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Travel Wisconsin through the Art of O.V. Shaffer

Tuesday, April 26 6:45 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Student Recognition 7:15 p.m. Program

Join the Janesville AAUW branch on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 at the Janesville Woman's Club, 108 S. Jackson Street, for a tour of Wisconsin through the art of O.V. Shaffer.

The program, A Tour of Wisconsin through the Art of O.V. Shaffer, will be presented by Jerry Sveum. Jerry is President of Beloit Fine Arts Incubator and served as Project Coordinator, along with wife Connie, for the O.V. Shaffer events: the ongoing, self-guided Road Trip, and the 4 simultaneous art shows in July of 2015. This virtual tour will follow segments of the O.V. Shaffer Road Trips from the summer of 2015 that visited his works across the state.

Verne graduated from Beloit College where he later taught art. For most of his career, he sculpted in Clinton, Wisconsin. His artwork consists of steel and brass, welded or cast, and wood and cast concrete. Several of his works are installed around Janesville.

His work is exhibited with major commissions throughout the United States. Verne has won multiple awards including awards from the Governor and lifetime achievement awards. In June, 2014 Shaffer received a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Scott Walker for having more public art than any other artist in Wisconsin and for his work as an art educator at Beloit College.

This event is open to the public. For more information, contact:

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April 27th to Janet Dow

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

Can you feel the pace increase in the living world with the rise in temperature and the lengthening in the hours of day light? It is contagious!

Diane has been busy designing the postcard logo for the AAUW State Convention in Madison , April 22 – 23. She is also producing the convention booklet. Here at the Women's Club Diane and Jane McBride are involved with the decorating committee for our building. They will share some of their experiences with our members at some point in time.

Emily is orchestrating the articles for *Janesville Women! Active Organizations for Every Interest* newsletter. We want to do more with highlighting our members. This coming issue will feature our newest member, Paula Flaherty. Read her bio in this issue of the Impact. She has graciously agreed to be our secretary for the next two year term. Yea Paula! Be sure and say hello to Paula.

Our new VP of Membership is Janet Dow. She will be working with a membership committee that includes Carol Watson, Leslie Brunsell and Emily Scheunemann. We are still looking for a member to work with the schools on Title IX. There is a national chair for Title IX that would help with what AAUW is trying to promote in that regards. Let us know if you are interested in working in that area.

It is great to see so many women signed up for the luncheon at the Super Fund Raiser, April 2. If you would like to join us reservations can be made until March 28.

Hope everyone participates in all of the fabulous programs our AAUW is sponsoring this Spring. Don't forget Spring extends to June 28th with our wonderful **Book Discussion/Branch Meeting** about Harper Lee and her award winning books. A vibrant discussion led by Mary Buelow is a given. And the food is incredible because it is a pot-luck!

Don't forget **Board Meeting April 4, Monday, at 6:00 P.M. at HPL.**

Emily and Diane

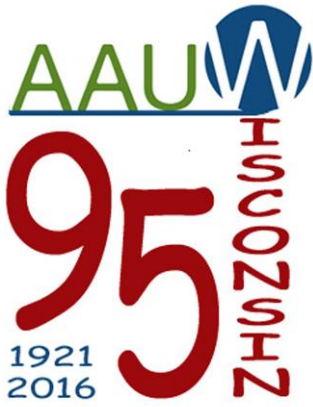
Do you have unconscious bias about women leaders?

Knowing about the unconscious associations we hold is the first step toward correcting our biases. That's why AAUW is conducting our own original research on people's associations between gender and leadership, and you can participate! Please [take the Implicit Association Test](#) and pass it on to your colleagues, friends, and family. It takes just 10 minutes, and the results will inform AAUW's research [on women in leadership](#).

Nominations:

At our March meeting we nominated Janet Dow as Membership VP to be supported by an outstanding committee, and Paula Flaherty to be our Secretary. These women will be voted on at the April meeting, and installed in May. Also being installed will be Pat Phillips and Diane Adams as co-presidents. We hope that we will have many members at that meeting, and that our members will be supportive of our leadership team.





**AAUW- Wisconsin State Convention
April 22-23, 2016
The Crowne Plaza Hotel / Madison**

There is still a little time to get signed up for the state convention. April 1st is the deadline. More information, and a registration form can be found on the AAUW-WI website. aauw-wi.aauw.net

The Friday night entertainment should really be great, as well as the keynote speakers that have been lined up. I will be attending, and would love to have some other Janesville members for company.
Diane Adams

Notes from WC Board meeting.

The super fundraiser is fast approaching and we appreciate the support of all clubs using the facility. Donations for the silent auction will still be accepted but, if received after March 23, will not be listed in the program. There will be balloons sold at the event each containing a prize valued at \$10-\$40. Be sure to return raffle ticket receipts to the WC. Questions about the event can be directed to house manager, Ellen Preston, at 754-4544.

Clean up of the building grounds is scheduled for May 14, 9-11 am. It is hoped that each club will have members participate in the clean-up. Also on that day the WC will participate in a downtown open house from 10-5pm. All clubs are encouraged to have members serve as host and provide displays and materials promoting their club.

"Janesville Women" newsletter is projected to make a profit for the WC from ad receipts by January of next year. At that point some of the income will revert to the WC and we plan to use it to defray postage costs. The next issue is due out soon.

The possibility of a community read/discussion of "I Am Malala" was suggested. More information to follow.

There is still time to sign up for the Super Fund Raiser if you hurry. Reservations are due Monday the 28th. You might have to drop off your reservation at the Woman's Club between 9 and 1 while Ellen Preston is there working. Or call her to get signed up. 754-4544

Book Discussion April, May and June

April 19 Our April book is *Glassblower* by Petra Durst-Benning. It is the first part of a trilogy. Be careful as there are other books with the same title. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Faye Andrews' home at 2001 Eastwood Ave. (phone 752-4546). Kathy Thostenson is bringing refreshments.

May 17 Our May book is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Janet Dow will be the facilitator and we will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Jane McBride's home, 4130 Boulder Dr. (phone 563-4710). Sue Keeney is bringing the refreshments.

June 28 is the branch/book discussion in June. It meets at the Woman's Club at 6:30 for a potluck followed by the discussion. All members are asked to bring a dish to pass. We will be discussing *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. Participants are encouraged to also read the biography of Harper Lee, *The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee* by Marja Mills. Mary Buelow will be the facilitator.

Everyone is welcome to participate in book discussion even if you have not come in the past.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2016-2017
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Note: \$46 of AAUW National dues **are now deductible** as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. AAUW Fund contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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\$95 Renewing or new member and you **have not paid** Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization (National dues \$49, State \$13, Branch \$13, Woman's Club \$20)

\$75 Renewing or new member and you **have paid** Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization (National \$49, State \$13, Branch \$13)

\$46 Paid Life Member (State \$13, Branch \$13, Woman's Club \$20)

\$26 Paid Life Member who is also a member of Woman's Club (State \$13, Branch \$13)

\$17 Student Affiliate (undergrad) --National. (Optional State membership for an additional \$6.50)

\$20 Honorary Life Member who has not paid Woman's Club dues directly or through another organization.

\$0 Honorary Life Member (If you've been an AAUW member for 50+ years)

Additional Contributions:

\$_____ AAUW Funds (National)

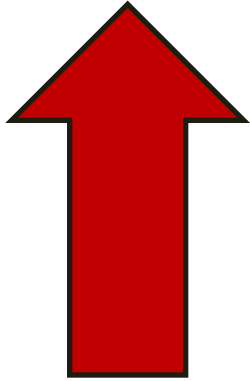
\$_____ Scholarship: Supports our local scholarship giving

\$_____ Sponsorship: Helps subsidize memberships for our members based on need.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ **Due Date: June 15, 2016**

Make checks payable & remit to: AAUW - Janesville Branch
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Anyone who is interested in a confidential payment plan or in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathy Thostenson, Finance VP at (608) 754-7311.



Please make sure that you take notice of the dues renewal form on the previous page. Please print it out, and send it in, or bring it to the next AAUW meeting. If we all get ours dues turned in, it saves Kathy from contacting you. We hope that all of our members will choose to renew. We are getting some new members, and have a good leadership team. We hope to have many more successful seasons of AAUW.



April Calendar

- 2 Super Fund Raiser
- 4 Board Meeting
- 19 Book Discussion
- 22-23 State Convention
- 26 Branch Meeting
- 27 Impact Articles to Janet
- 29 DAT Workshop

May

- 14 Woman's Club Clean-up
Building Open House
- 17 Book Discussion
- 24 Branch Meeting



Meet Paula Flaherty

New member Paula Flaherty grew up in St. Louis, but has lived in Janesville for the last 40 years. She earned a M.A. in Education at Washington University in St. Louis and later earned a M.S. in Guidance and Counseling at UW Whitewater. Some of her career was teaching at the elementary and junior high level, but most of her career has been working as a mental health counselor.

Paula is a friendly, exuberant person, who enjoys plays, musicals, history, travel, exercise and cooking. When asked what makes her happy in life, she replied, "dining out, museums, movies, plays, grandchildren and reading." What is one of her favorite books? *Prisoner of Birth* by Jeffrey Archer. She has taken many trips, but her favorite was the "Garden Tour of France" with Sally Cullen. If she could do whatever she wanted, Paula would take a world cruise.

We welcome Paula to AAUW where we are sure she will make many new friends and find women with similar interests and who enjoy the same activities.

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Acting on Awareness: An Inclusive Workplace
The workshop will be held on **Friday, April 29** from
8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the
Mercy Health Mall,
1010 N. Washington Ave., Janesville, WI 53548

Thanks to news media, the entertainment industry, and educational efforts, awareness of past and present racial and cultural injustices continues to climb. How can we build on this new sensitivity to effect real change, especially in the work world? Now that we recognize some of the hidden prejudices that surround us, how can we make sure our workplaces welcome all potential employees? Once our hiring practices are truly inclusive, what can we do to ensure respect and encourage retention? This interactive workshop will help participants evaluate and choose positive steps toward making inclusion a reality. Large and small group discussions and videos will make this an empowering experience for all stakeholders.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Employer/Organization:

How did you learn about this workshop? _____

Registration Fee - \$30.00
DUE DATE for is April 25

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