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HOLIDAY AUCTION

Tuesday, November 28

6:15 pm Auction Items Drop Off and Social

6:45 pm Business Meeting

7:00 pm Auction



It's that time again - time for our biennial Holiday Auction. This year our auction will not only benefit AAUW Funds (formerly known as Educational Foundation), but also our local scholarship fund. In 1885, a group of AAUW members conducted a survey that debunked the popular notion that higher education was detrimental to women's health. That first study established AAUW's commitment to research which is relevant to the struggle for gender equity. Today, AAUW Funds conducts cutting-edge research that draws national attention to equity issues and acts as a catalyst for action. Further information regarding the Funds and the work they do is contained in this issue of the Impact. If you need further information, please check out aauw.org for a full explanation.

Of course our local scholarship program is near and dear to all our hearts. It is through our scholarship giving that we can help high school students and older women break through economic barriers to their education.

Bring your items and your checkbook, and a friend or two, and come out for a fun evening in support of a critical arm of AAUW and in support of our own work. We always have a fun assortment of items and services and Jan McCann, our auctioneer, will keep us entertained.

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December 10th to Janet Dow

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership

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AAUW's Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education and research.

President's Message

The holiday season is upon us. It is hard to believe that it is here already. The stores are already showing Christmas items, and that that means you can start those craft projects for the biannual AAUW Holiday Auction. Our auction is a fun way to generate funds for both our local scholarships, and our contributions to the AAUW Funds. It is also a fun way to start the holiday shopping season. Bring some friends, so they can see what our branch is like. We hope that everyone will be able to donate an item to the auction, even if you cannot attend that night.



We had a great meeting in October. Thanks to our speakers Mary Buelow, and Pat Phillips. I think that we all learned something. Our hostesses did a great job of providing refreshments, thanks to Lynn McVicar, Carol Watson, Val Harber, and Karel Cripe. Once again, our students of the month amazed us with their enthusiasm, and involvement in their school. They approached me after the meeting to give me their email addresses. They have volunteered members of their various clubs to help us out if needed. I immediately thought of the book sale. I was very impressed with their maturity, and willingness to help.

Looking ahead, we have a wonderful program coming up in January. There is more information in this issue, be sure to get your reservations in early. We are also thinking ahead towards our book sale coming up in February. Start cleaning off those book shelves.



As we approach the holidays, I hope you each have opportunities to spend time with family and friends. Take some time for yourself too, and enjoy!

Diane

The next issue of *Impact* will be the January issue. Articles are due to Janet Dow by December 10th. She would be happy to get them earlier. Send them before they get lost in the holiday shuffle.

**Choosing not
to
Vote
Isn't rebellion
It's
Surrender**

We Welcome New Members

Be sure to welcome returning and new members. Watch for more information about our new members in upcoming issues. Returning members are Regina Arbissi Ebert, and Fern Streich. Fern's new email is fstreich@gmail.com

Our new members are:

Diana Libke 1026 N. Osborne Ave. Janesville, WI 53548 718-781-8247
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Diana graduated from UW-Madison as a psychology major, and has earned a masters in education from UW-LaCrosse

Colleen Grandt 3304 Essex Dr. Janesville 53546 cgrandt@loving2learn.com

Colleen graduated from UW-Whitewater in Elementary Ed and Library Science. She also earned a masters in reading from Whitewater.

Address correction: please change Deb Fanning's email to fanning.deb@gmail.com (we forgot the period)



BOOK DISCUSSION

In October we met at Andie Mathusen's house where we discussed *The Lake of Dreams* by Kim Edwards. Our November selection is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. We will meet on Nov. 18 at Mary Hunt's house.

In December we will meet at 6 pm at the home of Pat Phillips for our annual Christmas Party. The date is **December 9**. Please note this is a week earlier than usual. There will be a sign up at the October and November book discussions. Pat's address is 3738 Buckingham.

Looking ahead, we will be reading *Making Lemonade with Ben* by Middleton author Katherine Perreth. Paula DeRubeis will host on January 20. This book is being read in conjunction with our January program which is being held on Saturday, January 17.

February we will not be reading a book, but invite any and all members to join us at The Olde Towne Mall to sort books between 10-4.

Our selections for the rest of the first half of 2015 are: March: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, April: *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki, May: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, and June: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Please consider joining us. This is a great group and we are always looking for new members.

Happy Reading, Paula

MEET OUR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Craig High School seniors Reagan Garvin and Keeley O'Dell were recognized by the our branch as our students of the month.

Garvin is currently president of the student council and participated in the 2014 Washington Seminar trip. She is active in running and planning Red Cross Blood Drives and was the volunteer coordinator for Austin Scieszinski's recent campaign for State Senate. Garvin has received Academic High Honors for 5 semesters and is a member of Art National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. A passionate ballet dancer and classically trained, Garvin has attended Dance Attitudes and the School of Madison Ballet. She currently is a castmember of the Madison Ballet's "Nutcracker" and will perform at the Overture Center.

After graduation, Garvin plans to attend college to pursue a BA in either English or Political Science after which she plans to pursue a law degree.

O'Dell also has been a member of student council for 4 years, serving as president for 3. She is a member of Showchoir and has been in the school musicals every year. O'Dell is a member of National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, Science National Honors Society, Tri-M, and Thespians. She has received an Academic Certificate, Letter, and Pin. She is a confirmed Catholic, parish member and volunteer at St. John Vianney Church. O'Dell interned for Tim Cullen and currently works as a realty assistant.

After graduation, O'Dell plans to either pursue an education degree or study pre-law.

Both students accepted their certificate of recognition and spoke during our meeting on October 28.



Reagan Garvin



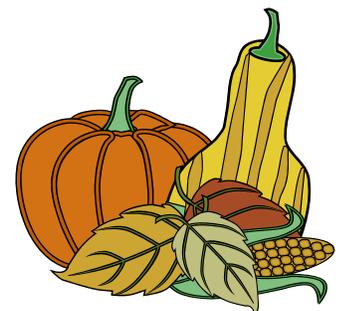
Keeley O'Dell

Cultural Event - "Freedom High" Performed by Uprooted Theatre

Many of you will remember our Diversity in the Arts program from last year presented by professional actress Marti Gobel. Now is your chance to see her Uprooted Theatre in action! Freedom High, written by Adam Kraar and directed by Marti, is a work of fiction, inspired by actual events that occurred during "Freedom Summer" in 1964. The performance honors the actual persons involved in history while also depicting a dramatic spirit of the story. The world premier of this play will be presented at the Young Auditorium in Whitewater, WI on November 17th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required. Tickets can be ordered online or by calling the box office at (262) 472-2222

Susan B Takes on the World!

The 2015 Susan B Anthony Birthday Party will be held Saturday February 7 at the Butterfly Club in Beloit. Save the Date!



Top Stories

Department of Education Releases New Rules Regarding Campus Sexual Violence

As we previewed in last week's issue of *Washington Update*, the Department of Education published new rules on Monday that will require colleges and universities to report the number of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking incidents that occur on campus every year; add information to their annual security reports on prevention programs, training, and procedures for handling sexual violence; allow students to bring an adviser of their choice to any disciplinary proceeding; and take other steps to end sexual violence. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* spoke with advocates and experts, including AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa M. Maatz, on the potential impact these new rules will have on students. Maatz explained that the ultimate goal is to improve transparency on how institutions handle students' reports. Maatz said the regulations "make it really clear that each school has to talk about each step of the disciplinary proceedings," which is important for student survivors and the accused.

Social Security Announces 1.7 Percent Increase in Benefits

On Wednesday, the Social Security Administration announced a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security benefits in 2015. The benefit increase is estimated to help nearly 68 million Americans and represents an improvement from last year's COLA of 1.5 percent. AAUW believes Social Security is of particular importance to the economic security of women. Social Security is a national commitment through which we care for one another across generations, and it is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history.

Recent Guidance to Schools Addresses Bullying of Students with Disabilities

In recognition of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued guidance to schools emphasizing that bullying will not be tolerated in America's public school system. In particular, the letter stressed schools' responsibilities to the 6.5 million students with disabilities and reminded schools of federal laws that require administrators to investigate, stop, and prevent bullying.

AAUW Cheer of the Week

Three Ohio congresswomen—Reps. Mary Kaptur (OH-09), Marcia Fudge (OH-11), and Joyce Beatty (OH-03)—sent a letter to all Ohio higher education presidents advocating for a stronger commitment to improving and enforcing policies regarding sexual violence on college campuses. The letter listed AAUW as a suggested advocacy group for colleges to reach out to in their development of a plan to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual assault.

AAUW Jeer of the Week

This week's jeer goes to one, not two, but THREE individuals whose statements were so out of touch with the real challenges facing working women that we couldn't choose only one to feature here: Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, and Fox News commentator Kimberly Guilfoyle. Bush didn't know what the Paycheck Fairness Act was; Christie said he is "tired of talking about raising minimum wage" (what about the women who make up nearly two-thirds of minimum wage workers?); and Guilfoyle claimed young women don't "get" voting because they don't have to worry about paying bills, education, crime, or health care.



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Sometimes great families are built not born

AAUW Book Sale

The Book Sale is just around the corner. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar. Move in day will be **Sunday February 15th**. We will begin sorting on Monday. The sale runs from **Feb. 26 – March 1**.

We are looking for a volunteer to help pick up books from people who can't deliver them. Your number would appear on the poster. If you have questions about this job, you could contact Janet Dow.

More information will be in the next two issues of Impact.

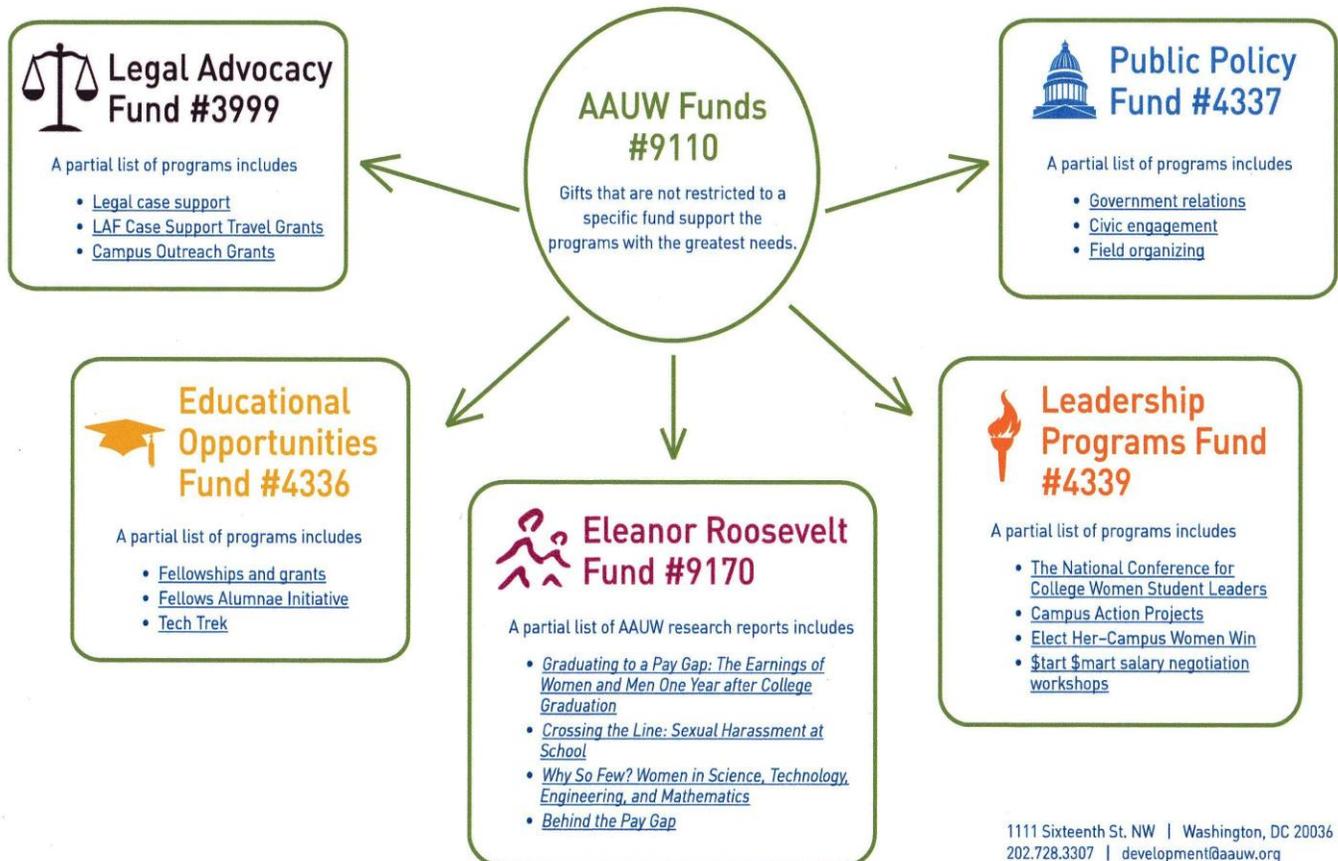
Little Library Project

This summer the publicity committee met, and came up with the idea of our branch building, and supplying several little libraries. These would promote AAUW's visibility in the community, and will tie in with our education emphasis, as well as our book sale. What we need now is a committee to get the project off the ground. Once we get started, I think we will all want to help; we just need that push to get started. If you are interested in working on the planning committee, please contact Diane, rjadams65@frontier.com We have several members already, but would like to get more people involved.



HOW TO SUPPORT AAUW PROGRAMS

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's crucial work! Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible and can be restricted to any specific fund or program by writing the fund or program name or number on your check or on an accompanying document. You can also give online at www.aauw.org/contribute. Some of the most commonly designated funds and programs appear here.



The following are descriptions of the funds you support with your unrestricted gifts to AAUW Funds (#9110).

THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (#3999) supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Some of LAF's programs include

Legal case support, which protects LAF plaintiffs by supporting workplace sex discrimination cases

LAF Case Support Travel Grants, which protect AAUW members through educational programs delivered by LAF plaintiffs and lawyers

Campus Outreach Grants, which protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through funding on-campus programs

THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (#4336) supports educational and learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Some of our programs include

Fellowships and grants: There are hundreds of endowed fund numbers, each for a specific fellowship, Career Development Grant, Community Action Grant, International Project Grant, or Selected Professions award.

The Fellows Alumnae Initiative, which inspires women by providing access to the network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees

Tech Trek, which educates and inspires eighth grade girls across the country in science, technology, engineering, and math through weeklong camps

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND (#9170) supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. Past reports include *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (2010), *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011), *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* (2013), and *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* (2012).

THE PUBLIC POLICY FUND (#4337) supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Public policy programs include

Government relations: AAUW advocates on Capitol Hill and in the White House, ensuring that our voices are heard in the halls of Congress and at the tables of power when decisions that affect women and girls are made.

Civic engagement, which helps women act as their own advocates by providing members with information and tools to build robust voter registration and turnout drives in their communities

Field organizing, which engages individuals and branches in public policy advocacy through Impact Grants, the Action Network, the Two-Minute Activist program, and *Washington Update*

THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FUND (#4339) supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Leadership programs include

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders: Attendees develop their leadership skills, networks, and ambition at this acclaimed, intensive three-day conference held annually in Washington, D.C.

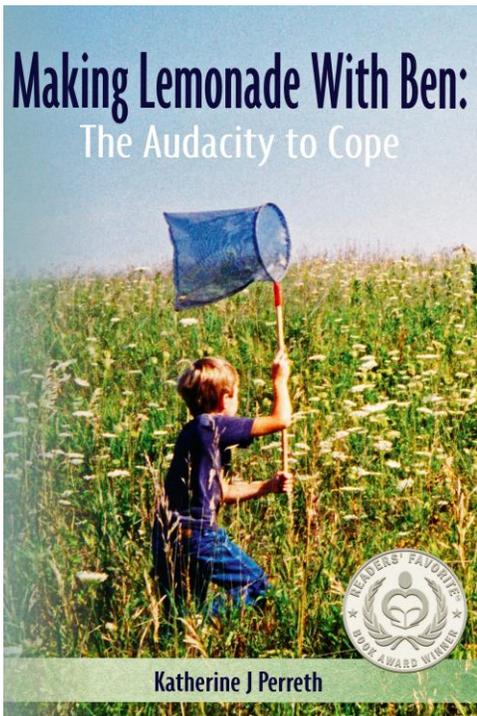
Campus Action Projects: AAUW awards grants to campus leaders to deliver programs guided by the findings and recommendations of AAUW research to address a gender-based issue in their communities. Replicable or ongoing projects are selected to provide continued leadership training and support for women leaders.

Elect Her—Campus Women Win, which teaches leaders the skills they need to run for student government. This program successfully increases the number of women who are involved in making decisions that affect all students on campus. These student leaders are also introduced to a national network of women who are running for and hold public offices.

Calendar

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| November | 4 | VOTE! |
| | 18 | Book Discussion |
| | 25 | Holiday Auction |
| December | 9 | Book Discussion |
| | 10 | Articles due to Janet Dow |
| January | 17 | Brunch |
| | 20 | Book Discussion |
| February 26th – March 1 AAUW BOOK SALE | | |





Janesville AAUW Presents

Katherine Perreth and Ben

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Trinity Episcopal Church
Great Hall

411 East Court St., Janesville

10:30 Brunch 11:45 Program

Inspirational, Middleton author will tell the incredible story of her son, Ben. Katherine Perreth finds her seven-year-old son in a coma. He suffers myriad disabilities and, later, mental health challenges. Yet, love wins. In 2011 Ben, representing the Madison Children's Museum, is given a national award in Washington D.C.

Katherine's book, *Making Lemonade with Ben: The Audacity to Cope* is the wonderful, life affirming story told with love and humor that will not fail to leave a deep impression on readers. Both Katherine and Ben will be present for the program. Don't miss this inspirational program!

Brunch Menu:

*Ham & Broccoli Mini Quiches, Smoked Salmon & Herbed Cream Cheese Crepes, Fruit, Scallion Corn Muffins, Cherry-Almond Sweet Rolls and Cinnamon-Streusel Muffins.

Cost: Brunch and program \$12 before Oct. 31st, \$14 after the 31st
(reservations required for the brunch)
Program Only: \$5

Tickets can be ordered by sending a check to:

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