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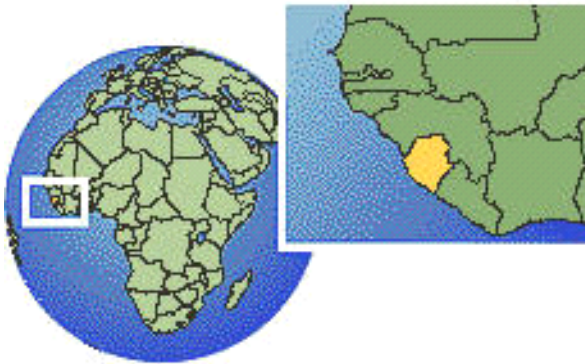
THE LEAFLET

April/May 2014

May Program:

Sierra Leone Her Motherland

What a delightful visit I had with our **May 20th** program presenter, Gbemi Taylor! She is looking forward to introducing us to her country! She will relate the educational opportunities that she had to her daughters' experiences in schools in Wausau.



Book Group members who read *Things Fall Apart* have whetted their appetites. That unusual historic story is a contrast to what we are used to and to modern Africa as well. World news gives us some exposure to modern African countries

and their cultures, but most of us tend to generalize about continental life, in some ways think of the past, not understanding the differences among the countries. I am interested in learning more about some of her food ideas too.

Mark your calendar for **1:00 PM on May 20th** at the **YWCA** so you don't miss a wonderful experience.

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Public Policy

Your government depends upon your vote. Make your wishes known on April 1. Be informed and vote your wisdom.

School board, town board, city council, etc.



You're Invited ~ Save the Date

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 5:15 ~ ?



- **Jalapeños Restaurante & Bar**
 - **Washington Square, Wausau**
- **300 North 3rd St. ~ Lower Level Patio**
 - Take steps or elevator
- A hearty welcome to celebrate our fantastic, new
AAUW MEMBERS ~ WAUSAU BRANCH 2013-2014
- Food: Mexican, American, Special Diets Honored
- Parking: Mall, street, lot across from Penny's.
- Follow the Mariachi music, food & laughter
 - Bring guests if you wish
- **CO-CHAIRS: GRETCHEN EAGAN 715-675-7683**
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**Backpacks for
Nicaraguan
Teachers ~
A Valuable
Event and Fun
too!**

Weds. March 19

**BACKPACKING
FOR NICARAGUAN TEACHERS**



It certainly is not a difficult thing to do, and it is a bit challenging, but when all is done and the bags are piled for the annual picture, well, Wow! That is when it hits you that you have just accomplished a very good thing. So many things that we do, no one even knows that we do it, and with these bags full of scissors, tapes, paper, pencils (and it is told that one little boy broke out in tears when he was given a pencil to write with because he had never owned one in his life) so we know in our hearts that what we just did is good.

If you would like to be a part of this annual drive, you can start saving school material; old office supplies work just fine, anything that you feel a teacher would love to share with a student to help that student learn what that teacher is prepared to teach him/her.

Gosh, and then on top of that kind of satisfaction for what we did, we had a great breakfast as a result of each member's bringing an item to eat. The laughter and camaraderie during that brief time was just plain fun.

Start saving school supplies now for future drives.

Able Packers: Nancy Schulz, Ruth Hawks, Maggie Marquis, Kathy Oakland, Connie O'Hearn, and Lucy Harvey

In the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners' warehouse
on a pallet ready to fly



Membership Matters

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members:

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MARCH LUNCH BUNCH

Well, we were disappointed that so many members had to miss the monthly gathering for lunch, but when you even have a few well informed and active women it can be an interesting exchange. So sorry you were not able to attend. It is probably not earth shaking, but it is pleasant, fun and satisfying for the appetite and the mind.

See you on **April 16 at Applebee's Restaurant.**

Because our LB chair will be basking in the sun on a Caribbean island, please send an email to Lucy Harvey LOIS3545@aol.com if you'd like a place at the table.

We think Applebee's will be a fine Wausau alternative to Sande's island.



LET'S ALL GO TO CONVENTION

April 25-26, 2014

**AAUW-WI State Convention at the
brand new Holiday Inn South**

in

Eau Claire, an easy drive from Wausau



Spring Convention is April 25-26, 2014 in our District - in Eau Claire. Nancy Schulz agreed to be a contact

for how our branch can help. Plan on attending, encourage others, and volunteer.

A couple cars will be driving to the convention, Marian Seagren Hall for overnight Friday, and Lucy Harvey will drive on Saturday.

Information on the Convention can be found in the AAUW State Newsletter or at aauw-wi.aauw.net. More drivers would also be nice. Contact Nancy Schulz or one of the drivers if you want to attend.

Lucy's car will head out at 6:30 a.m. to be in Eau Claire in time for breakfast. We'll spend the day learning how other branches operate, becoming energized by bright women, and then we'll return to Wausau when the last session ends.

Our branch has allocated \$200 to pay for carpools, and then be divided among participants. Please join in
AND REGISTER BY APRIL 3 TO GET THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT



College/University Partnerships

“One important piece of information illuminated through the Wisconsin AAUW survey is that fewer than half of the responding branches have partnerships with their local institutions of higher learning”

-- Kathy McCarville, College/University Coordinator

**!!! We should be proud that AAUW-Wausau has not one,
but two partnerships!!!!**

One with UW-MC and one with NTC

We offer reduced rates for graduate, undergraduate, and College/University Partners e-student affiliate memberships. Contact Membership Co-Coordinators for information



AAUW
2nd TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
SELECTIONS FOR 2013-2014

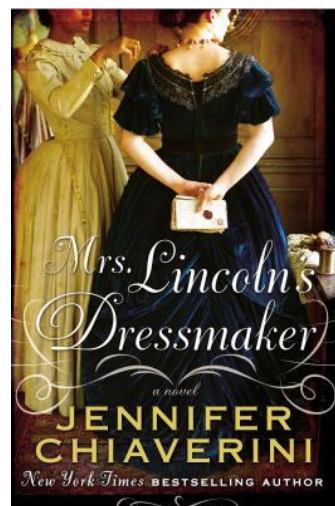
Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives
 ~ that means some agree while others have different
 viewpoints; all are respected. Call Ruth Grauer to join:
 715-842-1592

April book...

***Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Wisconsin author, Jennifer Chiaverini**

from the Kirkus Reviews

From the intimate domestic circles of the political elite, a dressmaker witnesses the upheavals of 19th-century America. Chiaverini sets aside her Elm Creek Quilts series for this historical novel about Elizabeth Keckley. Drawing upon the rich milieu of Civil War America, as well as Keckley's own memoir, Chiaverini weaves the story of a woman who lived as both slave and freedwoman. Elizabeth learns her trade by making clothes for her fellow slaves, and once freed, she plies her needle so skillfully that the wives of Republicans and Democrats clamor for her designs. Varina, the second wife of Jefferson Davis, even seeks to take Elizabeth with her to Montgomery when the South secedes and her husband becomes president of the Confederacy. Despite her desire to journey with Varina, Elizabeth decides to stay in Washington, since traveling further South will erase most of her freedoms.



Her decision leads to her new position as Mary Todd Lincoln's modiste. Elizabeth not only designs and sews Mary's clothes, but she also arranges her hair, helps her dress, cares for her children at times and becomes her confidante. As others nearly shun Mary for her extravagances during wartime, not to mention her mercurial personality, she relies more and more heavily upon Elizabeth. Their relationship affords an interesting perspective for viewing the cultural and social turmoil of the times, for no matter how much Elizabeth is respected for her skills and no matter how intimately Mary trusts her with her confidences, Elizabeth remains a former slave, and she must be reminded of her place.

May Luncheon

Tuesday, May 13 Book Group Luncheon

**11:30 – 2:00 or until completed at Immanuel Lutheran Church,
 630 Adams St., Wausau**



Ask your friends, read some reviews, find some fascinating books that will lead to lively conversation and bring ideas for next year's list. We'll begin with a potluck luncheon and then "sell" our books to the group. After all the persuasion has occurred, we'll vote on the ones we prefer to put on our reading and discussion list for next September through April. Please let Ruth Grauer know what you'll bring for the potluck –

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*As one goes through life one
learns that if you don't paddle
your own canoe, you don't
move.*

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JOIN US TODAY! INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN! APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Personal Information:

Name _____
Address _____ e-mail _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone h _____ w _____ c _____
Female _____ Male _____ Date of Birth _____
College/University _____ State _____
Highest degree earned _____ Major _____
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Highest degree earned _____ Major _____

Eligibility: I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN) baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution as stated above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Member Recruiter:

Name _____ City/State _____ Branch _____

Regular Membership: Join AAUW for one year of regular membership:

National \$49, State \$13, Branch \$18 = **Total \$80**

\$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501c4 Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

Make check payable to: **"AAUW WAUSAU BRANCH"** and mail to:
Alana Holt, Treasurer, 604 Clark Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474

Calendar

April	NO NO NO Action Team meeting
Tues. April 1	Vote ! Use your AAUW wisdom and Vote!
Tues. April 8 at 12:45	Book Discussion Group: <i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i>
Weds. April 16 at 11:30	Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
Friday & Saturday, April 25, 26	AAUW State Convention in Eau Claire, (See article)
Monday, May 5 at 5:15	<i>Cinco de Mayo Social Event</i>
Weds. May 7	Women of Vision Luncheon
Weds. May 13 at 11:30	Book Discussion Group Luncheon:
Weds. May 20 at 1:00	May Program: Gbemi Taylor from Sierra



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through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research**