



# Current

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



As 2006 comes to an end, I have a chance to reflect. What an interesting year it has been. AAUW International is 125 years and our own branch is going strong waiting to celebrate its birthday in 2007. Again, I continue to be supported by the entire Executive Committee. They are a dedicated group of individuals who have a strong sense of duty. As President, I continue to reap the benefits of this fantastic group. These people have given of themselves unselfishly in their roles as “leaders” for AAUW La Crosse Branch. A special thank you to the following:

Betty Kruck - <i>President Elect and Diversity</i>	Pat Staupe – <i>VP of Membership</i>
Marla French – <i>VP of Programs</i>	Alice Ross – <i>Co-chair Programs</i>
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Sue Heuer and Kathy Reiman – <i>LAF and Education Foundation</i>	
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Liz Wing – <i>Study Groups</i>	Sarah Stuber – <i>Telephone</i>
Mary Craig – <i>Scholarship Bridge</i>	Pat Staupe – <i>Art Fair</i>
Dottie Kruse – <i>Yearbook</i>	Catherine Roraff – <i>Web Master</i>
Lynn Quinlisk & Dee Schilling– <i>Mobile Meals</i>	

(Some of these positions will be vacated this spring; consider volunteering to be a part of the Executive Committee. It is a great way to learn more about our AAUW – La Crosse Branch.)

And finally, a special thank you to all our members who faithfully attend our monthly program meetings.

Rosemary Burnett-Branch President

“Fight for education and equity for all women and girls.”

## January Program Features Dental Issues for Needy

Local dentist, Dr. John Mueller, will be speaking at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. He, along with several other area dental professionals, is part of a group that is very concerned about dental care available to many needy folks in the La Crosse area. He will be sharing some ideas with us.

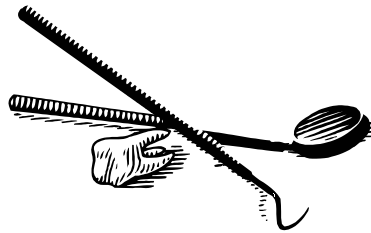
**Date:** Jan.13, 2007

**Place:** Forest Hills

**Time:** Meal at 10:00 A.M. (The serving time issue has been clarified with them, so this should run much more smoothly than the September meeting there.)

Menu: Egg scrambler  
Fruit  
Raspberry pastry  
Beverages.

Cost: \$9.50



Please contact Marla French (782-6589) by Wednesday, January 10th, with cancellations or late registrations.

## Book Sale Revisited



Due to my not being able to attend the December meeting because of my dad's memorial service, we decided to postpone the continuation of the **LAF Book Sale** to the Jan. meeting. All the books brought to the previous sale will be on display. If you have any to add, bring them please. After the Jan. meeting anything that is left will be taken to a used book store.

Sue Heuer LAF Co-chair

## Misdirection

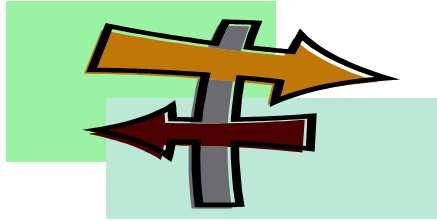
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## Plaquemines Parish Library Project

Plans are moving forward for our La Crosse AAUW branch to sponsor a community campaign to raise money for the Plaquemines Parish Library System in Louisiana. All three of their branch libraries were destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The three branch libraries were described in the last issue of the *Current*.

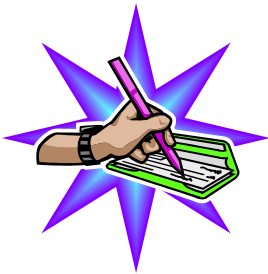
A letter of information about the project is being written that will be sent to service organizations, book clubs, the media and perhaps to businesses. It will include an offer from the committee to speak or meet with groups or individuals. The Plaquemines Parish Libraries sent a Powerpoint presentation that contains background information about the libraries, a description of the hurricane damage and pictures of the libraries before and after Katrina. This Powerpoint is available to anyone interested in seeing it.



The main focus of collecting community donations will be during National Library Week, April 15<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. However, our first phase will begin soon with contacts to different groups. We will accept donations to our La Crosse AAUW Foundation, earmarked for Plaquemines Parish Libraries. The Foundation has a 501c status so that donations are tax deductible. 100% of the money donated for this project will be sent to the Plaquemines Parish Libraries.

**AAUW members can help now by bringing stamps and business envelopes for mailing to our next meeting.** Also if you think of businesses, individuals or groups who may participate with us in this project, please spread the word, or direct the names to members of the committee. For more information, suggestions, or to assist with the project, contact one of the committee members or a member of the AAUW Board.

Committee members: Mary Reiman, Pat Boge, Sue Heuer, Sue Schultz, Carlene Roberts, Erica Koonmen, Betty Kruck



### Financial Report as of 11-30-06

▪ Certificate of Deposit	\$8690.71
▪ Checking	\$3285.44
▪ Investment Account	\$3838.68
▪ Scholarship Bridge	\$1697.19

## Spotlight on members!



If you have news of a special event in your life or the life of other members please submit it to the Current. This could be a milestone of some kind: wedding anniversary, birth, death, award, graduation; anything memorable about your family or the family of a member.

Marion Jackson's husband, Harold S., died at his home Monday, October 30, 2006. Belated condolences go out to you, Marion.

Dottie Kruse's husband, David, passed away, on Christmas Day. The funeral was at St. Peter's Church in New Albin, Iowa Friday Dec. 29.

Cynthia Bartley received a check for \$50.00 as a winner of the James Cash Penney Award for her "volunteer endeavors" in the community. This award is given on an annual basis to active and retired associates. She selected AAUW to receive this gift. Thank you, Cynthia!



## AAUW 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY REPORT

### WORLD WAR II

As the alarming news of the devastating war in Europe reached the women of AAUW in 1940, they took action to help female scholars attempting to escape from oppressive political conditions. A sum of \$41,000 was raised for this purpose. When the U.S entered the war, AAUW lobbied to allow women to volunteer for active military duty and then supported the establishment of women's units in the armed services. Those members who stayed at home signed registration cards recording any skills they might offer to the war effort.

As the war was drawing to a close, some branches facilitated the adoption of children orphaned in the conflict. The Association also started a program to help bring women from war-devastated countries to the U.S. to study. This evolved into the international grant program which flourishes today.

## POST WAR ERA

AAUW continued to be active on an international and national level. The organization had from the years of the League of Nations supported the formation and operation of an international governing body. In 1946, its efforts were recognized by being accorded permanent U.N. observer status. This designation was reserved for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), liberation movements, and specialized agencies of the U.N. system. With the rise of the cold war, AAUW became concerned about the loss of liberties occurring with some of the governmental means used in confronting the *red scare*. The AAUW Board of Directors issued a "Communist Threat Statement" in 1952, which was widely used by educators and various organizations.

*Coming in February – AAUW's Continuing Support of Women*  
*Marilyn Hempstead, Historian*

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Kathy and Mary Reiman are looking forward to welcoming their 18<sup>th</sup> grand-child in 2007. This little one is coming out of some 21 nieces and nephews. Quite a clan!



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home

**Date:** Wed. Jan. 17

**Event:** Movie night followed by coffee and conversation

**Where:** Valley Square and Barnes & Noble coffee shop

**Time:** Approximately 7:00PM (early show)

**Reservations:** Sarah Stuber 784-9310 or Jane Wenecke 534-6330..

Contemporary Authors New members welcome

**Meets** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues at 2:00PM

**Date:** Jan. 23

**Hostess:** Marian Schuyler

**Author:** Jared Diamond Guns, Gems and Steel.

**Inquiries:** Pat Sheehan: 788-3808

World Problems New members welcome

**Meets** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 2:00PM

**Jan. 19:** Luncheon meeting

**Inquiries::** Mary Sullivan 785-7095

Bookfellows Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. New members welcome.

**Hostess:** Ruth Davy

**Date:** Jan. 24

**Program:** Marian Schuyler

**Topic:** Sir Kingley and Martin Amis

Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

**Inquiries:** Sharon DiCicco: 788-5356

Vital People Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at 1:00PM

New members welcome.

Does not meet during the winter.

Inquiries: Marilyn Ondell, 788-4843



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