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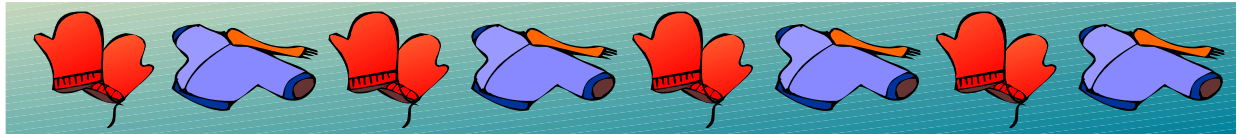
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See details below!



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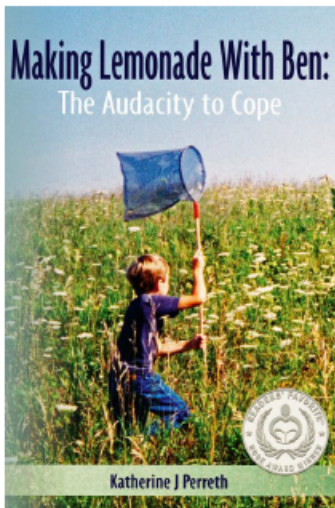
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To Diane by January 21 for the  
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### AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership

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through advocacy, education and research.



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**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  
(reservations required for the brunch by January 9th)  
Program Only: \$5

**Tickets can be ordered by sending a check to:**

AAUW-Janesville (Brunch)  
P.O. Box 8033  
Janesville, WI 53547-8033



Contact Emily at 608-490-1121 or [schmann65@gmail.com](mailto:schmann65@gmail.com) with questions

Also contact Emily if you need transportation to the brunch.

# President's Message

Greetings!

Bravo to all those that helped make our Holiday Auction such a success. Jan McCann has the moves to get those bidders to go up just a little higher. Wendy Mani kept the tally of the money for the winning bids and now we have a good donation for scholarships and other AAUW Funds. Of course an auction is not a success without good quality items to bid on and this year presented quite a choice of yummy desserts, pies, cheese, jam, soup ( yes, one each month by Leslie) and homemade liquor. We have some very talented knitters and now we know that new member, Diane Libke, makes darling baby hats and booties. I personally took home a copper piece by Diane Adams that I enjoy looking at over and over again. Thanks to everyone for making our holiday auction one of the best ever.

Our next branch meeting is the brunch with Katherine and Ben Perreth. We need members to support this worthwhile event by purchasing tickets and attending and encouraging others to attend. Diane has sent an attachment via email for you to print and post somewhere. Please do that if you can. It is difficult in winter with so many members gone for January, but for those of you here this should be a bright, shiny moment on a winter, Saturday morning. If you need a ride to the brunch, contact me. There are some members who will be available to provide transportation for those who need it. Reservations for the meal must be made by January 10, but program only can be purchased at the door. Bring a guest or two if you can.

The next Board Meeting is January 5, 6:00 pm at HPL in the community room. Contact Diane or me if you cannot attend and have business that we should discuss.

Have a memorable holiday with family and friends.

Emily Scheunemann



## Book Sale Committee

It is time to plan the book sale with those on the committee. We will meet at O'Riley and Conway's Pub at 214 W. Milwaukee, January 5 at 4:30 pm. This is before the Board Meeting. See you there.

# Public Policy Report Details Amazing Year

2014 has been quite a year for AAUW! From empowering women at the ballot box to continuing our groundbreaking efforts to close the pay gap, AAUW remains a leader in the fight to level the playing field for women and girls.

With your support, we were able to

- Work with President Obama to increase pay protections for women. AAUW's Lisa Maatz stood with our friend Lilly Ledbetter and the president as he signed two executive orders that banned federal contractors from retaliating against workers who discuss their salaries. Thanks to these measures, the U.S. Department of Labor will now collect wage data to help identify patterns of discrimination and support compliance. We will continue to fight for equal pay for equal work for everyone.
- Leverage our internationally acclaimed report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. We're proud and excited about completing the research on our latest project to address the biases and stereotypes that have held women back in engineering and computing fields — and early this spring, we will launch a new report delineating the concrete actions that families, schools, workplaces, and policy makers can take to level the playing field in the years to come.
- Help thousands of college women advocate for themselves and learn how to negotiate their salaries through our \$tart \$mart workshops. In 2015, we'll expand our reach with Work \$mart, empowering professional women around the country to negotiate better salaries and benefits

## What a Year for Breaking through the Glass Ceiling

We are thankful for all the [firsts](#) that happened for women in 2014, including Janet Yellen [becoming](#) the first female chair of the Federal Reserve Board; Malala Yousafzai [becoming](#) the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; Becky Hammon [becoming](#) the first female regular season assistant coach in the NBA; Megan Brennan [becoming](#) the first female U.S. postmaster general and chief executive; Adm. Michelle Howard [becoming](#) the Navy's first female four-star officer; Maryam Mirzakhani [becoming](#) the first woman to win the Fields Medal (commonly known as the Nobel Prize for mathematics); and Rep.-elect Alma Adams (D-NC) [becoming](#) the 100th woman member of the 113th Congress — a new record for women's representation in government. A special shout-out to 13-year-old Mo'ne Davis for being the first girl to throw a shutout in Little League World Series history and becoming the first Little League player to [grace](#) the cover of *Sports Illustrated*!

Submitted by Dawn Olson, Public Policy Chair



# Diversity Outreach

The Diversity Action Team is sponsoring Food Festival held annually at BTC following the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration. Several of our AAUW members have helped in past years with set up, sharing a recipe from their heritage or just attending and enjoying the program and socializing with other community members. The event is from 3 to 6 PM on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Here is a registration form if you are interested in being involved in the food festival.



## ***MLK Jr. Celebration Ethnic Food Fest***

You are invited to join us and have a food booth at the Ethnic Food Fest following the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Blackhawk Technical College on Saturday, January 10, 2015. In the past we have served 200 - 400 people a taste from a variety of cultures. It's a great educational experience.

This is how it works: Once the program is over, all attendees will be provided with a small plate and utensils. They will go to a variety of stations and receive a teaspoon-sized portion of each dish...just a taste. In the past we have had 20 to 25 cultures represented. It's truly an around the world culinary experience.

Bring a recipe that will serve approximately 50 people. We will have the tables set up by 2:00 PM. Please check in with Leslie before the program starts at 3:00 PM. We will serve the food immediately following the program (approximately 4:30 PM) and plan to be done by 6:00 PM.

If you need electricity, please bring an extension cord.

For more information, please contact Barb Fett at 608 752-7982 or [bmfett@charter.net](mailto:bmfett@charter.net).

Please complete and mail to: Barb Fett, 548 Bostwick Ave., Janesville WI 53545

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**Please return by January 6, 2015**

### ***DAT Program Venue and Focus Changed for February***

The DAT program for Thursday, February 5, 2015 will be a roundtable discussion on race. It is timely with the recent events in Ferguson, Mo. and New York City and Cleveland. The program will be held in the Eclipse Center in Beloit at the Community Action Offices. Look for more specifics on the Facebook page of The Diversity Action Team of Rock County or call Leslie at 608 752 2100.



## AAUW Scholarships Called to Mind!

- It's the time of year for scholarships again!! All three high schools have application forms available. Forms for Project Renew scholarships--for women over twenty five returning and/or continuing their education can be found at the Hedberg Public Library as well as U Rock and Blackhawk Tech. If you know of anyone who could use these scholarships please encourage them to apply. All forms are due to me or to the high school guidance offices by March 20, 2015.

Susan Fowler

## 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](mailto:rjadams65@frontier.com) We have several members already, but would like to get more people involved.

There will be a meeting in January to discuss the Little Library Project. Please consider getting involved!

## Celebrate the Birthday of Susan B. Anthony with the League of Women Voters of Beloit and Janesville



**save the date**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2015**  
**Butterfly Club, Highway X, Beloit**

**socialize and register 11:00 am**  
**luncheon 11:30 followed by program**

**for more information contact:**  
**[bclwv2010@gmail.com](mailto:bclwv2010@gmail.com)**

## SUSAN B. TAKES ON THE WORLD!

**a readers' theater**  
**featuring Michelle Dennis**

**Book Club members enjoy their December soup supper and each other!**





## Pops Concert Scheduled

The Rock River Philharmonic (formerly the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra) will present a Pops Concert on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, featuring Tony Scodwell, trumpet (who played with Doc Severinson on The Tonight Show on TV for many years). Tickets can be purchased by calling 313-1200.

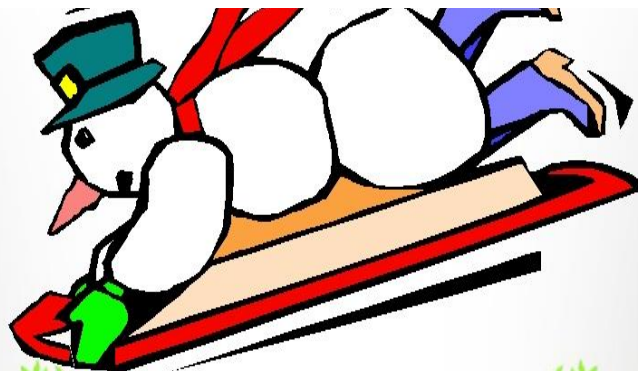
## Book Discussion Plans for January and February

Book Discussion will read *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.

## Calendar

January	5	Book Sale Committee 4:30 Board Meeting 6:00
	10	Food Festival DAT and Brunch deadline
	17	Making Lemonade with Ben Brunch
	20	Book Discussion at Paula DeRubeis' home
February	5	DAT Roundtable on race
	7	Susan B. Anthony celebration
	26-March 1	Book sale



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