



# Current

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## **President's Perspective**

Welcome to the beginning of the 2007-08 year of the AAUW, La Crosse Branch. This year will be an extra special year as we lead up to the grand 50 anniversary of the Art Fair on the Green next summer. Imagine a half-century of promoting art in the community and earning money for scholarships! If you have special memories of past art fairs, please share those memories with Pat Staupe, current art chair, Marilyn Hempstead, historian, or with me as we review those past 50 years. Share ideas that you may have to celebrate this event also. We would like to pay tribute to the individuals who been a part of art fair history.

The art fair makes it possible, not only to award so many student scholarships, but it provides interest and recognition of AAUW in the community, and it provides some funds to our organization to help keep us solvent and able to operate as an organization. I would like to thank Pat Staupe and her entire committee for their many hours of planning and work throughout the year that led to the large, smooth running and successful 2007 Art Fair on the Green. It was an incredible event! Hats off to the art fair committee and to all of the members who helped.

Many of our members have taken time during the summer months to work on behalf of our branch. I would like to thank Sharon De Cicco and Erica Koonmen who have creatively planned and made arrangements for monthly programs on a variety of topics that should prove fascinating. Sheri Schneider worked to finalize all financial records and state and national forms. Thanks to Sheri for her years of competent work as our Vice President of Finance, and thanks to Bev Bodine for assuming this position. I appreciate their time this summer working on the vital financial business of our branch. Thanks also to Rosemary Burnett for publishing the Year Book, Pat Staupe and a membership committee for their work, Alice Ross with setting the groundwork for scholarship applications and Catherine Roraff for her work on the website.

This coming year please enjoy the inspiration, fellowship, challenges and fun of joining with other interesting, educated and dynamic women and (hopefully) men during our

program meetings, study groups and other activities. Invite your friends and associates to join us. I hope to see you soon.

Betty Kruck- Branch President  
“because equity is still an issue”

## 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.

Pauline Abel celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with friends and family Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Glendive, Montana. She is an Honorary Life Member and is retired from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

Long time member, Virginia Robson, native of La Crosse, died in Des Moines June 15, 2007. She was 91.

Ardus Cleveland and her husband John celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer.



A reminder for all members!

When you are called by the telephone chain, the list is compiled by me and turned in only a few days before the general meeting. The program vice-president (Sharon De Cicco, 788-5356) should be contacted **ONLY** for last minute changes.

Sarah Stuber, Telephone Coordinator (784-9310)

When you are called by a telephone committee person, please give them your answer with regards to attending the next general meeting. For our committee to function properly we would like your reservations to come through.



Girls in Science

“Our Girl” went to the weekend was Chloe Lefever of Oregon, WI. She is going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade with good grades and is from a single parent family. She expressed her thanks to Sharon DeCicco.



## General Meeting

Sept. 8

La Crosse Country Club

Program: Diversity in the schools. A panel of parent liaisons from the school district will make presentations.

Registration: 9:30AM but not before.  
Cost: \$11.00  
Brunch at 10:00AM: Plate service of vegetable quiche  
Fruit and cinnamon roll  
Coffee, tea or milk

Late reservations or cancellations will be taken by Sharon DeCicco by email ([slvd@execpc.com](mailto:slvd@execpc.com)) or phone (788-5356). Final count must be in by Sept 1. If you call over the holiday weekend call Erica (1-608-366-1509).



### Financial Report as of 08-01-07

▪ Certificate of Deposit	\$9,199.58 (on 8/17/07 maturity date)
▪ Checking	\$4,093.74
▪ Investment Account	\$3,970.94
▪ Scholarship Bridge	\$2,105.53

# WELCOME WELCOME

We welcome three new members to our La Crosse Branch of AAUW.

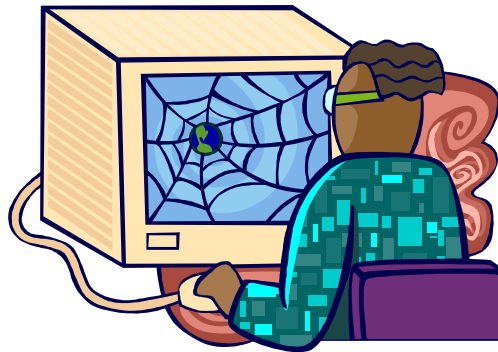
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We also have had several members-at-large (national membership only) inquire about joining our branch.

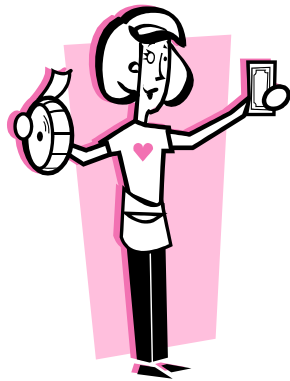
Please contact Pat Staupe at 788-7439 or [pstaupe@centurytel.net](mailto:pstaupe@centurytel.net) with names of any prospective members.



AAUW La Crosse Website

Many of you have asked how to get to the website Catherine Roraff has set up for us. Many of you perhaps don't know what information is on the website. Below is the address:

<http://webpages.charter.net/croraff/>



## Art Fair on the Green Raffle Winners

<i>Donated Art</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1. Ltd. Edition Giclee watercolor	Larry Johnson	Cindy Adams
2. Pen & ink tile	Ken Klitzman	Daniel Flaherty
3. Stained glass	Billie March	Kathy Chnitzius
4. Fabric dragon	Mao Lor	<b>Pat Staupe</b>
5. Ceramic bowl	Douglas Cole	John Bently
6. Pastel "Peaceful Places"	John Schneider	Kathy Spelker
7. Watercolor "Have You Heard?"	Marian Egan	<b>Michele Strange</b>
8. Watercolor "Dance of Spring"	Timothy Kobs	Sue Chulgy
9. Hand dyed and painted silk scarf	Kristin Smith Proctor	Megan Schmitt
10. Wooden box with cover	Andrew Chulyk	Denise Grover
11. Watercolor reproduction	Joan Nee	Judy Bills
12. Stained glass hanging	Penny Fassler	Bill Walz
13. Metal Garden Art	Kris Kraft	Pat Wilson
14. Beaded necklace	Sue Mendell	Jan Rivera
15. Watercolor "The Blue Vase"	Eileen Daily	John Cleveland
16. Oil painting "Before Storm"	Martina J. Skobie	Rose Fernholz
17. Beaded jewelry set	Linda Mast	Randy Breega
18. Holograph "Pettibone Lagoon Bridge I"	Marianne Stanke	Terry Bills
19. Photograph	Jerry Fisher	Yvonne McGavock
20. Watercolor print "First Snow"	Rosemary Guttormsson	Kathryn Tausche
21. Stained Glass hanging	Elizabeth A. Rose	Charles Martell
22. Enhanced photography "Chickadee"	Theodore Horn	J Van Galder
23. Miniature menagerie "Monkey"	Steve Tomashek	Martie Weiske
24. Citrine necklace	Cathleen Waldburger	J.W. Terman
25. Miniature Menagerie "Noah's Ark"	Steve Tomashek	Dani Page
<b>26.</b> Watercolor "Song of a Lark"	Mary Lou Ferguson	<b>Sue Heuer</b>
27. "Angel" steel and porcelain sculpture	Howard Tomashek	John Wetzel
28. Necklace, fused dichroic glass	Suzanne Merkl	<b>Marla French</b>
29. Pendant, beach glass and gold wire	Nancy Tanke	Lois Pouzar

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| 30. Pendant, beach glass and sterling wire | Nancy Tanke               | Joanne Putz            |
| 31. Jelly Feeder, glass and copper wire    | Ann Gronbeck-Peterson     | <b>Karen Landstrom</b> |
| 32. Mixed media framed piece               | Wilfred Fang              | Arla Clemons           |
| 33. "Butterfly" watercolor                 | Rory Mattson              | Alan Pischke           |
| 34. Ceramic sculpture vase                 | Ryan Myers                | A Waldburger           |
| 35. Wood fired pottery pitcher             | Nate & Hallie Evans       | Karen Hammes           |
| 36. "Moody Blues" watercolor               | Annie Gasper              | C. J. Meier            |
| 37. Framed landscape watercolor            | Connie Glowacki           | Tom Alfieri            |
| <b>38.</b> Stoneware pottery bowl          | John J. Steger            | <b>Jean Bently</b>     |
| 39. Pottery mug                            | Joyce Diveley             | Jean Collette          |
| 40. "The Edmund Fitzgerald" print          | Arthur G. Anderson        | Rosanne Lutiger        |
| 41. "The Grand 261" print                  | Arthur G, Anderson        | <b>Jan Davenport</b>   |
| <b>42.</b> Silver maple wooden bowl        | Toby McCulloch            | <b>Dave Trapp</b>      |
| 43. Sunflowers, photography picture        | Greg Murphy               | Colleen Vollenweider   |
| 44. Framed floral watercolor               | Pamela Clifton Lee        | <b>George Kruck</b>    |
| 45. Hand painted glass vase                | Shirley Smith             | Beverly Kurtz          |
| 46. Pendant                                | Jamie Redman              | <b>Rea Schubert</b>    |
| 47. "Turkeys" watercolor print             | John Spah                 | Mardi Forss            |
| 48. "Daisy" watercolor                     | Leni Sovacool             | Ann Peterson           |
| <b>49.</b> Phonee beaded hanging           | Julie's prayers & Squares | <b>Ruth Ann Knapp</b>  |
| 50. Birdbath with frog                     | Sharon Scratish           | Jim Donskey            |
| 51. Necklace Austrian crystal/sterling     | Michelle S. Moss          | Lori Hamme             |
| 52. Iron and glass candlebra               | Sharon-Miller Thompson    | Jean Krause            |
| 53. Yard Sculpture                         | Dave & Jane Smith         | Joyce Weber            |
| 54. Floral watercolor                      | Barb Phelps               | Shauna Burgmeier       |
| 55. Pottery vase                           | Tim & Joan Senn           | Helen Van Kim          |
| 56. Mixed media print                      | Eileen Ogren              | R. Stanke              |
| 57. Basket                                 | Sue Soenen                | Marv Temp              |
| 58. Wool scarf                             | Dave & Delores Vind       | Peg Pieper             |
| 59. Fiber bowl                             | Carole Osburn             | Jane Drogseth          |
| 60. Earrings                               | Wayne Farra/Mays Madden   | V. Brockhausen         |
| 61. Covered ceramic container              | Rhett Weyenberg           | Jeanette Graf          |
| 62. Hand blown glass ornament              | Dan & Deborah Fenn        | Nancy Doucet           |
| 63. Pottery Mixing Bowl                    | Paul Corbin               | Robert Crader          |
| 64. Necklace, jasper, onyx and sterling    | Deb Lofgren               | D. Hutzenbuehler       |
| 65. Earrings                               | Alyska Bailey Peterson    | Melissa Klein          |
| 66. Quilted household goddess              | Cheryl Keeffe             | Krista Gannon          |
| 67. Hand weaving                           | Loyd Mieden               | Meredith Lock          |
| 68. Art photography                        | David Mullikin            | Dick Buender           |
| 69. Wooden ring box                        | Perry Kyser               | Marvin Anderson        |
| 70. Easter pottery basket                  | David Meyers              | Sherryl Gingerich      |



**Retiring President Rosemary Burnett** was honored with a name grant at our May Scholarship Brunch. Rosemary has been a member of our chapter for about five years and had served as program vice president before agreeing to become president elect and serve as president for 2 years. We are truly grateful to her for her willingness to “step up to the plate.” Rosemary retired from Logan Middle School in 2005. While teaching she was involved with numerous educational committees and organizations and received a Herb Kohl Fellowship in 1990. She presently serves the La Crosse District as their Mentor Coordinator and teaches staff development classes.

Rosemary chose to have her name grant go to the newly established **Katherine Teska Memorial Giving Circle**. She has also agreed to remain involved in our chapter by becoming editor of the yearbook. **Thank you, Rosemary and CONGRATULATIONS!**



## **ART FAIR CHRONICLES**

The 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ART FAIR will be held In July of 2008!

In recognition of this momentous accomplishment, this space in coming issues will be devoted to tracing art fair history.

A press release issued in 1959 began “The Fine Arts Association of La Crosse will hold it’s first Outdoor Art Fair, Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2, from 1:00 to 6:00 o’clock P.M. at La Crosse State College. Twenty-four of Wisconsin’s leading artistes will be represented who will exhibit and offer for sale original oil and watercolor paintings and prints.” A tradition was initiated.

Watch for future CHRONICLE jottings to find out when and how AAUW became involved and other interesting facts.

*Marilyn Hempstead Historian*

## Mobile Meals

The next Mobile Meal commitment is October 22 - 28. Thanks in advance for volunteering to support this community project.

Thanks also to our volunteers who delivered meals in May: Mary Hall, Alice Ross, Ardu Cleveland, Carlene Roberts, Sue Heuer, Cathy Bulera, Robert Richardson, Dee schilling, Sharon De Cicco, Bev Mach, Mike Schmidt, and Katie and Steve Webster.

Dee Schilling and Lynn Quinlisk, Mobile Meal Co-Chairs



### **Plaquemines Parish Library Donation**

A grand total of \$5,002.49 was collected for the libraries of Plaquemines Parish in Louisiana from our community campaign. Thanks to everyone who donated to this project. We will be receiving news clippings and a note from the library staff.

The temporary library in Port Sulphur opened the end of July in a doublewide trailer supplied by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The AAUW La Crosse Branch is invited to the Grand Opening Open House at Port Sulphur on September 6. Wouldn't it be fun to attend? The plans to use the remaining shell of the Buras Branch Library have now been scrapped. That structure will be demolished and a new library built.

There are new elevated fiber optic lines and elevated gas and oil pipelines being built in the area. The communities are rebuilding, and there is optimism and appreciation of our help.

#### Letter

Please forward to the President of the La Crosse AAUW my deep appreciation for the branch's recent donation of \$5,002.49 to the Plaquemine Parish Library System in Louisiana! Their generosity will be of great assistance as these hurricane-damaged areas continue rebuilding library holdings and services. The spirit of AAUW will live on in their efforts for years to come.

Sincerely,

**Sandra Hufstetler**

**Member, AAUW Louisiana**

## **Volunteering**

Try it, you like it  
What have you got to lose?  
The chance to learn new things  
The chance to meet new people.  
The opportunity to laugh and have fun.  
Satisfaction for a job well done.  
What is it?  
Volunteering!  
AAUW needs active volunteers.  
You can be one of those volunteers.  
Opportunities to volunteer are listed in each current.  
So go ahead, give someone a call.  
Keep your mind active.  
Step forward. You are needed!



We have another successful Art already looking towards our 50<sup>th</sup> committee has started year.

Fair on the Green behind us and are anniversary year next year. The brainstorming ideas for our special

We don't have a final report on the 49<sup>th</sup> Art Fair yet. A few bills aren't in yet so we can't give a final profit figure. Our attendance this year was 2,247 which doesn't include children, those who have complimentary tickets or those who attend both days.

Our thanks to Betty Kruck for working on the raffle the past two years. She did a wonderful job on this very important part of our fundraiser.

We will need several new members on the committee for next year. We will need co-chrs. for both concessions and grounds. We will also need members to chair purchase awards and hospitality. It would be wonderful if our members would step forward and volunteer to fill one of these positions. Call me if you are willing to think about one of these jobs and I will fill you in with a job description. Being on the art fair committee isn't all work – we have lots of enjoyable times working together.

Remember, Art Fair on the Green is our biggest fund raiser. Is this the year that you will help?

My thanks to all of the committee members and our members for your contributions to our very successful event.

Pat Staupe Art Fair Chairman 788-7430  
pstaupe@centurytel.net



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home

**Date: Sept. 19**

**Event:** Visit shops in Spring Green and dinner at Doc's Blue Moose

**Where:** Meet in the parking lot across from Wettstein's to carpool

**Time:** 5:15

**Questions:** Reserve with Gloria Brennan W782-7775 H779-5114  
gloriabrennan@riversteel.com

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

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

**Date: Sept. 24**

**Hostess:**

**Author:**

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

World Problems New members welcome.

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

**Date: Sept. 21**

**Hostess:** Lunch meeting 11:30 at the Radisson

**Speaker:** Tour of International Gardens

**Inquiries:** Mary Sullivan 785-7095

Bookfellows New members welcome.

**Meets:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 2:30.

**Date: Sept. 26**

**Topic:** Current reading

**Speaker:** Everyone

**Hostess:** Betty Heuslein

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

Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

**Inquiries:** Sharon DeCicco: 788-5356

Vital People

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:00PM

**Date: Sept. 5**

**Hostess:** Lynn Quinlisk 784-8498

**Inquiries:** Lynn Quinlisk 784-8498



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