



# The *INITIATIVE*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

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## Calendar 2014

**June/July Mondays 9:00 am**  
**AAUW Golfing Group at**  
**Sinnissippi**

**Tues., Aug. 19, 12:45 pm.**  
**Bookbeat at the home of**  
**Karen Shifo. *The Goldfinch* by**  
**Donna Tartt**

**Wed., Aug. 20, 5 - 7 pm at the**  
**University Club, "*Tip the***  
***Bartender*" Fundraiser**

**Wed., Aug. 20, 5:30 pm. Dining**  
**Explorers Interest Group at U-**  
**Club. Contact Ruth Siegfried.**

**Tues., Sept. 16, 12:45 pm.**  
**Bookbeat. Hostess TBA**  
***Finding the Dragon Lady* by**  
**Monique Brinson Demery**

**Fri., Sept. 19, 9 - 1.**  
**International Day of Peace**  
**Celebration at the Keeling Puri**  
**Peace Plaza**

**Tues., Sept. 23, 6 - 9 pm.**  
**Dinner at Ciao Bella and**  
**speaker Jean Liable. *Women***  
***Soldiers in the Civil War.***

**Fri., Nov. 7 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**AAUW Wine Tasting at Artale's**  
***Raise a Stem for STEM***

### Membership Information:

Contact Christine Haeggquist @  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our committees have been busy this summer and I appreciate all who are helping with planning for the 2014-15 season.

I want to especially thank Diane Kuehl and the Scholarship Committee for also being our Ways and Means Committee. Thanks to their planning, we have the "**Tip the Bartender**" event on **Aug. 20** and the **Artale** event on **Nov. 7**. I hope that you will support them and the Scholarship Fund by coming and inviting guests for both. The invitation will come to you in a separate email.

If you are unable to come, please consider sending a donation because these events are the only way we have of sustaining our fund. Send your checks to Joan Stehulak, 5719 Skinner Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of Diane Kuehl, Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Pat Gomez, Faye Marcus, Ann Dempsey and Marsha Ackerman. They have gone above and beyond in time and effort and we thank them.

The other busy group is the Programming Committee chaired by Marsha Ackerman and Regina Potts. Sharing in the planning meetings were Sharon Boehlefeld, Sheryl Hall, Becky Weber, Christine Haeggquist and myself. Please save the date—**Sept. 23**—for our opening dinner and speaker.

Our Calling Committee will be Membership VP Christine Haeggquist plus Ruth Siegfried, Mary Thompson, Karen Weedman and Jean Herro. Thanks to them and also to Jean for hosting the membership tea in June.

Our Gourmet Interest Group is reinventing itself into "Dining Explorers." They will meet every other month on a Sunday at 5:30 pm., dining in homes or restaurants. They would like to have new members and invite you to join them at the U-Club following the "Tip the Bartender" event. If you would like to have dinner with the group, please contact Ruth Siegfried, 815-963-2040 or [ruthbwrite1@juno.com](mailto:ruthbwrite1@juno.com).

New brochures will be printed this summer and an ad has been prepared for the Womanspace program book. Prep will be done for the yearbook. Please send me any changes in information ASAP. Thanks.

See you on August 20 and Sept 23.  
**Barbara Simon, President**

Here are our scholarship winners—Mallory Gorman on the left and Olivia Cacciatore on the right. Mallory was graduated from Pecatonica HS and will study Agriculture and Biological Engineering at U of I. Olivia is from Belvidere North HS and will study Environmental Science and Biology at Villanova U.



If you've sent your dues,

**Thanks!**

If not, please send \$76.00

ASAP to Christine Haeggquist,

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Our winners with the scholarship committee—Faye Marcus, Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Pat Gomez and Diane Kuehl.