

### AT AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

**Wednesday, May 2: 5:30pm at Tavern on Clark –**  
AAUW Board Meeting

**Friday, May 4: 10:30am at Katie's Cup –**  
Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr.  
Christina Kamer

**NOTE – EVENT CANCELLED: Friday, May 18:**  
**12:00pm at Mexico Clasico Grill, 6876 Spring Creek**  
**Rd. — Let's Do Lunch**

**Saturday, May 19 11:00am at Forest Hills Country**  
**Club –**

Annual Meeting and Luncheon, STEM Scholarship  
Awards. Keynote Speaker: Mayor Tom McNamara

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

**Friday, June 29: 12:00pm at ThriveCafé, 6731**  
**Broadcast Parkway – Let's Do Lunch**

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

**Friday, July 27: 12:00pm at Fresco at Anderson**  
**Japanese Gardens, 318 Spring Creek Rd. – Let's Do**  
**Lunch**

**REMINDER:** Rockford Area AAUW [Branch bylaws](#)  
are now posted on our website instead in the  
directory.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great excitement that I announce that Sheryl Hall has been honored with the AAUW Illinois Agent of Change Award for 2018 at the most recent AAUW Convention held in April.

The award was based on her leadership taking us to many different levels.

She excelled in fund raising for our scholarship program but then went past our yearly event of "Tip The Bartender". She moved into helping young girls who truly need resources as they not only do not receive support or concern from their families, but in some cases they actually try to hold their daughters back from achieving their dreams. Sheryl did this by working with KFact a program that helps low income girls many of whom are homeless. The program not only helps the girls to graduate from high school but college as well. Under Sheryl's guidance, we as a group have been and will continue contributing assistance for the program in various methods throughout the year.

But that was not enough. Sheryl also took on the challenge of fundraising for a \$7 million dollar museum and educational center which will also host girl's baseball games at the famed Beyer Stadium, home of the Rockford Peaches.

Under Sheryl's direction the fundraising has brought major positive attention to the Rockford Community and as a result, the State of Illinois has made the 75th Anniversary of the Rockford Peaches a part of the State Bicentennial Celebration this year. News of this event became international when it was reported by a German newspaper.

I also wish to announce that this will be my last message as President. I will be stepping down effective June 30th. Being President has been exciting as well as challenging. It has also given me an interesting opportunity to work with others to help low-income women. Along with other members of AAUW, the League of Women Voters and Rockford Public Housing, I will be working to teach a disenfranchised group the importance of voting. We will be hosting "Why Vote" seminars to individuals not just in public housing but to the surrounding community as well. Our purpose is to help women stop being invisible and to be heard.

What an invigorating two years it has been, and I thank you all for this opportunity.

**Karen Hoffman, President**

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



## ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON STEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 AT 11:00AM**  
FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
5135 FOREST HILLS RD, ROCKFORD

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MAYOR TOM MCNAMARA**



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Be sure to reserve your spot and choose your meal. Registration form is the last page of this newsletter.



**Round Table Discussion Group**  
10:30am, Friday May 4  
at Katie's Cup

Noon on June 29 at  
**ThriveCafe**  
(6731 Broadcast Pkwy.)


**LET'S DO  
LUNCH**

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## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

**7.17.18** **TIP THE BARTENDER FOR  
STEM SCHOLARSHIPS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**  
**5PM-7PM**  
UNIVERSITY CLUB OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
945 N. MAIN STREET



**BRING A FRIEND...  
TIP THE BARTENDER...  
ENJOY SNACKS!**

Proceeds will fund scholarships for area female high school seniors who will be studying a STEM academic program in college.

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

March 1, 2018

#### **Operating Fund**

Beginning Balance \$3,550.78

#### ***Receipts***

Schnucks Scrip 31.96

#### ***Disbursements***

YWCA – Mailbox Rental  
60.00

Ending Balance @ April 5, 2018 \$3,522.74

#### **Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance & Ending Balance \$9,216.12

Checking balance 216.12

CD balance 9,000.00

Ending balance @ April 5, 2018 \$9,216.12

On April 5, 2018, we have 63 paid and 6 life members, for a total of 69 members.

#### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- Membership Information for membership and renewal can be found [here](#) on our website.
- Our branch events calendar is available under the “**LOCAL BRANCH**” menu option.
- If you smiled for a photo at a Branch event, you might be featured on our site. Check the “**PHOTOS**” menu option to see recent pictures



Rockford Member Sheryl Hall received the AAUW Illinois 2018 Agent of Change Award at the state convention in Lisle.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meeting dates are shown on our [online calendar](#) and are normally held on the first week of the month. Meetings start at 5:30pm and usually end by 7:30pm.

**Members are always welcome to attend.**



## STEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### Diane Kuehl

Congratulations to the four academic scholars who are being awarded the Rockford AAUW STEM Scholarship! AAUW Rockford received a record number again of 20 qualified applicants. The AAUW membership and guests will be able to hear from the students at the May 19<sup>th</sup> AAUW Annual Meeting.

STUDENT	SCHOOL	FIELD OF STUDY
Taylor Berke	Rockford Lutheran High School	Biological Sciences/PreMed/ Cancer Research
Annabelle Moore	Winnebago High School	Biomedical Engineering/Research/Nanotechnology
Payton Kammerer	Harlem High School	Conservation Biology/Ecology
Abigail Suleman	Auburn High School/RVC	Chemistry/ Doctors Without Borders/Research in socioeconomic barriers to treatment of diseases

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

### Barbara Simon

**Round Table Discussion Group** continues to meet on the first Friday at 10:30 at Katie's Cup. We will meet on May 4 and June 1 to continue our conversations about current AAUW topics. Dr. Christina Kamer is the discussion leader.

**April 14 at Indian Hill Manor.** The tour of the Bartlett home on the overlook of the Kishwaukee was delightful despite bad weather that day. Later we enjoyed a lunch at the Command Post Restaurant and enjoyed the ambiance of the WWI memorabilia.

**75<sup>th</sup> Peaches Weekend**—May 28 to June 3. It's getting exciting! Please send a note to Faye Marcus if you would like to volunteer or help in the preparation.

Summer Activities			
	<b>Round Table Discussion Group</b> 10:30am, Friday, June 1 at Katie's Cup	Noon on June 29 at <b>ThriveCafe</b> (6731 Broadcast Pkwy.)	
<b>Tip the Bartender</b> Tuesday, July 17th at The University Club			Noon on July 27 at <b>Fresco at Anderson Gardens</b> (318 Spring Creek Rd.)

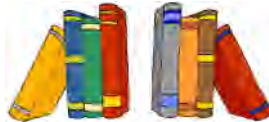
## BOOK BEAT READING LIST 2018

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

**May 15**      Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

Reviewer: Kathy Dierstein

Hostess: Karen Shifo



**June 19**      A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierly

Reviewer: Carol Jacobs

Hostess:

**July 17**      The Gilded Years by Karin Tanabe

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess:



# It's that time again!

**AAUW annual membership dues must be paid by July 1.**

Effective this year, you can renew your membership online at the AAUW National website at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). You will need your membership number (shown on the label of your national magazine) and the site password you created. If you haven't created an account yet, you must set one up before you can renew your membership online. A link and step-by-step renewal instructions are available in the **BRANCH RESOURCES** section on our website's [homepage](#).

If you would prefer to pay by check, please download and complete the membership form on our [local website](#) and return it with your check. Thanks!

**SITE:** <http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/>

## ROCKFORD PEACHES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 75th Peaches weekend (May 30 - June 3) is getting closer. Do you know about all the activities that will be happening this summer to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rockford Peaches – and the Illinois Bicentennial?



We need some more volunteers for Friday, June 1 at City Market and Saturday morning, June 2, for *Baseball In the STEAM Zone* (see next page) at Beyer field. The event will be a morning full of fun experiences for children and families. Volunteers will help at each station and punch the cards when children have completed an activity or hand out bags at the field entrances. Husbands and friends are welcome to help, too! Contact Faye Marcus to volunteer.

Diane Kuehl also needs people to be greeters on Friday evening. Bring your spouse or friend and greet people for an hour and then enjoy City Market.



## BASEBALL IN THE STEAM ZONE

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**Saturday, June 2, 2018**

**9 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

**Beyer Stadium (corner of 15th and Seminary)  
Rockford, Illinois**

#### YOUR STARTING LINEUP

Free Kids' Activities using baseball to learn about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), plus Nature and History at (13) Stations presented by:

Discovery Center, Rockford University, Auburn H.S., Rock Valley College, Rockford Art Museum, Severson Dells Nature Center, Midway Village Museum, Lori Beach-Grass, Lisa Weckerly and Ingrid Hyde.

#### SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

Enjoy FREE refreshments for the entire family in the IWBC tent across the street from the Beyer Stadium ball diamond.

#### YOUR EXTRA INNINGS

Check out the Baseball Skill Stations for Base Running and Pitch Radar Gun on the historic Beyer field where the Rockford Peaches played from 1943 - 1954! Meet a woman umpire and visit with a batting star!

#### MARKET AND FOOD VENDORS ACROSS FROM THE BEYER STADIUM DIAMOND

Harlem Veterans Project students will be recording stories and collecting memorabilia from the Rockford Peaches era. Check it out near the IWBC tent.

**With "Baseball in the STEAM Zone",  
every kid is a VIP player!**



It's fun to learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and math, plus history and nature, when you find out how all of these subjects you learn about in school can be applied to a sport like baseball!

Children and their families will be encouraged to also try hands-on baseball skill activities; plus have a chance to meet a woman umpire and a young batting star.

Cards will be distributed at Beyer Stadium entrances to be punched at (13) Stations on the field. With (10) punches from both "Your Starting Lineup" and "Your Extra Innings" stations, the card can be turned in across the street in the IWBC tent to receive a Rockford Peaches 75th Anniversary embroidered patch. It looks just like the logo at the top of this card!



"Baseball in the STEAM Zone" is brought to you by the International Women's Baseball Center (IWBC).

IWBC would like to thank the American Association of University Women Rockford Area Branch for organizing the event and a special thank you to all of the stellar Community Partners presenting at Beyer Stadium.



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## FROM OUR PARTNERS AT IWBC



# MAY 30-JUNE 3 2018 BASEBALL EQUIPMENT DRIVE FOR GHANA



**Please bring any used or new gear to donate to any of the Rockford Peaches 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events happening in Rockford Illinois.**

We are aiming to outfit 3 youth (13u) and 1 adult baseball teams in ACCRA, GHANA. 95 players total ranging from age 7 to 20.

All donations are welcome. A full list is available upon request.

3 Youth Teams – 23 players each – need gloves, full uniform, cleats, batting gloves, socks, baseball hats, team t-shirts, and shared team gear – catcher's gear, bats, practice and games balls, equipment bags and coaching manuals, scorebooks, line-up card books.

1 Adult Team – 26 players – same as above

[www.internationalwomensbaseballcenter.org](http://www.internationalwomensbaseballcenter.org)

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THEIR Love of the  
Game!**

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Baseball Players  
Need Your Support**

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Prizes for YOU our  
donors**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE  
receipts provided  
for donated value  
over \$250**

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For the benefit of

**Youth Network Baseball  
and Softball Academy -  
Ghana (YONBSA)**



American Association of University Women  
Rockford Area Branch

## AAUW ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON STEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00am

Forest Hills Country Club

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara**

### LUNCHEON CHOICES

- A. Caramel Apple Salad — \$15.00
- B. Southwest BBQ Chicken Salad — \$20.00
- C. Marinated Sirloin Steak Salad — \$25.00

*All selections served with bread, coffee/hot tea, and sherbet. Tax and service charge included.*

Name

Entrée

Name

Entrée

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Entrée

Mail form and check payable to **AAUW ROCKFORD**  
to Regina Potts, 4907 Streamside Dr., Rockford, IL 61111.  
RESERVATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MAY 15.



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