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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin: Keeping Communities Safe, Healthy and Strong

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin representatives, Margo DeNuccio, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Koby Schellenger, Regional Field Coordinator, will be speaking at the November 19th meeting of the American Association of University Women in Wausau. They will be discussing the quality and compassionate care Planned Parenthood has been providing individuals for 80 years. You may learn things you did not know about this organization. It has an integral role serving men, women and families in our community through education, advocacy and patient services. You'll leave understanding why they use the tagline, "Care. No matter what."

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 12:30 PM

WHERE: AHRNSBRAK ROOM of UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MARATHON COUNTY, 518 S 7th AVENUE, WAUSAU (Not the new building)

(Enter at the main south door and the room is beyond the second set of doors and to the right, past the women's rest room.)



AAUW works to increase the number of underrepresented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions - excerpt from AAUW Public Policy statement/introduction

WHY SO FEW ? AAUW September Program

~ EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE ~

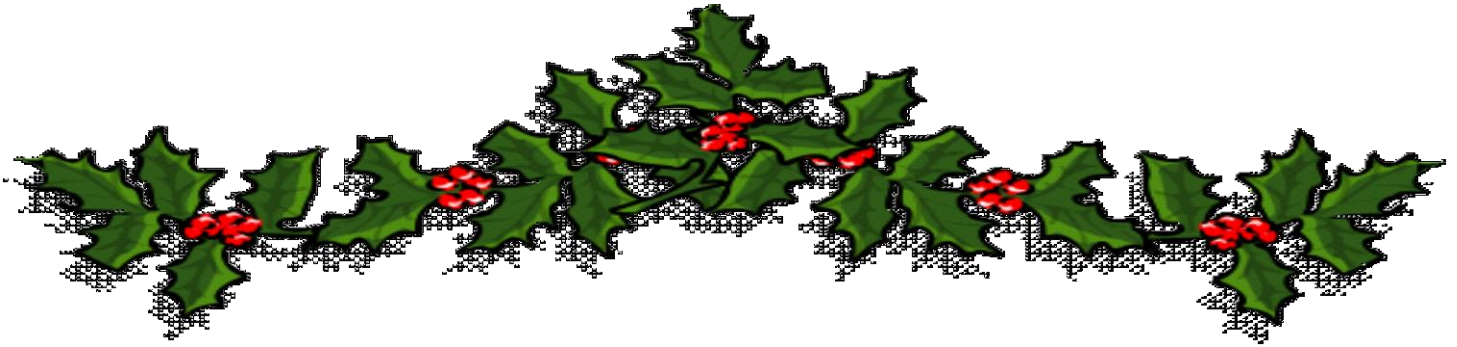
On Thursday, Sept 17 at 6:30 p.m. we met with former Wisconsin Representative Mandy Wright and current Marathon County Board member Joanne Leonard to hear about their experiences as candidates running for office and then as elected officials with responsibilities to their citizens. One “take-away” is that running for office is not for the faint-hearted, but stepping up to help strengthen our democratic society is very gratifying. We encourage more women to represent us at all levels of government and remind them that there are resources to help them along the way.



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WALK

On Tuesday, October 20 four intrepid walkers put on their shoes to make money for the Eleanor Roosevelt Scholarship Fund. Ruth Hawks, Rita Pachal, Lucy Harvey and Nancy Schulz walked Barker Island, the Riverfront Trail, and the Dudley Tower pretty patio area. They garnered \$100 for the AAUW Educational Fund. Afterwards they replenished their energy at Malarkey's to support the owner, a former AAUW guest speaker.

Board/Action Team/Leadership Team/etc. Wow! Good turnout of members. Lot was accomplished. So much can be accomplished when more people can make their own wishes and preferences known. If you hold an office and you weren't there you missed a good one. And you are welcome to attend if you are an officer or not.



TRADITIONAL AAUW HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 5, 2015

- UWMC Terrace Room

Join in for lively conversation over finger foods with friends both new and long-term .

Featured Speaker: Laura Syring:

Community Engagement in Marathon County, One Conversation at a Time

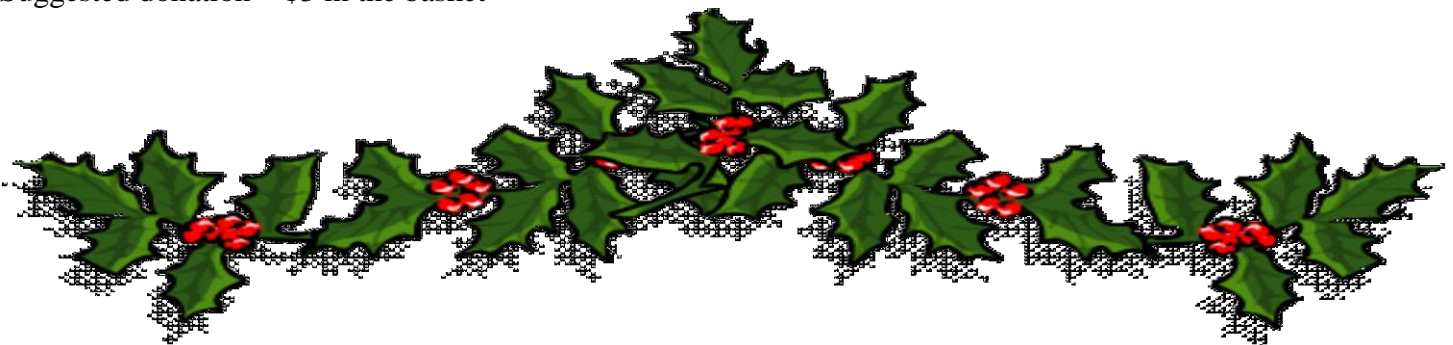
What do Marathon County community members care about? What can we do to build a healthier community? Join Laura Syring, community organizer for Marathon County's Obesity Prevention Initiative (OPI), for a discussion about grassroots community organizing and collective impact.

UWMC Terrace Room (In the original building)

8:45 Gathering, Visiting & Finger Food

9:45 Program

Suggested donation ~ \$3 in the basket





Throughout 2015 and 2016 we will be focusing on AAUW Public Policy issues:

1. To preserve a strong system of public education promoting equity and diversity.
2. To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women.
3. To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.

WE MADE OUR INFORMED AAUW VOICES HEARD

On October 15, 2015, AAUW of Wisconsin hosted a Legislative Day. Members attending were Marian Seagren-Hall, Nancy Schulz, Connie O'Heran, and myself, Rita Pachal.

The morning session began with information from Ingried Rothe, co-president of League of Women Voters of Dane County. She talked about three current bills before the assembly: dismantling the Government Accountability Board, changing campaign finance law, and having electronic voter registration. She also gave us information on the new voter ID law. Resource websites on Voter ID: <http://www.bringit.wisconsin.gov>, <http://www.gab.wi.gov>, <http://tinyurl.com/LWV-Clear>

The second speaker was Sara Finger from Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health. She encouraged us to spread the word by telling our stories. More information on this organization can be found at www.supportwomen'shealth.org Mary Bottari from Center for Media and Democracy was our third speaker. Her main emphasis was on ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council). Check out the following websites for the terrible truth about this organization:

www.ALECexposed.org, www.PRwatch.org, www.Sourcewatch.org
The last speaker from the Department of Instruction (DPI) was Thomas McCarthy. He explained the difference in the various types of schools in Wisconsin such as public charter, private charter, religious and public.

In the afternoon we visited with Rep. Dave Heaton and Rep. John Spiros. We visited with Matt, Senator Jerry Petrowski's staff person. It truly was a great day and I encourage all AAUW members to attend next year's Legislature Day.



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Membership Matters

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It certainly is good to have vibrant
and vital members in our
organization!

Thank you, CarolAnn Okite and Nancy Schultz for the
informative, colorful, and hard-worked-upon new
Membership Directory! We appreciate the hours you
spent finding tiny, bitty details for us!!

Personality can open doors,, but only
character can keep them open .

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LUNCH BUNCH

Lanette Walker of the Ho-Chunk Nation

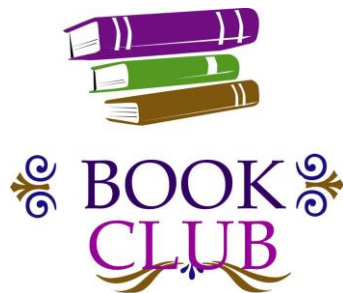
-- by Ruth Hawks



In October we had a nice turnout of our great AAUW women at the Lunch Bunch program planned by VP Sande Sliwicki at Chang Gardens. In addition the staff of the Ho-Chunk Youth Programs were present to hear their director speak to us so it was a nice crowd overall. Lanette Walker is an extremely impressive and dedicated woman who spoke of the Ho-Chunk Indian families. There was strong undertone of wanting to better understand this culture, and I hope we can have a follow-up about the personal lives of Indian women. I understand their need and challenge to straddle cultures and preserve their foundation. I would like to learn more and hope we can talk more about this in the future.

We appreciated the day

l. Sande Sliwicki, AAUW VP ; r. Lanette Walker, Ho-Chunk Nation



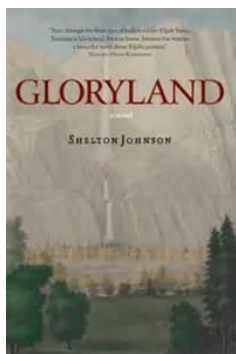
AAUW
2nd TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
At Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ 630 Adams Street, Wausau
The second Tuesday of the month

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives. To join, call Marlene Lau 715-675-9266

***Gloryland* by Shelton Johnson**

December 8, 2015 ----- Discussion Leader, Ruth Grauer

Born on Emancipation Day, 1863, to a sharecropping family of African and Indian blood, Elijah Yancy never lived as a slave, but his self-image as a free person is at war with his surroundings: Spartanburg, South Carolina, in the Reconstructed South. Exiled for his own survival as a teenager, Elijah walks west to the Nebraska plains and, like other rootless young African-American men of that era, joins the U.S. Cavalry.



The trajectory of Elijah's army career parallels the nation's imperial adventures in the late nineteenth century: subduing Native Americans in the West and quelling rebellion in the Philippines. Haunted by the terrors endured by black Americans and by his part in persecuting other people of color, Elijah is sustained only by visions, memories, prayers, and his questing spirit—which ultimately finds a home when his troop is posted to guard the newly created Yosemite National Park in 1903. Here, living with little beyond mountain light, cold rivers, campfires, and stars, he becomes a man who owns himself completely, while knowing he's left pieces of himself scattered along his life's path like pebbles on a creek bed.

Elijah's narrative voice—poetic, rhythmically cadenced, ranging freely through time—makes this novel a literary meditation on finding a self and a spiritual home, while unveiling a little-known chapter of America's past..amazon.com

Women's Equality Day!

On August 26th, over 30 women came together to celebrate 95 years of achieving the right to vote. The event was co-hosted by the AAUW and YWCA. Participants were able to view a timeline of women's milestones since 1920 and an exhibit focusing on the gender pay gap. Rita Pachal set up an information area for participants to learn the new voting laws in Wisconsin. She also passed around a petition advocating for legislative support focusing on several issues that are consistent with the AAUW and YWCA's mission of empowering women. Amanda Bergman spoke about the YWCA and participants were invited to tour the new Infant/Toddler center. Nancy Schulz presented on the history of AAUW and told of the many ways that AAUW impacts women through advocacy, research, education, and philanthropy. Connie O'Heron wrapped up the event by sharing some amusing stories surrounding the suffrage movement. A big thank you goes out to the planning committee: Ruth Hawks, Connie O'Heron, Rita Pachal, Marian Seagren-Hall, and Sande Sliwicki; Also, to Cate Bard and Kelly O'Heron for helping with the displays; and finally, to those who brought hors d'oeuvres and refreshments to share.

FOOTNOTE: Three weeks after this event I had the opportunity to visit Seneca Falls, NY and tour the National Women's Rights Museum. It all came alive as I read the writings of such strong and courageous women, such as Elizabeth Cady Staton, Lucretia Mott, and Susan B. Anthony. There are sculptures of these women and placed strategically around the town. It's hard to believe that it took over 70 years from the day of that first Women's Rights Convention before the right to vote was finally achieved. The women who began to movement had passed away by then. Cady Staton must have foreseen this as she wrote, "I never forget that we are sowing winter wheat which the coming of spring will see sprout and other hands than ours will reap and enjoy." It made me think of the work the AAUW does today in an effort to benefit the women of tomorrow. by Connie O'Heron, Ph.D.

WAUSAU BRANCH -- AAUW**2015 - 2016 PROPOSED FINANCIAL CASH BUDGET'**ASSUMPTIONS:

NO. REGULAR PAID MEMBERS	50	43	48
NO. SHARE THE FUTURE	0	0	0
NO. STUDENT AFFILIATES	2	0	2
NO. 50YR & HLM & DUAL MEMBERS	9	6	7

	2014-2015 BUDGET	2014-2015 ACTUAL	2015-2016 BUDGET
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			
DUES	\$4,132.00	\$1,942.00	\$6,127.00
NATIONAL ASSOC DUES	(\$2,450.00)	(\$3,056.50)-	(\$2,352.00)
WIS ASSOC DUES	(\$679.00)	(\$942.50) **	(\$650.00)
NET BRANCH DUES	\$1,003.00	(\$2,057.00)	\$3,125.00
FUNDRAISERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FUNDRAISERS EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET FUNDRAISERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$43.00	\$0.00
INTEREST EARNED -CHECKING	\$2.50	\$2.45	\$2.50
TOTAL RECIEPTS	\$1,005.50	(\$2,011.55)	\$3,127.50
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
WORKSHOPS & CONVENTIONS	\$250.00	\$243.42	\$250.00
NA T'L CONVENTION	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
STATE CONVENTION HOST (NET)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LEAFLET PRINTING & MAILING	\$450.00	\$242.27	\$400.00
YEARBOOK PRINTING	\$130.00	\$100.49	\$125.00
PROGRAMS - NET	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$250.00
MEMBERSHIP MAT'IS & MAILING	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
INSURANCE	\$180.00	\$507.00	\$180.00
STUDY GROUPS SUPPORT	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$50.00
MEMORIALS---	\$50.00	\$0.00	-- \$50.00
HISTORIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LAF CONTRIBUTION	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
EF CONTRIBUTION	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$2,450.00	\$1,258.18	\$2,095.00
NET RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS) •	(\$1,444.50)	(\$3,269.73)	\$1,032.50
<u>CASH BALANCES:</u>			
BEGINNING CASH-CHECKING	\$5,732.00	\$5,732.00	\$2,462.27
NET RECEIPTS	(\$1,444.50)	(\$3,269.73)	\$1,032.50
TRANSFERS FROM (FO) SAVINGS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ENDING CASH-CHECKING	\$4,287.50	\$2,462.27	\$3,494.77
BEGINNING CASH-SAVINGS	\$2,152.68	\$2,152.68	\$2,154.00
INTEREST EARNED	\$1.50	\$1.32	\$1.50
TRANSFERS FROM (TO) CHECKING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ENDING CASH-SAVINGS	\$2,154.18	\$2,154.00	\$2,155.50
TOTAL BEGINNING CASH	\$7,884.68	\$7,884.68	\$4,616.27
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(\$1,443.00)	(\$3,268.41)	\$1,034.00
TOTAL ENDING CASH	\$6,441.68	\$4,616.27	\$5,650.27

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TOTAL EF CONIRIBUTIONS WERE' \$135.00

**\$2191.00 dues were deposited after June 30,2015

Editor's note. We thank Wausau's Finance VP Alana Holt for working diligently on registration details at the national level



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Calendar

Thursday, November 19 November Program at UWMC Ahrensbrak
11:30 a.m. Room 182

Weds. Dec 2 – Board Meeting at the Library
11:30 a.m. (Second floor) All are invited

Sat Dec 5 December Holiday Brunch at UWMC Terrace Room T
8:45 a.m.

Tues. Dec 8 Book Group
12:45