

## AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR 2017—2018

**Friday, Nov.3: 10:30am at Katie's Cup –**  
Round Table Discussion Group: AAUW Advocacy —  
Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

**Wednesday, Nov.8: 5:30p – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED –** Monthly AAUW Board Meeting

**Thursday, Nov.9: 6:00pm at Tavern on Clark –**  
K-FACT - Keeping Families & Communities Together —  
Led by Shamika Williams

**Friday, Nov.17: 12:00pm at Benson Stone Co. –**  
Let's Do Lunch

**Friday, Dec.1: 10:30am at Katie's Cup –**  
Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

**Saturday, Dec. 9: 11:00am at Franchesco's –**  
Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction — "Rickrack Attack" by Nancy Hanewell, The Apron Lady

**Wednesday, Dec.13: 5:30p – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED –** Monthly AAUW Board Meeting

**Friday, Jan.5: 10:30am at Katie's Cup –**  
Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

**Sunday, Jan. 7: 1:30pm – 4:00pm at North Suburban Library District –** Film: "Equal Means Equal"

**Thursday, Feb. 15: 6:00pm at Rockford University –**  
STEM Program: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren — Led by Dr. Deepshikha Shukla

**Saturday, Mar. 3: 10:00am – Main Fire Station –**  
Women Firefighters: Girls Fire Camp for Ages 9-13 —  
Chief Derek Bergsten

**Saturday, Ap. 14: time TBD – Indian Hill Manor,**  
Tour with Docent Judy Jolly

**Saturday, May 19 11:00am at Forest Hills Country Club –** Annual Meeting and Luncheon, STEM Scholarship Awards  
Keynote Speaker: Mayor Tom McNamara

**Tuesday, July 17 at the University Club –**  
Tip the Bartender 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On September 26th, AAUW along with the League of Women Voters hosted a presentation from RAASE who discussed Human Trafficking in the Rockford Area.

Illinois is 8th in the nation and Rockford is 2nd in Illinois. Obviously, this is a very serious issue for our area. So how did we get here and how did this happen is a question that my husband asked when he became aware of this issue. How did we not notice?

Thanks to our members who worked on this event, we have some answers.

It has always been here, but we as a community disregarded what was happening because we just thought it was willing prostitution by immoral or "fallen" women. Or we thought trafficking was just something that happened to women from foreign countries who were somehow complicit with their situation. We didn't understand what was really happening and so we did not care.

Thanks to Jennifer Cacciapaglia and Lori Johnson from RAASE, we now understand that the people that are being trafficked are girls and women from our own area as well as from foreign countries. They are not willing prostitutes but are instead people who have been tricked into trusting the person who is trafficking them and they are beaten or tortured if they try to leave. We now understand that they are victims that need our support to escape as well as our respect after they find freedom.

Thanks to the work done by all involved, Mayor McNamara is now forming a City Human Rights Commission which will not only deal with Human Trafficking but also Domestic Violence which accounts for over 25% of all crime in the Rockford Area.

To all our members who worked to bring these issues forward - Job Well Done!

**Karen Hoffman, President**

**REMINDER:** Rockford Area AAUW Branch bylaws are now posted on our website instead in the directory.

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

## Our Upcoming Events

**Thursday, November 9 at 6pm at Tavern on Clark**



### Building Healthy Futures

Every year, Keeping Families and Communities Together (KFACT) serves over 100 girls through its [Lady All Stars](#) mentoring program.

With a mission to empower young women, KFACT has a **98%** retention rate, a **100%** high school graduation rate, and **92%** of the girls move on to post-secondary education.



Join us at Tavern on Clark when KFACT founder Shamika Williams tells us about the **Lady All Stars** mentoring program. *Please RSVP to Regina P. by Nov. 6.*



**Round Table Discussion Group**  
10:30am, Friday, Nov. 3  
at Katie's Cup



Noon on Nov. 17  
at BENSON STONE Co.

***Save this January date!***



**EQUAL  
MEANS  
EQUAL**

Learn more at: <http://equalmeansequal.com/>

### **EQUAL MEANS EQUAL**

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today.

Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, this film uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 7: 1:30pm – 4:00pm**

North Suburban Library  
6340 N. 2<sup>ND</sup> St.  
Loves Park, IL

December 2017 Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction

## AAUW Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction

Silent Auction benefits AAUW National's "The AAUW Fund"

**Join us to celebrate the holiday season!**

**Saturday, December 9, 11:00am at Franchesco's Ristorante**  
Let's enjoy the season with good friends, great food, and holiday cheer!

Program: "Rickrack Attack" by Nancy Hanewell, The Apron Lady



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### Luncheon Choices

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A. Chicken Piccata \$25.00

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B. Herb-crusted Salmon \$30.25

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C. Eggplant Parmigiana \$25.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**



## **Treasurer's Report —Katy Paterson**

October 12, 2017

### **Operating Fund**

Beginning Balance \$3,528.00

#### ***Receipts***

Dues 1,200.50

Donations 36.35

Schnucks Scrip 56.78

#### ***Disbursements***

Dues (44.50)

Program (136.00)

Mailbox Rental (50.00)

Yearbook Printing (119.20)

Ending balance @ October 12, 2017 \$4,471.93

### **Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance \$10,813.62

Donations 298.50

Paid 1 scholarship (1,000.00)

Ending balance @ October 12, 2017 \$10,112.12

On October 12, 2017, we have 57 paid and 6 life members.

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 5:30pm and usually conclude by 7:00pm.

**Members are always welcome to attend.**

### **Articles from AAUW National**

- [States Notch Multiple Equal Pay Victories in 2017](#)
- [Fair Representation & Redistricting: How the Lines Are Drawn](#)

## **Membership Information**

AAUW national has asked each branch to verify accuracy of the branch's membership records. Branch members whose national dues were received in the AAUW national office as of September 30 are now registered with an expiration date of June 30, 2018.

**THANK YOU to everyone who is current on their annual local, state and national dues.** Your dues enable our branch and the state and national organizations to accomplish the wonderful work AAUW does.

### **What happens if you have not yet renewed?**

During the first week of November nonrenewed members will receive notification that their membership has lapsed and will be offered assistance in reconnecting with their local branch to renew their membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please submit your renewal check as soon as possible. Information for membership renewal can be found on the branch website at:

<http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/local/membership/>

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- We publish new AAUW content on our local website each month. You can read the latest articles on our site under the "**NATIONAL**" menu option.
- If you smiled for a photo at a Branch event, your picture might be featured on our site. Check the "**PHOTOS**" menu option to see recent pictures.

The **International Affairs Interest Group** is still looking for a leader for the 2017-2018 membership year. If you are interested in taking on the role of leader, contact Karen Hoffman to discuss the opportunity.

## STEM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Diane Kuehl**

With appreciation to the AAUW members and friends' generosity, AAUW Rockford will be offering **FOUR \$1000** awards this year! What joy there is in helping these talented female STEM students not only with monetary support, but also encouragement in achieving academic success in a female underrepresented STEM major. The STEM Scholarship Committee is now dispersing the updated scholarship application for 2018 to the regional high school counselors and scholarship fairs. The application is also posted on the local AAUW website for students to access for easy submission. If you know of a student who meets the qualifications for the scholarship, please direct them to <http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/>!

## AAUW FUNDS COMMITTEE

**Sheryl Almquist Hall**

Hope you're collecting items and ideas for our upcoming Holiday Silent Auction on December 9th at Franchesco's!

- Homemade pies and goodies
- Fashion accessories
- Sports items
- Gift certificates from local wineries, spas, stores and restaurants
- "Experiences" like a garden party with wine and cheese for 10 guests.(You get the idea.)



Please email Sheryl Hall with what you are donating so as November rolls around, we can put out the list of local venues who have already been approached. Email [sa\\_design@msn.com](mailto:sa_design@msn.com). Thanks for all your help!

Information on AAUW National's "The AAUW Fund" and our auction donation form are at the end of this issue.

Remember, this is our only fundraiser all year to send to National to support the fantastic initiatives and programs that make their way to the State and Branch level.

## ***KFACT – Keeping Families and Communities Together***

*Learn about local program aimed at helping girls finish high school, go to college*

Shamika Williams, founder of Rockford-based Keeping Families and Communities Together, will discuss her program at the Nov. 9 general meeting of the Rockford Branch of AAUW.

KFACT serves more than 100 low-income girls annually in its Lady All Stars mentoring program. Its goal is to help young women finish high school and move on to college. So far, it has achieved a 98 percent retention rate of girls who start the program, and a 100 percent graduation rate of girls who remain in Lady All Stars.

Additionally, 92 percent of the girls have moved on to post-secondary education.

Williams, who was herself a teen mother, realized as she worked to get through college herself, that other girls are not aware of the opportunities available to them while they are still in high school.

Come meet Williams and two of the girls who are in her mentoring program at Tavern on Clark, Nov. 9. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by William's program and a chat with her and the girls.

— Sharon Boehlefeld

## BOOK BEAT READING LIST 2017

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

**Nov. 14** *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess: Enid Michalowski

**December – No meeting**



**Jan. 16** *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Reviewer: Enid Michalowski

Hostess: Barbara Simon

**Feb. 20** *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

Reviewer: Karen Shifo

Hostess: Ruth Siegfried

### Get a head-start on February's meeting



Review: 'Lab Girl,' Hope Jahren's Road Map to the Secret Life of Plants

Ms. Jahren's book, at its best, does for botany what Oliver Sacks's essays did for neurology, what Stephen Jay Gould's writings did for paleontology.

NYTIMES.COM

We will cover the book **Lab Girl** at our February meeting, with Dr. Deepshikha Shukla facilitating the discussion.

You can read a [review](#) at the link shown below.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/29/books/review-lab-girl-hope-jahrens-road-map-to-the-secret-life-of-plants.html>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**When is the next branch meeting? When is Let's Do Lunch? Where are AAUW Illinois District meetings?**

Did you know that the schedule for our local branch activities is always just an internet click away? Information on local branch and partner events, as well as information on AAUW state and national programs is available through our [online calendar](#) at: <http://goo.gl/cDF2M5>

Bookmark the link in your browser so you can always find it, or you will also find it on the home page of our branch's website at <http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/>

If you'd like to help with this newsletter, please contact Kathe Heyer or Barbara Simon to volunteer.

### HOW CAN 10 = 100?



Like to shop? ✓ Shop online? ✓ Want to help increase branch finances? ✓

Register and shop using the [eScrip Online Mall](#), linked on our website home page.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION – FAYE MARCUS

### My View column, Rockford Register Star – Monday, Oct. 9. 2017

On September 26, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and League of Women Voters presented a very important program on Human Trafficking and its horrible affects in our community. Jennifer Cacciapaglia and Lori Johnson, co-founders of RAASE (Rockford Area Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation) presented an extremely interesting and sometimes shocking program on the issues associated with this problem. We were told that Rockford is #2 in the state with sexual trafficking and Illinois is #8 in the country. Those statistics are very alarming. Our goal for presenting this program was to educate the community about this devastating issue in our region. With over 100 people in attendance, we believe that we have begun to be successful in this endeavor.

AAUW's public policy includes this statement: "AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking..." (This includes local and state policies.)

What are the next steps:

- Rep. Litesa Wallace gave us information about bills that have been signed into law by Governor Rauner. They include:
  - HB 270 which creates the Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Investigation Act.
  - SB1842 that expands the statute of limitations for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation to bring suit against their traffickers.
  - HB 1677 provides training for truck drivers to identify signs of trafficking at truck stops. Truck stops are often sites for sexual trafficking.
- Chief Judge McGraw provided us with information about how the Court and local law enforcement are working together to fight this issue in our area.

We are asking the public to continue to be aware, continue to be educated, and talk to others about this issue including our children and grandchildren. With so many being involved with social media, many of our young people are more vulnerable.

For more information, please go to the RAASE website: <http://raase.net> and [www.aauw.org/humantrafficking](http://www.aauw.org/humantrafficking).

<http://www.rrstar.com/opinion/20171008/my-view-human-trafficking-devastating-issue-in-our-region>

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GROUP – BARBARA SIMON

The **Round Table Discussion Group** continues to meet on the first Friday of the month, 10:30 to noon, at Katie's Cup on 7th St. The next meeting will be **November 3**. Dr. Christina Kamer is the discussion leader.

We are discussing topics of AAUW advocacy. During the last meeting we watched short videos on the topic of *Battling Stereotypes*. All 7 videos are posted on the AAUW national website for anyone who is interested in viewing them.

Round Table participants are encouraged to watch a free educational webinar on the topic of Disability in the US. Author Kim E. Nielsen, PhD will review the book ***A Disability History of the United States***. This Webinar was given on Oct. 26 but you may view it at any time after that. Instructions are as follows: Go to the national website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), at the top of the page search webinars, click on the title and you should be able to view it.

During the Round Table on November 3 we will discuss how the information from this webinar aligns with our local initiatives. Everyone is welcome for the discussion. You don't have to have read the book or viewed the webinar. Just grab a coffee and join in!

## PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

### Sept. 26 Human Trafficking event

Our branch and LWV collaborated on this event which was held at the NSL in Loves Park on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Jennifer Caccipaglia and Lori Johnson from RAASE were the main presenters. State Representative Latesia Wallace and Chief Judge Joseph McGraw gave updates from the state and 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. They all provided excellent information.

Over 100 people from all over the community as well as AAUW and LWV members attended. Thank you to AAUW members Jackie Parochka and Linda Slife for providing the wonderful refreshments. The venue was great. NSL is an excellent venue. They are very helpful and have great AV equipment. Thanks also to Paula Lind from LWV for her help.

There have been several follow-ups in the paper about Human Trafficking. Faye wrote a MY VIEW column for the RRS. It appeared in the paper on Monday, Oct. 9.

### Equal Means Equal

The DVD Equal Means Equal will be shown at the North Suburban Library on Sunday, Jan 7 at 1 pm. Several organizations are helping our branch sponsor this program. Dady & Hoffman LLC and the YWCA have provided funds for the rental and mailing of the film. Our branch is paying for the rental of the library space. I plan to try to assemble a panel for a post showing discussion.

### Welcoming Ordinance

Since the Welcoming Ordinance that has been established by the Mayor of Rockford is part of our public policy program, I want to come forth to support this.



## ONE AAUW. ONE MISSION. ONE FUND.

### The AAUW Fund: Greatest Opportunity, Greatest Need

This is the second year that our Branch has asked our own members to give to AAUW nationally in addition to the money we raise at our Holiday Luncheon Silent Auction. Last year, so many of you responded generously to this request from our Branch. Thank you for that.

We hope you will read over the attached diagram taken from AAUW National website for an overview of the many programs and initiatives that “The AAUW Fund” supports.

Please make your gift to the AAUW Fund today!

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I would like to support AAUW Rockford's year-end giving with a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make the check out to “**AAUW Rockford**” in order for our Branch to receive recognition from AAUW National.

Mail your check by 12/06/2017 to:

Katy Paterson

AAUW Rockford Treasurer

4223 Lakeside Dr.

Rockford, IL 61101

### Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support



AAUW National Convention Campus Outreach Grants  
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Research Fellows Alumnae  
Initiative LAF Case Support Travel Grants  
Legal Case Support New Program Development  
Regional Field Representatives

**and so much more!**

*Thank you for supporting AAUW and AAUW Rockford!*

## Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support

**AAUW Advocacy:** Guided by our member-endorsed Public Policy Program, AAUW's local, state, national, and global lobbying and grassroots efforts help empower women and girls.

**AAUW National Convention:** Our biennial meeting empowers women leaders to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders.

**Campus Outreach Grants:** These grants provide funding for AAUW members to host events educating students about unfair pay, sexual harassment and assault, pregnancy discrimination, and Title IX violations.

**College/University (C/U) Partners:** C/U membership opens doors to AAUW grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development, and advocacy tools.

**Eleanor Roosevelt Fund:** The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports research on gender equity in education and the workplace.

**Elect Her—Campus Women Win:** Elect Her is the only national program encouraging and training college women to run for student government and future political office.

**Fellows Alumnae Initiative:** This initiative connects former AAUW fellows and grantees with one another and with AAUW.

**Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF):** LAF challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

**LAF Case Support Travel Grants:** These grants pay the travel expenses of AAUW-supported plaintiffs and their lawyers who are speaking at state conventions or regional meetings.

**Legal Case Support:** These awards support cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to protect all women.

**Member Leader Programs:** The programs include formal leadership training, resources, and opportunities for members at the branch, state, and national levels.

**National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL):** America's premier annual conference for college women prepares attendees to be campus and community leaders.

**National Student Advisory Council:** These AAUW ambassadors advise staff about college students' needs, lead on-campus gender equality projects, and help plan NCCWSL.

**New Program Development:** Elect Her, Start Smart, Tech Trek, and others new programs empower women and girls at the branch, state, and national levels.

**Outlook:** Our AAUW magazine covers the issues that women face today, from the gender pay gap to human trafficking.

**Regional Field Representatives:** This pilot program assists four states with membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, and advocacy.

**Start Smart:** These workshops prepare college women to enter the job market with the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to negotiate salaries and benefits.

**Tech Savvy:** These daylong conferences seek to interest girls in grades 6–9 in STEM fields and inform their families about STEM education and careers.

**Tech Trek:** Our weeklong camps are designed to encourage girls in STEM in high school, college, and beyond.

**Work Smart:** These workshops teach working women how to evaluate, negotiate, and convey their worth confidently in the job market.

**Younger Women's Task Force:** This AAUW-affiliated entity is geared toward younger women fighting for social justice

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. 9, 2017 event, we will acknowledge your business in our program.

Monies raised will be used for ***The AAUW Fund.***

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**Thank you for your donation!**