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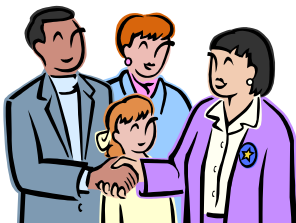
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President's Perspective

Happy New Year! May 2008 bring successes and challenges that we can meet individually and as an organization.

AAUW has reason to celebrate the effectiveness of its mission of advancing education and opportunities for women and girls. A December message from the AAUW Action Network highlighted legislative measures that were passed or advanced with AAUW support. Included were the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, the Minimum Wage increase, the America COMPETES Act (addresses the shortage of highly qualified STEM teachers), the Higher Education Act Reauthorization which included the creation of the Patsy Mink



Graduate Fellowship program and the expansion of SMART and Pell grant eligibility, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in the House, the hate crime legislation in the House and the preservation of critical federal regulation in the Family Medical Leave Act. More information on these is available at <http://www.aauw.org>. If you are interested in any of the legislative issues promoted by AAUW, please contact me or

Cindy Waltershausen or check the AAUW web site. AAUW also continues to advance opportunities for women through their support of Legal Advocacy cases which have been successfully prosecuted, and through the grants, scholarships, and research funded through the AAUW Education Foundation.

The national Conference for College Women Student Leaders will be held in Washington D.C. in June. AAUW-WI is offering \$500 grants to two undergraduate women from the state to help them attend the conference. If you know of an undergraduate student who would be interested in attending this conference, please contact a board member.

I'll look forward to seeing you January 12. Please share your enthusiasm of AAUW with a friend, and invite them to attend a meeting.

Betty Kruck

**January 12, 2008
General Meeting**

Place: St. Croix Room
Best Western Midway Hotel
1835 Rose St.

Topic: Financial Literacy

Speaker: Amy Stodoloa of Edward Jones Financial.
who will talk about financial literacy

Registration: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$8.50

Brunch: 10:00 AM

This is plate service consisting of scrambled eggs, ham and cheese, croissant, home fried potatoes, coffee, tea or milk for \$8.50.



Late reservations and cancellations will be accepted until noon on January 9 by calling Sharon DiCicco 788-5356

LAF NEWS:

Yea!! We met our LAF quota for 2006-2007 with a contribution of \$540.

We are already well on our way to making this year's goal. \$86.28 was earned during November from the **Tastefully Simple** sale. Thanks to all who bought products. Hope you have been enjoying them.

Looking forward to >>>>>>>>> participating in Herberger's next Community Days coupon book sale.

Sue Heuer
LAF-EF Coordinator

ART FAIR CHRONICLES



SUNSHINE IN THE 1970'S

It rained on Saturday of the 1969 Art Fair on the Green. Having to move 40 artists into the corridors of Main Hall that day didn't dampen the enthusiasm or motivation of the branch members for making the next year's fair bigger and better.

A letter sent to members in 1970 requesting awards donations declared, "No rain will be tolerated." The weather did cooperate. The post fair report of chair Marcia Jones began "Clear skies, hot weather" and went on with the count of 2400 people each paying 50 cents to attend. A new op-art logo decorated the program. The \$900 profit again went for art scholarships to Viterbo and La Crosse State college women along with art camp tuition for high school girls.

The number of participating artists and proceeds continued to grow and sunny skies prevailed. In the early 70's a scholarship brunch was initiated for the May meeting so members could meet the scholarship recipients. In 1975 the abstract art was replaced appropriately with a lucky sun face as a logo. A location move was made in 1977 from the green in front of Main Hall to the larger sunny space we now occupy and the number of scholarships was increased.

A branch tradition was firmly established. Watch for the next installment next month.

Marilyn Hempstead, Historian.



Art Fair on the Green 2008 Update

The art fair committee will be getting into high gear in January to make preparations for our 50th year. We still need 3 members to join our committee. We have openings for 2 people to co-chr. Purchase Awards and we also need a co-chr. for Grounds. You can contact Pat Staupe at 788-7439 if you have questions or would like to help.



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home

Date: Jan. 23.
Event: Wine tasting: snacks and information on wines
Where: Java Vino (Village shopping center)
Time: 6:30 PM
RSVP: Jane Wernecke 534-6330 ajja701@triwest.net
COST: \$10.00

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

Meets: 4th Tues at 2:00 PM
Date: Jan. 22
Hostess: Ruth Davy
Author: Thomas L. Friedman, The World is Flat
Inquiries: Pat Sheehan 788-3808

World Problems New members welcome

Meets: 3rd Friday at 2:00 PM
Date: Jan. 18
Hostess: Luncheon
Speaker:
Topic:
Inquiries: Mary Sullivan 785-7095

Bookfellows Meets on 4th Wed. at 2:30. New members welcome.

Date: Jan. 23
Topic: Jane Hamilton
Speaker: Marin Schuyler
Hostess: Marin Schuyler
Inquiries: Pat Sheehan:: 788-3808

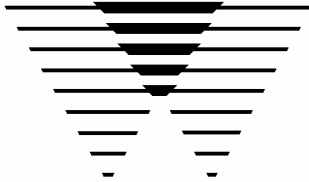
Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

Inquiries: Sharon DiCicco 788-5356

Vital People

Meets: 1st Wednesday at 1:00PM
Date:
Hostess:
Inquiries: Lyn Quinlisk 784-8498

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