

## BRANCH EVENTS CALENDAR 2016 - 17

**Monday, November 7: 6pm at Ciao Bella –**  
Financial Literacy for Women – Panel discussion led  
by Jean Berenak and Jen Reisinger

**Saturday, December 3: 11am at Franchesco's –**  
Holiday Luncheon, Talbots Fashion Show and Silent  
Auction

**Saturday, January 28: Deerfield**  
Networking Luncheon

**Saturday, February 11: 11am, Second/First  
Church –** Potluck and living History Portrayal of  
Sarah Grimke - Unlikely Abolitionist by Amy Nyman

**Saturday, March 18: 10am, Mary's Market on  
East State –** Barriers and Bias: Presentation of  
AAUW Research by Dr. Stephanie Quinn

**Wednesday, April 26: 6pm, Tavern on Clark –**  
Bessica Raiche: First Woman Aviator of America,  
Midway Village Presentation

**Saturday, May 5 & 6: Champaign IL** AAUW IL  
State Convention

**Saturday, June 3: 11am, Forest Hills Country  
Club** Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Keynote  
Speaker: Litesa Wallace

**June 14 – 17: Washington DC** AAUW National  
Convention

*Guests are welcome at all events. Let's invite  
interesting and active women to our events.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, I and others attended the AAUW Fall Conference.

At the opening, we were reminded of the importance of our organization.

The meeting began with the following short quiz. Please remember that AAUW was founded in 1818.

1. In what year did women get the right to vote? 1920
2. In what year was the Equal Rights Amendment presented to Congress for the first time? 1923
3. Landlords could choose to not rent to a woman solely based on her sex until? 1968
4. Women in the U.S. were not able to have a credit card in their own name until? 1974
5. A woman could be fired from her job for being pregnant until? 1978
6. What year was the Equal Rights Amendment ratified?  
*It hasn't been. It passed the Senate in 1972 but was never ratified by all states. Groups such as AAUW have introduced the E.R.A. into every session of Congress since 1983. It has been fought in court, but still there is no Equal Rights Amendment at the Federal level and the Paycheck Fairness Act has also not yet been passed.*

Why do we still exist? Because our work is not yet done. We still have a wage gap. We still do not have equal representation in leadership roles and we still do not have equal representation in the STEM areas. We also have not obtained equality in many other areas. But working together we can continue to move forward and that is why AAUW continues to be relevant and why it is so important to continue not to just encourage new membership but to reach out to the next generation to continue the battle. As the saying now goes, stronger together.

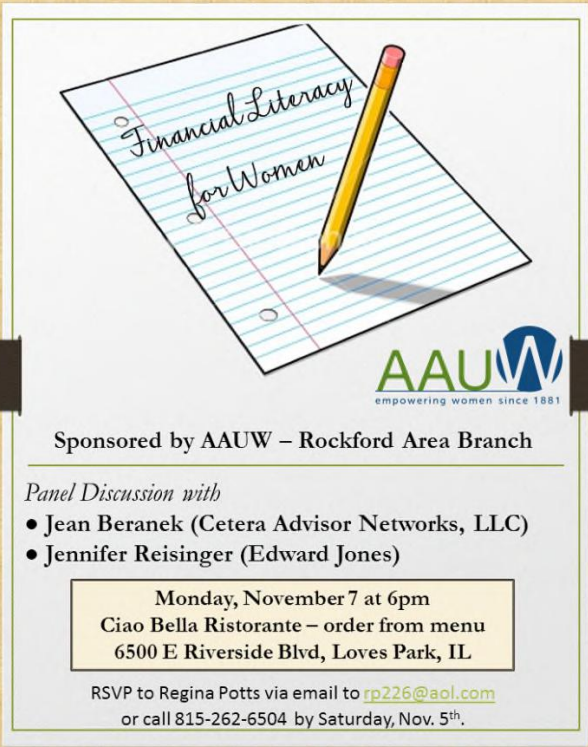
Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

**Karen Hoffman, President**

**Many thanks** go to the two committees who planned the September and October events. The **Scholarship committee** members are Diane, Kuehl, Chair, Dale Dunnigan, Ann Dempsey, Deepshikha Shukha, Linda Auman, Marsha Ackerman, Sheryl Hall and Stephanie Quinn.

The **International Affairs committee** members are Sheryl Hall and Jean Herro, Chairs, Marsha Ackerman, Regina Potts, Faye Marcus, Cynthia Nelson, Diana Vlase, Ramona Cornea, Kathe Heyer, and Maria Arellano.

## Our Upcoming Events



A poster for a financial literacy event. It features a notepad with the title "Financial Literacy for Women" written on it, and a yellow pencil resting on the notepad. The AAUW logo is at the bottom right of the poster.

Sponsored by AAUW – Rockford Area Branch

Panel Discussion with

- Jean Beranek (Cetera Advisor Networks, LLC)
- Jennifer Reisinger (Edward Jones)

Monday, November 7 at 6pm  
Ciao Bella Ristorante – order from menu  
6500 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL

RSVP to Regina Potts via email to [rp226@aol.com](mailto:rp226@aol.com)  
or call 815-262-6504 by Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

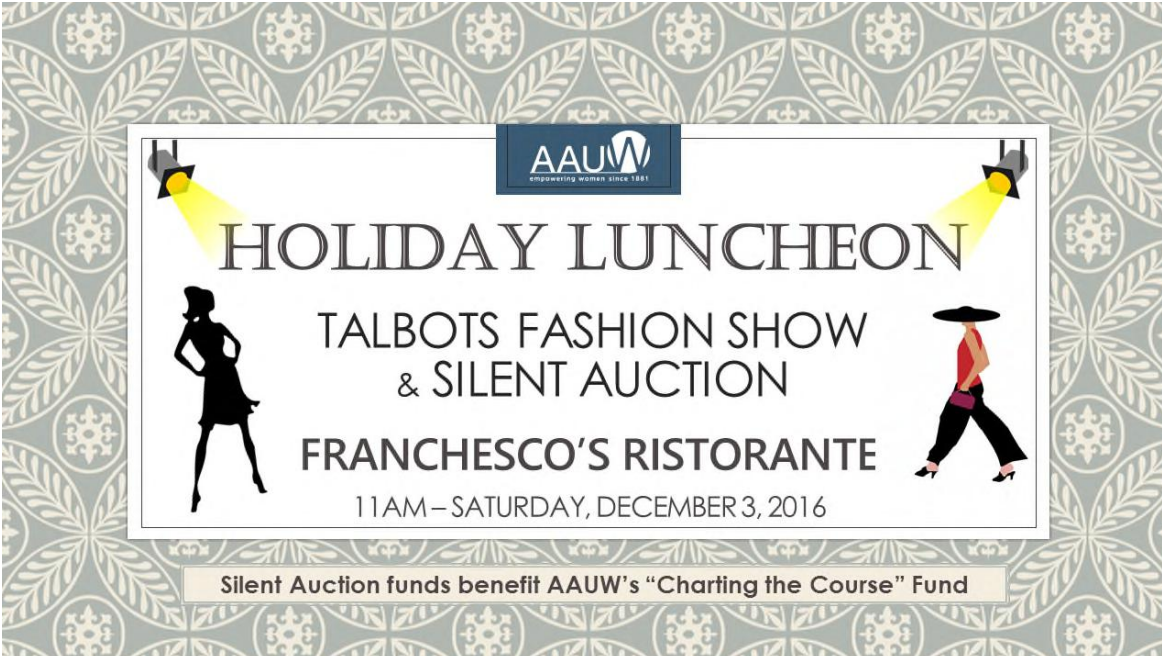
*In November ...*

Join us at Ciao Bella  
on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> for a panel  
discussion titled  
"Financial Literacy for  
Women."

RSVP to Regina Potts by Nov.5.

## Save this December date

Plan to join us on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Franchesco's Ristorante for our Holiday Luncheon. This year's program will be a Fashion Show by Talbots and a Silent Auction. See reservation form on the page 8 for menu.



A poster for a holiday luncheon event. It features a decorative background with a repeating pattern of leaves and snowflakes. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with text and illustrations. The text includes the event title, location, date, and time. There are also illustrations of a woman in a black dress and a woman in a red top and black pants. The AAUW logo is at the top center of the box.

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**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

TALBOTS FASHION SHOW  
& SILENT AUCTION

**FRANCESCO'S RISTORANTE**

11AM – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

Silent Auction funds benefit AAUW's "Charting the Course" Fund

## **PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES by Faye Marcus**

### **PUBLIC POLICY ON THE GO**

Public Policy has had a busy fall. We have participated in several **Get Out the Vote** activities. Several of our members have helped the League of Women Voters register voters at several high schools and at Rockford University.

If you want to be an educated voter, you had your chance to attend two candidate forums in October. These forums were held at Rockford University; a forum featuring the candidates for State Representative for the 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> legislative districts was held on Oct. 16; a forum featuring candidates for Winnebago county coroner and Winnebago county board chair person was held on Oct. 23. Both were taped for later viewing by WREX & WTVO. We collaborated on both of these with LWV. Thanks to our moderators: Kristen Crowley and Eric Wilson and to Rockford University.

We also helped with a debate at Jefferson High School featuring students from the speech and debate club. These two young women were terrific! They were so well prepared to argue the merits of 4 issues that are important in this election: immigration, voting rights, education, and minimum wage. One took the side of the Democratic party and the other argued the side of the Republican party. It was amazing to hear them debate the merits of the issues; there were no personality issues or insults. Our political candidates could learn from them!

Here are some reminders: From time to time, I send you information regarding webinars that national AAUW provides on various topics. These are really interesting so please take advantage of them if you can and sign up.

You also have a chance to let our members of Congress know how we feel on various bills that are important to AAUW. I send out ACTION ALERTS so please read them and become a “2 minute advocate.”

**One last important reminder: VOTE!! on November 8 or early vote.**

### **Donna Joy Memorial STEM SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE – by Diane Kuehl**

The STEM Scholarship Committee sends much appreciation to the members and their friends for the generous support to the 2017 scholarship awards. It is with “Joy” that we announce that AAUW will be offering THREE awards in 2017! You all will be invited to the June 3rd Awards Luncheon to meet the new winners!

Two additional prizes beyond the cash award from the 50/50 raffle were added this year. We would like to thank the following members for their donations: Dale Dunnigan, Diane Kuehl, Sheryl Hall and Maria Arellano/ASHA Salon. We would also like to thank Massage Therapy by Rebecca Weaver in Roscoe for her gift certificate ([rebeccaweaver.massagetherapy.com](http://rebeccaweaver.massagetherapy.com)).



## Book Beat Reading List 2016

**Book Beat meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:45. Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.**

**Nov. 15** *Stalin's Daughter* by Rosemary Sullivan  
 Reviewer: Ruth Siegfried  
 Hostess: Diane Kuehl

## AAUW Treasurer's Report, Oct. 20, 2016

Katy Paterson

### Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	\$3,805.93
<i>Receipts</i>	
Schnucks Scrip	\$10.24
Dues	\$228.00
<i>Disbursements</i>	
LWVGR for Program	\$25.00
Listing	
Print & Mail Yearbooks	\$193.18
Gift cards for Speakers	\$150.00
Dues	\$413.00
Ending balance as of October 20, 2016	<u>\$3,262.99</u>

### AAUW Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$7,476.97
<i>Receipts</i>	
Donations	\$620.00
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Scholarship – Jessica	\$1,000.00
Ending balance as of October 20, 2016	<u>\$7,096.97</u>

As of October 20, 2016, we have 67 members.

## Welcome to New Member

Welcome to new member Mary Lou Fitzpatrick. Please add her information to your yearbook:

Mary Lou Fitzpatrick  
 7273 Club Court, Roscoe IL 61073  
 (c) 779-475-0600  
[mlf1022@aol.com](mailto:mlf1022@aol.com)  
 Retired educator, BS NIU, MS RU

## Yearbook corrections

Barbara Giolitto (correct spelling)

Dr. Marilen Loyola  
 905 N. Main St., #22

## Board Meetings

**Board Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Mary's Restaurant, 4431 E. State Street. If you would like to have dinner, please come at 5:15. The meeting will begin at 6:15. Members are always welcome to attend.**

**Have a smart phone? ✓ Like to shop? ✓ Want to help increase branch finances? ✓**

See your Oct.21 email from Karen Hoffman to learn how to help by using eScrip.



Help get \$100 for Rockford Area  
 Branch AAUW

# How can 10 = 100?

## International Affairs Group by Sheryl Almquist Hall

The AAUW Rockford Area's International Affairs Group sponsored a panel discussion called "Addressing Water Needs Around the World" on Saturday, October 15 at Rockford University

## International Water Needs Forum at RU

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 close to 50 people from around the region gathered in the Science Building Auditorium on the campus of Rockford University for a free public forum hosted by our Branch's International Affairs Interest Group.

Dr. Troy Skwor, Rockford University Professor of Biology, moderated a discussion after presentations by five different speakers engaged in various activities designed to help alleviate the pressing need for both clean and usable water in developing countries on every continent. Special focus was given to its impact on the lives of women and girls, their families and communities; with a dramatic reduction in illness, improved health and well-being.

Solutions presented ranged from basic hand-made pottery filters which form the basis of women-owned businesses, to molded plastic filters designed for ease of handling in remote areas and packaging with graphics made understandable regardless of the language of the end-user. Other solutions involved irrigation systems and community-based water chlorination systems that purify the drinking source for an entire community in developing nations in this hemisphere, or wells in remote villages of Africa made possible through the fundraising efforts of local school children.

After the forum, attendees had an opportunity to speak with presenters from Rockford Iqra School about their fundraising efforts for the Zakat Foundation of America's "One Year, 100 Wells" African well project; Motherland Rhythm Community and the Benkadi Project BioSand Water Filters in Guinea, West Africa; Tanzanian Development Support and their Tanzanian Women's Start-Up Water Filter Project; Industrial Molds Group of Rockford, a Kohler Clarity initiative partner making water filters for relief organizations operating in Africa and Asia; and EOS (Emerging Opportunities for Sustainability) International and their clean drinking water initiatives in Nicaragua. Each presenter, and their organization or company, has a direct connection to the Rockford region.

Special thanks to RU for providing a superb venue for our speakers, and thank you to the members of the International Affairs Interest Group for lining up our speakers, making arrangements with RU and helping the day of the event.



Additional photos and links to the organizations represented are available on the Branch's website at:

<http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/publicity/water-needs/>

## AAUW Funds – by Barbara Simon



### CHARTING THE COURSE

AAUW has a fine record for utilizing its resources well and has the highest rating from *charitynavigator*. In the past, our branch has given the proceeds from the Silent Auction to the Education Foundation or the Legal Aid Fund. These funds are well endowed, so AAUW is encouraging us to fund the **CHARTING THE COURSE** campaign.

This new fund began Jan 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2016. It serves to underwrite and grow AAUW's community-based programs such as **Tech Trek, Tech Savvy, Start Smart, Work Smart and Elect Her** as well as AAUW research. The campaign hopes to raise \$1,000,000 by the end of the year and has about \$100,000 to go. You have all received personal mailings about this fund.

Our branch and the Rockford University community have already benefitted from having **Start Smart** and **Elect Her** workshops in our city. The board has decided we would like to support more of these programs and that this year's Silent Auction proceeds will be designated for the **Charting the Course** campaign. We hope that you will help by finding donations, bringing your delicious baked goods and any other items which will make our auction interesting and fun.

Items for the silent auction can be dropped off during the month of November at the home of Barbara Simon. Each item should arrive with a completed donation sheet (see last page) so the committee knows the value and donor.

Please let Barbara know if you have a donation from a restaurant or business. She will keep a list of donors and let the members know so that they do not ask the same people.

If you cannot come on Dec. 3, however, we would like to ask for your help in making our branch's donation a generous one. Below is a tear-off for the **CHARTING THE COURSE** campaign. Please support the branch and AAUW's fine programs with your donation.

Thank you.

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### CHARTING THE COURSE

I would like to support the campaign with a check for \_\_\_\_\_.

Please mail your check to Katy Paterson, 4223 Lakeside Dr., Rockford IL 61101 by **Dec. 3**.

**Thank you for supporting AAUW!**



## LOCAL BOOK NEWS

The book discussion below will be led by the authors. Two of them, Dr. Mary Weeks-Baxter and Dr. Catherine Forslund, are members of AAUW.

The book weaves together the World War II experiences of students and faculty of Rockford College.


Copies of the book are available to check out from RPL and copies will be available for sale that evening.

Everyone is welcome for the book discussion. You can register for the discussion by calling 815-965-7606 option 5 or through the library website [www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org).

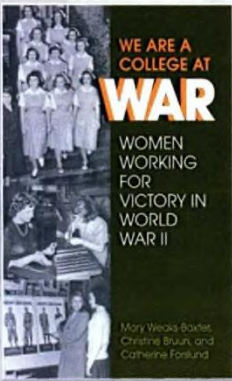
# WE ARE A COLLEGE AT WAR

## Women Working for Victory in WWII

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Nordlof Center, 2nd Floor — 118 N. Main St.  
Free, Registration Required




**Book Discussion led by the authors:**  
Mary Weeks-Baxter, Catherine Forslund & Christine Bruun



Join us for a special discussion for Veterans Day of a book that weaves together the World War II experiences of students and faculty at Rockford College. The authors, Rockford University professors, will lead the discussion. Rockford College became a commanding catalyst for change during this pivotal era.

The evening concludes with book sales and signing. Copies of the book can be checked out from RPL.

To register or for more information, call 815-965-7606, or visit [rockfordpubliclibrary.org](http://rockfordpubliclibrary.org). All are welcome, whether or not you've read the book. Please join us!




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### Luncheon Choices

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Chicken Piccata          | \$24.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Parmesan Crusted Tilapia | \$24.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Gnocchi Basilico         | \$24.00 |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check (payable to AAUW Rockford Branch) to Regina Potts, 4907 Streamside Dr., Rockford, IL 61111.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

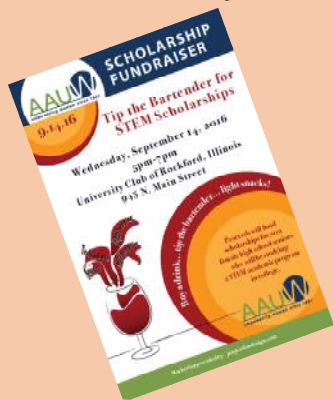




### Sept. 14 2016 – The University Club

Here are a few photos from our very successful "Tip the Bartender" fundraiser for STEM scholarships.

**Thanks to everyone who contributed!**



American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
Rockford Area Branch  
c/o YWCA of Rockford  
4990 E. State St.  
Rockford, IL 61108



## 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. 3, 2016 event, we will acknowledge your business in our program.

Funds raised will be used for the AAUW ***Share the Future Fund*** and branch activities.

BUSINESS NAME

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Donor Signature

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AAUW Member Signature

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**Thank you for your donation!**