

Branch Events 2016

Saturday, April 2, 10 – 3 at Regents Hall, Rockford University
AAUW *Elect Her* Workshop

Friday, April 8, 12 noon, Thai Hut
International Affairs Interest Group

Tuesday, April 19, 12:45 pm, *BookBeat*
A Man Called Ove by Frederick Bachman
Reviewer: Enid Michalowski
Hostess: Barbara Simon

Wednesday, April 20
6:00 pm, GreenFire Wine Room
Marsha Ackerman, moderator, *Why Join AAUW?*

Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30
AAUW-IL Convention at Roosevelt University,
Schaumburg Campus

Tuesday, May 17, 12:45 pm *BookBeat*
Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
Reviewer: Carole Newcomer
Hostess: Karen Shifo

Saturday, May 21
11:00 am, Forest Hills CC
Annual Meeting, Presentation of Scholarships
Keynote: Dr. Belinda Wholeben, Interim VP and
Provost, Rockford University



AAUW Rockford Branch Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, 5:30 if you are ordering dinner. The location at a restaurant is decided the previous month. Members are always welcome to give their input. Contact a board member if you would like to attend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited about the *Elect Her* workshop that will take place at Rockford University on April 2. (You will recall that the Rockford Area Branch was awarded a \$500.00 LEG-Up Grant from AAUW-IL and is the **only Branch** in the state to receive money for an *Elect Her* workshop this year).

Donnette Tinsley and Faye Marcus have been working diligently to prepare and recruit young people to participate. So far, we have 57 people registered with 30 – 35 students representing seven colleges and universities. Three of our AAUW State Board members will also be here to observe and several branch members will be volunteers for the day.

We will have pictures and a report to share after the event.

This gives me a good opportunity to mention the *Charting the Course* national fundraising campaign that is continuing in 2016. These unrestricted funds support AAUW efforts such as *Tech Savvy, Start Smart, Work Smart, Elect Her and NCCWS* plus the research that AAUW conducts on various topics.


The *Charting the Course* funds are separate from *EF and LAF* funds that we help with our auction proceeds.

I hope that you will respond when you receive a request from National as our Branch is the beneficiary of these funds for the *Elect Her* workshop.


The **AAUW State Convention** will be held in **Schaumburg on April 29 and 30**. This will be a great opportunity for our Branch members to experience a state meeting. Your invitation was in the **AAUW-IL Link**, which you received in February. Subsidies are available for those who are attending for the first time. Let me know if you are interested.

Barbara Simon, President

There are lots of reasons to join AAUW.
Please come to hear about how and why we support this organization.



Why Join AAUW?
Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00pm
GreenFire Restaurant – Wine Room
Marsha Ackerman, Moderator



Regina Potts will take your reservation.
Please email her at rp226@aol.com by Monday, April 18.

Fifteen Rockford Area Branch members enjoyed the YWCA Leader Luncheon on March 7. Speaker Lilly Ledbetter showed both determination and charm in relating her life story and was delightful to meet and talk with at the reception.



Save the date: May 21, 2016

AAUW ANNUAL
MEETING & LUNCHEON

May 21, 2016 – 11:00am
Forest Hills Country Club

Annual Meeting & Presentation of Scholarships

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Belinda Wholeben
Interim VP and Provost, Rockford University

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT by Diane Kuehl

The Donna Joy Memorial STEM Scholarship committee has received 19 applicants from ten different region high schools including both public and private institutions. (Last year we received 12 applications). The committee is now evaluating each application in preparation for the committee evaluation meeting.

A first review of the applicants promises excellent academic and leadership qualities for this year's winners. Most of the applicants are aspiring for science or engineering majors to study at well-known colleges and universities.

We are looking forward to introducing the membership to the scholarship winners at the AAUW Annual Meeting **on Saturday, May 21, at 11:00 at Forest Hills Country Club.**

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

The Branch Bylaws state that officers may serve no more than two two-year terms. Election of officers will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 21.

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve as officers for the coming year! Also, please be thinking about serving on one of the committees that are listed in the yearbook.

President – Karen Hoffman

VP's Programming – Marsha Ackerman and Regina Potts

VP Membership – Patricia Gomez

Secretary – Tammy Schulz

Treasurer – Katy Paterson

Nominating Committee: Christine Haeggquist, Sharon Boehlefeld, Ruth Siegfried and Barbara Simon

PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Our programs this year have been diverse and informative. To achieve this we like to have a brainstorming session/coffee gathering.

Would you like to help plan next year's programs? Please let Marsha or Regina know that you are interested.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS INTEREST GROUP

The International Affairs Interest Group will meet on Friday, April 8, at 12 noon at the Thai Hut, 701 Highgrove Place (near Perryville and Mill Rd.). Discussion will be about planning programs for next year.

LET'S DO FRIDAY LUNCH

Let's Do Friday Lunch will meet on April 29 at 12 noon at Sahara, 5880 E. State Street. Contact Regina for reservations at rp226@aol.com. (This restaurant is near Valli on E. State).

See your AAUW-IL Spring 2016 Newsletter for details!

READY FOR ACTION

AAUW-IL 92ND STATE CONVENTION

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 29-30, 2016

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