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A Lady of Talent, an Evening with Pat Hall
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the Woman's Club
6:45 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting; 7:15 p.m. Program



The wolves' teeth and eternity spirals carried religious significance through the centuries. They are but two of the traditional patterns of ancient Slavic artistry that appear today in the intricate designs and colorful beauty of "Ukrainian Eggs."

Chatting with Pat Hall is a delight. Her interests are as varied as her talent. She speaks with enthusiasm of the ancient craft of egg decorating in Central Europe that grew from celebrating the rites of spring and new beginnings to being incorporated into the Christian celebration of the Risen Christ.

We talk also of her endearing story about Ida May, who had some new ideas about borrowing trouble. Pat and her daughter Emmeline, the illustrator, collaborated to bring the hard working homesteader to life. Emmeline is presently putting her creative energy to work on Pat's newest story, whose working title is "Beasties" (hmm, intriguing.) Perhaps *Beasties* will follow *Ida May's Borrowed Troubles* to winning the Moonbeam Silver Award for Best Picture Book – All Ages and the Purple Dragonfly First Place Award for Illustration.

Author, Flower Designer, Ukrainian Egg Artist, gardener, mother and grandmother and much more, Pat Hall will visit our AAUW meeting on March 24, 2015. She will demonstrate the unique designs and tools involved in creating Eastern European traditional eggs as well as the adventure of publishing children's books.

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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

It is hard to believe that it is March already. Can spring be near? Let's hope so. As we look back on February, it has been a month of extraordinary volunteering by our membership for our annual book sale. From moving in, to sorting, the actual sale, and cleanup, we have had help from more members and their family members than I can name here. Thank you one and all! We don't have the final sales total, but will report that soon. Throughout, our sale has been a great example of what our branch can accomplish when we work together. While we are all busy people, volunteering for AAUW is very rewarding.

With that in mind, we are looking to fill several leadership positions for the next year. We need to fill the positions of Program Vice President, and President elect (or co-presidents elect). If we all take a turn in a leadership position at some time, that position does not have to be a huge burden, but a chance to get to know the members, and learn more about AAUW. Please consider volunteering.

March brings us back to a regular schedule of branch and book club meetings. We hope to see you in attendance. We are also invited to attend the Diversity Action team meeting on March 5th. Since DAT sprouted from an AAUW interest group, it would be wonderful to see many of our members in attendance to start the celebration of women's History Month.

While this winter has been milder than last year, we are still ready for signs of spring. Let's hope March goes out like a lamb.

Diane



Make an Effort to Attend

Last summer as we were planning for the 2014-15 programs, Co-President Emily Scheunemann said she would like to see a program jointly sponsored by our branch and DAT. Since our focus was the annual book sale in February we decided to choose the first Thursday of March and call it our branch meeting. To celebrate Women's History Month, AAUW Janesville and The Diversity Action Team of Rock County are co-sponsoring the joint meeting at UW Rock County on March 5, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The title of our program is "Our Common Stories: from Wisconsin to Zimbabwe! The United Nations Global Concerns."

The program is open to the public. Bring a friend and/or a potential AAUW member. Since we have no social committee for this meeting, please contact Leslie, lrbrunsell@aol.com if you are able to bring a snack item or dessert to share.



JOIN US

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

When: March 5, 2015
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Where: UW Rock County
Janesville, Wisconsin

The Diversity Action Team and AAUW Janesville invite you to join us for a celebration of Women's History.

Our program, "Our Common Stores: from Wisconsin to Zimbabwe! The United Nations Global Concerns" will be presented by Cathy Manthei, pastor of Apostle Presbyterian Church.

Open to the public – free to attend.

Questions, please contact: Leslie @ lrbrunsell@aol.com



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Annual Book Sale Results in Healthy Profit for Scholarships

As we head to press and the Book Sale is behind us, the Book Sale Committee reports that we made a profit of \$6,508.00. Many members gave of their time to pick up books in the community, set up tables, haul out stored books and then sort all the books into categories. The sale was well attended and clean-up was accomplished from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Thanks to all members who participated in any way.



What: Performance of Lavinia

When: March 28, 2015 @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: Janesville Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students

Lavinia, by Madison playwright Betty Diamond, explores what it took for Janesville resident Lavinia Goodell to overcome gender barriers and to open the opportunity of the legal profession to all future generations of Wisconsin women. Working with a key group of supporters, including the Speaker of the Assembly, Goodell helped prompt introduction of legislation that prohibited gender-based discrimination in bar admissions. The legislation was signed into law on March 22, 1877, and Goodell's second application for admission to the bar was approved by the Supreme Court on April 22, 1879. Goodell died the following March at age 40, but her hard-won victory made it possible for women to be admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court.

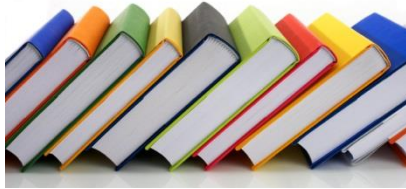
Why Print Your Impact?

This is the 2nd year of sending you your Impact electronically. Doing this has saved our branch hundreds of dollars, and woman hours. This has helped to keep your local branch AAUW dues a little lower. We have been able to print more pictures, and color certainly adds to the appeal of the newsletter. We no longer have to cram articles into a limited amount of space.

However, it is easy to read and then forget, without a printed copy. So, we are encouraging you to print all, or part of each issue to help you stay connected to our activities. The front page, with program information, as well as the calendar page, would be our recommendations for printing each month, plus any other information you don't want to lose track of.

Janet and Diane





Book Discussion

In March we will be discussing Wild by Cheryl Strayed on March 17th. We will gather at Paula DeRubeis' home at 7:00 p.m. Her address is 909 E. Centerway, Janesville. On April 21st, our selection will be A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki. This book is the powerful story of the right book falling into the right readers' hands. It was a UW Madison "Go Big Read" selection last year because of its global connections theme. Janet Dow will host at her home at 402 Stafford Rd, Janesville. In May, our selection is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, and in June our combined book discussion with DAT will be The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. We will choose locations for those discussions in March. Please come and give us a try if you are a reader and enjoy lively discussions around varied and interesting selections.

Calendar

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| March | 5 | Our Common Stories at Hyatt Smith Room |
| | 15 | Restorative Justice with Janine Geske at 1 st Congregational UCC |
| | 17 | Book Discussion at Paula DeRubeis' |
| | 24 | Branch Meeting at Women's Club with Pat Hall, artist and author |
| | 28 | JPAC performance of Lavinia |
| April | 21 | Book Discussion at Janet Dow's |
| | 28 | Branch Meeting—Women's Health-Fitness-Yoga, Meditation |

Woman's Club Style Show Coming



The Style Show is coming soon. If you are interested in modeling, or helping at the event in some manner, please contact Kathy Thostensen. Consider a donation to the silent auction, or volunteer with Kathy to do a dessert for one month of our "A Dessert a Month" silent auction item. A mailing should be coming soon with ticket information and raffle tickets. I'm sure there will also be information in the next issue of *Janesville Women*. The funds from this event go to the operating expenses of the Woman's Club.

Healing from Crime through Restorative Justice; the Victim's Perspective

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Location: First Congregational United Church of Christ;
54 S. Jackson St., Janesville, WI



Time: 6 pm

Janine Geske, former Wisconsin Supreme Court justice and retired law professor will talk about her work with Restorative Justice.

This presentation will describe the healing experiences of victims of violent crimes who are willing to meet face-to-face with their offenders and of victims who are willing to tell their stories to serious offenders in a maximum security prison. Restorative justice is a philosophical set of values used to address the ripple effects of crime on victims, their families, their communities, as well as the family members of the offender. The various uses of restorative justice from addressing bullying in schools to truth and reconciliation commissions will be discussed.

The program will be at 6 PM at the Janesville First Congregational United Church of Christ, 54 S. Jackson St. Enter through the door on the High Street side of the church. **The program will be co-sponsored by Rock Valley Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Rock County which holds services on Sunday evenings at this site.**

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