



The INITIATIVE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

Website: www.aauw-il.org/rockford April 2012

CALENDAR 2012

Saturday, April 21 11 am

The Politics of Art:

The Guerilla Girls

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Rockford Museum

RESERVE ASAP BY CALLING

DONNA JOY

Tuesday, April 24 5-8pm

Dinner at Egg Harbor

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Edgebrook Center

Scholarship Fund Raiser

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

SATURDAY, MAY 19

11 AM

*Annual Meeting and
presentation of STEM
scholarships*

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Mauh-Nah-Tee-See

Country Club

JULY TBA

Wine Tasting

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Five Forks

Guests are always
welcome.

Think about
potential new
members.

President Christine Haeggquist

I was reading a document from AAUW entitled *Fun Facts* that I want to share with each of you. This particular article was submitted by Diane Ludwig, AAUW St. Louis, Mo Branch.

I like service. It is the rent we pay for our time here on earth. When my husband was ill in 2008-09, I had to cut back on some of my serviced to AAUW and other organizations. Once he was gone and at peace, I again had time for my service work. It gives me great comfort and focus. Now, as a new retiree, I have even more time to devote to service-especially to AAUW, I am looking forward to "paying my rent" in new and exciting ways!

I am sure you also have peaks and valleys in your time commitment. That's just how life is these days. Be proud of what you have accomplished and do not worry about what you cannot get done now. It will all balance out. Ask for help! AAUW has always been flexible and others were always willing to pick up the slack when I could not do something. It may be your turn to ask for help-or your turn to give. Paying the rent is a group endeavor!

The Nominating Committee has been busy making sure that the branch is in good hands. The slate of officers will be presented in the annual meeting packet. We thank everyone who answered YES. Thank you for "Paying the Rent!"

A big thank you goes to member Andrea Wight for speaking at our February membership meeting. She spoke about her medical mission to Haiti. Also, thank you to everyone who brought her favorite dessert for our bake sale. Thanks for "Paying the Rent." Thank you, Joan Tunnell and her committee for this year's *Women in My History Project*. I hope you read the newspaper article showcasing our winner. Thank you for "Paying the Rent".

Hope to see you April 21 at RAM for the *Politics of Art: The Guerilla Girls* and April 24 at the Egg Harbor Fundraiser. We need all members, their family and friends to join us for dinner. Egg Harbor is usually not open for dinner, so here is your chance to enjoy a great dinner and what better company! We need 75 people, so invite everyone you know.

Again, thank you for "Paying the Rent!"

“WHY SO FEW?” by Faye Marcus

Have you ever wondered “why there are so few women” in what we call the STEM areas (science, technology, engineering and math)? Come to our annual meeting on May 19 and “learn all about it”. We are planning a really informative and interesting meeting with panelists representing Rockford College, Rock Valley College, and AAUW’s STEM Committee. As an added bonus, our two scholarship winners will join us. Please come to support these young women who will be entering a STEM field.

Our panel will consist of three very distinguished women. We should be very proud of them. Dr. Gerry Oberman will give us an overview of AAUW’s research “Why So Few?” Dr. Oberman currently serves as the AAUW Liaison to the National Girls Collaborative Project. Dr. Oberman credits many of her professors and teachers in encouraging her interests in the STEM fields. And she now nurtures other young women to follow their dreams of careers in STEM fields.

Dr. Deborah Breiter is a biochemist and a Professor of Chemistry at Rockford College. She is the chair of Chemistry and Biological Sciences Dept. at Rockford College. She has an amazing resume.

Lynette Danzl-Tauer is a science professor at Rock Valley College. Just as she was nurtured by her science teachers, she continues to nurture and encourage young women to enter the STEM fields.

We are planning a lovely luncheon at Mauh Nah Tee See Country Club. The cost is \$15 for a great spring salad lunch. Stay tuned and more information will be coming your way about making your reservation.

DINNER AT EGG HARBOR

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

5 – 8 P.M.

1603 North Alpine—Edgebrook Center

Everyone welcome!

10% goes to the AAUW Scholarship Fund

BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT WORK by Faye Marcus

Beginning last fall our branch scholarship committee has been working hard on the process to be used to award two scholarships to female high school seniors in the Rockford Area.

The members of the scholarship committee include Ann Dempsey, Pat Gomez, Diane Kuehl, and Faye Marcus.

We also added two additional people—Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Dean at Rockford College, and Ellie Etminan, Adjunct Math Teacher at Rock Valley College, to help us read and evaluate the applications.

Information and applications were sent to the high school counselors of all high schools, both public and private, in Boone and Winnebago counties. Because applications were very slow in reaching us, we decided to add two high schools in Ogle County (Byron and Stillman Valley). Next year, we probably will include all Ogle County high schools. We have received applications from ten amazing young women!

The applications are being read and evaluated on a 10 point scale by the committee. Two scholarships for \$500 each will be awarded to 2 young women with high GPA’s and ACT/SAT scores who have shown involvement in school activities and community service and who are interested in pursuing a career in the STEM fields. Financial need is also considered.

Your help with our fund raising activities over the past 18 months is greatly appreciated. Our branch raised over \$1400.00! We are continuing to raise funds and next year we hope to give out more scholarships or perhaps raise the amount. Please help us do this by attending the dinner at Egg Harbor.

The recipients of the ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH AAUW scholarships will be awarded at our annual meeting on May 19. Please attend and meet these young women. That’s what AAUW is about--supporting young women as they move forward in their lives.

Meet our new members—Sarah Reed-McNamara and Judith Coenen.

Sarah is a student majoring in History and Art History at Rockford College. She has an AA from Rock Valley College. Her information is: Sarah Reed-McNamara, 1136 N. Church St., Apt. 3, Rockford, IL 61103.

Email is SaReed28@gmail.com. Phone is 815-298-6701.

Judy Coenen is an RN. Her address is 2649 Saxon Place, Rockford, IL 61114.

Email is rj.coenen@comcast.net. Phone is 815-978-3770.

Welcome!

New Address for Elizabeth Walgren is 4142 John's Farm Rd., Apt. 342, Rockford, IL 61101.

New phone is 815-847-7678.

The AAUW-IL 88th Annual Convention will be held on April 27 and 28, 2012 in Itasca, IL. The keynote speaker will be Amy Blackwell, AAUW Director-at-Large, from Castle Rock, Colorado, speaking about AAUW's national focuses. Another speaker will be SAF Plaintiff Paul Thein. Several board members are planning to attend.

Hope to see you on April 21 for "The Guerilla Girls," on April 24 for "Dinner at Egg Harbor" and on May 19 for the annual meeting, luncheon and presentation of STEM scholarships.

(The following page of Egg Harbor post cards is designed so that you can copy page 4, cut them into postcard size and pass them out to family and friends).

If you need a ride to any event, please call Barbara Simon at 815-637-6430.

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