

BRANCH EVENTS CALENDAR 2016 - 17

Saturday, September 3: 6:00pm, Beyer Stadium
– Dedication of the International Women's Baseball Center

Wednesday, September 14: 5 – 7pm, University Club – Tip the Bartender Fundraiser for Donna Joy Memorial STEM Scholarship

Friday, September 30: 12 Noon – Let's Do Friday Lunch at Salamone's in Cherry Valley

Saturday, October 15: 10 am – Noon, Peterson Auditorium in the Starr Science Center, Rockford University – Addressing Water Needs Around the World. Sponsored and arranged by the International Affairs Interest Group

Sunday, October 16: 1:00pm – Maddox Theatre, Rockford University – Candidate Forum for Winnebago County Chair & Coroner

Sunday, October 23: 1:00pm – Maddox Theatre, Rockford University – Candidate Forum for 68th and 69th IL Legislative Dist.

Saturday, October 22: 9am – 3pm, Oakton Community College – AAUW Fall Conference

Monday, November 7: 6pm at Ciao Bella – Financial Literacy for Women – Panel discussion led by Jean Berenak and Jen Reisinger

Saturday, December 3: 11am at Franchesco's – Holiday Luncheon, Talbots Fashion Show and Silent Auction

Saturday, January 28: Deerfield
Networking Luncheon

Saturday, February 11: 11am, Second/First Church – Potluck and living History Portrayal of Sarah Grimke - Unlikely Abolitionist by Amy Nyman

Saturday, March 18: 10am, Mary's Market on East State – Barriers and Bias: Presentation of AAUW Research by Dr. Stephanie Quinn

Wednesday, April 26: 6pm, Tavern on Clark – Bessica Raiche: First Woman Aviator of America, Midway Village Presentation

Saturday, May 5 & 6: Champaign IL AAUW IL State Convention

Saturday, June 3: 11am, Forest Hills Country Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Keynote Speaker: Litesa Wallace

June 14 – 17: Washington DC AAUW National Convention

Guests are welcome at all events. Let's invite interesting and active women to our events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks go to our Programming VP's, Regina Potts and Marsha Ackerman, and their Committee. As a result of their hard work this summer, we have a completed Calendar of Events for the coming year.

In August, we had 10 members and 6 guests enjoy the La Paloma Gardens and then met for dinner at Lucha Cantina. It was great meeting all of the new friends.

"**TIP THE BARTENDER**" is coming up soon on Sep. 14. This is an event to raise money for our scholarship fund which benefits local high school female students who are going to college to study Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. It is a social event with a lawn game, 50/50 raffle, snacks, unique drinks, and time with your friends/family. **Remember**--you can bring friends and family to enjoy an evening on the Rock River. You may also order dinner, so you can make an evening of the event.

Please note the panel discussion on Saturday, October 15, 10:00 - 12:00. Our International Affairs Committee is hosting a public forum at Rockford University, Peterson Auditorium. The subject is: **ADDRESSING WATER NEEDS EVERYWHERE.**

Finally, on Sept. 3, 6:00 pm, there will be a dedication of the International Women's Baseball Center at Beyer Stadium. (Please see the flyer on page 5.)

This is a very important event because women's baseball leagues were the beginning for women in competitive sports. The mission of this new Center will be to educate everyone as to the important role that women's professional baseball played, especially Rockford's history with the Rockford Peaches. AAUW after all took the lead in passage of Title IX.

Karen Hoffman, President

**Don't forget ...
See you at the
University Club on
September 14th for
our STEM Scholarship
fundraiser!**

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
9-14-16
Tip the Bartender for STEM Scholarships
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
5pm-7pm
University Club of Rockford, Illinois
945 N. Main Street

Buy a drink... tip the bartender... light snacks!
Proceeds will fund scholarships for area female high school seniors who will be studying a STEM academic program in college.

Marketing provided by: paperkitdesigns.com

Save this date

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 15th at the Peterson Auditorium at Rockford University for a special panel discussion: **Addressing Water Needs around the World.**

"Water, Water Everywhere and not a drop"
Addressing Water Needs around the World
Peterson Auditorium, Rockford University Science Building
Saturday, October 15th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Moderated by Dr. Troy Skwor, Rockford University Professor of Biology, with:

Rockford Iqra School	Fundraising efforts for "One Year, 100 Wells" African well project through Zakat Foundation of America
Motherland Rhythm Community	Benkadi Project BioSand Water Filters in Guinea, West Africa
Tanzanian Development Support	Tanzanian Women's Start-Up Water Filter Project
Industrial Molds (Rockford)	Kohler Clarity initiative partner making water filters for relief organizations
EOS (Emerging Opportunities for Sustainability) International	Clean water technology initiatives in Nicaragua

Sponsored by AAUW Rockford Area International Affairs Interest Group

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES by Faye Marcus

THANK YOU to AAUW members who sent countless messages to our legislators and governor, urging their action to improve access to healthcare for women in Illinois. Two important bills have now become law—SB 1564 and HB 5576. Both of these bills will make sure that women in our state will get the health care that they need without encountering unnecessary barriers.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY will be celebrated on **September 16th**.

It will be September before we know it and with that the 14th celebration of the International Day of Peace at the Peace Plaza. This year's celebration will be **Friday, September 16th**. Volunteers are needed between **8:30 and noon**. The children (appx 900 - 3rd, 4th and 5th graders) will begin arriving at 9:00 (or before). At noon there will be a program with songs, etc. which you can stay to enjoy.

This year the theme is ***Bridging Cultures*** and we have a wonderful book called ***I'm New Here*** which each class attending will receive. The author, Anne Sibley O'Brien, will be present as well as many special guest musicians and storytellers.

To volunteer, contact Pam Keeling by email (pkeeling@aol.com). (There will be T-shirts and Jimmy Johns for everyone who helps). If you can stay for the entire time that would be great but you can come just for part of the day if necessary.

If you have friends who would like to volunteer, feel free to forward this request to them. Pam will send volunteer assignments and instructions a few days before Peace Day.

For questions about the day feel free to contact Pam at 815-877-6703.

THE FALL ELECTIONS will bring activities and election forums.

Several speech and government students from Jefferson High school will be featured in a **Mock Debate on October 14**. The students will discuss several important issues for this 2016 Presidential Election. Rockford School District, AAUW, and League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring and AAUW members are welcome to attend and view the debate.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

October 16, 2016

1:00 pm in Maddox Theatre, RU

Presenting candidates for Winnebago County Chairman and Winnebago County Coroner

Moderator: Eric Wilson, Channel 17

Meet and Greet to follow at 2:00 pm

October 23, 2016

1:00 pm in Maddox Theatre, RU

Presenting candidates for State Representative for 68th and 69th Districts

Moderator: Channel 13

Meet and Greet to follow

Sponsored by AAUW, League of Women Voters and Rockford University

Book Beat Reading List 2016

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

- Sept. 20** *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson
Reviewer: Barbara Simon
Hostess: Carol Jacobs
- Oct. 18** *H is for Hawk* by Helen McDonald
Reviewer: Wanda Hoover
Hostess: Kathy Dierstein
- Nov. 15** *Stalin's Daughter* by Rosemary Sullivan
Reviewer: Ruth Siegfried
Hostess: Diane Kuehl

Board Meetings

Board Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at RKFD Bistro, 6876 Spring Creek Road. If you would like to have dinner, please come at 5:15. The meeting will begin at 6:15. Members are always welcome to attend.

AAUW Treasurer's Report, Aug. 18, 2016

by Katy Paterson

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance		\$3,355.46
Receipts		
Schnucks Scrip	\$ 18.04	
Dues	176.00	
Donation	20.00	
LaPaloma Gardens	-----	
Disbursements		
LaPaloma Gardens	\$147.00	
Ending balance as of August 18, 2016		\$3,569.50

AAUW Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$5,246.97
Ending balance as of August 18, 2016	\$5,246.97

As of August 31, 2016, we have 65 members, including three 50 Year members, one Paid Life member and one dual member.

Welcome to New Members

AAUW Rockford welcomed seven new members this summer. Please introduce yourself to them at *Tip the Bartender* or future events.

Following are short bios of some of them.

Barb Giolitto is a RU graduate and former IL State Representative. She is retired from fundraising and management for the American Heart Association. She is a political activist and is President of Winnebago County Citizens for Choice. She is the mom of two daughters, one son and one "Bonus" daughter.

Diana Vlase was born and raised in Romania. She majored in English and French and became a translator/interpreter. She enjoyed working with international students, getting to know people from all over the world. She and her two daughters came to the US last year so that she can pursue an MBA at RU.

Dr. Filiz Dik joined RU in 2006 and is the Professor and Program Chair of Mathematics. She is originally from Turkey and holds a PhD from Missouri University of Science and Technology. She enjoys teaching mathematics to both traditional and non-traditional students and working with them on student-faculty research projects. She volunteers for various activities at local schools and, along with a group of RU colleagues, gives STEM workshops for 3rd through 12th graders.

Dr. Mary Weaks-Baxter has lived in Rockford since 1988, the year she graduated with her doctorate from the University of Missouri and started teaching English at Rockford University (then Rockford College). At RU, she holds the Andrew Sherratt College Professorship and serves as the Faculty Coordinator of Community-Based Learning. In the local community, she is a volunteer with WCFPD and serves on the Education Committee at Midway Village. She lives in Roscoe with her husband and 16-year-old son.

Tricia Cratty Sweeney was born and raised in the Rockford area. She attended Rock Valley College, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Stirling University in Scotland studying Psychology and English. She joined her family's marketing firm in Edgebrook Center and more recently was employed as the Director of Development and Marketing Director at Rock Valley College. Currently Tricia works in her own marketing company and is running for State Representative in Illinois' 68th District.

Dr. Marilén Loyola is an Assistant Professor of Spanish at Rockford University. She has lived and worked in Rockford since August 2015 and is very happy to be a part of the Rockford community and the AAUW. Marilén received her Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and did her undergraduate work in anthropology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Of both Cuban and Puerto Rican descent, she grew up in Miami, Florida, surrounded by a vibrant Cuban American family and a largely bilingual, multiethnic community.

Other new members are Maria Arellano and Dee Hess.



**PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S BASEBALL CENTER
IN
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

Join The IWBC Board, The City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Rockford Park District, and The Friends of Beyer Stadium as we dedicate the new international headquarters of women's baseball! The Center will be located just across the street from Beyer Stadium, home of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League's Rockford Peaches.

- 👉 Witness the historic dedication of a new center for girls and women in baseball
- 👉 See the two buildings that will house the center
- 👉 Hear about our vision for the center and share your own ideas
- 👉 Enjoy a reception with former and current ball players, umpires and managers, members of the IWBC board, and local Rockford officials and supporters
- 👉 Learn ways you can help with our fundraising efforts
- 👉 Take in the center's 1947 Greyhound Bus, once used by the Peaches



The International Women's Baseball Center



Education is the cornerstone of our mission to protect, preserve, and promote all aspects of women's baseball, both on and off the field. We strive to inspire the next generation of players by helping them realize their dreams not only of participating in the sport, but also of passing on all they will learn and achieve for generations to come.

Step up to the sport!

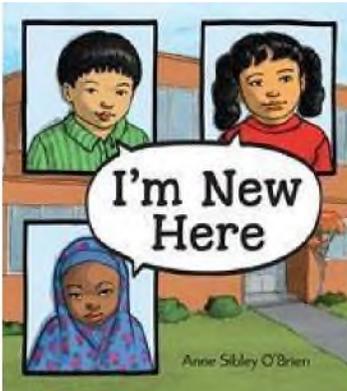
International Day of Peace Celebration

“Bridging Cultures”

Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza

Friday, September 16, 2016 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:



Based on her own experiences living in another country as a young child, **Anne Sibley O'Brien** shows the challenges of three new students as they navigate their first day of school. Though Maria, Jin, and Fatimah come from different cultures, they soon find that they share many similarities with students in their new American school.

“Whether readers are new themselves or meeting those who are new, there are lessons to be learned here about **perseverance, bravery, and inclusion**, and O'Brien's lessons are heartfelt and poetically rendered.” (Kirkus Reviews: June 1, 2015)

Each class attending the International Day of Peace will receive a copy of *I'm New Here* for their classroom and another to read with a younger class – spreading these lessons even wider.

Dorothy Paige Turner – award-winning, well-known and highly respected artist and music educator will help students understand how each of us can bridge cultures promoting peace and understanding through music and interactive interpretation of the featured story



David Causey - History comes to life as veteran actor **David Causey** portrays Frederick Douglass, an advocate for the rights of all people.

Suzanne Crandall - will portray local legends in peace-making history, Jane Addams and Julia Lathrop. **Ms. Addams** graduated from Rockford College in 1881, and founded and sustained the world famous social settlement Hull-House. **Julia Lathrop**, born in Rockford, can be credited for social reform among many groups of people such as the protection of children from neglect and abuse; working closely with Jane Addams at Hull House.



Megan Wells – National Award winning actress and storyteller, presents “Island of Hope” an Irish girl telling the story of her journey to America through the amazing and frightening Ellis Island.

Jim May – Emmy award winning storyteller, teacher, author and Peace Day favorite – We are pleased to welcome Jim back to share his stories of peace and understanding with the children.

Interactive peace-making activities include:

Midway Village Museum – “Traveling Trunk”- discover what was important to early immigrants to the US

Rockford Arts Council - Walk the Chalk! – messages of peace on the bike path at the Peace Plaza

Yoga for Everyone – stretch your body as well as your mind with Tami Bogardt

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department - get to know our Keepers of the Peace

Sister Cities of Rockford - will share their languages, stories and customs

Students can also: “Take the Peace Pledge”, have their passports stamped, do rubbings of the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” from the Peace Poles, create a banner of prayer flags and more!

To register students for this free event (space is limited) contact: Karen.Bieschke@aol.com