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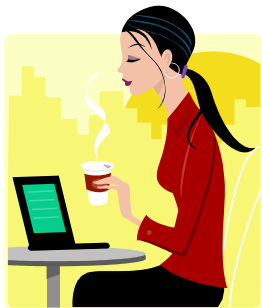
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## President's Perspective

As I'm writing this article for the December *Current*, it is the middle of November and my thoughts are on Thanksgiving and thankfulness rather than December and Christmas. I can't help but think how thankful I am that my parents, despite living on a tiny and not-so-prosperous farm in SE Missouri, believed in education and opportunity. From the time I was small, there was no doubt that my brother, sister and I would go to college despite challenges of living before electricity was connected to rural SE Missouri. The expectation and the opportunity to go to college was not the norm in our area. I frequently think about how



fortunate I was to have had parents who instilled the expectation of higher education and provided the opportunity that I experienced. I wonder where I would be and what I would be doing today if the circumstances would have been different.

Beyond my parents, I have to be thankful for our system of government and education. However, opportunity for women in education, employment, and even voting came because of efforts of women who took the time, and who had the courage, to pursue constitutional and legislative changes rather than accept the status quo.

It is the courage and advocacy of the women who came before us that affords us the opportunities we enjoy today. It will be the courage and advocacy of the women of today that will provide the opportunities for the daughters of tomorrow. It is with thankfulness that I salute those women and AAUW for their efforts to provide opportunities for others.

Now focusing more on December and the Christmas holidays, let me wish everyone a wonderful season filled with the warmth of love and friendship, celebration, sharing and caring. Hopefully, many of you will have the opportunity to join us at our monthly meeting December 8 for a morning of music, friendship and the sharing of traditions. Happy Holidays!

Betty Kruck

## Sharing Holiday Memories

**December 8  
General Meeting**

**Place:** La Crosse Public Library  
Lower level meeting room

**Registration:** 9:30AM

**Shared treats:** 10:00 AM

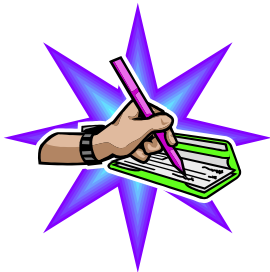


Following the tradition that was started last year, we are asking members to bring a family favorite to share. If your treat has a history within the family, we would like you to share it with us. Beverages will be provided by the Hospitality Committee..

**Program:** Tip Bagstaad Trio - They have performed many times at Norskadalen and are lots of fun.

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**While partying over the holidays consider inviting a friend to join our branch.**



### Financial Report as of 11/01/0707

- Certificate of Deposit (matures 9/08)) \$9,199.58
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- Checking account 4,700.01
- Scholarship Bridge 2,437.53

Directory/Handbook changes?

If you have made any changes in the information we have about you. Please contact Rosemary Burnett: 788-1247 or [jr67burnett@charter.net](mailto:jr67burnett@charter.net)



## Mobile Meals

Many thanks to those who helped deliver Mobile Meals October 22 – 28. Ardu Cleveland, Betty Kruck, Sharon De Cicco, Robert Richardson, Lila Seager, Dee Dee Karabetsos, Jim Karabetsos, Sue Heuer, Sue Shultz, Marta Shapiro, Joe Shapiro, and Marion Jackson. Our next opportunity to deliver meals will be May 5 - 11, 2008.

If you have feedback about your meal delivery experience - how it might be improved, or made more efficient, etc., please call Lynn or Dee with your suggestions and we will in turn relay that information to the appropriate person/s.

Happy Holidays,  
Dee Schilling and Lynn Quinlisk

## **50<sup>th</sup> Art Fair on the Green JULY 26-27, 2008**



Have you put the Art Fair dates on your 2008 calendar? We are going to need more volunteers than ever before because the Art Fair is growing rapidly.

We still need a few more members to join the Art Fair committee. We need a co-chr. for Grounds. This person will be working with Carlene Roberts. We also need 1-2 people to take care of Purchase Awards. This job consists of finding 2 judges, doing a large mailing to area businesses and individuals and coordinating the purchase awards made at the Art Fair. The mailing is done through Riverfront so you won't be spending hours stuffing and labeling envelopes.

Several of the vacancies have been filled recently. Sue Heuer will be doing Hospitality. Gloria Brennan and Sheri Schneider will be co-chrs. with Sue Schultz on Concessions. Erica Koonmen will be Cathy Bulera's co-chr. for Artists. Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time.

The Art Fair on the Green is our largest fundraiser. This doesn't happen with the efforts of just a few members. It takes a large portion of our membership to keep this event successful. Please say "yes" when you are asked to help.

Pat Staupe  
Art Fair Chr.



## ART FAIR CHRONICLES

### The Late 1960's

Rising like a circus tent above the entrance to the art fair at State Street on the front lawn of State College Main Hall was a huge parachute. Both Betty Kendrick (widow of Dale Kendrick the art department chair) and Joan Koonman (first AAUW art fair chair now retired in New Mexico) described this in interviews. It belonged to the Kendricks and Dale facilitated its use throughout the 1960's. What an eye catcher that must have been!

The use of the parachute and success continued with the AAUW takeover in '67. Around 40 artists participated each year. Media attention from the LA CROSSE TRIBUNE consisted of small articles and pictures preceding the event, a spotlight on one artist and a full page Sunday spread with photos the weekend of the fair. Profits totaled almost \$1000 each of the three years. Since no guidelines had been set for distribution of funds, on Mrs. Koonman's recommendation, art prints were donated to the public schools, art supplies purchased for the art departments of Viterbo and La Crosse State Colleges as well as a framing machine for Viterbo the first year. In the subsequent two years, high school girls were sent to art camp and college art scholarships were given to young women.

The art fair was becoming a fixture in the fundraising efforts of our branch. Next month there will be told some triumphs of the 1970's.



*Marilyn Hempstead, Historian*



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Hearth and Home

**Date:** Wed. Dec. 19

**Event:** Holiday Dinner: Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00PM

**Where:** Washburn on the Park

**Time:** 5:30 Social, 6:00PM Dinner

**Members will be called for reservations.**

Contact Sharon DeCicco for more information 788-5356 or [slvd@execpc.com](mailto:slvd@execpc.com)

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

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

**Date:** No meeting

**Hostess:**

**Author:**

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

World Problems New members welcome

**Meets:** No meeting

**Date:**

**Hostess:**

**Speaker:**

**Topic:**

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

Bookfellows Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 2:30. New members welcome.

**Date:** Dec. 12

**Topic:** Edna Ferber

**Speaker:** Liz Wingi

**Hostess:** Marilyn Hempstead

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

Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

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

Vital People

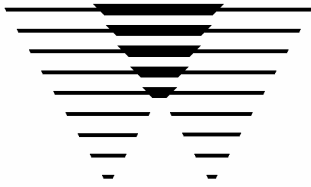
**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:00PM

**Date:**

**Hostess:**

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