



# The INITIATIVE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

Website: [www.aauw-il.org/rockford](http://www.aauw-il.org/rockford) November, 2012

## CALENDAR 2012-2013

### November

- 20 Bookbeat 12:45 *The Tiger's Wife* by Tia Obrecht**  
Contact **Barbara Simon**  
at 815.637.6430

### December

- 1 Luncheon & Silent Auction**  
**10:45 at Cliffbreakers**  
***The Many Faces of Women,***  
**A musical performance by**  
**Martha Dahlberg &**  
**Elizabeth O'Leary**
- 16 Gourmet 5:30 p.m.**  
***German Christmas***  
**Dinner Contact Judy**  
**Holder at**  
**815.877.4221**

### January

- 15 Bookbeat 12:45 *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larsen**  
Contact **Faye Marcus**  
**815.877.4285**

### February

- 9 Potluck with a Chinese Motif 11:00 a.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Cong. Church**  
***Women in China* by Faye Marcus**
- 19 Bookbeat 12:45**  
***American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar**  
Contact **Karen Weedman**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you were inspired by the women who spoke at the GAMECHANGERS! event on Oct. 25. Our nine speakers each had great stories to share about their careers, what it was like to participate and coach at the beginning of Title IX and what it's like to be in women's sports today.

One participant, Sherry Diamond, said that "We are only a few among thousands of women who were a part of (Title IX)." Another current coach, Misty Opat, said that "she is going to be sure that the women she coaches every year understand what Title IX did for women."

Thanks especially to Christine Haeggquist for arranging the panel, to Annie Hose-Ryan for helping to get THREE mentions in the RRS about our program and to Rockford College for hosting.

Coming up on Nov. 9 – 11 is the Bergner's Coupon Book Sale. Thanks to Jo Sullons for handling the sale this year and to Mary Thompson, Judy Jolly and Liz Walgren and friends who sold books at the store.

If you still need to purchase a book, you can do so on line at *Community Days* and they will credit AAUW.

Welcome to new member **Sharon Boehlefeld** who joined in September! Her info is on page 2; please add her to your yearbook.

We now have **24** Schnucks card donors. That will surely help our monthly income from Schnucks.

Included in this letter is the invitation to the Dec.1 luncheon and silent auction. This is always a fun day and we may have a few surprises for you. The singers have wonderful voices and have prepared a very unique program including music about women and by women composers. Please remember the deadline of **Nov. 19**, invite a guest and get your reservations in **before** Thanksgiving. Thanks!

It would also be helpful if you would email Karen Weedman about your auction items, value and donors. She can then prepare the bid sheets ahead of time. Your handmade items are always in demand as are restaurant gift cards, tickets and wine baskets.

**Barbara Simon, President**

**New Member: Sharon Boehlefeld**

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**Yearbook Correction:**

Dr. Elizabeth Mendeloff UIC DNP

**AAUW FUNDS**

Our Silent Auction on Dec. 1 benefits AAUW Funds. The Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund partners with other civil and women’s rights organizations to support strategic litigation that affects women in all workplaces.

LAF educates campuses and the general public about barriers faced by women and the legal rights, policies and strategies that can help to eradicate sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.



**News from the Board:**

The Board voted to try something new at interest group meetings: We would like interest groups to pass a basket at each meeting for a free will offering to our Scholarship Fund. This is a way of connecting our smaller groups to the goal we have as a branch—educating women and girls.

These small contributions will add up by the end of the year to be a nice addition to our Scholarship Fund.



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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION



Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at Cliffbreakers

Auction Browsing begins at 10:45, Luncheon at 11:30

PROGRAM: "The Many Faces of Women," given by soprano Martha Dahlberg and contralto Elizabeth LaGrande O'Leary of Rockford Chapter, Sigma Alpha Iota

Their program of solos and duets, both light-hearted and serious, will include songs about women and by women composers.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE DAY—MANY FINE AUCTION ITEMS TO BID ON, A DELICIOUS LUNCH, SOCIAL TIME AND PROGRAM

(Please bring auction items by 10:15)

Entrees: Apple-Cranberry Stuffed Chicken Slow roasted Prime Rib
vegetarian Crepe (all accompanied by salad, sides, beverage and dessert)
\$20.00 per person

Guests welcome. Deadline: Sat. Nov. 19.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Choice \_\_\_\_\_
Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Send check (\$20.00 per person and made out to AAUW Rockford) to Donna Joy, 5474 Roanoke Rd., Rkfd, 61107. Her phone is 815-877-4762.

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GREATER ROCKFORD BRANCH

## AAUW DONATION AGREEMENT

The American Association of University women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. The organization was founded in 1881 and the Rockford Area Branch in 1929. Our vision is to continue to develop a diverse, involved membership committed to this mission statement.

If you would like to donate a silent auction item for our Dec. 1, 2012 event, we will acknowledge your business in our program.

Funds raised will be used for AAUW philanthropies and activities.

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of AAUW Member \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your donation!**