



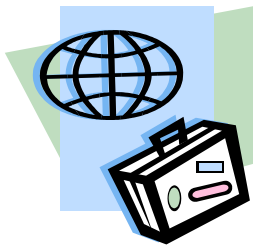
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General Meeting

March 14

Place: Best Western Midway 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse

Registration: 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast: 10:00 A.M.

Cost: \$9.00

Menu: scrambled eggs with cheese, Wisconsin bratwurst, homefried potatoes, assorted pastries, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk.

Speaker: Nina Albanese-Kotar, Wisconsin AAUW International Affairs Chairman

She will be sharing a collection of the various activities and projects that other AAUW branches across the state have done which have an international focus.

RSVP late reservations or cancellations to: Jane Wernecke at ajja701@trivest.net (534-6330) or Erica Koonmen, moogs56@hotmail.com (366-1509) by Wednesday, March 11th.

President's Perspective

It's that time of year when I'm anxious for spring, warmer weather and the beginning of the growing season. However, on the other hand, time is racing by and there is so much I want to complete before planting time. Patience. Patience.

March 8 is International Women's Day, a day to celebrate the economic, political and social achievement of women. It's also a day to reflect on the difficulties faced by many women and girls in other countries and here in the U.S. To commemorate this special date, CARE, the organization ONE and NCM Fathom Films are sponsoring a premier documentary film, *A Powerful Noise*. This documentary follows 3 extraordinary women in Bosnia, Mali and Vietnam as they work to bring about change. This documentary will be shown at 450 theaters across the country on March 5 to recognize International Women's Day. The film will be shown in La Crosse on **March 4 at 7:00-9:00 at Room 260 Cartwright Center** at UW-L. More information about International Women's Day and *A Powerful Noise* is available at http://www.aauw.org/About/international_corner or to www.internationalwomensday.com.

There is a Women's History event in La Crosse that will be of special interest to AAUW members. On **Sunday, March 8**, three talented young women who are in Middle and High School in Sparta will present a documentary of Kathryn Frederick Clarenbach, a native of Sparta and the co-founder of NOW. The presentation will be at the **Port O' Call Room**, Cartwright Center, UW-L at 2:00 pm. The presentation will include a documentary along with photo essays and a timeline of national and local events in the Women's Rights Movement. The students have done a remarkable study of Catherine's life and of women's history as well. I understand that some of Clarenbach's family will attend also. Erica and I had the opportunity to preview the students' work last fall, and we were very impressed. Please visit the Women's Studies website at http://www.uwlax.edu/wgss/calendarfall08.htm#Spring_2009 for more information and for a calendar of events sponsored by the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies at UW-L.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders is June 4-6 at the University of Maryland at College Park. Information about the conference is available at www.aauw.org. Click on *Upcoming Events* and *NCCWSL* on the home page. Registration for the conference opens March 9. Our state organization is again offering financial grants for two young women to attend. I will send information regarding the financial grants and other assistance to interested students.

Our La Crosse branch is privileged to have Nina Albanese-Kotar as our speaker March 14. Nina, AAUW-WI International Chair, will be driving from Eau Claire. Please invite friends to join us in meeting her.

Betty Kruck

Silence and doing nothing can be the enemy of equity

Forum for Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidates

There is an opportunity to listen to the two candidates for the Wisconsin Supreme Court at noon on Thursday, March 19. This forum is sponsored by the LWV and the Rotary. AAUW members are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending this luncheon and forum, please contact me for reservations.

Betty Kruck

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It will soon be time to renew your AAUW membership for another year. Have you thought about asking a friend to join our branch? Do you know a college student who would benefit from being a student affiliate member? Maybe you know of a recent college graduate who would enjoy the Give-A-Grad-A-Gift membership. Anyone who joins after March 15 will be a member through June 30, 2010. Please contact Pat Staube if you would like more information on any of these membership plans.

SEEKING NAME GRANT NOMINATIONS

We've had a bit of a warm up and it's time to think spring! It's also time to think about those in our branch who deserve to be recognized with a name grant at our May Scholarship Branch.

Below are criteria for this award:

- **Nominees should be a current member of the La Crosse Branch and have been involved in AAUW, not necessarily 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.**
- **The La Crosse Branch will give this honor to a member only once.**

Please send any nominations to me at fredsueret@charter.net or N7150 Oak St. Holmen WI 54636 by April 15th. The nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of myself and 2 other past recipients.

Thank you,
Sue Heuer
EF/LAF Coordinator

Herberger's Update

As of this writing our branch has earned over \$400 through the Community Day Coupon Book sales. A huge **thank you** to all who have returned money and/or books. A gentle reminder to those of you who still need to take care of this. All coupon books and money should be returned to me by February 28th. Checks should be made out to AAUW.

Sue Heuer
LAF/EF Coordinator

EXCITING CHANGES FOR EF and LAF!

AAUW has been working hard to align the priorities of the Legal Advocacy Fund more closely to our Value Promise of **breaking down educational and economic barriers so ALL women have a fair chance**. LAF now falls under the Educational Foundation.

As of January 2009 LAF has expanded to address discrimination cases that protect women in **all** workplaces. Previously LAF supported cases in higher education only. LAF plans to support plaintiffs with significant cases that have the potential to **set precedent and protect others** against discrimination in the future. The focus will be on landmark cases with potential and maximum impact. **Hopefully this will make a difference for all women.**

Member support is critical! Our branch has surpassed our goal in our contributions to LAF in the last few years. Let's keep it up through our **Herberger's Community Days participation!** Special thanks to Jane Wernecke for arranging the jewelry sale at our December meeting. 10% of the proceeds were donated by the artist to our LAF fund. If individual members would like to make personal contributions to the LAF fund you may do so. If you need information on this please contact me.

Sue Heuer EF/LAF Coordinator

Keep the change until women have real change.



PENNIES FOR PEACE Committee

AAUW members who have read the best seller **THREE CUPS OF TEA** know about the author Greg Mortenson's quest to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Viterbo University is bringing Greg to speak at the Fine Arts Auditorium on September 29th, 2009. This is a tremendous occurrence as he has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, has received wide notice in the media and is in great demand.

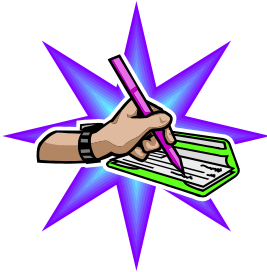
Darryle Clott who is arranging Greg 's appearance and Rick Kyte Director of Viterbo's Institute for Ethics and Leadership, which is sponsoring the event, are proposing a "Pennies for Peace" project for next fall in which school children collect the pennies which help the children in Central Asia have access to education. Our AAUW Branch has volunteered to work with them to oversee the project for schools that chose to participate.

We have a committee that will be meeting throughout the Spring. You will be receiving reports. And if you would like to be involved just let me know. It is an exciting opportunity for our branch to be involved in the wider community.

Marilyn Hempstead, Chair

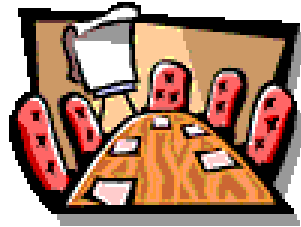
Missions of Mercy Dental Clinic

The Missions of Mercy free mobile dental clinic in June will be a **onetime event** here in La Crosse. The dates of the clinic will be June 26-27 with setup and take down the day before and the day after. You will find a video clip of the Colorado MOM at www.wda.org. Volunteers are needed. Please check out the Wisconsin Dental Association's website for information and please register to volunteer on their form. Please contact me also and let me know if you plan to volunteer on one of the four days listed. Thanks. The committee is also considering food for the volunteers and for people who will be waiting hours for care. If you have ideas for food donations and entertainment, please let me know. Thanks for your help.
Betty Kruck



Financial Report as o 1/31/09

▪ Checking account	\$5,168.88	
▪ CD's	5,000.00	(matures 5/09)
	5,000.00	(matures 11/09)
▪ Bridge	732.81	



Study Groups

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Hearth and Home New members welcome.

Date: Wed., March 18

Program: Game night

Cost: Refreshments will be provided.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Jane's house, 2378 Trail View Lane, Trempealeau

Reservation: Jane 534-6330 or Sarah 784-9310

Contemporary Authors New members welcome.

Meets: 4th Tues at 2:00PM

Date: March 24

Hostess: Pat Boge 784-3952

Author: Timothy Egan, The Worst Hard Times

Inquiries: Alice Ross, 788-4206

Bookfellows New members welcome.

Meets: 3rd Wed. at 2:30 P.M.

Date: March 18

Speaker: Ruth Davy

Hostess: Ruth Davy

Inquiries: Pat Sheehan, 788-3808

Bridge, Card games Times and places to be announced.

Inquiries: Sharon DeCicco: 788-5356

Vital People

Meets: 1st Wednesday, 1:00pm

Inquiries: Katie Webster, 788-7232

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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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