



Milwaukee (WI) Branch

# MILWAUKEE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

October 2014

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 11  
SCHEDULE**

## SOCIAL

11:15 am  
In Suite 202

## LUNCHEON

12 noon  
In Bach Room  
Soup & Sandwich  
Dessert

## PROGRAM

1 p.m.

**COST \$20**

*Includes Wine and  
Hors d'oeuvres  
SOCIAL*

Please make your  
reservation by  
**MONDAY, OCT 6**

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Please let us know about  
any special dietary needs.

You can always come  
for just the program  
at no charge.

## *Campaign Financing in Wisconsin*

Presentation by Mike McCabe, Director, Wisconsin Democracy

*McCabe is described as "Absolutely Dynamic!"  
by AAUW 2012 State Convention Attendees*

Mike McCabe is the director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a nonpartisan watchdog group that tracks the money in state elections and works for reforms aimed at making people matter more than money in politics. Mike is also author of *Blue Jeans in High Places: The Coming Makeover of American Politics*, copies of which will be available at the meeting.

Mike grew up on his family's dairy farm and went on to study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning degrees in journalism and political science. He joined the Democracy Campaign's staff in 1999 and became the group's director in 2000.

Mike worked as the communications director and legislative liaison for the Madison Metropolitan School District. He previously directed a statewide civic education program for the nonpartisan Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance and worked as a newspaper reporter and legislative aide. Mike also served in the Peace Corps in the West African country of Mali.

Wisconsin Democracy Campaign was founded in 1995 as a nonprofit, independent coalition of individuals and groups responding to the growing dominance of special interest money in the campaigns of state lawmakers.

### *Mike McCabe*

The Campaign's website <http://www.wisdc.org/> features some of the following links and resources of information:



\* **Searchable Database**

Wisconsin's premier searchable computer database of campaign contributors to candidates for state office in Wisconsin.

\* **Campaign 2014**

Campaign finance information for candidates in the fall 2014 elections. Includes candidates' statements of economic interests.

\* **Hijacking Campaign 2014**

Independent expenditures and "issue ads" in the 2014 fall campaign.

\* **Big Money Blog**

WDC's blog with news and commentary that shine light on dark places at the Capitol.

\* **Getting the Word Out**

Television, radio, print and online efforts to raise awareness of democracy reform in Wisconsin.

\* **WDC Events**

Words, pictures and videos documenting reform rallies, town hall meetings and other special events.

Things I want you to know >>>

# President's message...

Kathleen Ellis Stifter



Dear AAUW Milwaukee Branch Members,

As we head into October, I fondly hope that some summer-ish weather will prevail somewhat longer!

### Membership Drive---

Please join us in October and plan to bring a friend along as a potential member. Mike McCabe from the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign will be our speaker. Come join us for this timely presentation prior to the election in November. Remember—your first time potential member's lunch is free.

### Business Meeting—

I would like to extend a special thank you to those members in attendance at the September Annual Business meeting! As I listened to the officer presentations, even I was surprised by the long list of things we accomplished! For those not in attendance here's a glance at the past year:

- \* A membership drive in October featured *The Settlement Cookbook*.
- \* A new member tea was held in June.
- \* TWO locations for Equal Pay Day booths in April were set up at Mount Mary and UWM.
- \* One \$tart \$mart presentation was held in June at UWM
- \* Revamping and update of our suite.
- \* A committee passed on to the Branch a major bylaws revision.
- \* A procedural manual is in developed by the Scholarship Committee.
- \* We had a presence on Legislative Day in Madison.
- \* Nine members attended the AAUW Wisconsin Convention in Eau Claire.
- \* We added to our fund at The Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

### Moving Ahead---

Moving forward this year we'll endeavor to register voters, host the second \$tart \$mart program, host several evening events in our suite (the first one is September 26 (see notice below) and complete our 'Business Documents' which includes a yearly calendar, a new member packet, and board member job function. Copies of these documents along with all our bylaws will be available in the new business center in the suite across from the office.

Remember to join us and bring a guest!

See you in October!

## From Membership VP

Linda Jenzake

### Do your Friend a Favor

Our October meeting is special. You can invite your friends, (for first-time invitees their lunch will be complementary) and...

**Drum Roll please...** their dues to National, State and our Milwaukee Branch will be **half price** if they join at the October meeting. In addition, they will get a special invitation to our elegant New Member Tea held at a later date.



Also, anyone who joins that day will get a Milwaukee Branch tote bag as a gift, and so will the member who brought her. Remember, men can join, too!



Tuesday,  
October 28th— 1:00 p.m. in the  
Astor Suite 202

Discussion:  
*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*  
by Jennifer Chiaverini.

In *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*, novelist Jennifer Chiaverini presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Keckley, a former slave. Keckley gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city's elite. She made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history.