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President's Perspective

Beverly Bodine, Pam Thiel and I represented the La Crosse Branch at the AAUW State Convention in Brookfield April 25-27. We appreciated the opportunity. I always come away from state conventions with a new perspective of how our branch is part of a powerful network that has a much greater impact than all of our branches could have working separately. 90,000 voices throughout the country provide clout to improve opportunities for women and girls. AAUW provided a powerful voice last year in helping to pass *The College Cost Reduction and Access Act*, *Higher Education Act Reauthorization*, and *America COMPETES Act*. AAUW's *National Girls Collaborative Project* was so effective involving girls in more than 300 STEM projects in 2007 that the National Science Foundation has awarded AAUW another \$140,000 in 2008 to expand the girls STEM program to many more communities across the nation. AAUW's "Behind the Pay Gap" research continues to receive prime time media coverage on Good Morning America, Today Show, Anderson Cooper 360, NBC Nightly News, the Washington Post, Newsday, Time, US News and World Report, to name some.

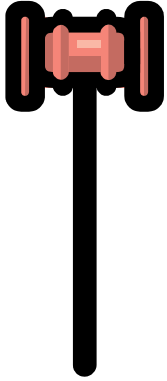
Jerene Mortenson, the mother of Greg Mortenson who is the author of *Three Cups of Tea*, attended the entire convention. Both she and Greg are members of AAUW. \$3,000 was collected at the convention for the Central Asian Institute that was founded by Greg. This institute builds and funds schools in the forbidding terrain of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Jerene said that \$3,000 would staff one of the larger schools for an entire year. Some of the Wisconsin AAUW branches are raising money with the goal of AAUW-WI raising \$20,000 for the Central Asian Institute to build a new school. Our branch will consider participating in this effort.

The stories told by some of our La Crosse Branch scholarship recipients at our Scholarship Brunch were truly inspirational. One of the parents of a high school recipient, told me after the program that she was so inspired by the stories of some of the nontraditional students, it made her think about going back to school. Thanks to everyone for helping to provide opportunities for others.

Have a wonderful summer.

Betty Kruck, branch president

Special Meeting



June 3, 2008, 5:30
La Crosse Public Library

Join the board, past presidents and fellow AAUW members for an evening of food, friendship and discussion. What are our goals? Are we meeting goals? Are we fulfilling the AAUW mission in our community? How can we strengthen our branch and make it meaningful for young members and future leaders? All ideas are welcome and needed.

Our branch is in the wonderful position of having money in our AAUW La Crosse Branch Foundation thanks to the forethought of past presidents and boards and thanks to successful art fairs. This Foundation belongs to members of our branch. The current board would like your input into decisions regarding the foundation money. The Karen Wilson Fund and the Endowment Fund are part of the Foundation. Information regarding these funds and the accumulation of funds in the foundation will be discussed.

Please make reservations for this special June meeting by contacting **Sue Heuer, 526-9397, fredsueret@charter.net, or Betty Kruck, 1-608-689-2222, krux@mwt.net by May 30.**

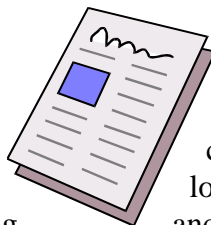
National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Kelly Johnson, a UW-L student, will be attending the *2008 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders* at Georgetown University in Washington D.C June 5-7, 2008. This conference is sponsored by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. AAUW-WI offered two \$500 grants for two college student leaders to attend. Our branch with the help of Dr. Sandra Krajewski, Chair of the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies at UW-L, encouraged students to apply. Kelly was selected to receive one of the AAUW-WI grants. This grant is being supplemented with a \$250 grant from the CMG (Carol McGarty Gundersen) Fund at the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Kelly is a senior at UW-L majoring in psychology with a minor in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. She is anxious to be a leader in advocating for women, for human rights and for the environment. She has been assisting a professor in the Psychology department on feminist research. Our AAUW La Crosse Branch is proud to sponsor a UW-L student at this national leadership training conference.

Current

The cost of printing and mailing amount of local dues that we **alone** was 55% of the local dues twice the postage. Last year the only 62% of the total cost of printing the newsletter online, please call or send an e-mail to Mary Reiman at 784-9418 or mreiman@charter.net. This will greatly reduce our printing and mailing expense.



issues of the Current far exceeds the collect from our members. The **postage** collected. The printing costs were almost local dues collected from members paid and postage. If you are willing to receive the



La Crosse area Dental Coalition

At the March AAUW board meeting, the board voted to add AAUW's name and support to the La Crosse Area Dental Coalition. This coalition is made up of organizations, health related agencies, legislators and individuals who seek to increase awareness of the need for dental care for Medicaid recipients and uninsured individuals and families, and they seek solutions to the problem.

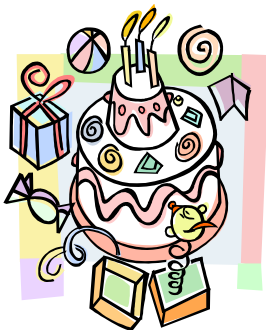
Spotlight on members!



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.

- Ruth and Morgan Jostad recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Carol Taebel's mom, Lonny Rosendahl, passed away Mon. May 5, 008 at age 102.

ART FAIR ON THE GREEN RECEPTION JULY 26, 2008



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All AAUW members are invited to help celebrate 50 years of Art Fair on the Green on Saturday, July 26th at the Pump House. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served from 5:30pm to 8:30pm by Chef Mike Raymond of Culinary Visions Catering. A cash bar will be available. Please mark your calendar now to reserve the date and help us congratulate those who have supported the Art Fair over the years.

ART FAIR ON THE GREEN JULY 26-27

Our 50th Art Fair on the Green is fast approaching and it looks like it will be a memorable event. We are projecting that we will have approximately 100 artists. Committee members have created a new map of the campus area so we will be able to accommodate all of these artists. This is very exciting because we were down to 38 artists about 10 years ago.

We will be giving a special tote bag to each artist in recognition of our 50th year. Extra bags will be available for you to purchase to help support the art fair. The price hasn't been determined yet.

This year we are also hosting a reception at the Pump House for the artists and our members. It will be held on Saturday night, July 26th. Mark this special event on your calendar.

Since we will be doing the reception in addition to the art fair, we will need more helpers than ever. Please, please consider working more than one shift. It will take a lot of volunteers to cover all of the jobs involved. Please say yes when you are asked. There will be signup sheets at the May general meeting.

Let's make this the best Art Fair on the Green ever!

Pat Staupe
Art Fair Chr.

Concessions 2008 Art Fair Schedule

Please sign up for time to help with concessions. Sandwiches are made and wrapped; soda is in cans. So sales are easy! Gates open at 9 AM both days.

Time Slots

Saturday July 26, 2008

8:45 AM to 11 AM

11 AM to 1 PM

1 PM to 3 PM

3 PM to 5 PM

Sunday, July 27, 2008

8:45 AM to 11:30 PM

11:30 AM to 2 PM

2 PM to 4 PM

After 4 PM, cleanup

Please sign up. Call Sheri Schneider 783-7003 or Gloria Brennen 779-5114

WELCOME

New Members

The La Crosse Branch of AAUW extends a warm welcome to two new members.

George Kruck
PO Box 27
Genoa, WI 54632
608-689-2222

Rosalind Richards
N2118 County Rd. F, Apt. 1A
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-787-8923

Please send the names of any perspective members to Pat Staupe, Membership VP.

Here's your big chance

AAUW La Crosse Branch Program Survey

As you all know, interesting programs are an important vehicle for attracting members to attend our monthly meetings! Saturday mornings are a busy time for everyone so we try to find programs that are entertaining and educational as well as fulfilling AAUW mission-oriented goals.

Can you please take a few minutes and respond to these easy questions for us?

- 1) How are we doing? What's the most interesting program in recent memory? What was the least interesting? (Not just this year, but the last couple of years).
- 2) What would you like to see for a program? Would you like to present a program on an interest or talent that you have? What do you feel is the most important issue of AAUW that you'd like to know more about?
- 3) What would make you come to the monthly meeting?

Any additional comments are welcome! Please respond by email to either Erica (moogs56@hotmail.com) or Sharon (slvd@execpc.com) by June 30th.

If you would prefer anonymity, you can send your comments to the AAUW PO box:

AAUW
PO Box 2112
La Crosse, WI 54602-2112.
Thank you!

**Scholarships/Grants Awarded 2007-08
AAUW La Crosse Branch**

UW-L Students

Amy Rindahl - Math and Science \$500
Jessica Olson - Art \$500

Viterbo

Colleen Lentz – Art \$500

Western Tech.

Jillian Syverson - Disability Support Specialist Program \$500

UW-L entering Freshmen

Elizabeth Lubinski, Logan \$500
Paj Nra Yang, Onalaska \$500
Chistina John, Onalaska \$500
Jiheh Lee Ritterling, La Crescent \$500

Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Kristina Schultz, La Crosse \$1500
Sarah Koehler, La Crosse \$1500
Rosanne St. Sauver, La Crosse \$1500

Tribune Extra Effort Award

Stacey Coggon, Royall High School \$1000

UW-L Self Sufficiency Program \$1000

Blue Ribbon Scholarship

Charlotte Tillman, La Crosse - YWCA Ruth House Program \$4000

Learning Together Family Literacy \$1000

Mary Frick Memorial Scholarship \$1000 (provided by Doris Frick)

Kristina Radermacher—student at UW-LACROSSE in math-science

Name Grants to AAUW Foundation \$1000

In recognition of Polly Smith and Mary Reiman for their generous contributions of time and effort to our branch.

Reminder

Just a reminder that it will make Bev Bodine's job easier if dues are paid by June 25, before she must complete her records for the Association. Listing your e-mail address on the dues form will provide a way to contact you of a special event or bulletin that may have missed the deadline for the *Current*. You will still receive a hard copy of the *Current* unless you contact Mary Reiman and request that she take you off the mailing list and put you on the list to receive the newsletter electronically. The latter will save the branch money.

AUW-La Crosse Branch Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (for directory) _____

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

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

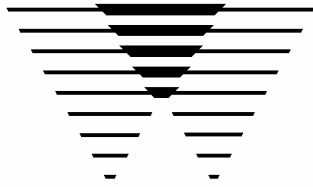
Make check payable to: AAUW – La Crosse Branch

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.

Dues must be paid by June 30th (Article VI, section 3 of the Branch By-Laws). Dues are sent to the Vice-President of Finance, Bev Bodine. To make sure that your information is printed correctly, please fill out this membership renewal form and send it along with your check.

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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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