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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:

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| 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> |
| Sheri Schneider- <i>VP of Finance</i> | Polly Smith – <i>Secretary</i> |
| Janet Rosseter – <i>Foundation Sec/Tres</i> | Sue Schultz – <i>Publicity</i> |
| Marilyn Hempstead – <i>Historian</i> | Mary Reiman – <i>Newsletter</i> |
| Sue Heuer and Kathy Reiman – <i>LAF and Education Foundation</i> | |
| Sharon DeCicco - <i>Scholarship</i> | Karen Gleason - <i>WTC</i> |
| Robert Richardson – <i>UW-La Crosse</i> | Silvana Richardson – <i>Viterbo</i> |
| 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.”

The Upper Mississippi River.....

Marc Schultz (husband of our own Sue) will be presenting the program this month on the history of the upper Mississippi River. Marc is retired from the University of Wisconsin Extension and currently is chairman of the La Crosse County Harbor Commission. He'll be sharing information with us about how the use of the river has evolved over the years.



Location: Courtyard by Marriott

Date: March 10

Registration: 9:30

Breakfast Buffet: 10:00

Cost: \$9.75

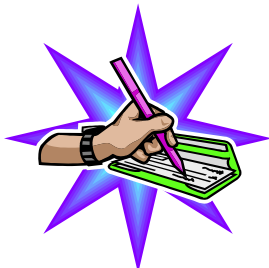
Please call Marla French at 782-6589 no later than Wed., March 7th with any late reservations or cancellations.

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.

Dottie Dedo's husband, Lewis Joseph, died January 11 at Gunmdersn Luthetheran Medical Center. A memorial service was held January 17 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Onalaska. Our sympathy goes out to you, Dottie.



Financial Report as of 02-05-07

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| ▪ Certificate of Deposit | \$8690.71 |
| ▪ Checking | \$3181.38 |
| ▪ Investment Account | \$3865.24 |
| ▪ Scholarship Bridge | \$2070.53 |

Anyone wanting the AAUW YEARBOOK (Mememrshp Directory) for 2007-2008 in larger print, please call Rosemary at 783-1247 or email me at: jr67burnett@charter.net.

Turtle Dessert (recipe compliments of Patt Boge, as served at the Hearth & Home Valentine's party)

17 ice cream sandwiches

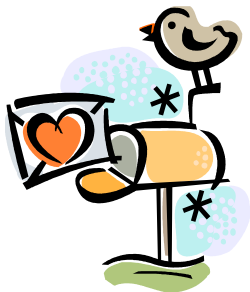
1 (12.25 oz) jar caramel topping

1 1/4 cups chopped pecans, toasted and divided

1 (12 oz) container frozen whipped topping

3/4 cup hot fudge topping, heated

Place 8 1/2 ice-cream sandwiches in a 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Spread evenly with caramel topping and sprinkle with 1 cup pecans. Top with 2 cups whipped topping. Top with remaining ice-cream sandwiches. Spread remaining whipped topping evenly over sandwiches. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup pecans. Cover and freeze at least 2 hours. Let stand 5 minutes before serving; cut in squares. Drizzle with fudge topping.



Greeting Cards

You all remember the beautiful, creative name tags we used to have provided by member Julie Noll. Now Julie has been putting her creative efforts into making greeting cards. She will have some for sale at our February meeting. Julie has generously offered to contribute a portion of her sales to our **Plaquemines Parish Library Project**. \$20.00 was raised at the February general meeting. Julie sent “ A brief not of thanks to all the

members who purchased or checked out my collage cards. Your interest truly warned my heart.”

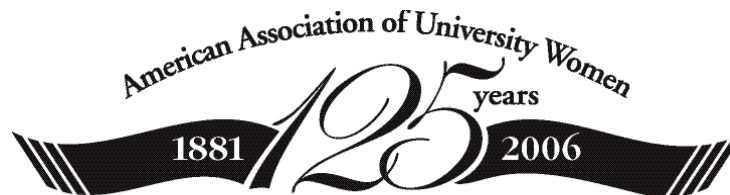
Dental Care for the Needy

Dr. John Mueller, dentist, spoke about the above topic at the January branch meeting. One of the questions for him was the availability of toothbrushes at the food pantries in La Crosse. Considering the question, Dr. Mueller matched the speaking stipend from AAUW La Crosse, and worked with his supplier to provide 300 toothbrushes to the food pantries in town.



The La Crosse Dental Advocacy Coalition supplied fact sheets and the names and phone numbers of the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee members who will be considering this issue. These will be available at the March meeting, or you can contact Betty Kruck for a copy. It will also be helpful to express your concern to State Representatives Jennifer Shilling 608-266-5490 and Mike Huebsch 608-786-3512, and Senator Dan. Kapanke 608-266-5490. Among the facts from the La Crosse Dental Advocacy Coalition are the following.

- Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease in America, affecting 50% of first graders and 80% of 17-year-olds.
- Half of all cavities in low-income children go untreated.
- Over 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental-related problems.
- Wisconsin is ranked in the bottom five states in the nation for percentage of Medicaid funds allotted for dental care.
- There are no dentists in La Crosse County accepting new Medicaid clients over the age of six.



A Legacy of Leadership AAUW 125th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY REPORT

1955-1960

The AAUW Educational Foundation was established at the 1955 National Convention. The two-fold purpose was to raise funds for fellowship grants for women seeking postgraduate degrees and for the financing of a new office building to serve as national headquarters. Later in the decade work continued toward improving educational opportunities for women in relationship to admittance policies and financing and toward developing more opportunities for women as professors and administrators.

Equal pay for equal work was also promoted with AAUW's support of the first federal legislative proposal for pay equity for women. Land was purchased in Washington D.C. and the new eight story headquarters building was constructed. It opened in July of 1960.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The 1960's began with AAUW establishing the African Educator Program, which helped women from emerging African nations study in the U.S. As racial tension rose throughout the decade attention was turned to African-American citizens. AAUW strongly supported passage of the Civil Right Act and the Voting Rights Act.

The Board of Directors initiated a program "Action for a Unified Society" encouraging communities involvement in promoting civil rights. The Coretta Scott King Foundation was established to provide black women outlets to study their African heritage and to work for social change and peace.

Plaquemines Parish Library Project

Thank you to all of the members who donated envelopes, stamps and money to help with the printing and mailing expenses for this project. The library committee now has plenty of envelopes, but we still need stamps and we will still accept cash donations for stamps and printing. A small number of brochures and flyers were printed for the February AAUW program meeting and for distribution at the Western Wisconsin Education Conference. Brochures and flyers will be available at the membership meeting March 10th. Please take some copies and share them with organizations, businesses or people who may want to contribute to this project.



The Library Committee will meet March 13th at 10:00 at the Washburn on the Park Community Room, 801 Main Street, to address and stamp envelopes. A letter and brochure will be sent to book clubs and service organizations in the La Crosse area. We welcome your help in preparing this mailing. We also welcome a list of organizations or clubs that we could add to our mailing list. Please bring the list to the March meeting, or send to Betty Kruck, email address:krux@mwt.net or P.O. Box 27, Genoa.

The main emphasis of our campaign to raise funds for the Plaquemines Parish Libraries will be April 15-21 during National Library Week. Specific information on activities during that week will be published in the next Current. A PowerPoint presentation, the brochure, flyer, and information on making contributions to the Plaquemines Parish Libraries, are available at the following site: http://webpages.charter.net/library_project.htm

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

Wanted: Name Grant Nominations

It's hard to believe with snow on the ground that it is already time to think about our Scholarship and Awards Brunch, but it is. Traditionally our branch donates a name grant to the Educational Foundation as a way of recognizing a member for outstanding service to our organization. If you would like to nominate a branch member for this honor, please send your nomination to me or Kathy Reiman by March 15th. It would be helpful if you would send along some information in support of your nomination. Thank you!

Sue Heuer
Educational Foundation Co-Chair

LAF Tidbits ...

- Thanks to all who have sent in monies for Community Day coupon booklets. I should have any unsold coupon booklets by March 2nd and any additional money by March 8th.
- **NO BASKETS FOR CONVENTION THIS YEAR!** We decided last fall that we would not participate in the basket silent auction at our state convention this year. However if anyone is interested in donating a single item such as a piece of art work or jewelry, or a coffee table book, feel free to contact me. We would be asking for minimum bids on these items. Julie Noll is thinking of sending some of her beautiful hand made cards to the convention.

Sue Heuer 526-9397
LAF Co-Chair



Judicial Candidates Forum

A Judicial Candidates Forum will be held on March 26 at the Port 'O Call in the Cartwright Center at 7:00 p.m.



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home

Date:

Event:

Where:

Time:

Questions:

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

Meets 4th Tues at 2:00PM

Date: March 27

Hostess: Ruth Hawkins

Author: Eric Hawkins The Devil in the White City

Inquiries: Pat Sheehan: 788-3808

World Problems New members welcome

Meets on 3rd Friday 2:00PM

No meeting in March

Hostess:

Speaker:

Inquiries:: Mary Sullivan 785-7095

Bookfellows Meets 2nd and 4th Wed. New members welcome.

Hostess:

Date: March 21

Program: Liz Wing

Topic: **The Mitford sisters**

Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

Inquiries: Sharon DiCicco: 788-5356

Vital People Contact: Marilyn Ondell: 788-4843

AAUW-La Crosse Branch Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (for directory) _____

Dues: \$65.00 includes:

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| Association | 47.00 |
| State | 10.00 |
| Branch | 8.00 |

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| Dues | <u>65.00</u> |
| Education Foundation (EF)/ Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) | _____ |
| La Crosse Branch Endowment Fund | _____ |
| Total Enclosed | _____ |

Make check payable to: AAUW – La Crosse Branch

Send form and payment to: Sheri Schneider, Finance VP
2908 Heather Court
Onalaska, WI 54650

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