

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019

Friday, Jan.25: 12:00pm at Jerry's Café (Brynwood Square) – Let's Do Lunch

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

Saturday, Feb.16: 10:00am at Rockford Art Museum – Lecture & Box Lunch – Regional Women Artists – Amy Ortiz, Ph.D., RAM Lecturer

Tuesday, Feb.19: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Wednesday, Feb.20: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Friday, Feb.22: 12:00pm at The Norwegian (1402 N. Main St.) – Let's Do Lunch

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

Tuesday, Mar.19: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Wednesday, Mar.20: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Saturday, Mar.23: 1pm at Lakeside Shelter House (4188 Lakeside Dr.) - Lisa Day, Farrier

Friday, Mar.29: 12:00pm at Sisters Thai Café (614 E. State) – Let's Do Lunch

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

Tuesday, Apr.9: Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, Apr.16: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Tuesday, Apr.16: 6:30pm at Fisher Chapel (Rockford University) – RU Global Studies Program – Maria Diemer, RU Coordinator

Wednesday, Apr.17: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Friday, Apr.26: 12:00pm at Hoffman House – Let's Do Lunch

(2018—2019 Calendar continues on final page)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2019 will be an exciting year for AAUW Rockford Area Branch as we will begin celebrating our 90th Anniversary with both fun and meaningful activities. The 90th Team has already arranged for a series of articles to be published each month about our history. Faye Marcus wrote [the first one](#) which focused on the beginnings of AAUW and motivating factors. Each article will describe a decade of history and will include the people and issues of the day.

The **Women's History Tour** from October 20 – 26 is part of our celebration. The brochure is on page 3. We hope that you are considering joining with AAUW members and guests to tour Seneca Falls, Hyde Park, NY and Boston. We will open the trip to all AAUW-IL members beginning in February so please put your deposit in soon.

To continue our commitment to make Rockford a community that is supportive to women, the board has voted to offer the **Work Smart** program here in Rockford. You will be hearing from the Work Smart team soon.

Please join in for our **NEW MEMBERS EVENT on Jan. 30** at Tavern On Clark. There will be short presentations about AAUW and branch activities plus lots of social time to meet and greet our new members.

The board has adopted a resolution to support the Family Justice Center. It states:

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes, in homes, schools, work places, and communities.

In line with our Public Policy priorities, AAUW Rockford Area Branch resolves to support the Family Justice Center.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to plan for continuing leadership for our branch. Please say **yes** to helping the Branch be a viable and visible part of the Rockford community.

Please join in also for the next two branch events—**Feb. 16 at 10:00 am at Rockford Art Museum** for a lecture entitled Regional Women Artists and **Mar. 23, 1:00 pm** for a talk by a woman in a non-traditional field, farrier Lisa Day.

Judy Schultz and Barbara Simon, Co-Presidents

Our Upcoming Events

Join us to welcome our new members.



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NEW MEMBERS



Wednesday, January 30 - 6:00pm
Dinner at Tavern On Clark

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

Lecture – Regional Women Artists

Dr. Amy Ortiz, Professor of Art History, McHenry Community College

Rockford Art Museum – 711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

10:00am, Feb. 16, 2019 in the RAM Annex, across foyer from RAM



Program will focus on regional women artists and highlight a number of artists within RAM's collection.



Open to the public

Cost: \$15.00 for lecture + Panera box lunch



Sponsored by Rockford Area Branch
American Association of University Women

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

Join our October 2019 Women's History Tour



Seneca Falls & Women's History Tour

Sponsored by AAUW Rockford Area Branch

Scheduled Departure
October 20-26, 2019



Purpose: 2019 marks the 99th anniversary of the ratification of women's suffrage amendment which came about only as the result of tireless effort over many decades. It is our hope that this tour will inspire us in the 21st century to move the mantle forward as we seek a nation and world that embraces the unbounded abilities, ideas, and leadership that women have to offer.

Overview: To prepare for 2020's year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women winning the vote, consider joining us on this inspiring 7-day tour of many notable sites associated with the history of American women. The tour includes: Susan B. Anthony's home, Seneca Falls sites including Wesleyan Chapel and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, Harriet Tubman site, Val-Kill (Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage), Emily Dickinson's home, Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, and the Abigail Adams site. The tour will also feature FDR's home- Springwood, the Vanderbilt Mansion at Hyde Park, Concord historical sites, JFK Presidential Library, a winery in the Finger Lakes region, and a city tour of Boston.

GVG TOURS

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- The tour is open to 48 northern Illinois region AAUW members and spouses or friends.
- Tour will be handicapped accessible.
- Deposit to reserve your place is \$500.00 per person due at registration. The balance will be due by July 20, 2019.
- If you choose to purchase trip insurance, that amount must be paid with your deposit.

Brief Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Buffalo, Susan B. Anthony's home, Hotel: Rochester, NY

Day 2: Seneca Falls, Hunt and McClintock homes, winery, Hotel: Auburn, NY

Day 3: Tubman site, Val-Kill, Springwood, Hotel: Hyde Park, NY

Day 4: Vanderbilt Mansion, Emily Dickinson home, Concord, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 5: Louisa May Alcott Orchard House, JFK Presidential Library, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 6: Abigail Adams site, Boston city tour or walk The Freedom Trail, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 7: Free morning in Boston, Fly home



Tour Price: \$1,975
Single Supplement: \$470

Your Tour Includes:

- Bus Transportation to and from Midway Airport in Chicago
- Round-trip Airfare
- Accommodations
- Luggage Handling
- All Admissions
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- 12 Meals (daily breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners)

The Following is NOT Included:

- Personal Items
- Optional Insurance For Health, Baggage & Cancellation (available & recommended)

Deposit:
\$500

Travel Insurance:

Covers cancellation, medical and travel related issues. (must be purchased at time of deposit)
Double: \$160 per person
Single: \$125 per person

Registration Form- Seneca Falls & Women's History Tour

Name as it appears on your driver's license (TSA requirement)

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ (TSA requirement)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

If you are a member of an AAUW chapter, please write in the location _____

Travel Protection (cancellation, medical, travel issues)

____ I want to purchase the insurance

____ I decline the insurance

Credit Card Info

Number _____ Expiration _____ Sec. Code _____

Return this form and deposit to: GVG Tours, PO Box 429, Clinton, WI 53525

Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, you will receive a confirmation email with a receipt and trip preparation information. This email will come from gvgtours@gmail.com which is serving as the tour agent.

2019 marks the 99th Anniversary of the ratification of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. We thought that it would be fun for our branch to honor this anniversary and our Branch's 90th year by coordinating this tour.

Download the brochure [here](#) on our website.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Send \$500 deposit per person (plus amount for travel insurance if chosen) with this form. Balance due by July 20, 2019. Indicate "single" or "double" in memo line.

PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

The Attack on Title IX

TITLE IX of the Education Amendments was signed into law in June 1972 by President Nixon. It was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, not only in sports but in all educational programs. It covers women and girls, boys and men, staff and students in any educational institution that receives any amount of federal funds. This includes local school districts, community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, technical schools, for-profit schools, museums and libraries.





Since the passage of TITLE IX, opponents have sought to weaken it primarily through its athletic requirements. Maybe you have heard of the “Boy Crisis” where expanded educational and athletic opportunities for girls have come at the expense of boys. “*Where the Girls Are*” – AAUW’S report released in 2008 found no evidence of this so-called boy crisis. A crisis exists, but it is a crisis for African-American, Hispanic, and lower income students, not based on gender or sex.

Currently the U.S. Department of Education, under Secretary Betsy DeVos, is systematically working to dismantle TITLE IX protections. Critical guidance documents were rescinded in September 2017. Now the Dept. of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to TITLE IX’s regulations. This would have significant implications for students’ civil rights and for federal enforcement of the law. Some of these rescinded documents would provide much-needed clarification on what educational institutions must do to protect students – male and female – from sexual harassment and discrimination in educational programs of all kinds.

What does this mean for Women and Girls? Make no mistake – the actions taken by the Dept. of Education amount to a blatant rollback of strong and necessary protections for students who are survivors of sexual assault. AAUW stands with survivors and remains committed to protect and defend TITLE IX as the organization has since 1972.

What can you do? From now until January 28, you can contact the Dept. of Education with your concerns regarding these changes. Go to the AAUW national site for [more information](#). Become an AAUW advocate!

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p>Round Table Discussion Group 10:30am, Friday, Feb.1 & March 1 at Katie’s Cup</p>	<p>Noon on Friday, Jan. 25 at Jerry’s Café (Brynwood) & Feb. 22 at The Norwegian</p> 
<p>Book Beat – Tuesday, Feb. 19 & March 19 at 12:45pm</p> 	 <p>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday, Feb.20 & March 20 at Wesley Willows Town Hall</p>
<p>AAUW ROCKFORD BRANCH ONLINE CALENDAR</p>	

AAUW FUNDS REPORT – SHERYL ALMQUIST HALL

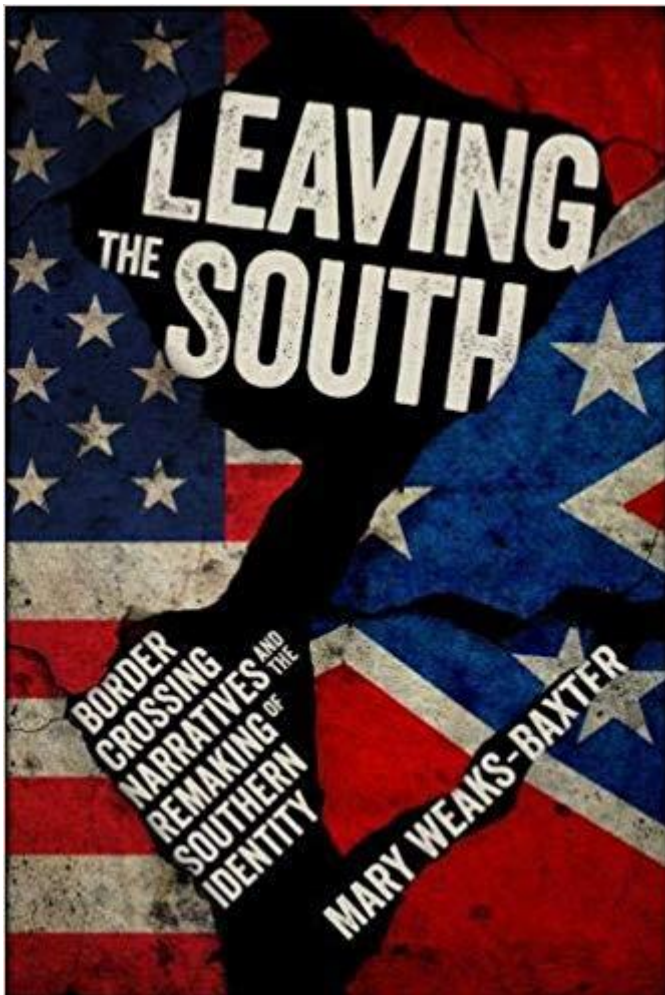
Thank you to our participating Rockford Area Branch members for helping us far surpass our goal of \$500.00 at the Holiday luncheon in December. Drumroll, please....

Our "No Silent Auction Fundraiser" brought in \$1,170.00, more than doubling our 2018 Branch goal! This important annual year-end fundraiser benefits "The AAUW Fund", our national support arm for a myriad of programs vital to our organization at all levels -- National, State and Branch.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations for the drawing that accompanied the fundraiser: Lallygag Boutique, Petals & Pickins', SPoRT Makeup and Vicki Rudh-Jones, PT. And as always, thank you to Faye Marcus for her help in rounding up our drawing giveaways.

BRANCH MEMBER PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

Congratulations to Rockford Branch member and one of our Rockford University liaisons, Dr. Mary Weeks-Baxter, on the publication of her newest book [Leaving the South](#) by the University Press of Mississippi.



From the publisher:

How narratives about mass migration from the South reconstructed southern identity

Millions of Southerners left the South in the twentieth century in a mass migration that has, in many ways, rewoven the fabric of American society on cultural, political, and economic levels. Because the movements of Southerners—and people in general—are controlled not only by physical boundaries marked on a map but also by narratives that define movement, narrative is central in building and sustaining borders and in breaking them down. In *Leaving the South: Border Crossing Narratives and the Remaking of Southern Identity*, author Mary Weeks-Baxter analyzes narratives by and about those who left the South and how those narratives have remade what it means to be southern.

Drawing from a broad range of narratives, including literature, newspaper articles, art, and music, Weeks-Baxter outlines how these displacement narratives challenged concepts of Southern nationhood and redefined Southern identity.

The book is available for purchase through [Amazon](#) or the [University Press of Mississippi](#).

AAUW – Out and About



STEM Scholarship display at Rockford Public Library's
Dec. 4th Scholarship Fair



High school senior Fiona Hunt provided entertainment for our
holiday banquet. She hopes to study music at NIU next fall. Her
harp is shorter than most because it uses levers at the top
instead of pedals at the bottom to make sharps and flats.



Holiday banquet prize table and decorations



Thank you to AAUW Board members who provided a meal at Carpenter's Place.
Katy Paterson, Faye Marcus, Regina Potts and Barbara Simon prepared and
delivered a delicious dinner for nine women residents.

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.

Jan. 15 *House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Enid Michalowski

Feb. 19 *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

Reviewer: Carol Jacobs

Hostess: Barbara Simon

March 19 *The Optimists Daughter* by Eudora Welty

Reviewer: Ruth Siegfried

Hostess: Ruth Siegfried n



April 16 *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess: Faye Marcus & Pat Gomez

May 21 *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Reviewer: ~TBD~

Hostess: Diane Kuehl

June 18 *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Reviewer: Kathy Dierstein

Hostess: Karen Shifo

REGISTER STAR ARTICLE ON AAUW HISTORY

As part of our branch's year-long 90th anniversary celebration, we will have an article published monthly in the Register Star. You can read the inaugural article online at:

www.rstar.com/opinion/20190104/another-view-aauw-has-empowered-women-since-1881

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome new members who have recently joined. Please cut and attach to your yearbook.

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MSW U of I retired

Please come and meet them on Jan. 30 at Tavern On Clark!

Remember that inviting potential members to our events is the best way to get new members.

Treasurer's Report —Katy Paterson

January 16, 2019

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance \$4,336.73

Receipts

Schnucks Scrip Rebate 28.74

Dues 189.50

Holiday Luncheon 725.00

Holiday Fundraiser 1,170.00

Disbursements

Dues 113.00

Directory mailing & banner 75.86

Insurance 185.00

Holiday Luncheon 633.04

Holiday Fundraiser 1,170.00

Holiday Program 100.00

Tip the Bartender 16.61

Expense

Ending Balance @ January 16, 2019 **\$4,239.85**

Scholarship Fund

Beginning & Ending Balance

CD 9,000.00

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Ending balance @ January 16, 2019 **\$10,094.12**

We have 71 members.

HAVE YOU SEEN / DID YOU KNOW?

- You can download our entire year's calendar in printable format [here](#).
- See [Comcast's interview](#) of Faye Marcus.
- AAUW members receive a discount at Office Depot and OfficeMax stores.
- [Branch bylaws](#) are also posted on our website.
- If you smiled for a Branch event photo, you might be featured on our site. Check the "PHOTOS" menu option!

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are shown on our [online calendar](#) and are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Board Room at Wesley Willows Town Center, 4142 Johns Farm Rd., Rockford. Meetings start at 6:30pm and usually end by 8:30pm.

Members are always welcome to attend.

Be sure to welcome our newest members –

Allyson Broman Conn, Carol Foster, and returning member Sandra Locke.

WHEN DID YOU LAST CHECK THE BRANCH WEBSITE?

- We publish new content from AAUW National on our local website. You can read the latest articles on our site under the "**NATIONAL**" menu option.
- There is a calendar for branch events available under the "**LOCAL BRANCH**" menu option.



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.

National organization Art Contest



Are you looking to showcase your artistic talent? The annual AAUW Art Contest is underway, and it's a terrific opportunity to display your work! Enter now and vote later for your favorite entries.

This year, they will give special preference to entries that reflect AAUW's mission, vision and values:

1. Advancing equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy
2. Equity for All
3. Nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion and intersectionality

Through February 7, submit an electronic version of your design to the [AAUW Art Contest web page](#). Your entry can be photography, a digital photo of your painting, drawing, sculpture, or any other form of visual art. AAUW members can vote for their favorite images once a day from February 12 until February 26. The winning entries as well as the artists' biographies will be featured on a collection of AAUW notecards that will be mailed to members this spring.

For more information, to submit artwork, and to see last year's art gallery, please visit the [AAUW Art Contest web page](#) at <https://www.aauw.org/contests/>.

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Friday, May 3: 10:30am at Katie's Cup –

Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

Friday & Saturday, May 3-4 – AAUW-IL State Convention – Springfield

Wednesday, May 15: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Saturday, May 18 11:00am at Forest Hills Country Club – Annual Meeting and Luncheon, STEM Scholarship Awards

Tuesday, May 21: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Friday, May 31: 12:00pm at TBD – Let's Do Lunch

Friday, June 7: 10:30am at Katie's Cup – Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

Tuesday, June 18: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Wednesday, June 19: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – AAUW Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16 at the University Club – Tip the Bartender 2019

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