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## **FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS. . .**

Everyone who joins AAUW has impressions of the organization and how AAUW makes a difference. The Food, Fun and Friends get-together has the goal of getting members to share ideas that members would like to see carried out as future programs.

**DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

**TIME: 4:30 – 6:30 or 7:00 p. m.**

**PLACE: 3407 Falcon Way, Rib Mountain**

**(For Directions: Call 715.842.5291)**

**Plan now to put the date on your calendar, bring your ideas and wishes, your dish to pass for the pot-luck supper and your own friendly, intelligent self.**

**This sharing helps round out future programs using Association options, many shared by Betsy McDonald at the State Convention (see below for more on the Convention).**

# ***COCKTAILS & CASUAL CONVERSATIONS . . .***



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***...with Mandy Wright at  
Townies Grill (next to Malarkey's)  
408 3rd Street, Wausau.***

***~ Join us for facts, food, and fun! ~***

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***June 15 at 2:00 – 3:00 during “Concert on the  
Square***

***Watch for more Summer Sizzlers coming soon!  
Sponsored by AAUW of Wausau***



- AAUW Wausau Branch Member Peg Gross recently passed away. Peg earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and spent most of her career in education, including many years at NTC. In 2004 she moved to Alexandria, VA to become Deputy Director of the Foreign Service Institute at the U.S. Department of State, while maintaining her home and AAUW affiliation in Wausau. At the State Department, she trained U.S. diplomatic officers and embassy staff for service to our country. Peg always invited AAUW Student Affiliates to stay at her home while attending AAUW functions in Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, her family recommended memorials to AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Condolences to her family.
- Wausau Branch AAUW Life member Virginia Williams died on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church, Wausau. Virginia was very active in the community and church. Watch for obituary in the *Wausau Daily Herald*.

***Who has been biking in the Alps lately? AAUW member Linda Haney just returned from Austria, Italy and Slovenia. Ask her how those historic villages, tumbling rivers and mountain ranges looked from her bicycle. Rumor has it that she savored her fair share of wine and had a great time.***

# Ideas Garnered at AAUW 2013 State Convention

by Marian Seagren Hall

Imagine a room full of energized, educated, and friendly women ready to learn, share, and make a difference, and you can begin to imagine what it is like to attend an AAUW convention. Renewing and making friendships, you support "Generating Equity."

Two candidates for Director-at-Large on the AAUW national board were present. Betsy McDowell, (native of NE Iowa), a current director, shared how to generate future leaders with *Tech Trek*, *Tech Savvy*, *Elect Her - Campus Women Win*, *\$tart \$mart*, *People Power Unlimited*, and *Programs in a Box*. (See program ideas.) Pam Thiel, former director and Wisconsin President, has spoken for us twice. Both are terrific candidates.

Creative communications consultant, artist, and writer played the role of a slave, reminding us how slaves were cargo on the Underground Railroad and were helped by brave Quakers like "Mr. Lyman Goodenough," her help to freedom.

Once one attends these conventions, she is permanently changed.

## May Program Review

by Lucy Harvey

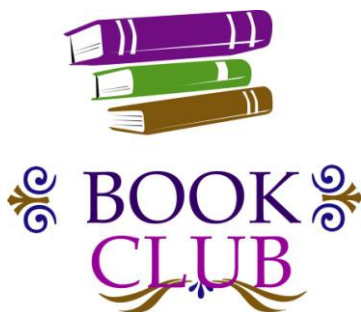


### How Learning Center Programs in Nicaragua Empower Women

Who knows that Wisconsin has been partnered with the country of Nicaragua for 48 years through John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress? During that time the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas organization has collaborated throughout Nicaragua on programs in education, agriculture, youth development, and health. AAUW-Wausau member Amy Wiza is the W/NP Program Director and she shared much of the history and many of the current initiatives. We also had an opportunity to see products produced by the women who are able to get time away to take classes. These classes are the first step in gaining economic sustainability for families and empowerment for women. AAUW-Wausau has helped with grant writing, hosting, and organizing events. In addition, for the last decade our branch has collected backpacks, purchased supplies or found gently used ones in our homes, and put everything into easy to transport backpacks for rural elementary teachers in Nicaragua. We believe that a teacher's having materials broadens opportunity for her/his students.

We thank Amy for sharing the story, showing slides of the many projects, and bringing her energy to a delightful May AAUW dinner.

Thank you, too, Sande Sliwicki, Barb Keller and Nancy Schultz for helping with the event.



**AAUW  
2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY BOOK CLUB  
SELECTIONS FOR 2013-2014**

At noon on Tuesday, **May 14**, the Book Group enjoyed a delicious potluck, after which we discussed book recommendations and made our exciting selections for next year.

Call Ruth Grauer to join: 715-842-1592

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Discussion Leader</b>
Sept. 10	<i>The Righteous Mind</i>	Jonathan Haidt	Jane Christianson
Oct. 8	<i>Code Name Verity</i>	Elizabeth Wein	Carol Potter
Nov. 12	<i>The Cat's Table</i>	Michael Ondaatje	Ruth Grauer
Dec. 10	<i>The Blue Fox: A Novel</i>	Sjon	Mary Virginia Quarles
Jan. 14	<i>Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power</i>	Jon Meacham	Alberta Cunningham
Feb. 11	<i>Quiet: The Power of Introverts...</i>	Susan Cain	Marlene Bunton Lau
March 11	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Chinua Achebe	Lucy Peterson
April 8	<i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini	Kathy Plein
May 13	<i>Luncheon</i>	<i>Bring ideas for next year.</i>	

**Books that were also considered:**

*Your Old, I'm Old... Get Used to It: Twenty Reasons Why Growing Old is Great* by Virginia Ironside

*Just Peace: A Message of Hope* by Mattie J. T. Stepanek with Jimmy Carter

*Roberts Court: The Struggle for the Constitution* by Marcia Coyle

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

*Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg

*Mrs. Queen Takes the Train* by William Kuhn

*The Collected Stories of Eudora Welty* by Welty

*Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult

*The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating* by Elisabeth Tova Bailey

# Membership Matters

by Nancy L. Schulz, Membership Co-Coordinator

A warm welcome to our **five** newest members. We'll want to seek out these women at upcoming AAUW events and personally welcome them to our activist organization. Also be sure and add their contact information to your *Membership Directory*.

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**Membership Dues are Due Now! Renew; we want you! You can pay your 2013-14 \$80.00 dues at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Food, Fun and Friends event.**

The AAUW membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Membership dues for the upcoming year were due May 21 so we'll each want to quickly send a check payable to **AAUW Wausau Branch** to:

Alana Holt, Treasurer, 604 Clark Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474

## Know a Recent College or University Graduate?

Nominate the individual for one free year of membership in AAUW for the year following graduation. Get details from the AAUW website, [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)



## Public Policy

by Yvonne Henning, Public Policy Co-Coordinator

**How can I make my voice and opinion heard ? Here are two ways to convey your opinions: 1) Send them your opinion or 2) Meet with them personally. Here's how to do it.**

1. Enter your zip code into the [AAUW Two-Minute Activist tool](#) to find your members of Congress.
2. Click on the name of the elected official you want to meet, and go to the "contact" tab on their bio to see the district office locations in your state.
3. Call the district office closest to you (Wausau) and find out how to request an appointment. Requests often have to be made in writing, and the district office staff can tell you where to submit the request (typically via email or fax).
4. Make the request!

Once the request has been formally submitted, be persistent - legislators' offices receive a lot of incoming communication, so you may need to follow up to arrange a meeting. In the meantime, you can start preparing for the meeting with [AAUW's tried-and-true tips](#)! We have suggestions on what to bring to the meeting, how to get the answers you're looking for, and how to follow up afterwards. We also have [sample talking points and "asks"](#) for you to make of your members of Congress.

From U.S. Senator Baldwin:

Thank you for contacting me about the Paycheck Fairness Act. I appreciate you writing in about this important piece of legislation.

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, Wisconsin women, on average, are paid 78 cents for every dollar paid to men, amounting to a yearly gap of \$10,324 between men and women who work full-time in the state. As a group, women who are employed full-time in Wisconsin lose approximately \$8,314,309,512 every year due to the wage gap. Additionally, women represent nearly two-thirds of the minimum wage workers—and full-time, year-round at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour leaves a woman with two children thousands of dollars below the poverty line.

You will be pleased to know that I am a cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This legislation would help women fight wage unfairness and prohibit employers from retaliating against workers who discuss salaries with colleagues. It would also require employers to prove that pay differences exist for legitimate, job-related reasons; provide businesses with assistance with equal pay practices; and recognize employers for excellence in their pay practices.

The Paycheck Fairness Act has been referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, of which I am a member. Please know that I will keep your views in mind as our Committee continues its work on this important legislation.

Once again, thank you for contacting my office. It is important for me to hear from the people of Wisconsin on the issues, thoughts and concerns that matter most to you. If I can be of further assistance, please visit my website at [www.baldwin.senate.gov](http://www.baldwin.senate.gov) for information on how to contact my office.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Baldwin. United States Senator

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**The American Association of University Women  
and the AAUW Educational Foundation**

**Mission:** The American Association of University Women and the AAUW Educational Foundation advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**Vision:** American Association of University Women will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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**JOIN US TODAY! INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN!**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Personal Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone h \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/University \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest degree earned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/University \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 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

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

## AAUW Wausau Branch Financial Report

**Alana Holt, Treasurer**

April 2013 – May 2013

	Checking	Savings
Balance April 1, 2013:	\$4987.83	
Receipts	\$ .41	
Disbursements	\$ 201.06	
<b>Balance May 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$4787.18</b>	<b>\$2154.34</b>



Receipts include Dues, \$ .41 interest

Disbursements: \$201.06 (Leaflet and June flyer postage \$55.21) ((Mileage for April speaker \$145.86 )



# Calendar

<b>Fri.-Sat. Apr. 26-27</b>	<b>AAUW of Wisconsin State Convention, Racine, Wisconsin</b>
<b>Wed. June 4</b>	<b>Leadership Team Meeting, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Marathon County Library, children's meeting room</b>
<b>Sat. June 15</b>	<b>Cocktails and Casual Conversations, 2 – 3 pm, Townies Grill</b>
<b>Tues. June 25</b>	<b>Food, Fun and Friends; 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at 3407 Falcon Way, Rib Mtn.</b>
<b>Wed, July 3</b>	<b>No Team Meeting in July</b>



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