



# The INITIATIVE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

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## CALENDAR 2013

**Feb. 9 11:00 a.m.**  
**Potluck with a Chinese Motif at 2<sup>nd</sup> Cong. Church**  
***Women in China* by Faye Marcus**

**Feb. 10 2-4 p.m.**  
**Candidate's Forum with LWV and Rockford Urban Ministries at Allen Chapel**

**Mar. 2 1:00 p.m.**  
**Women In My History Awards at Rockford College**

**Mar. TBA International Affairs Screening of *Girl Rising* with RC and YWCA**

**Apr. 9 5:30 p.m.**  
**Equal Pay Day and Social Event at Five Forks Restaurant**

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

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

**July 5 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**AAUW Wine Tasting at Artale's**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you can see to the left, 2013 is going to be a very busy year for our AAUW Branch. Below you will find a more complete description of each event. Please add these dates to your calendar now so that you won't miss any of the fun.

The Bergner's campaign brought in \$325.00 for the Scholarship Fund and the Silent Auction earned \$835.00 for EF/LAF and Branch programming. We contributed \$300.00 each to EF/LAF. Thanks to Jo Sullons and Karen Weedman for their leadership and to all who participated.

Plans are underway to create a new signboard that will showcase AAUW's ideals and accomplishments. New logos are being designed by Association and we will try to encapsulate our Branch's programs. We want to have something professional looking when we network and for our own meetings as well.

Nine members are planning to attend the **WomanFest 2013 Breakfast** hosted by Womanspace on Jan. 23. We are invited to network with other women's groups and to have a table space for our materials.

Are you ready for a midwinter break? Join us on **Feb. 9 at 11:00 a.m.** for a potluck luncheon and a talk entitled ***Women In China*** by **Faye Marcus**. Faye travelled to China with other AAUW members last October. After the talk, we'll all learn how to do the Chinese Ribbon Dance.

You don't have to make something Chinese for the potluck but, if you have a favorite Asian dish, please bring it to add to the spirit of the day. It can be an appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert. Please see the flyer on page 3 of the newsletter and make your reservation with Donna Joy by Feb. 2.

**Watch your email** for further information about the screening of "**Girl Rising**," which will be co-sponsored by Rockford College, YWCA and our International Affairs Interest Group. This film of personal stories of girls around the world will be premiered at the Sundance Festival.

Your interest and support and especially your presence make all our events very special. I hope to see you soon and happy 2013!

**Barbara Simon, President**

## **Book Beat—2013**

**Feb. 19** *American Dervish* by

Ayad Akhtar

Reviewer: Diane Kuehl

Hostess: Karen Weedman

**Mar. 19** *The Immortal Life of  
Henriette Lax* by Rebecca

Skloot

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Ruth Siegfried

**Apr. 16** *Gone Girl* by Gillian

Flynn

Reviewer: Karen Shifo

Hostess: Enid Michalowski

**May 21** *The Invisible Bridge*

by Julie Orringer

Reviewer: Marlene Mizen

Hostess: Karen Shifo

**June 18** *Anna Karenina* by Leo

Tolstoy

Reviewer:

TBA

**All meetings are at 12:45 p.m.**

**New members are always  
welcome. Just call the hostess.**

**Save the date—May 8, at  
5:30 p.m.—AAUW Annual  
Meeting**

**2013 IL-MO Combined  
State Convention**

**May 3 – 5 Hilton @ the  
Ball Park in St. Louis—**

***Let's get a group from our  
Branch to go!***

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Mayoral and aldermanic candidates will be presented in a forum on **Feb. 10, 2 – 4 p.m. at Allen Chapel on Rural Street.** League of Women Voters and Rockford Urban Ministries are co-sponsors. Former Mayor Box will moderate. Candidates will make an initial statement and then meet and greet in small groups.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The scholarship committee met in January to plan for this year's grants. They asked and the board approved that there be two \$650.00 grants this year. They will be awarded at the annual meeting.

Materials are ready and will be sent by email to all high schools in Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties this year. They are also available on our website and Facebook page.

Pat Gomez represented AAUW at the Community Scholarship Fair held on Jan. 15 at the Sullivan Center. Thanks to committee members and Pat.

## **WOMEN IN MY HISTORY**

Chairperson Joan Tunnell has sent out the information for the contest to area schools, grades 5 – 7. Posters will be received in the Kent Center of Rockford College from Feb. 4 – 8. Judges are needed from Feb. 11 – 25. Please let Joan know ([tunnellj@comcast.net](mailto:tunnellj@comcast.net)) when you can go over to score them and to help fill out certificates.

The awards ceremony will be at 1:00 P.M. on **Sat., March 2**, in the **Grace Roper Lounge of Burpee Lounge of Rockford College.** Thank you, Joan, and Rockford College.

## **EQUAL PAY DAY AND SOCIAL EVENT**

**Come join the crowd** at Five Forks on **Tues., April 9**, at 5:30 p.m. for a casual evening of hors d'oeuvres and wine (or soft drink you wish). It's the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Equal Pay Law and we will celebrate by wearing red, getting to know our new members and reconnecting with each other. Guests are welcome, too. We will order individually from the hors d'oeuvre and drinks selections.

**Welcome back** to member Sandra Locke, 2121 Cumberland St., 61103. 815-963-6239 [slocke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slocke@sbcglobal.net).



***Are you ready for a winter break? WE ALL ARE!***

***Join us for our traditional potluck at Second Congregational Church, 316 N. Church St., on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11:00 a.m. This year's program has an intriguing Far East theme, thanks to Faye Marcus. She was part of an AAUW group that toured several cities in China and will present pictures and commentary about her experiences. Her talk is entitled "Women in China, Yesterday and Today."***

***Barbara Simon will also show us how to do the Chinese Ribbon Dance.***

***Your potluck dish, with or without an Asian flavor, can be appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert. Please respond by Feb. 2 and let Donna Joy know what you will be bringing. 815.877.4762 or [joysd248@att.net](mailto:joysd248@att.net).***

***At 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church, you will be able to enter at the south door from the parking lot or the north street level door facing Church St.***

***Hope to see you at this delicious and informative event.***