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# Initiative

*AAUW– Rockford Area Branch*

Fall 2010

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## First Program of the 2010-2011 Year

Acknowledging budget cuts and the current educational crisis in Illinois – Join us **Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm as AAUW and League of Women Voters present a Superintendents' forum. Listen as area superintendents share their struggles, their triumphs, and their daily challenges as women in educational leadership.

Don't Miss it

From the President's Pen



**Learn...Act...Connect...**

**Join...Give**

## **Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls**

Welcome Everyone to Another Exciting Year in AAUW!

It is a privilege and an honor to be the 81st President of the Rockford Chapter of AAUW. I look forward to meeting and working with each and every one of you over the next year.

As your new president, I have set three goals for this year:

Goal #1: Execute AAUW's Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

President's Pen . . . .continued

How are we currently doing this? What programs do we have in place to accomplish our mission? AAUW needs your help. It all begins with our membership.

Could I please ask you to do one thing this year and that is recruit **one**(1) person to join AAUW. Start by making a list: Neighbor, Sister, Daughter, Daughter-In-Law, Cousin, Niece, Colleague, Friend, etc., just to name a few. I am sure you can find one person to join this great organization. We are planning a Holiday Tea in December for new members and their sponsors. Let's make it a success!

Goal #2 –Have a community fundraiser event in the spring. We need to raise funds to implement AAUW's Strategic Plan.

Goal #3- Bring back scholarships.

As you can see, Goal #2 and Goal #3 is dependent on Goal #1 – Increasing membership.

AAUW needs your help in making this a successful year. I will be contacting you for ideas for fundraisers and other ideas you may have.

Once again, I look forward to meeting all of you and working together in making the AAUW-Rockford Branch the best in the nation!

Christine Haeggquist, President

*Because equity is still an issue*

### Fall Luncheon Extravaganza!

Mark your social calendars (and your friends') for **Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. AAUW's annual Fall Luncheon and Silent Auction is scheduled to begin at 11:30 AM at Wesley Willows Towne Center ( invitation is coming to you under separate cover.) We need YOU to make the event a success:

- \* Contacting area businesses for auction items!
- \* Inviting your fabulous friends to be guests!
- \* (Wo)Manning the auction tables.

Please contact Sue Ellen (815.378.9715), who has a master list of businesses, before you begin. Use the attached form for all donations. Reproduce as needed. Bakery items can be delivered the day of the event. All other items should be delivered by November 4<sup>th</sup>

*It's an exciting time to be a part of AAUW. Spread the word!*

# SILENT AUCTION DONOR REGISTRATION

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Donor  
Thank you for your contribution!

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Signature of AAUW Member

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AAUW Member make arrangements with Karen Weedman at  
[kjweed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjweed@sbcglobal.net) to process donation for the silent auction

## 2010 Programs

**Thursday, September 30 -- 6:30 p.m.** Superintendents' forum - Grace Roper Loungd, Rockford College, sponosred jointly by League of Women Voters

**Tuesday, October 5 6:30 p.m.** Election Forum - Christ United Methodist Church held jointly with the League of Women Voters and Winnebago Retired Teachers Association

**Saturday, November 6 11:30 a.m.--** Fall Luncheon and Silent Auction -- Wesley Willows Town Centre

11:30 a.m. -- Rockford Author Karla Clark -- Invitation included in this issue and also forthcoming by snail mail.

**Saturday, Feb. 26 -11:30 a.m.-** Soup and Salad Luncheon -- Second Congregational Church, Polly Perkins, Quilt Historian

**Saturday March 26 –time tba-WOMEN IN MY HISTORY** Reception and Awards Ceremony

**Saturday, May 21 Annual Meeting** -- Topic Women of India -- Speaker and venue to be announced.

### Officers

Christine Haeggquist - President  
Sue Ellen Zagrabelny -- VP Program  
Karen Weedman - VP Membership  
Katy Paterson - Secretary

### Committees

Membership  
Program  
Silent Auction  
Publicity

### Interest Groups

#### Book Beat

**Sept. 21**     *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese  
Reviewer: Roberta Ingrassia  
Hostess: Karen Shifo

**Oct. 19**     *Open* by Andre Agassis  
Reviewer: Sue Ellen Zagrabelny  
Hostess: Marlene Mizen

**Nov. 16**     *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving  
Reviewer: Kathy Dierstein  
Hostess: Ruth Siegfried

## Gourmet

Gourmet -- Contact Katy Paterson 815-914-3002  
Spouses and Significant Others welcome

## **Grand Slammers Bridge Group**

(Contact Person, Carole Johnson 397-7275)

Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Jackie Shair

Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Marlene Mizen

Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Sheryl Hall

International Relations -- Contact Faye Marcus (815) 877-4285

Art Trippers -- Contact Crystal Swanson (815) 389-4122



### **Help Enforce Title IX in Our High Schools**

Urge the House to Enforce Title IX in the New School Year

[Take Action!](#)

Class bells are ringing again in high schools across America. Yet, the more things stay the same, the more they need to change. Title IX, the federal legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities, has provided girls with many more opportunities than they once had, but improved accountability will energize many more. For the young women in your life, [join AAUW in urging your member of Congress to enforce Title IX in our high schools and strengthen its protections.](#)

Two bills, the **High School Athletics Accountability Act (H.R. 2882)** and the **High School Sports Information Collection Act (S. 471)**, would do just that. These bills would make participation rates and expenditures for high school athletes available to the public, helping communities better enforce Title IX.

Title IX is one of the country's greatest success stories. Since 1972, Title IX's work has led to a 400 percent increase in the rate of female participation in college sports and a more than 800 percent increase in participation at the high school level. Female athletes are more likely to develop positive school and lifestyle habits. High school girls who participate in sports are less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy or to smoke or use illicit drugs, while they are more likely to have a positive body image than girls who don't play sports. Increasing children's physical activity can also help combat childhood obesity, which is at an all-time high, and can have lasting effects on obesity risks into adulthood.

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Despite the significant gains girls and women have made since the enactment of Title IX, a significant drawback to the law's enforcement at the high school level involves the lack of data reporting. While it is estimated that female students receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play high school sports than do male students, the U.S. Department of Education does not require high schools to make athletic opportunity, participation, and funding statistics publicly available, even though the schools already collect this information. Colleges are required to report this data; it's time our high schools are, too.

### **Take Action!**

It's time we know the status of Title IX in America's high schools. To urge your representative to cosponsor the High School Athletics Accountability Act, simply click on the "Take Action" link in the upper right corner or copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to compose and send your message. If your representative has already signed on as a cosponsor, you will be able to send him or her a message of thanks.

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=13572986>

Find out if the high schools in your area are in compliance with Title IX. The [AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's](#) Program in a Box, [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score](#), provides AAUW members with the tools you need to find out if your local high schools are Title IX compliant-and what you can do if they are not. See all the tools available on [AAUW's Know the Score web page](#).

For more information, read AAUW's position paper on [equity in school athletics](#).





## AAUW FALL LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION

*Saturday, November 6, 2010, 11:30 a.m.  
Wesley Willows Towne Center  
4142 John's Farm Road, Rockford, IL 61101*

**Come, join us for a great day of food and fun! Hear Rockford Author Karla Clark speak about her books, *Between Courses: A Culinary Love Story; Knotted Pearls;* and her latest selection, *Annie's Heaven*.**

**Cost of the event is \$17.00 and includes luncheon with the following selections listed below Please indicate your selection and return the bottom of this form to Barbara Simon, Treasurer, 3631 Calderwood, Rockford, IL 61114. For questions call Sue Ellen Zagrabelny at (815) 378-9715.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Choose from:

Chicken Marsala with roasted red potatoes and fresh green beans \_\_\_\_\_

Shrimp Scampi over Linguini and fresh green beans \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Lasagna with fresh green beans \_\_\_\_\_

All meals include: Boston Bibb lettuce salad with almonds and Mandarin oranges, Lattice apple pie and beverages.

Please list the names of guests and their menu selections below.

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## AAUW'S VALUE PROMISE: WHAT IT MEANS

While each of us brings our own understanding of what AAUW membership means to us personally, we must go behind this. There is another aspect to our membership that reflects our shared understanding of the AAUW community and why we are involved. The newly articulated **Value Promise** clarifies this:

### NEWS YOU CAN USE CONTINUED

#### AAUW's Value Promise -- What It Means - continued

**By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."**

AAUW is promising us a return on our membership investment -- the financial, intellectual, emotional, and the time and energy we put into AAUW. And the **Value Promise** tells each member what she gets for her dues, i.e., the **value** of her membership: the opportunity to break down barriers through a national community effort with the potential of over 100,000 members in 1,000 branches dedicated to promoting the issue of equity.

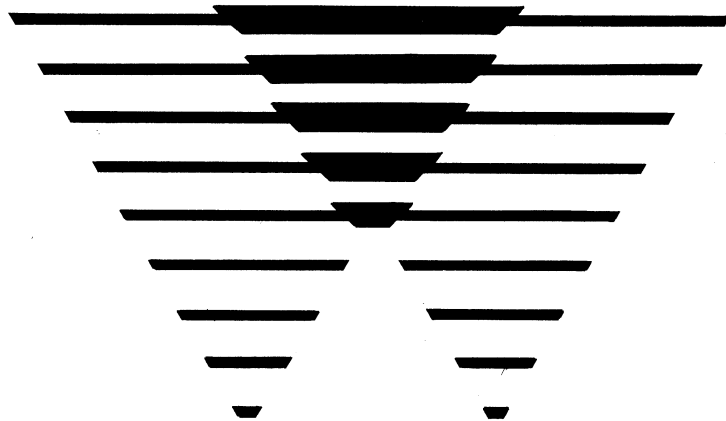
At the Branch level, the **Value Promise** should serve as a yardstick to measure how our programming fulfills the AAUW promise of a powerful nationwide commitment to achieving a fair chance for all women.

Let's do it. Let's think beyond whatever personal satisfaction we get from AAUW to how we are contributing to the nationwide community of powerful women that comprise AAUW, a community that, in turn, represents our interests.

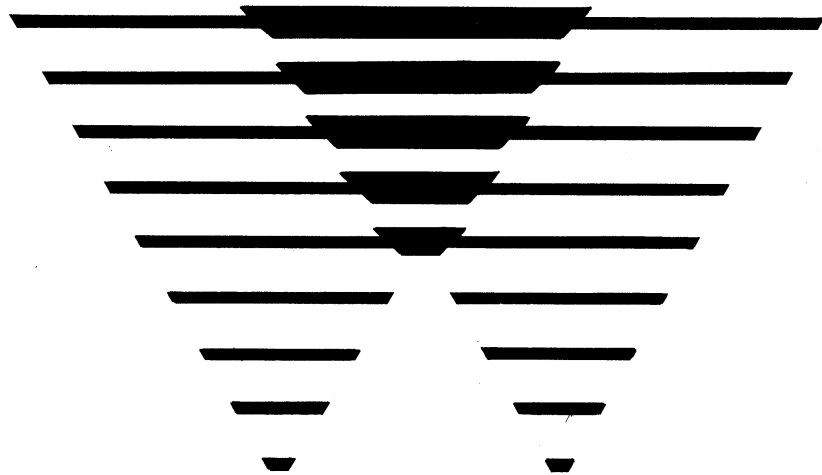
## Got your Logli/Schnucks Scrip card yet?

It's really simple. Go to any Logli customer service desk and get a card. Activate it by calling 1-800-931-6258 and say you want your scrip to go to Rockford Area Branch AAUW. Show your card before your cashier checks out your purchases, and here's the great part: **3% of the purchase price will be credited to the Branch. It's so easy, so painless, and our Branch projects will benefit. Be a Member Plus.!!!**





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## THE POWER OF ONE VOTE:

So you think that **ONE VOTE** doesn't make a difference?

Just ONE VOTE in:

1845	Brought Texas into the Union
1868	President Andrew Jackson was impeached by the House of Rep. but was saved from conviction in the Senate by one vote – Edmund B. Ross of Kansas
1876	Elected Rutherford B. Hayes president of the United States
1920	Gave Women the right to vote in Tennessee, the last state to ratify the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution (after one legislator's mother convinced her son to cast the deciding vote.
1941	Saved Selective Service before Pearl Harbor
1960	Per precinct in key states, made John F. Kennedy president of the United States
1984	Elected the mayor of Athens, Georgia
1992	Decided a town council seat in Trinity, Alabama
1999	Per district, decided a Virginia state senate race
2000	Per precinct in key states, made George W. Bush, president of the United States
2004	Determined the outcome of a Salt Lake City school board race

*So you think your ONE vote doesn't make a difference? Think again*

*Yes, just ONE VOTE can make a difference. Please attend the candidates' forum october 4, 2010 at Christ United Methodist Church, Alpine and Highcrst and vote November 2, 2010.*



**YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

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**AAUW's Mission:**

The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research

**AAUW's Diversity Policy Statement**

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

**AAUW-Rockford's Purpose**

To initiate positive change in the community reflecting AAUW's goal of equity for all women and girls and lifelong education; and to contribute to AAUW's Branch, State, and Association goals.

**AAUW-Rockford's Vision**

To develop a diverse and involved membership committed to AAUW's Mission and Purpose through programs, committee work, community engagement, working with coalitions, and the education of our membership.

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