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“DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS”

Presented by Marti Gobel, Uprooted Theatre

Tuesday, April 22nd

6:45 pm Social, 7 pm Business Meeting, 7:15 pm
program

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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



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Ann is a great example of many resources we have within our branch. Collectively and individually, we embody a myriad of talents and experiences that we can share with each other. Please keep this in mind as you fill out the survey included in this newsletter. Not only do we want to know what we can do as leaders to make this branch vital to your interests and needs, but we also want to know how and where you can help. We are looking at taking a more committee approach to plan and execute meaningful branch activities and to bring back or start new special interest groups. What are your interests? What are your talents? How can you help? Your meaningful responses to this survey will go a long way for us to become YOUR branch.

April 8th again marks Equal Pay Day, the symbolic date when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. Although we have made significant strides since 1963, when the Equal Pay Act was signed, true parity continues to elude us as women continue to earn 77 cents to the dollar compared to men. AAUW's latest research report, "Graduating to a Pay Gap," found that just one year out of college women are not only paid less than their male counterparts, but that they are paid 7% less than men even when they work in the same job, major in the same field, and work the same number of hours per week. Fair pay champions in the House and Senate have reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is designed to deter wage discrimination by closing existing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The research and advocacy arms of AAUW have been instrumental in supporting and pushing for equity for women.

Don't forget the Woman's Club style show also coming this month. This is an important fundraiser for the upkeep of the club. Many maintenance issues need to be addressed and the funds raised are vital for the continued viability of the building. Please plan on attending. If you are unable to attend, please sell your raffle tickets or donate items for the silent auction. Auction items can be dropped off at the club or contact Ann Roe to facilitate your donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Our April branch meeting will feature local actress, Marti Gobel, discussing diversity in the arts. Let's show her support with a robust turnout. Invite your friends, neighbors, or anyone you know who may be interested in the theatre. See you there.

Emily and Wendy

It's All in the Punctuation:

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman: Without her, man is nothing."



THE NOMINATIONS ARE IN!

The following people have been nominated for office for the upcoming 2014-2016 term. If anyone else is interested in holding these positions or is interested in another board position, please contact either Emily Scheunemann or Diane Adams. Nominations from the floor will also be taken prior to the election. The election will be held at the branch meeting in April with installation to follow in May.

Secretary	Jane McBride
Membership VP	Dawn Olson

We will be operating the Membership function on a committee basis and several of you have agreed to work on the committee – Wendy Tupper, Fern Streich, and Paulette Davis. Thank you for your help.

Please thank our nominees when you see them and be sure to attend the coming meetings for election and installation.

BOOK DISCUSSION

We had a great discussion in March about *Following Atticus*. Everyone had a favorite dog story to share after the official discussion. In April we will be discussing *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. We have read two of her books previously, *Girl With the Pearl Earring*, and *The Lady and the Unicorn*. We will be meeting at 7:00 at the home of Janet Dow (402 Stafford Rd.) on April 15th.

Looking ahead: May 20th *End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.
Home of Jane McBride 4130 Boulder Dr.

Summer Potlucks:

June 17th *The Garden of the Beasts* by Eric Larson
Home of Carole Kies 740 Eisenhower Ave.

July 15th *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Phillipp Sendker
Home of Diane Adams 405 Trading Post Trail, Rockton IL

August 19th *Once Upon a Chariot* by Iris Paris
Home of Emily Scheunemann 11703 E. Berg Rd., Whitewater, WI

Any AAUW member can attend book discussion, we love to see new faces. Our summer potlucks are always a favorite because of the food, as well as the friends and discussions. Happy Reading!

BOOK SALE \$\$\$\$\$\$

We had a very successful book sale with the help of many hands working many hours. Thanks to all who pitched in. Thanks also to many community member who donated books, and those who bought books also. The Janesville Gazette did a great job with some articles and publicity. We had the best Sunday sale we have had in a long time.

Here is the break down.

Tues. \$ 499.90

Thurs. \$1560.25

Fri. \$1605.50

Sat. \$ 973.50

Sun. \$1271.01

\$5910.16

Start \$ - \$200.00

Income \$5710.16



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The book sale was a huge success so our scholarships are funded. We will be selecting the lucky winners this month. We look forward to reading many well qualified applications and having difficult decisions to make.

Susan Fowler

Are you aware?....

The Diversity Action Team of Rock County (DAT) is a coalition of community members that value diversity within our communities.

The seed for DAT was planted through a 1995 initiative from the National AAUW titled “Adelante!” which means “welcome” or “come in.”

Three Janesville Branch members networked with like-minded organizations to form this coalition under the umbrella of United Way in 1998.

The mission statement of DAT is: ***Striving to eliminate racism and all forms of discrimination in Rock County by embracing diversity and multiculturalism, and fostering justice, dignity, and respect for everyone.***

DAT works...

- To bring people together from all backgrounds
- To establish dialogue across racial and ethnic divides
- To initiate and host cross-cultural activities
- To share our cultural treasures with one another
- To advance the Study Circle movement

Friday, April 11, 2014, from 6:30-800 PM, DAT will host a banquet at the Italian House located at 1603 E. Racine Street in Janesville. The meal consists of the Italian House pasta buffet, salad bar, breads, beverage (cash bar also available) at a price of \$15.00 per person. Call Barb Fett at 752 7982 for more information.

Make your reservations and send a check payable to DAT c/o Fred Shahlapour, Treasurer, 534 Cornelia Street, Janesville, WI 53545. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 7, 2014.

100 Ways to Help End Hate (#30-39)

In the January issue of Impact you were told about the web site ***HoursAgainstHate.org*** and asked to pledge an hour of your valuable time to help end hate and make our world a much better place. Have you tried it yet? Here is the third installment of suggestions;

- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper:
- Learn about your own roots.
- Celebrate a holiday that is new to you.
- Clean up your own language.
- Object when you hear prejudicial jokes.
- Share or tweet anti-hate messages.
- Use tolerance as a theme for events at your school, workplace or religious institution.
- Learn the definition of a hate crime and how to report one.
- Work towards building diversity in organizations you're involved in, like sports teams and PTO committees. Ask a clergy person from a different faith to deliver a sermon in your place of worship.



Date: Thursday, April 3, 2014
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: UW-Rock County
Hyatt Smith Meeting Room 2909
Kellogg Avenue, Janesville



A Native American's Perspective on Mining: Here We Go Again!

During a free program on Thursday, April 3, Billy Bob Grahn, a Bad River tribal member, will present his perspective on the mining situation close to his reservation near Penokee Hills in northwestern Wisconsin. Grahn will begin with an update on current facts and then discuss how the people of the Bad River reservation will be affected if the state government finalizes its decision to use native property for mining and pipe lines. He will explain why many Native Americans feel that history is repeating itself.

Grahn is a Native American drummer and singer, an Eagle Feather carrier and a staff carrier. He is a 26-year Janesville resident and is the founder and director of the Red Road House, open to people of all races who are dealing with drug and alcohol addictions.

The program will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the administrative building, Hyatt Smith Room on the UW-Rock County campus, 2909 Kellogg Ave., Janesville. The Diversity Action Team (DAT) of Rock County is sponsoring the presentation, which is free and open to the public. Registration is not needed.

DAT goals are to eliminate racism and to create an inclusive community of respect for all.

For more information, contact Jeanne Carfora, 608.756.1815.

The Beloit Janesville Symphony will feature the outstanding Rock Valley College Choirs on April 13th, 3:00pm at JPAC. Maestro Tomaro has been hard at work with Paul Laprade of Rock Valley College to craft a beautiful performance to round out the symphony's 60th Anniversary Season. Music from two of America's most beloved composers, Leonard Bernstein & Aaron Copland, will be featured. You will be inspired by the music. Don't miss the spectacular finale of the 2013- 2014 Season. For more information visit: beloitjanesvillesymphony.org.

May Impact Date

The next issue of Impact will be edited by Janet Dow, and the due date for articles is April 23rd. Remember that this is the last issue of Impact before the September issue. Get all of your summer information in.



On the next two pages you will find important information. Please print these two pages, and take action before you forget. You can mail both to the AAUW PO box. The first page is your Dues renewal form, and the second page is a survey we would like to get back from you with lots of good ideas to make our branch of AAUW even better.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014-2015

JANESVILLE BRANCH

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Note: **\$46** of AAUW National dues **are now deductible** as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. AAUW Fund contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please print clearly & highlight new or changed information.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone #:		
E-mail address:		

My email may be used for: ☐ All AAUW emails ☐ Only for electronic IMPACT

Membership Categories: (please CIRCLE the category that applies to you)

\$95 Renewing or new member and you **have not paid** Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization (National dues \$49, State \$13, Branch \$13, Woman's Club \$20)

\$75 Renewing or new member and you **have paid** Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization (National \$49, State \$13, Branch \$13)

\$46 Paid Life Member (State \$13, Branch \$13, Woman's Club \$20)

\$26 Paid Life Member who is also a member of Woman's Club (State \$13, Branch \$13)

\$17 Student Affiliate --National. (Optional State membership for an additional \$6.50)

\$20 Honorary Life Member who has not paid Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization.

\$0 Honorary Life Member (If you've been an AAUW member for 50+ years)

Additional Contributions:

\$_____ AAUW Funds (National)

\$_____ Scholarship: Supports our local scholarship giving

\$_____ Sponsorship: Helps subsidize memberships for our members based on need.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Due Date: June 16, 2013

Make checks payable & remit to: AAUW - Janesville Branch
PO Box 8033
Janesville, WI 53547-8033

Anyone who is interested in a confidential payment plan or in sponsorship opportunities, please contact

Lynn McVicar, Finance VP at (608) 754-5092.

Janesville Branch Survey 2014

As we look forward to the 14-15 Janesville Branch year, we would like your input and ideas of what might strengthen our branch.

Growing and maintaining membership numbers is an issue that faces many groups in our community, including ours. Women lead busy lives, and we would like to make sure that your involvement in AAUW is valuable to you. Please fill out this survey and either mail it in with your dues renewal form, or bring it to the next branch meeting.

- I was able to attend #_____ meetings this year.
- The meeting I enjoyed the most was _____
- I would like to have more _____
_____ at the meetings.
- The ideal time to start the meetings would be _____
- Do you think a meeting schedule where we skipped February, and added a meeting in June, would meet the needs of our members regarding weather, and snowbirds in February?
Yes No circle one.
- Please tell us what makes your membership in AAUW important to you.

We are hoping to form a number of committees to support our leadership positions, and spread the time commitment out among our members. Please consider volunteering for at least one committee, if not more. Check off those you would like to be involved with.

- **Membership** – support membership chair, and plan strategies to get and retain members.
- **Program/Social** – Help plan and facilitate monthly programs, and help coordinate hostessing for our meetings.
- **Book Sale** – Help plan and execute the sale.
- **Community Action** – New Idea! What ways can AAUW work to benefit our community?
- **Publicity** - Work with the publicity chair. Newspaper articles, articles for the Woman's club newsletter, membership book, advertising sales for Impact, are all duties to be shared by a committee.

We are thinking that the 14-15 program year should be a year to highlight the talents and interests of our members. Do you have a talent or interest that you would be willing to share with us as part of a branch meeting?

Do you belong to another group that might be a good match with AAUW to share a program?

Last Question Yeah! 😊

We have had many interest groups through the years. Book discussion is still going strong. What other interest group might you like to see as part of AAUW?

Name _____

Thanks for filling out the survey!

AAUW Washington Update

March 21, 2014

From the desk of Lisa M. Maatz

Vice President of Government Relations

There was palpable excitement in the AAUW office yesterday as we watched President Barack Obama give a [speech](#) at a college in Florida. Not only were two AAUW members were in the audience, but an AAUW supporter got to sit down with the president and share her story of balancing work responsibilities while caring for a son with special needs. Very cool indeed!

In his speech, the president [talked](#) about equal pay, paid family and medical leave, increasing the minimum wage, and access to higher education. My favorite part was when he called on Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and “join us in this century.”

The president’s speech launched the White House’s campaign to draw attention to the needs of women and their families. The Department of Labor’s Women’s Bureau will hold a [series of events](#) across the country (you’ll hear more from us about this soon) that will culminate in a [White House Summit on Working Families](#) on June 23 (announced in last week’s Washington Update).

You know what falls in the middle of this campaign? Equal Pay Day on April 8! Are you ready? There’s sure to be more attention paid to the needs of women and their families in the coming month, and I can’t wait. If there’s one thing I can count on, it’s that AAUW members will make themselves heard.

Top Stories

Democrats Call for EO Prohibiting LGBT Workplace Discrimination

On Tuesday, Congressional Democrats [signed](#) a letter calling on President Obama to sign an executive order that would prohibit workplace LGBT discrimination by federal contractors. In all, 47 Senators and 148 representatives, signed the letter.

NYC Mayor Signs Paid Sick Leave Bill into Law

Mayor Bill de Blasio [signed](#) into law a paid sick leave bill on Thursday. The legislation will now allow up to five sick days with no penalty, and it adds grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings to the list of people who employees may care for during their sick leave.

Women’s Health Care Access at Stake in Supreme Court Case

On Tuesday, March 25 the Supreme Court will review [challenges](#) to the contraceptive coverage requirement of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The cases are brought by Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood will ultimately determine whether employers may refuse to provide coverage for contraception based on their personal religious principles.

While these two secular, for-profit organizations argue for religious freedom, those against the law suit argue that a woman has a right to use her insurance plan to access contraception. Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations [published](#) an article arguing that a for-profit, public organizations’ purpose is not to further their own religious values. AAUW believes bosses shouldn’t have a say in employees’ private lives and health decisions. **State Spotlight: Race to the Top Recipients**

States Ask for More Time to Fulfill Promises

Eleven of the twelve states participating in the Obama administration’s Race to the Top grant program [requested](#) an additional year to complete program implementation. These states received federal economic stimulus money to innovate their education policy by adopting new math and reading standards, expanding access to STEM resources, and improving school performance levels.

AAUW Jeer of the Week

Rush Limbaugh struck again this week, [mocking](#) the idea of a National Women’s History Museum. He said that women already have museum – they’re “called malls.” Limbaugh’s comments were inspired by this week’s announcement that the House of Representatives will vote this year on bipartisan legislation to create a commission to study the possibilities of a National Women’s History Museum on the National Mall.

Bits and Pieces

- The White House announced this week that 5 million people have [enrolled](#) in Affordable Care Act coverage. Open enrollment ends on March 31.

- The University Dayton’s win over Ohio State might have busted your bracket, but it did not bust [AAUW’s NCAA March Madness Bracket](#). AAUW picked a bracket based upon pay equity-choosing schools with the smallest pay disparity between head coaches of men’s and women’s teams at the same school. Dayton came closest to pay equity, with the coaches of its women’s teams paid 96 percent of what it pays coaches of its men’s teams.

- The annual Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) [survey](#) was released today. There were some surprising [results](#) in the data, which was collected from the 2011-12 school year. It showed disparities in high school retention, lack of access to college counselors, and lack of access to preschool for much of the country. The CRDC collects information nationally from every public school.

- On Wednesday, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) announced [plans](#) to vote on the bipartisan National Women's History Museum Act (H.R. 863) sometime this year. The legislation creates a commission that will provide recommendations for the development of a National Women's History Museum located on the National Mall. AAUW [supports](#) this legislation.

- On Tuesday, Bruce Rauner [defeated](#) three state lawmakers, including the state treasurer, to win the GOP nomination for Illinois governor. Rauner will face current Democratic Governor Pat Quinn in November.

-- Field [testing](#) of math and English/language exams tied to Common Core State Standards will begin between March 24 and June 6 in 36 states and the District of Columbia. The exams are a crucial part of assessing what works and what doesn't in Common Core implementation. In further education news, the Oregon State Board of Education last week [adopted](#) the Next Generation Science Standards, making them the 10th state to do so.

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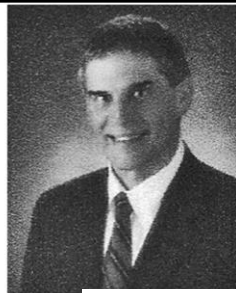
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