



The INITIATIVE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

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Calendar 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**May 3-5 AAUW
Regional Convention in St.
Louis**

**May 8 5:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting and
Scholarship Presentation at
Mauh Nah Tee See Country
Club, Rockford Tomorrow
by Janyce Fadden**

**June 14 5 - 8 p.m.
AAUW hosting at City
Market**

**June/July Mondays 9:00 am
AAUW Golfing Group at
Sinnissippi**

**June/July TBA
Evening at Starlight Theatre**

**July 5 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
AAUW Wine Tasting at
Artale's Raise a Stem for
STEM**

**August TBA
Dining out at Lone Star
Steak House**

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Spring has finally arrived and I hope that you will take note of the AAUW events planned for the spring and summer seasons.

First of all, thanks to **Faye Marcus** for the great program on "Women In China" that she presented in February. Thanks, too, to **Joan Tunnell**, for the excellent leadership she provided for the Women In My History contest. I hope that you all saw the pictures in the RRS.

Our annual meeting will take place on **Wed., May 8, at 5:30 p.m.** We are privileged to have as our speaker **Janyce Fadden**, who is the outgoing president of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council.

Janyce has enjoyed great success as president of RAEDC. During her eight years here she has fostered collaboration and cooperation instead of competition between the area's stakeholders. The Register Star's column on her service mentions that "She brought structure and urgency to the Council that's tasked with marketing the Rockford region to the job-creators and site-selectors of the world."

The dinner will be a pasta buffet with two meats, salad and dessert for \$25.00. Make your reservations by sending a check to Donna Joy, 5474 Roanoke Rd., 61107. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

We will also hold an election, approve the budget and present \$650.00 scholarships to our two STEM winners, **Michelle Dobbs and Sarah Timm**. Read more about them on page 2.

Thanks also to our **Scholarship Committee**, Faye Marcus, Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Diane Kuehl, Ann Dempsey and Pat Gomez. They have done a great job in creating guidelines, publicizing our awards in area high schools and evaluating the applications. Diane is also the chairperson of the Artale Wine Tasting event on July 5. You will soon receive the postcard invitation (which was created by Diane's daughter). Thank you, Diane and Jenn!

My final thanks goes to Donna Joy and Faye Marcus for their outstanding programs this year. Their job is to bring us together in furthering AAUW's goals. We have really enjoyed the "Women of Note" of Rockford this year.

The programming committee will meet in the early summer. If you have ideas for next season, we would love to hear them.

Barbara Simon, President

BOOKBEAT Meets at 12:45 on the third Tuesday of the month. Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.

April 16 *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Hostess: Enid Michalowski

May 21 *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer. Hostess: Karen Shifo

June 18 *American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar. Hostess: Kathy Dierstein

July 15 *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals. Hostess: Carole Newcomer

AAUW GOLFING INTEREST GROUP

Mary Thompson offered to chair a golf group on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. at Sinnissippi Golf Course during the months of June, July and August.

All levels would be welcome. We could have a regular list of golfers and a list of those who might not be able to golf every week.

Please call Mary Thompson, 815-397-5997 if you are interested.

SCHNUCKS REPORT

Our Schnucks monthly income has risen from about \$4.00 to about \$34.00 per month.

Thanks to all who are using their Schnucks cards!

VOTING FOR AAUW NATIONAL CANDIDATES

Please consult the current edition of OUTLOOK Magazine for voting information. There is a pullout section with lots of information about the AAUW candidates, AAUW Public Policy Program and AAUW by-Laws.

This year, you are encouraged to vote on line because it is fast, efficient, reliable, secure and Green!

Casting your ballot is simple.

- Your **member ID and Voter Pin** are located on the back cover of the **OUTLOOK**.
- Go to www.aauw.org/onevote. Click on Vote; log on with your member ID and password.
- If you don't have a password, the system will prompt you to create one.
- Please consult the Voter Guide (Section E) in the OUTLOOK for information on the AAUW candidates, Public Policy Program and By-Laws.
- **On Line Voting Begins April 15 and ends June 8.**
- You may request a paper ballot between April 1 and May 2. connect@aauw.org or call 1-800-326-2289 to request a ballot. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 17.

For many years, only those members who attended the National QQUW Convention were able to vote. Since 2011, members have been able to cast their votes on line or by paper ballot. Please take advantage of this opportunity. **This is our organization and voting is your voice!**

Our scholarship winners are Michelle Dobbs, of Rochelle Township High School and Sarah Timm of North Boone High School.

Michelle has demonstrated exceptional achievement in mathematics and science, excels as a writer and athlete, and will be attending the University of Chicago.

Sarah is a top chemistry and physics student, a leader, competitor, team player and volunteer who looks forward to doing original research in marine biology and environmental science. She hopes to attend Hawaii Pacific University.

Come and meet them at the Annual Meeting.

savor the summer

BRING YOUR HAT AND SUNGLASSES On June 14, AAUW will host at the Rockford City Market. This will involve welcoming people at the three entrances of the market and having a display table at the main entrance. We can pass out our brochures.

There will be two shifts, 3 – 5:30 and 5:30 – 8. We will need two people at each entrance. Please send me a note if you would like to volunteer.



COME OUT TO RVC FOR A PICNIC AND STARLIGHT THEATRE

AAUW members and guests can attend an evening at Starlight Theatre. Date and details will be coming soon.



WINETASTING AT ARTALES

RAISE A STEM FOR STEM

On Friday, July 5, AAUW will sponsor a winetasting at Artales on Spring Creek Road. This will be a major fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The cost is \$15.00 and our branch gets to keep \$10.00 per person.

We know that this is a holiday weekend and that some of you may be out of town. We were chosen as one of 12 non-profits to get a weekend in 2013. Please share the information with others who enjoy wine and make sure that we have a big turnout for this event. You will soon receive an Artale postcard so that you can send it on to friends.

DINE OUT AT LONE STAR STEAK HOUSE This restaurant generously donates a percentage of their net for the evening to a nonprofit. All we have to do is eat there and pass out our donation slips. This will be an August event.

You are cordially invited to attend the

AAUW Rockford Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 8th 5:30 pm

Mauh-Hah-Tee-See Country Club

Guest speaker Janyce Fadden of the Rockford Illinois Economics Council will present a program on "Rockford Tomorrow"

Please RSVP by April 29th with your \$25 check made payable to Rockford AAUW. Send to Donna Joy at 5474 Roanoake Road Rockford 61107 joysd248@att.net 815.877.4762

The meal will be a pasta buffet with two meats, salad, and dessert. Presentation of STEM scholarships and annual business meeting will follow.



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