy to hold the job. In a speech, she said the world must prepare for the downturn.

**Greta Thunberg Brings the Heat**, from The Atlantic Politics, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

This July was the hottest month ever measured for the planet. Greenland is literally falling apart. The latest climate report from a United Nations–led scientific panel has nothing but frightening things to say about land use. Hurricane Dorian devastated large parts of the Bahamas.

These particularly distressing past few months have made the September 23<sup>rd</sup>. UN climate summit in New York feel all the more urgent. (Speaking of New York: temperatures on the first day of fall hit an uncharacteristic 87 degrees Fahrenheit.)

So far, the star of that UN confab hasn't been a politician (President Donald Trump dropped by in the morning; Angela Merkel pledged to ramp up Germany's commitment to climate change). It's been a 16-year-old Swedish teen who sailed emissions-free, rather than flew, to New York.

**Greta Thunberg** skyrocketed to fame for her climate activism and her signature fiery speeches. "How dare you?" Thunberg berated world leaders attending the U.N. "You have stolen my dreams and my childhood."

Thunberg and a handful of other young climate activists received the Ambassador of Conscience Award from Amnesty International in Washington, D.C. on September 16<sup>th</sup>. In the past 17 years, Amnesty has given the award to other icons: Nelson Mandela, Colin Kaepernick, and Ai Weiwei.

Thunberg has Asperger's, which she calls her "superpower," and which she says allows her to be more direct and straightforward about climate change.

### **9-year-old Mexican girl wins prestigious science award for invention that benefits the world** Leslie Salzillo, Community, Daily Kos, September 22, 2019

If you're wondering who is one of the most talked-about inventors these days, you might be surprised to find out she's a 9-year-old girl from Mexico. Her name is Xóchitl Guadalupe Cruz Lopez.

The young indigenous girl from Chiapas state in southern Mexico built a solar-powered water heater from recyclable materials - an invention that promises to do more than just give folks in that poor rural region better access to hot water.

According to Mexico News Daily, Xóchitl's solar heater contains a "15-meter black hose, 10 PET bottles that she painted black, plastic cable ties, a wooden base, black nylon and recycled glass." Xóchitl says she used the glass doors of a broken cooler to create a greenhouse effect. The solar heater is installed on her home's rooftop.

Xóchitl's invention caught the attention of Nuclear Sciences Institute at Mexico's National Autonomous University, or UNAM, from where she was awarded the ICN Women's Recognition Award. The young inventor won the award last year when she was eight, but the news is just making the rounds in America, where she is receiving more accolades. UNAM helped her complete her project through their **Adopt a Talent Program (PAUTA)**.

The brilliant young mind told Mexico's Imagen News that "people won't have to chop down trees to heat their water anymore," as she demonstrates the box-like glass-and-wood device. She said she was inspired to invent the solar water heater because of the cold climate in her hometown.

The invention is important on a massive and global level, as well. Its economic and environmental benefits will help to develop deforested countries throughout the world.

The now-famous inventor has been entering science competitions since she was four. In between her brilliant innovations, Xóchitl loves soccer and mathematics and plans to gain her doctorate in the latter.

### **GWJ reflects on 25 years of progress for girls on International Day of the Girl, 11 October**

Since 2011, 11 October is marked as the **International Day of the Girl** that draws global attention to the unique challenges girls face around the world, whilst promoting girls' empowerment and rights. This year's theme "[Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable](#)" marks 25 years of progress for girls since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, which constitutes the most progressive blueprint for advancing the rights of girls. Simultaneously, the Convention on the Rights of the Child turns 30 this year. Following this year's theme, Graduate Women International stands with girls to develop their skills now and reach their full potential through education at the highest level. As an organisation committed to improving the education space for girls, GWI aims through its programmes, such as the [Bina Roy Partners in Development](#), to provide girls and women with opportunities for training and skills development, thus helping them to develop the foundational, transferable and job-specific skills they need to thrive as individuals and professionals. Ahead of this very important day, GWI invites you to read and share its [press release](#) that reflects on 25 years of progress for girls. On 9 October GWI will launch a [social media campaign](#) specific to the International Day of the Girl.

**Teenager's diary offers window into life under Soviets and Nazis**, by Joanna Berendt from the New York Times

The Journal recounts coming of age and falling in love in wartime Poland.

Przemysl, Poland-She was a Jewish teenager in a small trade city in Southeastern Poland when she began writing her diary, months before the advent of World War II. By the time she was shot in the head by Nazi soldiers, she had chronicled life under two totalitarian regimes: the Soviets who advanced from the east and the Nazis who came from the west.

Her journal, hidden in a safe-deposit box for decades, has been described as a counterpart to Anna Frank's diary, a valuable document and a poignant coming-of-age story.

Now, the journal of the teenager, Renia Spiegel, all 700 perfectly preserved pages, is to be published in English for the first time. Polish film director Tomasz Magierski also made a documentary, "Broken Dreams", based on the journal.

At a moment when agreement over simple truths has become a political battleground and history a weapon, the publication of the book, "Renia's Diary", offers a reminder of the power of bearing witness. Her first entry was on Jan.31, 1939. She does not know that in seven months, war would come to the incredibly ruined town of Przemysl. By July 30m 1942, less than two months after she turned 18, she would be dead. The last passage was written by the man she had loved during those years, Zygmunt Schwarzer, who survived Auschwitz and looked after the diary after Renia and his parents went into hiding to avoid being deported to concentration camps. The Nazis found their hideout, in an attic, and dragged them into the street. After they were shot, he wrote: "My life is over. All I can hear are shots, shots...shots."

...Zygmunt later made his way to New York, where Renia's Mother, Roza, and sister, Elizabeth Bellak, 88, had emigrated, said that she stashed it for decades because she could not bear to read it. Zygmunt Schwarzer, a doctor, died in 1992.

Alexandra Garbarini, a professor at Williams College in Massachusetts, said Renia's story "is such a complete text. It shows the life of a teenager before the war, after the war breaks, until she has to move to the ghetto and is executed. It's absolutely remarkable."

**Iran women feely attend FIFA soccer match**, by Amir Vahdat and Mehdi Fattahi, Associated Press and BBC  
Tehran, Iran- They had to sit well apart from the men, and the place was practically empty, but thousands of Iranian women in merry jester hats and face paint blew horns and cheered inside a Tehran stadium at the first FIFA soccer match they have been allowed to freely attend in decades.

In what many considered a victory in a decades-long fight by women in Iran to attend sporting events, they wrapped themselves in the country's vivid red, green and white and watched with excitement as Iran thrashed Cambodia 14-0 in a 2022 World qualifier at Azadi, or Freedom Stadium.

...So far, Iran's hard line Islamic theocracy is not willing to go as far some women would like. Authorities announced they will allow women to attend only International soccer matches. Allocating only 4,000 tickets in a venue that seats 80,000 people, authorities arranged for 150 female security personnel in black chadors to watch them.

Iran was the world's last nation to bar women from soccer matches. Iran faced a potential ban from FIFA international matches if it didn't allow women into the game.

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Submitted by AAUW members

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/henrietta-wood-sued-reparations-won-180972845/>

On April 17, 1878, twelve white jurors entered a federal courtroom in Cincinnati, Ohio, to deliver the verdict in a now-forgotten lawsuit about American slavery. The plaintiff was Henrietta Wood, described by a reporter at the time as "a spectacled negro woman, apparently sixty years old." The defendant was Zebulon Ward, a white man who had enslaved Wood 25 years before. She was suing him for \$20,000 in reparations.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/unheralded-women-scientists-finally-getting-their-due-180973082/>

In 1969, Margaret Rossiter, then 24 years old, was one of the few women enrolled in a graduate program at Yale devoted to the history of science. Every Friday, Rossiter made a point of attending a regular informal gathering of her department's professors and fellow students. Usually, at those late afternoon meetings, there was beer-drinking, which Rossiter did not mind, but also pipe-smoking, which she did, and joke-making, which she might have enjoyed except that the brand of humor generally escaped her. Even so, she kept showing up, fighting to feel accepted in a mostly male enclave, fearful of being written off in absentia.

## River Falls Branch: 2019-20 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 6** – City Sampler at UWRF campus, 11-1 p.m. AAUW table on mall will share information.

**September 10 - Pot Luck Dinner** and business meeting **6:30, 7:00** program presentation National Conference for College Women Student Leaders speaker – UWRF student Faith Velez, COMMUNITY ROOM at the First National Bank, 104 E Locust Street

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

**October 8** – Business meeting: 6:30, 7:00 - Iron Jawed Angels film co-sponsored w/library. River Falls Public Library

Book Sale dates – two successive weekends in October (possibly Oct. 11-13 and Oct. 17-19)

**November 10** – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. River Falls Moose Lodge Breakfast Fund raiser

**November 12** - Business meeting 6:30 p.m., Program at 7:00 p.m. - Civil Conversations – speakers Krista Cleary and Grace Coggio, First National Bank Community Room

**December 10** – Holiday gathering at 6:30 p.m. at Suzanne Hagen’s House, 2464 Golf View Dr., Brief business meeting and auction (**Please bring auction item and appetizer or cookies to share.**)

**January 25, 2020** (Saturday ) – Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Program at 1:30 - Women in STEM – guest speaker (TBD), Presentation of Women in Science essay awards, River Falls Public Library

**February 11** - RF Food Shelf update and tour, Time and Location TBD

**March 10** – Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7:00 p.m. – Student Debt: Update and Implications for Students, Parents and Grandparents – Panel discussion. Role Model for Equity Award presented River Falls Public Library

**March 31** - Equal Pay Day

**April 14** – Business (Annual) Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (Election of officers for 2020-2021) Program at 7:00 p.m. – Economic Security for Women – Speaker: Kendra Morgan, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones.  
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STEM Program: Girls in SCIENCE at UWRF – Date to be determined

**April 16-17 - State AAUW Convention in LaCrosse, Wisconsin**

**May 12** – Year-end business meeting and pot luck dinner, Installation of officers and Celebration, 6:30 p.m. at Lorraine Davis’s House



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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.

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