

# AAUW Current

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## President's Perspective

The last two programs of the AAUW year are approaching, and they should be quite exciting. The April program meeting should be entertaining as well as meaningful. The LWV is joining our AAUW branch in bringing Bev and Stu Smith from Green Bay to do their historical portrayal of Susan B. Anthony. Some league members will join us for brunch, and the program will be open, and free, to students from all three campuses as well as being open to your friends and family.

The May meeting will be quite busy because we will be giving away many scholarships and grants worth about \$18,000. The scholarships will include our traditional scholarships to graduating seniors and scholarships to students at Viterbo, UW-L and WTC. We have Karen Wilson scholarships, the Doris Frick Scholarship, the LaCrosse Tribune Extra Effort and the Self-Sufficiency Program awards and our new, 'this year', winner, Family Literacy Center to two women in the YWCA Ruth House Matthew 25 Program. A description of the first three programs is included in this *Current*. A description of the YWCA Matthew 25 program, and some information about the two women who will receive a \$4,000 tuition scholarship, will be in the next issue of the *Current*. Stay tuned.



The slate of elected and appointed officers is printed in this *Current*. If you are willing or know someone who is willing to be nominated for President-Elect, please notify a board member. Election of officers will occur at the May meeting after the scholarship program is complete. Installation will follow immediately. ENJOY SPRING!

Names in bold print below indicate elected and appointed **nominees** to fill vacancies in expired positions.

## 2008-2009 Nominations

### Elected Officers

President (annually)  
President-Elect (annually)  
Vice-President Program (even years)  
    Co-chair (odd years)  
Vice-President Finance  
Vice-President of Membership (even years)  
Secretary (even years)  
Foundation Secretary/Treasurer (even years)

**Betty Kruck**- '09  
**Open**  
**Jane Wernecke** '10  
Erica Koonmen- '09  
Bev Bodine- '09  
**Pat Staube** -'10  
**Jan Eriksen**- '10  
**Janet Rosseter**- '10

### **Appointed Board- Two years**

Scholarship	Alice Ross- '09
Publicity	Sue Schultz- '09- 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Historian	Marilyn Hempstead- '09 -2 <sup>nd</sup> term
By Laws	Dottie Kruse- '09
Diversity	Sandra Castek-'09
Public Policy	Cindy Walterhausen- '09
LAF and Educational Foundation	Sue Heuer- '09
Hospitality	Mary Hall- '09
College/University Relations	
UWL	<b>Robert Richardson-</b> '10- 3 <sup>rd</sup> term
Viterbo	<b>Silvana Richardson-</b> '10 -3 <sup>rd</sup> term
WTC	<b>Marie Eumarian</b> -10- 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Study Groups	<b>Liz Wing-</b> '10-2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Telephone Callers	Sarah Stuber- '09-2 <sup>nd</sup> term

### **Project Coordinators**

Scholarship Bridge	Sharon DeCicco
Art Fair	Pat Staupé
Year Book	Rosemary Burnett
Web Master	Catherine Roraff
Mobile Meals	Dee Schilling & Lynn Quinlisk
Community Day (Spring)	Sue Heuer

## **April General Meeting**

### **Susan B. Anthony- Let Her Speak! (1820-1906)**

*Saturday, April 12*

La Crosse Country Club, Onalaska  
9:30 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Brunch (\$11.50)  
10:30 AM Program (about 40 minutes)

Menu: Ham and cheese strata, assorted pastries, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, or milk

The program will be a dramatic portrayal of Susan B. Anthony by Beverly and Stuart Smith of Green Bay. Through a series of interviews, dialogues, and narrated episodes, Susan B. Anthony comes to life in her crusade for human rights, particularly those of women. Retiring as President of the National-American Woman Suffrage Association at the age of 80, she died fourteen years before Congress passed the Nineteenth Amendment, finally giving women the right to vote. The program will last about 40 minutes and then there will be time for questions/discussion.

Beverly Smith is an actress, educator and musician who also created dramatic portrayals of Wisconsin pioneer Elizabeth Baird, American folk artist Grandma Moses, Edna St. Vincent Milley, Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet and Edna Ferber, Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Currently, Beverly is

a Howe School volunteer and plays violin with the Green Bay Civic Symphony. She and her husband, Stu, are co-directors of The Heritage Players, a group they organized to present plays and programs of historical interest to the local area.

Stu Smith is a well-known actor/singer/storyteller in the Green Bay area. Favorite theatrical roles include Scrooge in "Christmas Carol", Don Quixote in "The Man of La Mancha," and Henry Higgins in "My Fair Lady."

This program is being presented with the League of Women Voters so we expect a nice size group for both the brunch and the program. Fliers and information about the program are being distributed at UW-L, Viterbo and WTC so we hope that a number of college-age women will attend the program. We've not included the information about the brunch on the fliers for these groups as thought it would be nice just to offer the free program to them.

Please remember that AAUW members are asked to invite a prospective member and/or a young woman you think would benefit from the wonderful story of Susan B. Anthony's life.

Late reservations can be made no later than Wednesday, April 9, to Erica at 608-366-1509 or to Sharon Di Cicco, 608-788-5356. People are certainly welcome to attend the program only. We'd appreciate a count of those participants too so we can make sure we have plenty of room.

Questions? Please let me know! Erica [moogs56@hotmail.com](mailto:moogs56@hotmail.com)

### 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.

Recently we lost an honorary life member. Eleanor Roraff, 95 years old, died at home Sunday March 2. Her daughter, Catherine, had been taking care of her for some time. Catherine is our web master. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family, Catherine.

### LAST CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS

If any of you have items for the LAF Auction to be held at the **State Convention April 25-27** please contact Betty Kruck or Sue Heuer. We have already had some jewelry and art work donated as well as items to go into a basket with a theme of "Take a Break". We're looking for single items like coffee table books, art work, or jewelry. All proceeds will go to the **Legal Advocacy Fund**.

Sue Heuer  
LAF-ED Coordinator

## ART FAIR CHRONICLES



### CHAMPIONING THE ARTS THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

As the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party this summer will be held at the Pump House, it's interesting to note our branch connection. In January of 1977 the Western Wisconsin Regional Arts Council requested support to obtain the Pump House building for an arts center. The board voted to endorse their project. In August the branch paid \$25 for a supporting membership. The newsletter of March 1979 printed an invitation to the grand opening on March 15 – 18. "The Pump House, leased from the city, has become a showplace for area talent and a meeting place for arts related organizations." Yes!

Over these 50 years countless volunteers have contributed time and talent to the art fair. Looking through the materials I saw unfamiliar names and names of those still active. Sharon De Cicco chaired the committee in 1980. Carlene Robert's name popped up too. In the CURRENT chair Eileen Muth thanked her committee for the "conscientious preparation...crucial to the smooth operation." Artists' commented that the fair was well organized and "AAUW was most gracious and kind" concluding there was "not much you can change except provide cooler weather." That was 1987 but could apply to any of the fairs.

Next Month – Scholarships are what it's all about.

*Marilyn Hempstead, Historian*



### NAME GRANT NOMINATIONS DUE

We hope to honor one or two of our members with a name grant award to the Education Foundation. If you would like to nominate someone please send your nomination to Sue Heuer by April 18th.

- Nominees should be a current member of the La Crosse Branch and have been involved in AAUW, not necessarily all in the La Crosse Branch, for at least 5 years.
- Nominees should have served the La Crosse Branch in a leadership role or been an active member of a variety of committees.

Name Grants will be announced at our May Scholarship Brunch.  
Sue Heuer



## Financial Report as of 02/29/08

- Certificate of Deposit (matures 9/08) \$9,199.58
- Certificate of Deposit (matures 7/08) 4,009.08
- Checking account 4,047.37
- Scholarship Bridge 477.53

### Mobile Meals



Our organization is responsible for delivering meals during the week of May 5-11.

The pick-up site is Gundersen Lutheran. The route is on the North Side. Contact Dee Schilling, 788-1912, or Lynn Quinlisk 784-8498 to volunteer.

### **Equal Pay Day – April 22, 2008**

By Cindy Waltershausen, Public Policy Chair

One of the many things I admire about AAUW is its advocacy for fair pay for women. This year, on Equal Pay Day, Tuesday, April 22, 2008, AAUW is planning to urge our members of Congress to support legislation to mandate equal pay for equal work.

Until recently I thought that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 made it illegal to pay women less than men who were doing the same job. However, a 2007 Supreme Court decision (*Ledbetter v. Goodyear*), held that a woman must file a complaint about wage discrimination within 18 months of receiving her first discriminatory paycheck. Most of us who have held jobs realize that it is not prudent to inquire about co-workers' pay, and especially not during the first few months on the job. Lilly Ledbetter only learned that her male co-workers were all paid more than she was when she received an anonymous note after she had been on the job for almost 20 years. Even though that was when she first learned about the pay discrimination, the Supreme Court ruled that her complaint was too late because it was not filed within 18 months of her first discriminatory paycheck.

In response to this Supreme Court decision the House of Representatives passed HR 2381, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007, to include the idea that discrimination occurs each time a discriminatory pay check is issued. The Senate is considering a companion bill, S. 1843, The Fair Pay Restoration Act.

For Equal Pay Day this year we can help provide remedies for discrimination in pay by contacting Congressman Kind and thanking him for voting for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007 and contacting Senator Feingold and Senator Kohl to ask them to work to get their colleagues to pass The Fair Pay Restoration Act. Mark your calendars for April 22!

Congressman Ron Kind	782-2558
Senator Russ Feingold	782-5585
Senator Herb Kohl	796-0045

If you would like more information about the Lilly Ledbetter case, go to [http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme\\_court/docket/2006/november/05-1074-ledbetter-v-goodyear.html](http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/docket/2006/november/05-1074-ledbetter-v-goodyear.html)

If you are interested in learning more about AAUW's public policy priorities, please visit the "Issue Advocacy" section of the AAUW website (<http://www.aauw.org/takeaction/index.cfm>). From this page, you can access the AAUW Voting Record, Fact Sheets and Position Papers, subscribe to the AAUW Action Network, and subscribe to the monthly public policy newsletter.

### **La Crosse Branch AAUW Foundation**

*The La Crosse Branch AAUW Foundation* was created in April 1964 to receive and distribute funds for educational purposes. Money earned from the Art Fair on the Green, Scholarship Bridge, and in past years, a Home Tour, was placed in the Foundation. The money is to be used to promote higher education of women by awarding scholarships and grants, and to promote AAUW's objectives. Money for local scholarships and grants comes from this foundation. A contribution to the national AAUW Educational Foundation is also made each year from the branch foundation in the form of a Name Grant to honor a branch member.

*The Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund* was established through donations in memory of a deceased La Crosse Branch member. Interest from this account, sometimes augmented by other special gift funds or memorials, is used for a scholarship to a nontraditional woman student, age 30 or older, who wants to pursue a goal in higher education. The principle is currently \$8,775. This fund is managed by the Foundation Secretary/Treasurer and the Foundation Directors.

In 1996 an *Endowment Fund* was started with \$10,000 as a source of perpetual interest income. \$2,000 was added the following year. The value of this fund has more than doubled at this time. The fund is managed by the Foundation Secretary/Treasurer and the Foundation Directors.

## Special Scholarships



### Extra Effort Award

The La Crosse Tribune established the Extra Effort Awards with the high schools in its circulation area. From 23 to 29 high schools select an Extra Effort Award winner from their school and submit their nominee to the La Crosse Tribune. This year our AAUW branch will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a female Extra Effort Award winner to attend a college or university of her choice. The La Crosse Tribune will announce the winner of the AAUW scholarship at its **Extra Effort Award Program**. AAUW members are invited to attend this program at the **WTC cafeteria at 7:00 on April 25**. Publisher Russell Cunningham and the Tribune staff warn, however, that members should bring hankies because it is quite an emotional experience. The winner will also be invited to our May Scholarship Brunch.

### Self Sufficiency Program

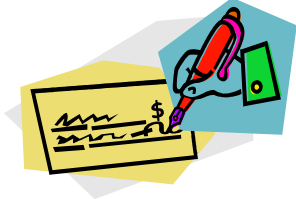
The Purpose of SSP (Self-Sufficiency Program) is to put higher education within reach of low-income parents by helping them prepare to succeed as college students. SSP students receive a semester of classroom instruction in critical reading, writing and thinking skills plus basic math. They also get information on how to apply to area colleges, financial aid availability, time management and other campus resources. Students who have completed SSP classroom courses and are attending a local college or university are eligible for a \$500 scholarship for each of their first four semesters (two years) of undergraduate studies. Currently, SSP students attend UW-L, Viterbo University, WTC and other colleges. Most carry a “B” or better grade point. They major in a variety of fields including psychology, art, public administration, nursing, communications and business. Several, having received their bachelor’s degrees, have gone on to graduate school for medicine, law and other fields. Many report that SSP has transformed the way they see themselves and their future potential. SSP is an outreach program of the Women’s Studies Department at UW-La Crosse. Our branch will provide a Locally Grown Scholarship to an SSP student, \$500 each semester for two years, total \$2,000.

### Family Literacy Program

The Family Literacy Program helps area teen parents complete their high school education while learning parenting skills. The teens bring their babies to school with them. As the teens attend classes their children receive infant/toddler educare experiences in an environment rich in language and literacy instruction. Many of the teen parents who would like to complete high school by getting their GED, do not have the \$100 necessary to enroll in the GED program. The scholarship committee recommended that a \$1,000 grant be awarded to the Learning Together Family Literacy Center. This money will allow some of these teen parents to complete their high school education in order to provide a better life for themselves and their child.

## Attention

The AAUW record keeping/financial year ends June 30. Bev Bodine, our Financial Secretary, must send membership forms and state and national dues for the 2008-09 year to the



Association July 1. Please make her job easier by paying AAUW dues for next year **before June 30 (Article VI, section 3 of the Branch By-Laws)**. Paying dues by mid-June gives Bev time to process the paper work involved. Although she is happy to renew and accept new members at any time, it makes her job easier to send membership information and dues to the state and national office at one time. Bev will appreciate your

consideration. To make sure that your information is printed correctly in the next yearbook, please fill out this membership renewal form and send it along with your check. A dues form is included in this issue of the Current, and it will be repeated in the May issue.

### AAUW-La Crosse Branch Membership Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email (for directory) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues:	Association	49.00	
	State	10.00	
	Branch	8.00	
			Total: \$67.00

Dues	67.00
Education Foundation (EF)/ Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	_____
Karen Wilson Scholarship Fund	_____
La Crosse Branch Endowment Fund	_____
Total Enclosed	_____

Make check payable to:           AAUW – La Crosse Branch

Send form and payment to:       Bev Bodine, Finance VP  
 1021 Lauderdale North  
 Onalaska, WI 54650

Address and email changes will appear in 2008-2009 yearbook.



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Hearth and Home

**Date:** April 16  
**Event:** Visit Lavender Lane Forever Outlet Store  
Dinner at Pickwick Inn  
**Where:** East Troy -- Meet for carpool at Information Center at Dam  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
**Contact:** Marion Jackson (895-2492)

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

**Meets:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues at 2:00PM  
**Date:** April 22  
**Hostess:** Bonne Olson  
**Author:** An Fessler's The girls who went away

World Problems New members welcome.

**Meets:** April 18.  
**Hostess:** Rosemary Hickish  
**Inquiries:** Pat Sheehan 788-3808  
**Speaker:** Mary Sullivan  
**Inquiries:** Jean Knorr

Bookfellows New members welcome.

**Meets:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 2:30.  
**Date:** April 23  
**Topic:** Kelly Cherryl  
**Speaker:** Lila Seager  
**Hostess:** Lila Seager  
**Inquiries:** Pat Sheehan 788-3808

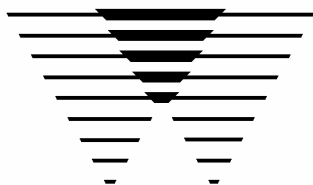
Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

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

Vital People

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:00PM  
**Inquiries:** Lynn Quinlisk 784-8498

American Association of University Women  
La Crosse Branch  
P.O. Box 2112  
La Crosse, WI 54602-2112



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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

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