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Tuesday, Sept. 23 Woman's Club

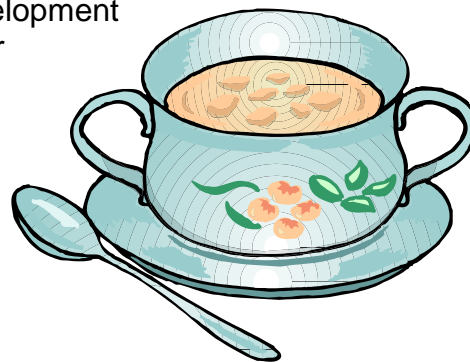
Social: 6:00

Souper September Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\$5 per person at the door

Business meeting 7 p.m.

Program to follow



The Janesville branch will kick off our program year with “**Souper September**”. We hope you can join us. Your board will sponsor a light supper soup and fixin’s with delightful desserts.

Following the social, we will have the opportunity to hear Kerry and Terese share what is happening at BTC.

- What does it mean to each of us
- What is the impact on the Rock and Green county communities-employers
- Community Programs-Career & Academic Programs
- What does the future hold?

We hope all of you will join us as we begin the year. A little social! A little learning!
See you there!!

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September 24th
To Janet Dow**

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



Presidents' Message

Here we are again starting our monthly Branch meetings. We're just like school children enjoying the summer with all the activities outside. Our branch has had some great book discussions at member's homes this summer. If you haven't participated, put that on your to do list next summer. Now we look forward to all the adventures in store for us this year. Adventures? Well that may be a slight exaggeration, but we have some very interesting programs planned for you this year. Give every program a chance by attending and participating.

As we start a new year, we notice that Wendy has changed hats. Diane and I missed her this summer at the meetings, although Dawn and Leslie helped keep us on track. Thank you, Wendy, for your dedication and leadership that you gave AAUW. Wendy always amazed me the way she could always take a crisis in stride and fix it. You can be sure that we'll be calling her for help throughout the year. Now she wears two hats: one, student recognition and two, social media (web page and facebook). Wendy will be part of the program at three branch meetings this year where she will present high school students being recognized by AAUW. Other Committee Chairs have not changed: Barb Fett, Cultural Interests; Leslie Brunsell, Diversity Action Team; Susan Fowler and Andie Matthusen, Scholarship; Kathleen Thostenson, Woman's Club Rep.; and Mary Buelow, Historian.

There have been other changes in leadership for our branch. Dawn Olson has taken over the very important task of chairman of VP- Membership. And we are jumping up and down with joy because Pat Phillips has agreed to be our Social Chair. So we will be in good hands this year in two very important areas of our branch.

Our thought this year is for publicity, membership, book sale, and program chairs to be backed by a committee that would share the responsibilities making the assignment much easier and probably better covered. This is what has happened with the Book Sale Committee. This year's chairman, Emily Scheunemann, is assisted by Wendy Facinger, Andie Matthusen, Diane Adams, Janet Dow, Susan Fowler, Kathy Thostenson, Deb Fanning and Val Harber. Jobs are divided up among members and no one is shouldered with a lot of responsibility. It is kind of like an ant colony. We feel like ants sometimes when we face the stacks of books that have been donated. One of the best reasons for doing it this way, is one doesn't burn out and, thus, there is continuity from year to year. Anyone who would like to join any committee, please contact Emily.

Other Committees: **Publicity:** Janet Dow, Diane Adams, Vicky Damron, Pat Phillips and Jane McBride

Membership: Chair – Dawn Olson and committee members Mary Squire, Wendy Facinger, Fern Streich, Leslie Brunsell and Janet Dow

Program/Social Chairs Deb Cross & Pat Phillips and committee members, Leslie Brunsell and Dawn Olson

We also thought a committee on Community Action would be a good idea to help get AAUW more involved in our own community. Let us know if **you** would like to be on one of these committees.

Lots of ideas. Lots of enthusiasm. Lots of active members. It is going to be great year!

Emily



14-15 Programing Schedule

Board members, and Program chairman have been busy this summer planning some interesting programs for the coming year. What always makes our program exciting is the membership attendance, and the chance to learn something new. As you look ahead, plan to attend as many meetings as possible, and plan to bring a friend that might be interested in learning about AAUW. Guests are always welcome at any program. More complete information will be in the membership booklet, but a quick rundown is below.

- September 23 “Souper September” Come and kick of the season with a soup dinner provided by the board members. We will be hearing an update on Blackhawk Technical College, as well as catching up with all of our members.
- October 28 “Tech Event” and AAUW Student Recognition
Our own members, Pat Phillips and Mary Buelow will be updating us On “Big Data” and e books and Overdrive.
- November 25 AAUW Holiday Auction and Student Recognition
Start planning your donation now for a great auction. Bring friends to Share in our wonderful auction items, and help us raise money for AAUW Funds, and local scholarships.
- January 17 Our annual Saturday brunch will be held this year at the Gathering Place in Milton. We will be welcoming Middleton author Katherine Perreth and her son Ben as she presents her book *Making Lemonade with Ben: the Audacity to Cope*. This is an open meeting, and we welcome guests and interested new members.
- February 24 Book Sale Preview: Share some coffee and snacks, and preview the booksale from 9 to Noon. Because we are all busy working on the sale in February, we are not having a night meeting, but would love to see everyone at our preview.
- February 26 – March 1 AAUW BOOK SALE
- March 5 Our Common Stories; from Wisconsin to Zimbabwe! The United Nations Global Concerns” presented by Cathy Mantheir, Pastor, Apostle Presbyterian Church, West Allis. This is a joint meeting with the Diversity Action Team, and will be held at U-Rock
- March 24 AAUW Student Recognition and presentation by local author Pat Hall. She has written a delightful children’s story, *Ida May Borrowed Trouble*, and will also be sharing her talents at making Ukranian eggs.
- April 26 “Women’s Health, Fitness, Yoga and Meditation.” Presented by Ruth Armstrong.
- May 26 Pot Luck Dinner followed by Scholarship presentations, and a program from David and Barb Bendlin on “WOOFing in New Zealand”
- June 23 Pot Luck Book Discussion with DAT members. All of our members are always invited to book discussion, but this is a special event held with DAT. We will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd and will be led by a facilitator. This event will be held at Andie Matthusen’s home.

Please look over the proposed budgets, and be prepared to vote on them at the September meeting.

**AAUW Janesville Branch
Operating Budget 2014-2015**

	Budget	% of Budget	
Income			
Branch Dues (40)+6	\$ 520.00	23%	11.82\$ Per member
Honorary			
Ad sales (8) @ \$35	280.00	12%	
Misc Income*	600.00	26%	
Sponsorship donations	50.00	2%	
Sponsorship reserves		0%	
Reserves	815.00	36%	
Total Income	2,265.00	100%	
Expenses			
Board Administration	250.00	11%	
Impact Newsletter	40.00	2%	
Catered Meals	350.00	15%	
Diversity	150.00	7%	
Equity Initiative	25.00	1%	
Membership	100.00	4%	
National Conventions	500.00	22%	
Prog/Membership Book	125.00	6%	
Programs	300.00	13%	
Public Policy	25.00	1%	
Social	100.00	4%	
Sponsorships	50.00	2%	
State Conventions	250.00	11%	
Total Expenses	2,265.00	100%	

* Misc Income (\$600)

**AAUW Janesville Branch
Scholarship Budget 2014-2015**

	Budget	% of Budget
Income		
Prior Year Booksale	\$5,710.16	76%
AAUW Funds Donations	179.00	1%
AAUW Funds Donations (Prior Year)		1%
Auction Income - AAUW	500.00	
Auction Income - Local	500.00	
Local Scholarship Donations	500.00	10%
Book Sale Donations from reserves	65.92	12%
Prior Year Scholarship Unused	500.00	
Total Income	7,955.08	100%
Expenses		
Committee Expenses	100.00	2%
Building Utilities - Book Sale		
Insurance - Book Sale		
Project Renew Scholarships	1,500.00	25%
High School Scholarships	2,000.00	34%
AAUW Funds Donations	2,855.08	39%
Auction Fund Distributions - AAUW	500.00	
Auction Fund Distributions - Local	500.00	
Misc Scholarship	500.00	
Total Expenses	7,955.08	100%

Woman's Club begins Capital Campaign

The Foundation for the Preservation of 108 S. Jackson is starting a yearlong campaign to raise funds needed for some building improvements. These improvements are above and beyond the annual operating fund. The fund will be used for a new parking lot, exterior painting and rebuilding of balustrade, and interior painting and updates. The Foundation hopes to increase the use of the building for rentals hosting small events.

To kick off the campaign, the Foundation is planning an open house on Friday September, 26 from 5-8 at the Woman's Club Building. All members of all groups are encouraged to stop in and see the plans. There will be beverages and light appetizers. Information about each of the groups that uses the Woman's Club building will be displayed. The groups have contributed many funds and services to the community of Janesville. We hope that the community of Janesville will be able to help maintain and restore our wonderful facility for the use of women way into the future. You should be receiving more information about this event in the mail soon

Public Policy from AAUW Washington Update August 22, 2014:

Women's Equality Day was observed on August 26. It commemorates the day in 1920 when the 19th Amendment was officially added to the U.S. Constitution, recognizing and guaranteeing a woman's right to vote.

Women's Equality Day always takes on special significance for me in an election year, and 2014 is no different. Next week on Women's Equality Day, we will be exactly 10 weeks out from the election on Tuesday, November 4. Depending on where you live, you could be voting for your U.S. House representative, U.S. senator, governor, state legislators, or any number of [ballot initiatives](#) on AAUW priority issues. And if 2014 is anything like 2012, women's votes will make the difference.

To get in the Women's Equality Day spirit, you can also [read about AAUW members who were active suffragists](#) and join the nationwide [#WEmatter](#) conversation on social media to highlight the issues that impact women and families.

The past informs the present, and how we act today – and on Election Day on November 4 – will determine our future.

AAUW Cheer of the Week

Congratulations to Mo'ne Davis for becoming the first Little League player to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated! The 13-year-old baseball star from Pennsylvania was the first girl to throw a shutout in Little League World Series (LLWS) history. She also threw a shutout—complete with a 70 mph fastball—in the regional finals to punch her team's ticket to the LLWS. Davis is the youngest athlete to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

Where would we be without Title IX??



Diversity Action Team

Programs 2014-2015 Save the Date!

Sep 14-21:

Peace Week; Hedberg Public Library

Sep 21 (Sunday):

Annual Peace Celebration; Peace Park, Janesville, 1-4 p.m.

Oct 2:

Day of the Americas, Dr. Figueroa; Beloit Public Library

Nov. 6:

South Africa: Apartheid before 1994 and Beyond, Jennifer Schrab; UW-Rock County*

Dec 4:

Holiday Traditions Around the World; UW-Rock County*

Jan 10 (Saturday):

MLK Jr. Commemoration; Blackhawk Technical College, 3-6 p.m.

Feb 5:

School to Prison Pipeline, Caliph Muab'El; Beloit Public Library

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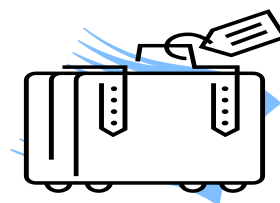
Netherlands Visitor: Conny Fleischer

Conny Fleischer from the Netherlands will visit Janesville in September. She plans to arrive in time for the Branch meeting on September 23rd and will return home on September 29th. On the schedule is a cookout/pot luck for branch members and their spouses/significant others on Saturday, September 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Leslie and Whitey Brunsell, 225 Hillside Court. Other activities during her stay are still in the planning stage. Members of the planning committee include Judy Adler, Faye Bidwell, Barbara Bobzien, Leslie Brunsell, Kathy Thostenson, and Freda Treder.

Janesville AAUW members first met Conny in 1992 when Judy Jaggard organized the first exchange with IFUW members from the Netherlands. That year the International Federation of University Women met at Stanford University in California. Prior to the conference each state was linked with a country having an IFUW member affiliate organization. Judy arranged to have IFUW members from the Netherlands visit Janesville for a few days before heading to California. The connection continued in 1994 when Wisconsin AAUW members were invited to visit the Netherlands and in 1996 when Dutch members visited Wisconsin. In 2003, Wisconsin AAUW members again visited IFUW members in the Netherlands. Conny has visited Janesville several times since then and some of our members have also been guests in her home in Emmen, the Netherlands.

AAUW has since withdrawn from participation in the International Federation of University Women. Women interested in being a part of the international organization may join Women Graduates-USA which is now the member affiliate for the United States in the IFUW.

Please call Judy Adler, 756-0023 for more information on the visit.



BOOK DISCUSSION

Summer must be officially coming to an end☺ On August 19 we gathered at Emily Schuenneman's for our last summer pot luck. We had 20 wonderful women in attendance to discuss the book *Once Upon a Chariot*, the Story of Norma Jean Belloff. In 1948, at the age of 19, she biked from San Diego to Baltimore. And then she biked home!! Fascinating story.

Our fall books have been selected and we're looking forward to another wonderful year of reading, sharing and fun. Our September selection is *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey. We will meet at the home of Karen Winn at 7 pm on September 16. Andie Mathusen will hostess in October. We'll be reading *Lake of Dreams* by Kim Edwards. In November we'll gather at Mary Hunt's to discuss *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. Check your program book for addresses.

After several years of living in Arizona, we have happily welcomed Pat Phillips back into our group. So glad to have her back. She has graciously invited us to her home (3738 Buckingham) for our annual Christmas Party on December 9th. Note that this is a week earlier than we normally meet.

Looking ahead, we will be reading "Making Lemonade with Ben" by Middleton author Katherine Perreth. This book is being read in conjunction with our January program.

Please consider joining us. This is a great group and we are always looking for new members.



Happy Reading, Paula

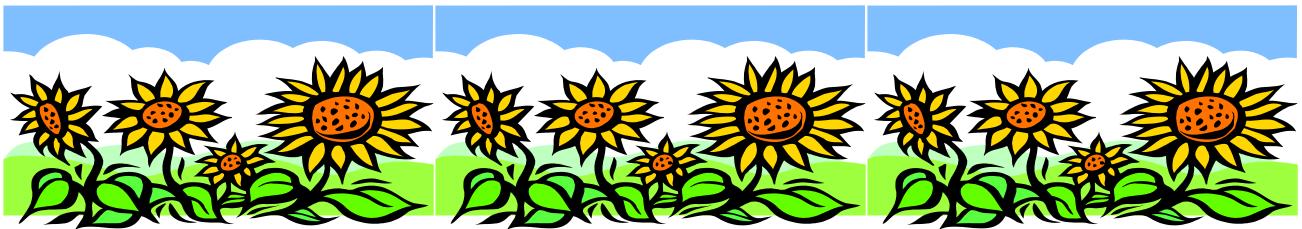
September Calendar

September

14-21	Peace Week
16 th	Book Discussion
21 st	Peace Celebration DAT
23 rd	Branch Meeting
24 th	Impact articles due to Janet Dow
26 th	Woman's Club Capital Campaign Kick Off

October

2 nd	DAT Day of the Americas
21 st	Book Discussion
28 th	Branch Meeting



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