



The *INITIATIVE*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

Website: www.aauw-il.org/rockford April 2014

Calendar 2014

Tues., April 15, Bookbeat: *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri, Hostess: Enid Michalowski

Wed., April 23, 6 - 8 pm at RPL East—“*Think Like a Crook: How to Stay Safe Online*” by Marsha Ackerman

May 2-3 AAUW IL State Convention at Pheasant Run

Sat., May 17 11 - 2, Forest Hills Country Club, Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation; Speaker: Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Supt. of Dist 205 Schools

Tues., May 20, Bookbeat: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout, Hostess: Faye Marcus

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

Wed., June 18, 4 - 6 pm, Welcome to New Members Tea at the home of Jean Herro

Wed., Aug. 27, 5 - 7 pm at the University Club, “*Tip the Bartender*”

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 @ 815-624-0579 or chaeggquis@aol.com

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

In keeping with the *Transform Rockford* motif, it has been a good year for learning about different aspects of life in Rockford and collaborating with other groups within our city. Many thanks go to Donna Joy and Marsha Ackerman and their committee for the programming ideas and attention to detail in carrying out our events.

Robin Carlson-Goethe, Director of Mother House was very appreciative of our gifts of supplies plus \$155.00 in cash donations from the Feb. potluck luncheon. Thanks to all the members who contributed.

We also enjoyed “*Our City, Our Story*” by Pablo Korona, learned about The Natural Land Institute, sipped and shopped at Just Goods and listened to a lecture about and music of Amy Beach with members of Sigma Alpha Iota.

I am looking forward to the talk by Marsha Ackerman on April 23 and I hope that you will make a reservation for the luncheon and annual meeting on May 17. We will hear a talk by **Dr. Ehren Jarrett** and award our 2014 STEM scholarships.

Thanks to our Scholarship committee: Diane Kuehl, Dr. Stephanie Quinn, Pat Gomez, Faye Marcus and Ann Dempsey for, once again, doing a great job of getting the word out about our scholarships and then evaluating all the applicants and making those tough decisions.

Our winners this year are **Olivia Cacciatore** from Belvidere HS who will major in Environmental Science/Biology at Villanova U. and **Mallory Gorman** from Pecatonica HS who will major in Agricultural & Biological Engineering at U of I. Congratulations and we’ll look forward to meeting you on May 17.

Thanks to Faye Marcus for doing a TV spot and getting a great article in the RRS about Equal Pay Day. We also received a Proclamation from Rockford City Council.

Lastly, **everyone** is invited to meet our newer members on June 18, 4 - 6 pm at the home of Jean Herro. This will be a fun social time to just enjoy the delicious treats and a pretty summer day.

Barbara Simon, President

Support AAUW with a Schnucks Card!

The proceeds from our **Schnucks Cards** add up to about \$30.00 per month. This is the only fundraising that helps with branch expenses.

If you don't have one, please contact Dr. Stephanie Quinn (sqinn@rockford.edu).

If you do have one, don't forget to use it when shopping or purchasing gas. (I have just the little tab on my key chain).

The **Schnucks Card** is not a credit card but rather just designates a small percentage of your purchases to AAUW. The **Schnucks** company gives back to communities through this program.

You can also have up to three beneficiaries for your donations. Just let Stephanie know your choices.

Thanks very much!

From the AAUW Board:

The board has given a lot of thought recently to our presence in the community and to getting our name and mission into the public view. We can no longer count on publicity from the RRS but have to find other ways to reach new members.

To do this, members have signed up for space at City Market and at the "Womanfest" breakfast. Many of our members also participate in LWV and YWCA events and our publicity chair has sent our event postings to the smaller papers.

We feel that we need materials ready to go to hand out in such situations or anytime we meet a potential new member. We have had Rockford Area branch brochures the past two years and also have recently purchased business-type AAUW cards from national which we can print with board member names.

Our budget is very lean; we use almost all of our \$14.00 per member local dues for programs and communications with smaller amounts for insurance and other expenses. (You will be able to see the details in the budget in the annual meeting packet).

Our dues have not increased locally for a number of years. We have absorbed all the increases in postage, printing and insurance and have saved a lot because most people receive email. Our Schnucks income has helped with branch expenses, too.

Printing branch brochures costs about \$180.00. Card stock costs \$10.00 per 100. We feel that they are a necessity to present our branch and mission to potential members.

To balance our budget with this extra expense, we are recommending a dues increase of \$3.00 for the 2014-2015 year. Dues would be \$76.00 (that amount includes \$49.00 Association, \$10.00 IL and \$17.00 local).

We hope that you will support our rationale and will approve this request at the annual meeting. You may call any board member with questions before or ask them at the meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the

AAUW Rockford Area Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

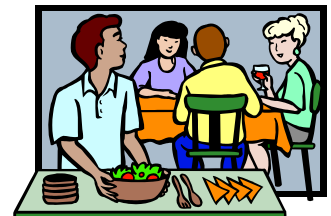
Forest Hills Country Club

*Guest speaker:
Dr. Ehren Jarrett,
Superintendent of the
Rockford Public Schools

Presentation of STEM
Scholarships*

Meal choices (\$30.00 per person) will be:

- (1) Chicken Piccata, green beans, baby red potatoes, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert.
- (2) Almond crusted tilapia, green beans, baby red potatoes, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert.
- (3) Sweet potato cannelloni with vegetables on a bed of spinach, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert.



Name _____

Guest _____

Meal choice _____

Meal choice _____

Check for \$30.00 per person made out to AAUW Rockford Area Branch. Please send by **May 12** to Marsha Ackerman, 1914 Madron Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 or call Marsha at 815-978-1428. Be sure to include your choice of meal.



Gourmet Interest Group's
"Dinner at the White House"
at the home of Daphne Cooper
in February

The Gourmet Group would love to have some new members.
Please contact Jean Herro (815-289-7341) or Katy
Paterson(815-914-3002).

