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FALLS NOTES



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Branch Newsletter:

February 2020

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 10

Panel on Student Debt featuring Senator Patty Schachtner, Robert Bode, UWRF financial aids director and Terry Klein, WITC financial aids director. This important discussion will take place at the River Falls Public Library at 7:00 with the business meeting at 6:30.

Here are some of the talking points that were sent to panelists.

- 56% of college and university students are women.
- They borrow 14% more than men.
 - Women with degrees earn 26% less than men and it takes 21% longer to pay off debts.
- State and federal support for public colleges has stagnated which shifts cost to students.
- Some recommendations for policy change for government and institutions.

Guests are welcome.

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND

PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

Suzanne Hagen, Branch President

Economic Security for Women. This is one of AAUW's three key strategic priorities. It is also the focus of our branch's spring programming: STEM careers for women (January), Food security and assistance (February), Student Debt and Financial Aid Policy (March), and Economic Security/Financial Planning for Women (April). And, as always, we will get the word out to campuses and community about women's pay inequity in the U.S. Tuesday, March 31, 2020 is Equal Pay Day. This date symbolizes how far into the year the average woman must work in order to earn what the average man earns in the previous year regardless of experience or job type. Each year we see the gap in women's wages compared to men's, narrow slightly and

slowly. (In 2019 Equal Pay Day was April 2.) Nonetheless, pursuing wage fairness must continue vigorously. The need for positive action is even more apparent when looking at 2020 inequity by race and ethnicity.

2020 Equal Pay Days:

February 11, 2020

Asian American women's Equal Pay Day

March 31, 2020

All women's Equal Pay Day

April 9, 2020

White women's Equal Pay Day

June 4, 2020

Moms Equal Pay Day

August 13, 2020

Black women's Equal Pay Day

October 1, 2020

Native women's Equal Pay Day

November 2, 2020

Latinas' Equal Pay Day

What can you do?

- Help staff our Pay Day information tables from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31 at UWRF and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Informing and engaging students on pay inequity is vital to shaping a better future. (Some branch members have already signed up to work; if you are interested and available please contact me at 715-425-1471 or at Suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com.)
- Sign up for AAUW's Action Network at our monthly meeting and/or become a [Two Minute Activist](#) at AAUW.org. You'll receive information on pay equity and other women's issues and be able easily to voice your views to Congress, media outlets, and state and national government leaders.
- Continue to learn about women's economic security by attending our spring meetings and inviting others to attend and join our work.

We have a busy, energizing, and informative spring ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings – and at our April AAUW State Convention!

Second, please assist, respond, volunteer and engage as we form a nominating committee and develop a slate of potential branch officers for 2020-2022. At our April annual meeting we will be filling the positions of President Elect (assumes President's Office July 1, 2021), Finance VP (i.e., Treasurer), and Program VP. Pooling our branch's great leadership capacities always moves us closer to the goal: equity for women and girls!

A Thank You from Ann Gustafson:

Dear Members of AAUW-River Falls,

Thank you for honoring Bob by the donation to AAUW. He became a part of AAUW when I joined. When AAUW welcomed men as members he was one of the first to join our branch and became active. He enjoyed his role as auctioneer at the annual Christmas auction.

Our sons and I are deeply honored by this donation.

Thank you!

Ann Gustafson, Todd, Brent, and Kyle.

BRANCH STRATEGIC PLANNING

At a January 25th meeting, our branch's board began a strategic planning conversation. Following a State AAUW process, we talked about the branch's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (a quick SWOT analysis). The following observations emerged:

Strengths:

- Long history of membership/members
- Lots of talented people
- Mature organization able to mentor younger women

Weaknesses:

- Difficult sometimes to link local, state and national efforts and issues
- Geography and branch location distant from larger state branch centers
- Challenge of recruiting younger members
- Issues sometimes too broad/wide; lack focus

Opportunities:

- Develop greater name recognition, expand press/media presence
- Collaboration with other organizations having compatible missions, goals
- Potential exists to recruit new members

Threats/challenges:

- Aging membership
- Challenging political climate
- Keep communication methods current; maximize variety of methods to reach varied audiences

We would like very much to hear input from you on the four topics above. Do you agree, disagree, have other insights and observations? Please email your input to Suzanne.hagen.1@gmail.com or complete and mail the feedback sheet distributed at our February meeting to Suzanne Hagen, 2464 Golf View Drive, RF. That feedback sheet will also be available at our March meeting. The more ideas we have from members, the better will be our focus, growth and impact in the years ahead. Thank you!

Girls in SCIENCE

The fifth annual Girls in SCIENCE: Seeing, Creating, Inventing, Exploring, Naming, Cooperating, and Experimenting program will be held at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Youth in grades 3 through 6 will have the opportunity to experience STEM activities from 8:15 am to 12:15

pm. Youth in grades 6 through 8 will participate in activities 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Attendees will meet UWRF professors, scientists, and students. They will cycle through four 50-minute fun, hands-on topics. The UWRF STEM-related Departments, UWRF Women's & Gender Studies Program, Allina Health, and the River Falls Branch of AAUW are co-sponsors of the event.

In the past the branch has helped by providing a luncheon for the presenters. We will do this again. If you can bring a "dish to pass" fit for the voracious appetites of college students, let Lorraine Davis know. (Idavis4762@aol.com).

A request was made for at least one vegetarian offering and perhaps a gluten free option. Because of the date, many of you will be at the State Convention but we can make arrangements for early drop offs. She will also need some assistance the day of the event in the lunch room...but it is gratifying to watch consumptions without regard for calories.

If you have any contacts with businesses that can provide "goodies" for the swag bags to give to the attendees, let her know as well.

NCCWSL Selection

A committee comprised of Diane Crist, Maureen Olie-LaJoie, Karla Thoennes, Jeanne Zirbel, and Lorraine Davis read applications for our branch NCCWSL scholarship and selected two impressive recipients.

Violet Penman is a sophomore from Hudson, Wisconsin with a major in plant science with an environmental focus. She looks forward to the conference to "allow me to connect with other passionate women leaders from all walks of life". **Alexandra Miller** is a junior from Granite Falls, Minnesota pursuing a degree in Ag Business with an emphasis in Animal Science and resource sustainability. She views NCCWSL as an opportunity to learn "many valuable skills that will help me become a strong leader in agriculture". Congratulations.

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. 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

RIVER FALLS BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Gretchen Toman, Secretary

AAUW MEETING

FEB. 11, 2020

Call to order at 6:34

Welcome back, new member Arianna. She works at Amplexor as a Senior Service Mgr.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of meetings from Dec. 10, 2019 and Jan. 25, 2020 were approved, with the addition to the Jan. 25 minutes of Barb Peterson as driving/attending the state convention planning meeting in January

Treasurer's Report – state of finances listed on agenda

President's Report

At the January board meeting on Jan. 25, the board discussed strategic planning which is a goal of the National AAUW. Suzanne is seeking input on the SWOT analysis (provided on the back of the agenda).

We also have 3 offices to fill, terms beginning July 1, 2020: President Elect, Programming V.P., and treasurer. If you would like to help make calls, please contact Suzanne.

A handout of primary election dates, provided by Barb Peterson, was passed around.

Committee Reports

NCCWSL for 2020 – Lorraine thanked the selection committee for their help in choosing 2 winners of the scholarship to attend in June. The winners are: Violet Penman, an environmental planning major and Alexandra Miller an agricultural science major. The committee will meet both of them for coffee. Our State AAUW may provide \$500 to one of them, which helps to keep our costs down. UWRF's Student Support Services program may send one student as well.

March 10th is the next meeting, 6:30 at the RF Public Library. 7:00 is a panel of Patty Schachtner (or a rep from her office), and the Financial Aid Directors from UWRF and WITC. It is a panel on financial aid policy, NOT a "how to apply to and finance college panel".

March 31 is Equal Pay Day. We will have booths at both UWRF and CVTC, 11:00 – 2:00. We still need volunteers for the CVTC slots.

April 18 (Sat.) is the **Girls in STEM** on the UWRF campus. Lorraine Davis needs our help providing food for the presenters. Hot dishes, salad, etc. (consider gluten free and vegetarian too). You aren't required to stay, just to drop off the food before lunch time.

At the March meeting we will recognize the **Role Model Award** – 2 recipients this year: Nancy Abrahamson and Barb de Souza for their contributions to bettering lives of women of all ages in our community and beyond.

Planning of the **State convention (April 17 – 18)** in LaCrosse is progressing nicely. Great speakers and entertainment lined up. Registration information will come out in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES – Kendra Morgan, Vice-President Membership

Membership Note: Phyllis Jaworski, a branch member from Hudson, is sharing information about AAUW's mission and our branch activities with her networks of friends, parents, and colleagues in the Hudson area. We hope to see guests from Hudson at our spring meetings. We know you'll welcome them warmly. This is an excellent opportunity to expand our AAUW network; thank you, Phyllis!

FINANCE REPORT

Tina Kelly, Finance Chair

AAUW-River Falls Finance Report

January 31, 2020 – February 24, 2020

Checking balance 1/31/2020	\$ 8646.26
Receipts	-0-
<i>Total receipts (1/31/2020 – 2/24/2020)</i>	-0-
Disbursements NCCWSL Registration Reimbursement 2 @ \$485 each to V. Penman & A. Miller	\$970
<i>Total disbursements (1/31/2020 – 2/24/2020)</i>	\$ 970

Balances 1/31/2020

Checking: \$7676.26

Savings: \$2106.94

Total: \$9783.20

State AAUW Convention

Convention planning is going well with a great committee. The speakers will be outstanding and worthy of a drive to LaCrosse to listen. Members will likely know of Mike McCabe and Sara Finger as they are two of about eight speakers attending. Also, entertainment on Friday night will be Ann Reed, a singer and storyteller on women's issues. She is from Minneapolis and several of us have heard her beautiful contralto voice. Come join us April 17-18 as we celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage. –Barb Peterson

Registration information will be forthcoming. The convention hotel is the Radisson in LaCrosse. Also, Yolanda Dewar recommends the [Wilson Schoolhouse Inn](#) as another lodging in the LaCrosse area.

Keeping Connections -- Helen Nicholson, long time branch member, recently emailed a reflection on her AAUW connections. Helen's friends will appreciate the update and new AAUW members no doubt will value Helen's AAUW history.

From Helen:

I have belonged to AAUW since about 1967 when I joined the Rochester, Minnesota branch. In 1988 I moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona and served in many positions, including president. I moved to Platteville, Wisconsin which was in the process of dissolving its branch so I became a Wisconsin member at large. I joined the nearest branch, Dubuque, Iowa, and served as its president.

I have served in many positions. It has been a wonderful experience and I have gained so much attending conventions and working with various groups and members. My mother was a strong advocate for AAUW and often took care of my children when I was at meetings. If it were not for her willingness I probably would not have been as active as I was.

I first learned about AAUW from my employer in Rochester, Minnesota when I was a community college student. Mary Lou Sather was a past president of the Rochester, Minnesota branch and the state of Minnesota. She would always buy me a ticket to the AAUW fashion show. In 1966 I and a fellow teacher in Granite Falls Minnesota began the process of establishing a branch there.

I have a daughter in Arizona and the last few years I have been spending my winters there. [When back in Minnesota]. . . it is about 50 miles for me to attend a meeting and with meetings in the evening primarily I don't get to River Falls. This year I did get to the book sale and a couple of years ago I helped with the girls and science seminar at UWRF. Depending on weather I still hope to get to a meeting soon.

NOTE: Karen Brohaugh does a great job sending hand-crafted notes to members on behalf of our branch. She recognizes special events like birthdays, sends supportive thoughts, and keeps in touch with members who can't easily make meetings. Please let her know of members who should receive a card or note (brohaugh@att.net). Thanks, Karen!

PUBLIC POLICY

Barb Peterson, Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDATES

2020 is an election year. Our nation is 243 years old but we women have had voting rights for only 100 of those years. AAUW encourages you to exercise your voting rights!

Reminder of important election dates:

Spring Election & Presidential Preference - April 7, 2020
Final Election for 7th District Representative - May 12th, 2020
Fall Primary - August 11, 2020
General Election - November 3, 2020

April 7th is the Wisconsin presidential primary. This is also the date for the non-partisan city, township and county elections and the WI Supreme Court.

May 12th - St. Croix residents will vote on the 7th District Representative.

August 11, 2020 Fall Partisan Primary to select candidates for the General election.

November 3rd 2020 - Presidential Election

There is ample time for you to get out the vote for candidates that represent your issues. Please remind people of these election dates.

Thank you, Phyllis Goldin:

Member Phyllis Golden has shared multiple copies of her father's book, An Affair with my City, with the branch. Max Goldin's selected works are a compendium of his wisdom, humor and life experiences in Winnipeg and reflects the prestigious writing awards he received. Email Lorraine Davis (lda-vis4762@aol.com) if you would like a copy.

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 Lorraine Davis 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. 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.

GRANT REQUESTS AND RECIPIENTS

Twenty-four excellent grant applications were reviewed by a committee of Jean Johnson, Sue Danielson and Lorraine Davis. There were requests of over \$8000 for the available \$2400. Eight grants were awarded on merit of objectives and population served. Requests were from both Pierce and St Croix Counties and varied in grade level, school location, and curriculum. Not all literacy program proposals were school based.

WINNERS

Becky Fortney, Prescott Second Grade
Jennifer Langer, Prescott Elementary
Terrance Neumann, New Richmond Senior High Science
Tracy Preece, New Richmond grade 3-5 Literacy Coach

Kara Rowan, River Falls Montessori
Lacey Sheridan, New Richmond Special Services
Candice Skow, River Falls Rocky Branch Title 1
Kristin Taipale, New Richmond Early Childhood /4K

HOW THEY USED THEIR GRANTS

Candice Skow - Title 1 Reading teacher, Rocky Branch Elementary, River Falls School District

Dear AAUW-RF supporters, I'd like to tell you how thrilled I was to be selected to receive the Ethel Johnson Literacy Grant money to purchase high interest literature for my students. My 4th and 5th grade students have debates about which book should be our next. It is wonderful to see them SO excited.

These book sets include free on line comprehension activities. we have used Venn diagrams to compare, KWL charts (know, want to know, what I learned), Photo Scrapbook graphic organizers to draw pictures and add captions, and Just the Facts charts. My main objective, getting students excited about reading while building comprehension skills, has been met. I have never seen my students so excited about reading. My current students as well as future students for years to come will benefit from these books. On a personal note, the books and the enjoyment they provide has been invigorating. I also glad I applied.

With deepest gratitude,
Candice Skow

Kristin Taipale - Speech-Language Pathologist, New Richmond School District

With the Ethel Johnson Literacy Grant funding I was able to purchase books for use with my preschool age students that engage and allow for interactive learning. By using lift-the-flaps and pull tabs, these books give children control over the actions on the pages, expanding vocabulary, social language skills, and comprehension skills while also helping teach sequencing and story development. Children can learn so much by interacting with the stories. It is my hope they will have many fond memories of reading these books. I found the grant process to be appropriately rigorous and user friendly. This entire experience has been wonderful. I am truly grateful for the materials that were made possible through this grant and for the learning that will take place as a result.

Ethel Johnson Literacy Grant How the grant money was used

Report from Terrance Neumann, New Richmond High School Science, on how they used the grant.

My objective to supplement my online curriculum with traditional reading materials has been met. I ordered items across multiple reading levels to further engage and differentiate access to unique stories behind the science and scientist to give my students a deeper appreciation of the science they learn in the classroom.

Science is driven by vocabulary and the ability to apply scientific concepts around the vocabulary. I adapted by teaching literacy within the curriculum and helping students place meaning into context. I appreciated the ability to choose materials to fit the classroom, especially since curriculum budgets are stretched even further.

Neumann's high school students reading as part of his science curriculum.



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.

*** * *** Please contact Kendra Morgan at 715-450-6870 or 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 members and order an AAUW t-shirt now.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Yolanda Dewar, Chair

FEBRUARY 2020 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Google Doodle celebrates Scots scientist Mary Somerville, BBC News Feb 2, 2020

Scots Scientist Mary Somerville is being celebrated with Google Doodle on its UK homepage. The company said it wanted to recognise her "immense contribution to science and her determination to succeed against all the odds".

The illustration of the Jedburgh-born mathematician and astronomer appeared on the page for 24 hours.

Google said her books were some of the most popular scientific publications of her time "opening the door for generations of female scientists".

Somerville enjoyed similar recognition a few years ago when it was announced she would appear on the new Royal Bank of Scotland £10 note.

Who was Mary Somerville? By BBC Scotland science correspondent Kenneth Macdonald

Mary Fairfax Somerville was a mathematician, geographer and astronomer, who was born in 1780 in Jedburgh but her childhood home was at Burntisland in Fife.

Her parents tried to stop her studying because they thought it would kill her. Her sister had died and they thought studying was to blame.

But Mary ploughed on and carried out detailed and highly-accurate studies of the solar system. She was so accurate that she noticed a wobble in the orbit of Uranus and suggested there could be another planet out there. She was right. It was the planet Neptune.

Jointly with Caroline Herschel, she became the first female member of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Mary was also a huge advocate of women's rights, votes for women and women in education, which is why the formerly women-only Somerville College, Oxford, was named after her soon after her death in 1872. Its alumni include former Indian Prime Minister Indira Ghandi and Margaret Thatcher, among others.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-51326948>

Why free metro travel offers a lifeline for Delhi's women,

The Guardian, by Amrit Dhillon, 6/23/2019

A bold new plan by the Delhi government to let all women ride free on the metro has aroused strong emotions. The stated reason for it, provided by the Aam Aadmi party (the Common Man's party), which runs the Delhi government, is to make women in the city feel safer. Jasmine Shah, vice-chair of the Dialogue and Development Commission of the Delhi government, said: "Public transport, particularly the metro, is the safest form of transport for women. Many women who can't afford the metro fares have to walk long

distances to work or a long way to a bus stop. Or they use auto-rickshaws or informally run local van services that are not safe.”

Shah is the first to concede that free public transport is not a silver bullet. All the other factors – policing, street lighting, changes in male mentality – are vital. The plan has aroused strong emotions. As she entered the Metro with three male student friends, Shonaskri Dogra, a politics student, has argued “Why favour women this way, what about male students and working men? Women can’t ask for women’s equality and then support inequality Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/jun/23/delhi-free-travel-metro-offers-lifeline-for-women>

Action Coalition themes announced for Generation Equality Forum in Mexico and Paris

On 20 January 2020, UN Women, together with feminists across the world, and the Governments of Mexico and France, announced the Action Coalition themes for the Generation Equality Forum to be held in Mexico City and Paris later this year. The Action Coalitions are global, innovative partnerships with governments, civil society, international organisations, and the private sector, to catalyse collective action, drive increased public and private investment, and deliver game-changing results for women and girls everywhere. The Generation Equality Forum, a civil society-led global gathering convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the Governments of Mexico and France, taking place in Mexico City from 7 to 8 May, and in Paris from 7 to 10 July 2020, will launch the following six catalytic Action Coalitions: (1) Gender-Based Violence, (2) Economic justice and rights, (3) Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), (4) Feminist action for climate justice, (5) Technology and innovation for gender equality (6) Feminist movements and leadership. For more information on the Generation Equality Forum 2020, click HERE. GWI proudly participated in the Generation Equality Forum held in Geneva in October 2019 and intends to be equally represented at the equivalent events in Mexico City and Geneva.

Ivanka’s Law: First Daughter proposes bill to create Office of Women’s Empowerment and to make female rights central to US foreign policy as she is backed by bipartisan team of Senators and Mike Pompeo, by Associated Press and Erica

Tempesta for Dailymail.com, Feb 13, 2020

The proposed legislation would make the economic empowerment of women a priority of U.S. foreign policy and ensure that Ivanka’s pet project, the Women’s Global Development and Prosperity Initiative, continues beyond the Trump administration. It would also establish an Office of Women’s Empowerment at the State Department. The bill was announced on the one-year anniversary of the White House launch of the women’s Global Development and Prosperity Initiative. (W-GDPI)

Senators Lindsay Graham, a South Carolina Republican and Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat, are behind the effort.

(<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7998203/Bipartisan-team-enators-join-forces-lvankas-law.html>)

— Other information and events —

20-31 January	Universal Periodic Review Working Group, 35th session, United Nations, Geneva
24 January	International Day of Education, Global
6 February	International Day of Zero Tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation, Global
10-28 February	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 75th session, United Nations, Geneva
11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Global
24 Feb-20 March	Human Rights Council, 43rd session, United Nations, Geneva
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day, Global
8 March	International Women's Day, Global
9-20 March	Commission on the Status of Women 64th session, New York
7-8 May	Generation Equality Forum Mexico
19 May	5th Edition of the Swiss Olympes de la Parole, Switzerland
25 May-5 June	International Labour Organisation Conference, Geneva
7-10 July	Generation Equality Forum Paris
18-20 September	Centenary of the French Association of University Women (AFFDU)

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 River Falls City Engineer, Crystal Raleigh, Presentation of Women in Science essay awards, River Falls Public Library

February 11 - RF Food Shelf update and tour, business meeting will be at 6:30 and at 7:00 there will be a tour and update and Location 705 St. Croix St. and is just behind the American Legion.

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.
River Falls Public Library

April 18 - STEM Program: Girls in SCIENCE at UWRF

April 17-18- 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



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.