



Milwaukee (WI) Branch

December 2013

# Christmas at Balmoral



Balmoral Castle, Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, 1897

**On Saturday, December 7th**  
You are cordially invited to join the Christmas festivities at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Meet Margaret Cummins, head housekeeper of Balmoral during the reign of Queen Victoria, as she prepares for the arrival of the royal couple and their nine children.

Become a member of the royal household as Mrs. Cummins instructs her staff in the traditions and history of the season.

*Please note: Actual trans-Atlantic flight not required.*

The AAUW Milwaukee Branch is celebrating its annual  
*Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 7*  
with actress, Jessica Michna at the  
Woman's Club of Wisconsin— 813 E Kilbourn Ave (Valet parking available.)



**JESSICA MICHNA** proudly raised four daughters. Then, she earned a degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin and worked several years as a research and teaching assistant.

After spending time in the healthcare field, Jessica finally decided to return to her two great loves, history and the theater. The result was the birth of her business, "First Impressions."

Jessica and her husband Michael live in Racine. Michael assists Jessica with scheduling and stage management. When not performing, Jessica also enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, and writing.

*Jessie Moffat, VP Programs*



Queen Victoria with "Sharp",  
The Border Collie, taken at  
Balmoral Castle, 1867

*Mother of nine children,  
Victoria was Queen for 63  
years, longer than any  
other British monarch, and  
was the longest reigning  
female monarch in history.*

*Holiday Celebration*  
*at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin*  
813 E Kilbourn Ave (Valet parking available.)

*Beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cash Bar  
Program at Noon~ Luncheon 1 p.m*

**COST \$30 EACH**

Please make reservations by Friday, November 29  
(the day after Thanksgiving)

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Balmoral Castle as it is today.

November 8, 2013

Dear AAUW - Milwaukee Branch Members,

As the days grow shorter and the nights colder until the winter solstice, when light finally returns, we humans tend to hibernate in the comfort of warm homes. But I encourage you to dust off your holiday attire and join us for AAUW's Christmas Luncheon on December 7<sup>th</sup>. After several years at the Astor, we invite you to the Woman's Club of Wisconsin! The Holiday Luncheon is a highlight of our programming year, and the WCW is always exquisitely decorated. But I warn you the holiday decorations at WCW are contagious! If you're not in a holiday mood beforehand, you most likely will be afterwards!

Plan to arrive between 11:30 and 12:00 pm and mingle beforehand. Jessica Michna's portrayal of Margaret Cummins, head housekeeper at Balmoral Castle during Queen Victoria's reign, will begin at noon. A cash bar is available before the presentation. Appetizers will be served during the performance, with lunch and dessert to follow.

If you didn't attend November's meeting you missed an entertaining, informative and well attended presentation by UWM Professor Kennan Ferguson about Milwaukee's own Settlement Cookbook! Thank you to all the members who brought their own copies of this well-used book.

Looking ahead to January we'll hear from Lucy Vang, a recent recipient of one of our College Women's Club Foundation scholarships. She is a college student the Girl's Club Fund Board and our branch helped sponsor to attend the National College Women's Student Leadership (NCWSL) conference in Washington, DC, last May. Let's all support this young woman as she reports back her experiences to us.

With business attended to, I wish everyone a

*HAPPY HANUKKAH and MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

*Kathleen Ellis Stifter*