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Hurricane Katrina Library Project

Thanks to the following members who took shifts in front of the library to collect donations of cash for the libraries of Plaquemines Parish; Sue Heuer, Mary Giblin, Mary Reiman, Bev Bodine, Sharon De Cicco, Marilyn Fox, Kara Burgos, Rosemary Burnett, Sarah Stuber, Julie Noll, Barbara Newcomer, Erica Koonmen, Catherine Roraff, Carlene Roberts, Sue Schultz, Robert Richardson and Betty Kruck. Thanks also to members who dropped off or mailed generous donations. During the collection day, \$2,091 was collected.



A resounding thanks also to the people who read children's books at Barnes & Noble during the Book Fair; Marla French, Mary Giblin, Linnea Mueller, Phyllis Miletto, Sue Heuer and UW-L student Lindsey Ruland. We have not yet received information from Barnes & Noble on AAUW's percentage of sales from the Book Fair. A special thanks is also extended to Catherine Roraff for constantly updating information about the project on the AAUW website.

\$467 has been received in the mail to date. Sponsors contributed \$700 in addition to the publicity we received from the Radio Group and the generous break in printing costs from FedEx Kinko's. Sponsors included FedEx Kinko's, The Radio Group, Gundersen Lutheran Health Care, La Crosse Loggers, and L.R. Ross Inc. Builders.

Donations will be accepted until June 1. Please continue to talk to family and friends and groups who might be interested in helping to contribute to this project. The library committee has a power point presentation, poster, brochures, flyers and letters that we can bring to any interested group. To request a speaker, information or materials about the project, contact Betty Kruck at 608-689-2222 or krux@mwt.net.

To send a donation, please write a check to La Crosse AAUW Foundation with the notation "Plaquemines Parish Libraries" in the memo field. Mail to AAUW Foundation, P.O. Box 2112, La Crosse, WI 54602-2112. We can't do it all, but every little bit helps.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

In this issue, I would like to celebrate another successful year for AAUW – La Crosse Branch, provide awareness of new mission statements for AAUW, and say a few thank you's.

Outstanding programs, continued participation in Study Groups and Scholarship Bridge, dedication in delivering Mobile Meals, continued membership growth, successful fundraising for LAF through Community Days at Herberger's, another well run and successful Art Fair, submitting an application for The Self Sufficiency Program at UW-La Crosse to be nominated for the LAF's Progress in Equity award which is a national award AND the Plaquemines Parish Library Project (our branch's contribution to disaster relief from Hurricane Katrina) are what is making AAUW such a strong organization. Because of these events, we make our organization known to the public. The Library Project alone is bringing news media coverage for AAUW and we thank the project committee for their efforts. Kudos to all members involved in any of these events!

Check out the new mission statements for AAUW and EF. They remind us of our focus. They are printed in the Current and can be found on the national website.

Come to the May 5th general meeting and celebrate the recognition of one of our branch's missions, the promotion of lifelong education. At this meeting we will present scholarships to area high school graduates and University students. Name Grant winner(s) will be revealed and new officers will be installed. Please join us at Cedar Creek.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last article as your President. Three years ago as President-Elect, the Executive Board provided exceptional guidance and an educational forum for my "induction" into the Executive faction of AAUW, an area very new to me. These past two years as President, I continued to be amazed at the dedication and commitment the membership has to the organization and I am pleased to be a part of it. My growth as your leader has been eventful, enjoyable and very rewarding. I thank all who were on the Executive Board and other coordinators for their patience as I learned. Finally, on a personal note, I thank the board for their support as our daughter began her battle with breast cancer. They provided leadership at times I was unable to due to my role as a mother and grandmother. She is finished with all treatments and surgeries therefore; we now take each day one at a time and thank God for it.

My last words to you as your President are to remember, the best way to meet members and learn more about our organization, is to become involved. Try it you may surprise yourself.

Rosemary Burnett-Branch President

"Fight for education and equity for all women and girls."

CORRECTION TO THE NOMINATIONS REPORT (April Current):
By Laws – Dottie Krus, Publicity – Sue Schultz (2nd term)

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

Meet the AAUW Scholarship Recipients

Cedar Creek Golf Club is the site of our Saturday, May 5th meeting. We will be honoring the recipients of this years' AAUW scholarships. Times are as usual, with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M. and the **brunch being served at 10:00.**

The menu includes:

- Bacon and Cheese Quiche
- Fruit Cup
- Freshly Baked Muffin
- Orange Juice
- Coffee

Cost for the meal, which includes tax and gratuity, is \$11.50.

Cedar Creek requests a headcount a week in advance, so please notify Marla French (782-6589) by Friday, April 27th for a late or cancelled reservation. Hopefully, this won't inconvenience anyone.



Scholarships 2007

The following students will be entering UW-L as freshman.:

La Crosse Central: Stephen Howe, 1101 South 26th Street La Crosse

At UW-L he plans to study physics with an emphasis on astronomy. He also is taking classes at Central in Spanish, French and German and will continue to study languages in college.

Logan: Ashley Haefs, 4524 Northbrook Rd., La Crosse

At UW-L she is undecided.

Onalaska: Allison Geyer, 923 Evenson Drive, Onalaska

At UW-L she is undecided but is thinking business, journalism or music education. She will continue to study Spanish..

La Crescent: Kathryn Ferrier, 349 Regent Drive, La Crescent

At UW-L she plans to major in biology to become a physician's assistant and minor in Spanish.

UW-L continuing students are:

Fine Arts: Carly Dilworth, 903 Main St

Science and Math: Kristin Radermacher, 22D Reuter Hall

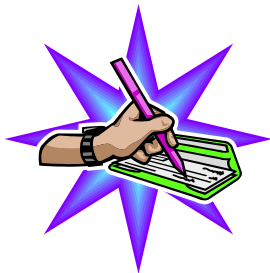
Mary Frick Memorial Math Scholarship: Chelsea Simon, 428A Laux Hall

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.

Congratulations are in order for **Jean Knorr**. She recently achieved **Honorary Life Membership** with AAUW. We are blessed to have at least 13 Honorary Life Members. Their status was achieved by being AAUW members for 50 years each. What solid commitment to our organization and to the mission of AAUW.



Financial Report as of 04-01-07

▪ Certificate of Deposit	\$8690.71
▪ Checking	\$5893.10
▪ Investment Account	\$3895.05
▪ Scholarship Bridge	\$2080.53



Art Fair on the Green

Mark July 28 & 29 on your calendar for the 49th Art Fair on the Green. A very successful Jury Day resulted in 23 new artists being accepted. This figure means we have a total of 67 paid artists. It looks like another successful art fair for us! Be prepared to volunteer to sell tickets, work at the raffle or work in concessions. A lot of workers will be needed. Maybe you could help in more than one area. If you don't get called to work, you can call Marla French, Betty Kruck or Sue Schultz to volunteer.

Art Fair Concession Shifts.

Please sign up—call (781-1662) or email Sue Schultz (ssschultz@charter.net)

Saturday, June 28 (Fair is open 9 AM to 5 PM)

9:00-11:00, 11-1:00, 1:00-3:00, 3:00-5:00

Sunday, (Fair is open 9:00-4:00)

8:45-11:30, 11:30 -2:00, 2:00-4:00

ART FAIR TICKET SELLERS

Saturday, July 28 8:45 -11:00, 1:00 - 1:00, :00 - 3:00, 3:00 - 5:00

Sunday, July 29: 8:45 - 11:30, 1:30 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00

With this many shifts, and considering that we need sellers for both the Raffle and two ticket stations, I'll need 42 workers. Please call me at 782-6589, email me at MFrench000@centurytel.net, or sign up at the May 5th meeting. Thanks!

Marla French

"National" News

At a joint meeting last October of the Association and the Educational Foundation, the leadership crafted a new mission and vision statement that represents all entities of AAUW. In the past, we had four separate missions: one each for the Association, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Leadership and Training Institute.

The new mission and vision statements are drawn from the core values and goals identified by members during the strategic process evaluation. Having just one mission and vision will help focus our efforts.

New Mission Statement & Vision Reminder

Effective immediately please remember to use the new mission statement in all of your branch communications. Don't forget to inform your bulletin editor and members about these changes.

Mission Statement for AAUW and EF: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls

LAF

Mission statement: The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Let's use these from now on.

Mobile Meals



Our organization was responsible for delivering meals during the week of May 14 – 20.

The pick-up site is Gundersen Lutheran. The route is on the North side.

Contact Dee Schilling, 788-1912

Public Policy News

On March 27, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) reintroduced the Equal Rights Amendment with a new title- the Women's Equality Amendment. An amendment to guarantee equal rights to women has still never been ratified and added to the U.S. Constitution, even though it was first introduced in 1923. The ERA passed Congress in 1972, but lapsed in 1982 when it fell three states short of ratification. The ERA was the Association's top priority in 1975 and continues to be part of the AAUW public policy program



AAUW 125th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY REPORT

MOVING INTO THE NEW MILLENIUM

As the end of the 20th century approached, the Association while remaining true to its mission also moved with the times:

1987 - Men were invited to join the organization.

1989 - The former Corporation for Public Broadcasting building was purchased by the Educational Foundation to become the new AAUW' national office.

1990 – The new logo was adopted. *The "W" stands for "Women," reinforcing AAUW's focus on education and equity for women and girls. The overlapping triangles represent the collaborative efforts of the three corporations, and the parallel lines suggest the concept of equity.*

1995 - The AAUW online website was introduced. It was redesigned in **1999** and **2003** with upgrades in technology and features.

2005 - Membership was expanded to include graduates holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution.

The American Association of University Women continues to add to the accomplishments of the last 125 years. The new millennium has brought renewed efforts in monitoring educational opportunities for girls and women, fighting sexual discrimination and harassment and providing resources for educational and career advancement that would not otherwise exist. That advocacy will be continued by the La Crosse Branch along with the other dedicated branches and members throughout the country.

Marilyn Hempstead, Historian



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home

Date: Wed. May 23

Event: Dinner

Where: Waterfront restaurant

Time: 6:30

Questions: Reserve with Jan Davenport 608-317-8917 by May 21

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

Meets 4th Tues at 2:00PM

Date: May 24

Hostess: Pat Sheehan

Author: Amy Tau, Saving Fish from Drowning

Inquiries: Pat Sheehan: 788-3808

World Problems New members welcome.

Meets on 3rd Friday 2:00PM

Date: May 18

Hostess: Luncheon meeting and planning.

Speaker:

Inquiries: Mary Sullivan 785-7095

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

Date: May 9

Hostess: Pat Sheehan

Topic: Annual meeting and social **5:00PM**

Speaker:

Date:

Hostess:

Speaker:

Topic:

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:

Association	47.00
State	10.00
Branch	8.00

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

Address and email changes will appear in 2007-2008 yearbooks.



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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. AMERICAN FELLOWSHIPS FUND the American Fellowships Fund supports both the flagship American Fellowships program and the Selected Professions Fellowships program.

