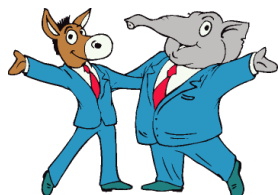


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The Amazing Journey of Women in Politics

Tuesday, March 22

6:45 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting; 7:15 p.m. Program

March is Women's History Month and what would be more appropriate in an election year than an enlightening presentation from our former Wisconsin State Senator Judith Robson. Judy served 23 years in the legislature and she has many examples and political stories from her personal experience to share.

We've come a long way baby, but there are still obstacles in the road for women as they stumble toward the utopia of political equity. Vestiges of cultural stereotypes still remain but women manage to conform without conforming in order to find their place and kick open the political doors.

Bring a friend who may be interested in learning about the ins and outs of a political career. We really need the wisdom of women in government.

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To Diane Adams

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AAUW's Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education and research.

President's Message

Spring is coming? We hope. I did see a flock of robins, and I have crocus and tulips peeking up through what is left of the snow. I'm sure that we will have another winter event, but there is hope. Spring is a time of renewal, so we must start thinking of that for AAUW also. We have several more interesting meetings for our AAUW season, as well as a state convention at the end of April. We also need to renew some of our leadership positions, and are busy looking for members to assume those roles. Please consider stepping into a position. Program planning will be coming soon. Start thinking of ideas. Dues renewal forms will be in the next issue of Impact, and we hope to see all of you again next year.

Winter almost canceled our February meeting, but being strong Wisconsin women, we carried on, and were educated about the literacy council by Erin Conway. She is a busy person, and has lots of good ideas of how to reach more people who need the Literacy Council in our community. And of course she would love to have more volunteers to help her achieve those goals. The Council's office is right across the hall from our book sale, so check it out.

As I write this message, the book sale is all set for the Thursday sale. It has been amazing to work with all of you as you volunteer, and sort. A huge thank you goes to everyone who has been able to help us out. It is a great way to get to know each other, and it is fun too. Look for some final figures elsewhere in this issue of Impact. We are planning our next year's sale with a big move. We are going to hold the sale at the end of October. Weather will not be a concern, and we feel that more of our members will be able to be involved, as they have not flown south yet.

As we look ahead to spring, look ahead to how you can get involved this spring. There are many opportunities to get involved in this issue of Impact. As you think spring, think AAUW too.

Diane Adams



Pat Phillips: Out Amongst Em at the Book Sale

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM PAT'S THURSDAY ENCOUNTER WITH A FEW OF OUR CUSTOMERS!

The crowd was lined up for nearly an hour on the opening day of the annual AAUW Used Book Sale held in the lower level of the Olde Towne Mall. Among the many eager readers were a few on special missions.

Liz White with her son, Dylan, and a family friend, Jo Anne Frenzene were searching for books to add to the collection at the Beginnings Group Home in Janesville. The home to at-risk teen boys is in need of expanding its small library with more books in genres of interest to young men—she filled a big box of new titles ranging from science fiction and history to novels and science.

Tyshanna Bradley came with her small children, Liam and Cecelia, and her mother, Paula Schutt to gather books for the entire family. A trip to the AAUW Book Sale has been an annual event since Tyshanna was a small child—over 25 years! And now she's maintaining the tradition with her children. Liam and Cecelia each toted a bag and permission to pick as many books as the bag could hold. Tyshanna told us, "I love to read and want to instill the love of reading in my kids." We think she is well on her way!



PRESENCE OF LATINA WOMEN IN THE U.S.

JOIN US

When: March 3, 2016
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: United Auto Workers Local 95 Center
1795 Lafayette St. Janesville, WI

The Diversity Action Team invites you to a presentation by Ms. Nedda Avila on the 'Presence of Latina Women in the United States.

Ms. Avila is an Executive Board Member for the United Migrant Opportunities Services, a non-profit advocacy organization improving the quality of life of under-served populations. She also serves on the Latinas Council for the League of United Latin American Citizens and is a tireless advocate for women. She is the voice of the Latina Resource Center in Milwaukee supporting services for women, men, teens and children affected by domestic violence and human trafficking.

Free Event – Open to the Public.

Questions, please contact: Jose Carrillo at 608.322.8986 or email at diversityactionteam@gmail.com.



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BOOK SALE MUSINGS

As I write this we are just starting our actual sale of books. The Book Sale Committee is made up of a team of human dynamos. As the years pass, experience is paying off and the team is becoming more and more efficient. Using the Olde Towne Mall as our site has really set the ball rolling to greater efficiency and, consequently, a more profitable book sale. One would think that in this age of kindles and Smart phones that books would not be so plentiful or loved. We have plenty of books this year and are getting smarter in how to market them and dispose of unsalable ones.

I also want to say how impressed I am with the talent in our group when it comes to putting on a book sale. The professional knowledge that Diane Adams puts into poster design, that Mary Buelow uses in the classification of books and her vast knowledge of so many books and authors, the professional management of the publicity of this event by Pat Phillips (and her committee) , the endless energy of Wendy Mani, Deb Fanning and Janet Dow hauling and picking up books, the consistent culling and organization of books by Andie Matthusen, the precise accounting of cash and time spent organizing that by Kathy Thostensen, and hard work put in by Valerie Harper and her “truck” is what makes this team so good. There are also others that have volunteered their time that have been a tremendous help. The AAUW is a true example of “many hands make light work.”

How do you feel about a Book Sale in October instead of February? Well that is what is going to happen! We will move in on October 16. The sale will be October 27 – 30. Hopefully we’ll have more favorable weather, more members in town and more people attending the sale.

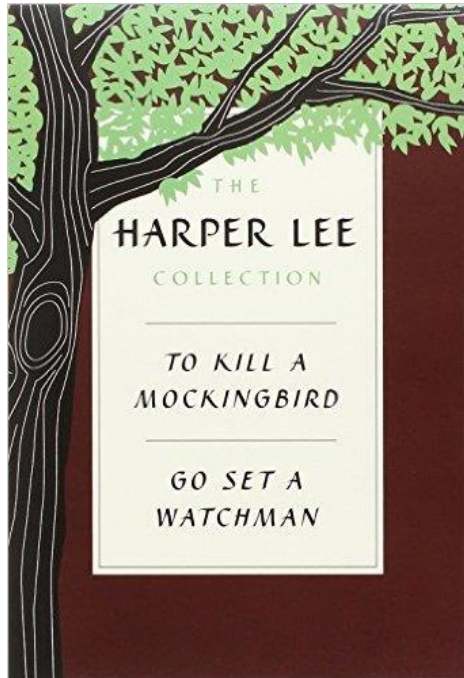
Emily Scheunemann



As I send this issue of Impact out to our Branch members, Kathy Thostenson has just reported that our Book Sale total is very close to \$6000. A big shout out goes to all who contributed or helped!

Book Discussion

Our Book Discussion Group will meet at the home of Paula Flaherty for our 7:00 p.m. March 15th meeting. Her address is 1418 N. Wuthering Hills Drive. We'll be discussing Cherry Harvest by Lucy Sanna. In April our selection is The Glassblower by Petra Durst-Benning. Be careful of the title as there are quite a few the same. In May, we share a potluck and read the exceptional Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The following article shows how this book will tie in to our combined Book discussion /DAT for June at the Woman's Club.



AAUW Book Discussion Group to Pair with Diversity Action Team for June Meeting/Potluck

Using the recently deceased Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird and her recently published Go Set a Watchman as a basis for our discussion, the combined Book Discussion group and Diversity Action Team hopes to use these two stories as a starter to a conversation about race. Harper Lee's portrayal of her beloved father, Atticus Finch from Mockingbird is further developed in Watchman and how do we process this? Did Atticus suddenly become a racist in Watchman or is this a fuller picture of the man and the way racism works? What can we learn about our own attitudes toward racism? Please join us on Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm at the Woman's Club. All AAUW

members and guests are welcome! We'll have wine for purchase, other beverages provided. Please bring a dish to pass for a 6:30 p.m. meal and 7:00 p.m. discussion. Mary Buelow will be our facilitator. Mary is an expert on leading book discussion and very knowledgeable about history. This is a five star event!

To get the Book Discussion warmed up for June, we will be reading for our May selection, the highly acclaimed Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. This book presents a look at the legacy of slavery in today's criminal justice system. Our view of Monroeville, Alabama, which was Harper Lee's home and the model for the setting in both her books, is the setting for the story of Walter McMillian, who is unjustly sentenced to life in prison and then the death penalty for a crime he did not commit. His is one of many amazing stories that Stevenson chronicles as he fights for the rights of the powerless. We will be meeting for a potluck and discussion on May 17th. For questions about location and time, call Janet Dow at 608-756-1370.



Book Image from Amazon.com

Harper Lee image from www.telegraph.co.uk

Discover the Remarkable Women of Geneva Lake

Join Jill Westberg of Black Point Estate, Lake Geneva, to explore the story of the Remarkable Women of Geneva Lake on Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the Program Room at Hedberg Public Library, 316 S. Main St.

From 1888 through 1989, Geneva Lake's Black Point Estate was headed by three generations of women: Catherina Seipp, her daughter Emma, and her granddaughter Alma. In a time when men held most of the power, this was remarkable.

Black Point Estate Interpreter Jill Westberg will focus on the lives of the Seipp's and their progressive minded contemporaries. While their wealth afforded them opportunities closed to many, these women were committed to helping to better their communities.

Jill Westberg has loved Geneva Lake all her life. Her passion for the history of the area began with family stories dating back to the Y Camp and Camp Augustana. She chose to do her undergraduate work at George Williams in large part because of the Lake Geneva campus where she enrolled in as many courses as possible. While much of her professional work has been in the area of faith and health her love of history was again ignited in 2010 when she joined the staff at Black Point and became a member of the archives committee at George Williams College. This is her third presentation on the history of Geneva Lake, her first two being on the numerous summer camps along the Geneva Lake shores.


A book on the same topic will be published in the spring of 2016.

Part of the Local Experts program series. No registration required. Presented in partnership with Black Point Estate and the Wisconsin Historical Society.



Promotional Opportunity


On May 14th from 10 – 5, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is promoting a statewide event to host local downtown open houses. This is a great way to increase awareness of the unique cultural and historic heritage presence in historic districts, as well as engage residents of local communities in exploring these districts. The Woman's Club building will be one of the building open that day, so that the community can see what it is all about. Each of the clubs that meet there will have a table set up, and a volunteer to talk about their group, and hopefully find some potential new members. AAUW will need several volunteers to divide up the time, and meet the public. (I'm not sure if we need to cover the whole time, or a portion along with other club members) More info will follow. This is also the spring clean-up day.



Let's celebrate 95 years of
empowering women and girls!

**AAUW-WI State
Convention**
April 22—23, 2016
**The Crowne Plaza Hotel
in Madison**
Registration deadline:
April 1

Friday Evening: Presentation of
**RESPECT, the Musical Journal of
Women**



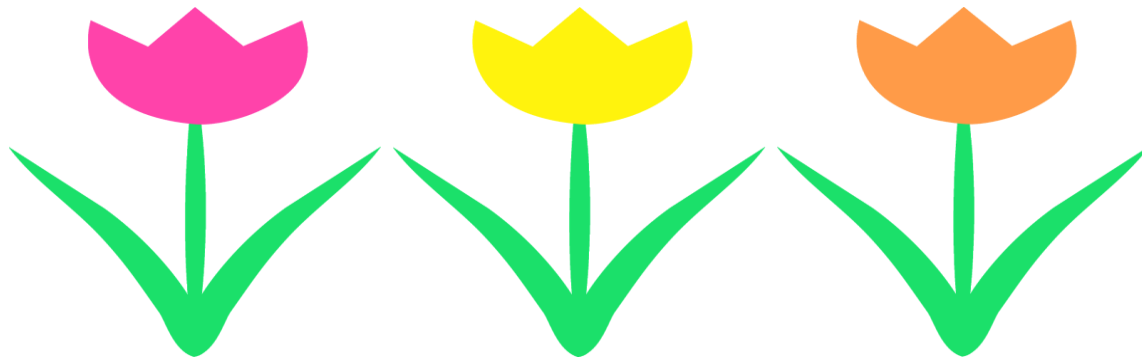
- Visit by AAUW National President Patricia Fae Ho
- Panel on Emerging Young Leaders
- Workshops

Details at aauw-wi.aauw.net

State Convention April 22-23, 2016

I've been working on the state convention, and will be producing the convention booklet. I am also planning on attending, and would be willing to share a room if anyone is interested. Even though Madison is close, it might be less stressful to just stay there. Let me know. Look for more information about the convention in the recent issue of *Badger Briefs*.

Diane



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