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## **Tuesday, February 24 9 a.m to Noon Coffee and Book Browsing**



Our Annual book sale is creeping up on us. As we all spend lots of time sorting, and working at the sale each February, we will not have a 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening meeting. We will instead get first crack at the books at our sale. Come join us sometime between the hours of 9 and 12, and look over the books and do some early shopping. Feel free to bring family members, or a perspective AAUW member to enjoy the fruits of our labors. We will have some treats, and maybe a little more sorting to do. Look elsewhere in this issue for more book sale information. We hope that everyone will be able to help out in some capacity.

## **Join Us On March 5th**

To celebrate Women's History Month, AAUW Janesville and The Diversity Action Team of Rock County are co-sponsoring a joint meeting at UW Rock County on **March 5, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**. The title of our program is **"Our Common Stories: from Wisconsin to Zimbabwe! The United Nations Global Concerns."**

Our presenter is Cathy Manthei, pastor of Apostle Presbyterian Church, West Allis WI for the past 3 years. She retired from Walworth County Sheriff's office after 23 years to pursue her call to ministry. She and her husband Mark have 5 children (all grown!) and recently moved from Clinton, WI to West Allis. How does a woman who was raised on a farm in rural Wisconsin get chosen by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to work at the United Nations? It is a great story that you don't want to miss!!

The program is open to the public. Bring a friend and/or a potential AAUW member. Since we have no social committee for this meeting, please contact Leslie, [lrburnsell@aol.com](mailto:lrburnsell@aol.com) if you are able to bring a snack item or dessert to share.

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**Articles for the next issue are due:**

February 25<sup>th</sup> to Janet Dow

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it? Everything was perfect for our January Brunch including the weather. Thank you to our hostesses: Paula DeRubeis, Deb Cross, Dawn Olson, Ann Roe, Carole Kies and Wendy Tupper. Thank you Kathy Thostenson for stepping in for Lynn to collect money. It takes a committee to put on a brunch with a speaker for sure.

Our speaker was exceptional. Everyone was immediately caught up in her story. Katherine Perreth is obviously a writer that has a great deal of ability to use words in a way that makes the experience that she is relating come alive. It was fun to “smooze” with Ben. Did everyone get to talk to him? He lent humor and memorable comments like describing how he believed that it is important to “live in the present.” One could not help admiring Ben. He certainly put a smile on your face, which shouldn't surprise us as that is Ben's mission in life.

Now we look ahead to the BOOK SALE. The event has become a project for a good proportion of our membership. It allows us to work together to give to others, validating the value of AAUW and the time one spends in the project. It is also an excellent time to get to know others in our Branch and interact with members of the community, making them aware of what we do in AAUW. On a personal level, working the book sale is somewhat of a treasure hunt. Think of the discovery of something old, or funny or interesting. You never know what you will find in a box of books. Sign up by e-mail to Kathy Thostenson. Or if nothing else just come on down when you can to the Old Towne Mall.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Emily Scheunemann

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Book discussion for February will be held on Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be helping to sort books from 10 to 2, during the sorting hours. We realize that some will not be able to make the daytime hours, but it is much easier to work during the open hours at Olde Towne Mall. If you can't make it that day, be sure to sign up for another day of sorting.

In March we will be back to a normal schedule and will be reading *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

In April we will be reading *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki on the 21<sup>st</sup>. In May, our selection is *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, and in June our combined book discussion with DAT will be *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.



Ben and Katherine Perreth



Brunch tables ready to go



# Book Sale

On this page are the schedules for book sorting, and sale hours. You may come at any time without signing up for the sorting hours. If you do sign up, and we cancel for some reason you will be notified. If you are not signed up, you would not get that notification. If you can only stay for part of a sorting time, that is ok too. Many hands make light work, and it is fun to get to know some of our members as you work together.

During the sale, it is important that we know we will have enough workers, so please send your preferences for working to Kathy Thostensen at [kthostens@yahoo.com](mailto:kthostens@yahoo.com) The sign-up sheets will also be at the sorting sessions. Let's all work together to make this our best sale yet.

## BOOK SORTING 2015

<b>Sunday, Feb 15 (Move in/Set up) 1:00--?</b> (Takes about an hour but we need muscle to set up tables)  Dawn Olson Diane Adams Val Harber Diana Libke Deb Fanning Emilly S	<b>Friday, Feb 20 10:00-2:00</b>  Dawn Olson Carol Watson Deb Fanning (10-1)
<b>Monday, Feb 16 10:00-2:00</b>  Val Harber Faye Andrews Deb Fanning (10-1) Emily S Karen Winn	<b>Monday, Feb 23 10:00-2:00</b>  Leslie Brunsell (10:30-2) Jane McBride Barb Fett (12-2) Deb Fanning (10-1)
<b>Tuesday, Feb 17 10:00-2:00</b>  Carole Kies (10-12) Val Harber Faye Andrews Barb Fett (10-12) Kathy Thostenson Book Discussion Group	<b>Tuesday, Feb 24 9:00-12:00</b> ( <i>Come for the members book sale preview</i> )  Jane McBride Barb Fett (10-12) Kathy Thostenson
<b>Wednesday, Feb 18 10:00-2:00</b>  Leslie Brunsell (10:30-2) Deb Fanning (10-1) Karen Winn (12-1)	<b>Wednesday, Feb 25 10:00-2:00</b>  Wendy Tupper Deb Fanning (10-1)
<b>Thursday, Feb 19 10:00-2:00</b>  Faye Andrews Kathy Thostenson	<b>Thursday, Feb 26 10:00-1:00</b>  Carole Kies (10-12) Jane McBride

## Book Sale Hours

### Thursday, Feb 26 (Pre-sale)

1<sup>st</sup> shift 1:00-3:30

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Wendy Tupper  
2 Paula DeRubeis  
3 Fern Streich  
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### Thursday, Feb 26 (Pre-sale)

2<sup>nd</sup> shift 3:30-6:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Paula DeRubies  
2 Barb Fett  
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### Friday, Feb 27

1<sup>st</sup> shift 10:00-1:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Dawn Olson  
2 Carol Watson  
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### Friday, Feb 27

2<sup>nd</sup> shift 1:00-4:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Diana Libke  
2 Jane McBride  
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### Friday, Feb 27

3<sup>rd</sup> shift 4:00-6:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Leslie Brunsell \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Saturday, Feb 28

1<sup>st</sup> shift 9:00-12:30

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Diana Libke  
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### Saturday, Feb 28

2<sup>nd</sup> shift 12:30-4:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Karen Winn  
2 Fern Streich  
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### Sunday, March 1

1<sup>st</sup> shift 11:00-1:00

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Wendy Mani  
2 Karen Winn  
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### Sunday, March 1

2<sup>nd</sup> shift (cleanup) 1:00-???

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Dawn Olson  
2 Val Harber  
3 Leslie Brunsell  
4 Wendy Mani  
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## Wanted a President Elect and Program Vice President

Our Branch is in need of a President Elect for next year and, more imminent, a Program Vice President now. Deb Cross has stepped down from her position as program chairman so we are looking for someone to fill her shoes this Spring and then take the position for the next two years. The primary responsibility of the Program Vice President is to run the meeting that plans the program for the following year. Usually that occurs in June, but this year we would like to have that meeting in March or April. It will probably be a good part of our agenda on April 7 at the Board Meeting. The reason that we would like to have that planning meeting before summer is it allows to more easily get the programs for each month, as well as, set the hostess responsibilities and fill-in the White Book and Branch Handbook in a more timely fashion.

The Woman's Club style show is just around the corner. They are looking for members for their planning committee, as well as models. Please let Kathy Thostensen know if you are interested.

### Start thinking of good ideas for programs this next year.



We are not looking for entertainment (although many programs are entertaining), but a program that informs and encourages thought and discussion. It also might feature a member's talent, present an important issue to AAUW interests or an individual that exemplifies the "AAUW Woman". We should have good branch meetings throughout the year. It is good for our organization and it is good for all those that attend. To come up with so many good ideas we need lots of ideas and that is where you come in. Keep your eyes open and help us with this project.

**celebrate the birthday of Susan B. Anthony  
with the League of Women Voters  
Beloit and Janesville**

## Susan B. Takes on the World!

**a reader's theater  
featuring Michelle Dennis**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**



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1232 Elm Street  
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**The Rock River Philharmonic** (formerly the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra) is planning again to accompany a silent movie as part of BIFF on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Castle (renovated former First Presbyterian Church, 501 Prospect Street in Beloit). Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the Silent Auction, and the silent film, Lon Chaney's "Phantom of the Opera", will be shown at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be ordered either online or by phone at: 363-1378 starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tony Scodwell, hometown Beloit trumpeter, and Lynn Roberts will play with the philharmonic on March 21 at the Armory in Janesville—7:30 p.m. concert with 5 p.m. optional dinner, and on March 22 at Eaton Chapel on the Beloit College campus—3 p.m. The concert, called "Wild About Harry" will feature music by Harry James. Tickets are \$22.00. Order online or call: 363-1300.

Rachel Barton Pines will play the Dvorak Violin Concerto with the philharmonic on Apr. 25 at People's Church in Beloit, 7:30 p.m., and on Apr. 26 at Parker High School in Janesville, 3 p.m. They will also perform the Overture to Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony. Tickets are \$22.00 (same as above).

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Sometimes great families are built not born

# You, Me and Our Colorful Community

Volunteerism is a wonderful way to serve our community. This past winter AAUW members, Paula DeRubius, MJ Mahrookh and Leslie Brunsell participated in the YWCA pilot program of “You, Me and Our Colorful Community.” The purpose of the program is three-fold:

- Introduce children to good literature
- Develop awareness of diversity/strengths/racial justice
- Understand the value of inclusion, respect and knowledge

The four themes build on awareness and relationships:

- Skin Color—Melanin, what is it? How are we the same/different?
- Cultural Awareness—Learning about my culture
- Racism—Power to keep one down based on race/color
- Solutions—Learn, Communicate, Respect

Volunteers met with students, ages 4 to 11 years in the YWCA afterschool programs at 12 different locations. Each volunteer prepared a lesson around one of the four themes to include reading a picture book, discussions with the students and an activity to reinforce the lesson. More than 180 students participated in the program and based on the feedback from the children, program directors and parents it was a very successful endeavor.

The YWCA plans to expand the program in 2015 and more volunteers will be needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some “grandmother teaching” for those who are retired teachers or just love to work with children.

One of the activities included reading the poem, “Me and My M&Ms” by Dr Marilyn Kerns-Foxworth, making a giant M&M to take home and participating in an M&M tasting experiment. (Results: M&Ms are different colors on the outside, but all taste the same inside.)



## Diversity Outreach Program

The Diversity Action Team, YWCA and Community Action are working together to create a roundtable opportunity that will focus on Becoming an Ally in the Fight for Racial Justice.

This program will be Thursday, February 5, 2015, 6:30-8:00 at the Community Action Center, 20 Eclipse, Beloit. Both Janesville and Beloit communities are invited. Our purpose is to help each other understand the realities that people of color are dealing with and how all can learn to trust and accept help from each other.

The table questions include:

- How often do you think about the color of your skin?
- What percentage of your day/life is affected by your race?
- When did you first become aware of race?
- What biases do you carry?
- What type of community do you want to have?
- What can you/we do to create this community?



Please join us and become an ally in the fight for racial justice. Your ideas and opinion matter. If you are interested in carpooling to the Eclipse Center, contact Leslie at 608 201 2100.



January 21, 2015



AAUW- Janesville Branch  
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Dear AAUW Members.

Thank you for co-sponsoring the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, "Together We Can..." held on Saturday, January 10 at Blackhawk Technical College. We also appreciated the members of your branch who participated in the Food Festival following the program. Enclosed is the program booklet.

This annual celebration is a co-operative effort between the Beloit and Janesville Public Schools and many other interested individuals in Rock County. It is great to see what the co-operation between our communities can produce. We feel that the diverse group of people coming together on Saturday was truly a result of Dr. King's actions more than fifty years ago.

The program was filmed by JATV and will be available to view at a future date on JATV and BATV. Again, we appreciate your generous donation of \$150 to support this event in our county.

Sincerely,

Members of the Planning Committee  
2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration

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## February Calendar

### February

- 5 DAT Program
- 7 Susan B. Anthony B-Day
- 15 Book Sale Move in Day
- 16-26 Book Sale Sorting
- 17 Book Discussion Sort Morning
- 24 Branch Meeting Coffee and Shop
- 25 Impact Articles Due to Janet Dow
- 26- March 1 Book Sale
- 28 BIFF Film Festival

### March

- 5 DAT Combined Meeting
- 17 Book Discussion
- 24 Branch Meeting

### April

- 7 Board Meeting

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

The Women's Fund of the  
Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin presents

# Women's Winter Series

Three **free** community forums for and about  
important issues facing women and girls.

9-11 a.m. at the Janesville Performing Arts Center

**Join us** for a free light breakfast as a panel of local professionals present the latest issues affecting women and girls of all ages. **Exchange dialogue** about life balance, self-empowerment, life opportunities, and more! **Share in the discussion** among moms, sisters, daughters, friends. Great for men, too.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

## Health & Well Being

Talk with professional women on issues impacting health and wellness, including mental health, caregiving, nutrition, fitness, work-family-self balance and more. **RSVP by Jan. 19.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

## Financial

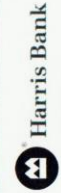
Participate in financial management 101 as panelists discuss taxes, budgeting, student loans, retirement & additional financial matters of today's modern women! **RSVP by Feb. 16.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

## Education

What opportunities and obstacles exist in education for females in today's world? Find out as our experts talk trends, post-secondary challenges, the future, & more. **RSVP by Mar. 9.**

Call (608) 758-0883 or visit [www.cfsw.org](http://www.cfsw.org) to register!



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