



# The *INITIATIVE*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN—ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

Website: [www.aauw-il.org/rockford](http://www.aauw-il.org/rockford) September 2014

## Calendar 2014-15

**Fri., Sept. 19, 8 - 1**  
**International Day of Peace**  
**Celebration at the Keeling Puri**  
**Peace Plaza**

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

**Wed., Oct. 6, 6-8:30 pm, RU**  
**Maddox Theatre, Winnebago**  
**County Sheriff Candidate's**  
**Debate**

**Sun., Oct. 12, 4-5:30 pm, Sip &**  
**Shop at Just Goods**

**Sat., Oct., 25, 9 - noon. Fall**  
**Conference at Oakton**  
**Community College**

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

**Sat., Nov. 15, 9:30 am,**  
**Breakfast at Stockhom Inn,**  
**Kari McDonald & Amy**  
**Michalek: *The Rockford Etsy***  
***Partnership.* Bring art**  
**supplies for Lathrop School**

**Sat., Dec., 6, 11:00 am - 2:00**  
**pm, Franchesco's. Holiday**  
**Luncheon and Silent Auction**  
**benefitting EF/LAF. Kelly**  
**Epperson: *The Joy of***  
***Everything***

## Membership Information:

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a little FYI since the AAUW yearbook is probably not on your bedside table, here is the Rockford Area Branch's purpose:

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

So often we think of the details of our events—the arrangements need to be made, will our members come, etc. But let's also think of the purpose of our organization and remember **why** we are meeting and raising funds. I hope that our programs reflect our desire to inform ourselves and to make a difference in our community.

One person who exemplified our purpose was Donna Joy. She was a teacher who was committed to education in all respects—locally and also opportunities made available through AAUW nationally. She was a 50 year member who was involved in AAUW here in Rockford and also in every other city where she resided throughout her life. She served as Co-president, program VP, public policy chair and by-laws chair here and in other cities. Her fierce commitment to AAUW was an example for all of us.

In acknowledgment of her years of support for AAUW, the board voted in July to name our STEM scholarships in her honor. I will be sharing this honor with her husband, Bill and family soon.

Our fundraising is off to a great start with the success of the "Tip the Bartender" event in August. With donations, we now have \$1890.00 added to our scholarship account. Wow! Thanks to Diane and Ed Kuehl and the Scholarship/Ways and Means committee for this great success! Thanks also to everyone who participated, especially Dr. Karl and Carol Jacobs, who gave back their raffle winnings.

Also exciting is that we have a group of students at Rockford University who are interested in AAUW. Dr. Stephanie Quinn and I are cautiously hopeful that we can get a group going there.

It's great that we have all these opportunities for our own education as well as nurturing our community. I hope that you will all be able to participate, beginning with the opening meeting on Sept. 23.

**Barbara Simon, President**

## **Bookbeat Interest Group**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:45. Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.

**Tues., Sept. 16**

*Finding the Dragon Lady* by Monique Brinson Demery.

Hostess: Diane Kuehl

Reviewer: Enid Michalowski

**Tues., Oct. 21,**

*Alena* by Rachal Pastan,

Hostess: Kathy Dierstein

Reviewer: Beckie Weber

**Tues., Nov. 18,**

*The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Klein

Hostess: Faye Marcus

Reviewer: Marlene Mizzen

## **Dining Explorers Interest Group**

**Oct. 19—North Leaf Winery  
and Bistro, Milton, WI**

**Dec. 7—Holiday Tea**

**Feb. TBA—Ojeda's Steak  
House, 11<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Apr. TBA—Le Petite  
Creperie, Woodstock, IL**

**June TBA—Prairie St.  
Brewery**

**Aug. TBA—La Vigna,  
Oregon, IL**

**Board Meetings are  
usually held on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
6:30 pm. All members are  
welcome to attend.**

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

### ***May Peace Prevail on Earth***

On Friday, Sept. 19 we will celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Day of Peace. The theme of the day will be Peace through Music. About 1000 students from area schools (3-5<sup>th</sup> grades) will attend. Each class will receive the book "Jubilee, One Man's Big Bold and Very Loud Celebration of Peace" by Alicia Potter. Ms. Potter will join us at Peace Day.

Peace Day in the Rockford region takes place at the Keeling Puri Peace Plaza from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. In addition to the author, Alicia Potter, guest musicians and storytellers will appear to entertain the children. Among them are Kim and Reggie Harris singing songs from the underground railway, Dorothy Paige Turner, storyteller Megan Wells Shunk, David Causey as Fredrick Douglas Suzanne Crandall as Jane Addams, etc.

There will be a variety of activities encouraging the children to think about peace and what it means to them as well as opportunities to learn about other countries, cultures and perspectives. In order for all this to happen many volunteers are needed. This is a wonderful International Relations Project for AAUW. If you can help for even a portion of that morning, please email Faye Marcus @ [fe.marcus@att.net](mailto:fe.marcus@att.net).

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations resolution in 1981. It provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of Peace on this shared day in September. Around the world, the International Day of Peace is used to highlight the U.N. Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the children of the world. Since 2003 the International Day of Peace has been celebrated annually at the Peace Plaza in Rockford, hosted by the Keeling and Puri families.

Please volunteer for this wonderful community event. All volunteers receive a Peace Day tee shirt and lunch. But we need you to sign up. Email Faye at [fe.marcus@att.net](mailto:fe.marcus@att.net).

## **Welcome—to our newest member!**

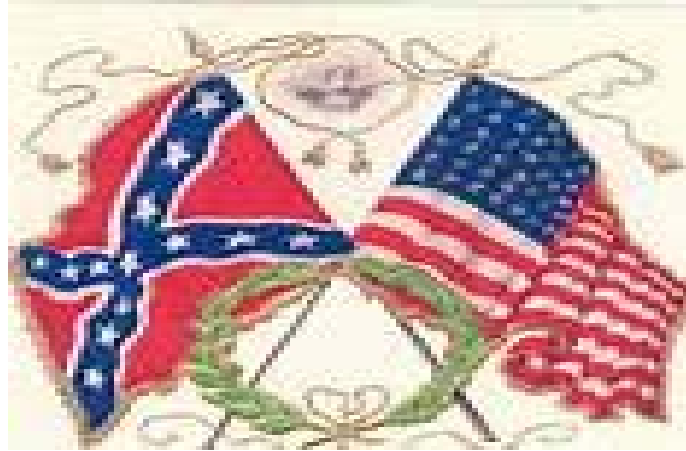
New member Linda Slife is a retired teacher and reading specialist. Linda joined at the "Tip the Bartender" event.

Guests are always welcome at AAUW events. Bring a friend! Hand out one of our new brochures and sign them up!



# COME JOIN US

Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m. at Ciao Bella's 6500 E. Riverside



**DINNER MEETING AND SPEAKER:  
BECKY LIABLE  
WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Each person will order from the menu below with separate checks. Prices do not include beverages, taxes or tips.

*Bella Chopped Salad~\$11.00*

*Four Cheese Ravioli plus soup or salad~\$13.00*

*Salmon Isabella plus soup or salad~\$21.00*

*Chicken Caprese plus soup or salad~\$15.00*

*Steak alla Bella plus soup or salad~\$23.00*

Reservations—please call or email Regina Potts by Friday, Sept. 19.

Phone—815-654-9877 or rp226@aol.com

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEBATE



Winnebago County Sheriff's Office



**THE LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS,  
ROCKFORD  
UNIVERSITY,  
WREX CHANNEL  
13 PRESENTS**

**THE 2014  
WINNEBAGO  
COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEBATE  
FEATURING  
REPUBLICAN  
CANDIDATE GARY  
CARUANA &  
DEMOCRATIC  
CANDIDATE BOB  
SPRINGER.**

**MR. KEN  
DECOSTER FROM  
WREX CHANNEL 13  
WILL MODERATE**

**PLEASE COME  
EARLY FOR A  
CHANCE TO MEET  
BOTH CANDIDATES**

**WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**ROCKFORD**  
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CLARK ARTS CENTER – MADDOX THEATRE  
5050 EAST STATE ST  
ROCKFORD IL