

**AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019**

 **Summer Events** 

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

**Wednesday, June 12: 5:30pm—7:30pm – 3631**  
**Calderwood Dr., Rockford** – Wine & Cheese Party  
to welcome newer members and catch up with old  
friends at Barbara Simon's home.

**Tuesday, June 18: 12:45pm** – Book Beat

**Wednesday, June 19: 5:30pm at Lakeside Shelter**  
**House (4188 Lakeside Dr.)** – AAUW Rockford  
Branch Board Meeting

**Friday, June 28: 12:00pm – The Olympic Tavern --**  
Let's Do Lunch

**Tuesday, July 16: 5:00pm—7:00pm -- University**  
**Club, 945 N. Main St., Rockford** – Tip the Bartender  
2019

**Friday, July 26: 12:00pm — MOD Pizza, 6470 E.**  
**State St., Rockford** – Let's Do Lunch

**Friday, Aug. 23: 12:00pm — Great Wall Chinese**  
**Restaurant, 4228 E. State St., Rockford** – Let's Do  
Lunch

**Saturday, Sept.21: 11:00am—1:30pm -- 90<sup>th</sup>**  
Branch Birthday Bash at Franchesco's Restaurant.  
AAUW Rockford Branch celebrates its 90th  
anniversary with a luncheon birthday bash.

**Saturday, Sept.28: 10:00am—12:30pm at Katie's**  
**Cup** – Work Smart. Rockford Area Branch sponsors  
Work Smart Program.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The purpose of this short summer *Initiative* is to share the news about our wonderful scholarship winners. These four young women were a delight to hear at the annual meeting and we wanted to let everyone read about them.

Thank you to Diane Kuehl and the Scholarship Team for your work this spring and the article about the STEM winners.

As you can see to the left, we have four important dates this summer & early fall! Please put these dates on your calendar and join in the fun.

Two new members joined at the annual meeting—**Meredith Stoll and Terri Schierer**. You can welcome them, other new members this year and old friends at the **Wine & Cheese Party** on June 12. Please bring other prospective members to learn about our branch and meet our members.

Bring your friends, buy a drink, **Tip the Bartender** and enjoy games and appetizers on **July 16**. This is our annual fundraiser for the scholarships for area female high school seniors who will study a STEM academic program in college. You can also stay and enjoy dinner at the U-Club.

**Save the date to launch our 2019-20 year: September 21, 2019.** This will be our **90<sup>th</sup> Branch Birthday Bash**. Many surprises await so please put it on your calendar and plan to invite friends. More information will follow.

Lastly, we are excited to offer the **Work Smart** program on **September 28**. This is a national training program to teach women how to negotiate pay raises and, thereby, improve their ability to achieve equity in the workplace.

See you soon!

**Judy Schultz and Barbara Simon, Co-Presidents**

**Don't let this happen to you**



Renew  
today

**Remember -- your \$86.00 annual membership dues must be paid before June 30.**

You can renew online at the national site ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org)). at our upcoming June get-together, or complete the [form](#) on our website and mail it to Treasurer Agnes Cooling.

## Our Upcoming Events



Join us at AAUW's  
Wine & Cheese  
Membership Event

Wednesday, June 12  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Barbara Simon's home  
3631 Calderwood Drive  
Rockford



Join Women's March Rockford for

**refreshments  
& conversation**

Friday, June 14, 2019, 5-7 p.m.  
at 317 Market Street Gallery



**BRING A FRIEND  
MAKE A FRIEND  
SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES**

after our mixer

WALK TO THE MURAL DEPICTING  
WORLD WAR II PILOT, ELIZABETH GARDNER,  
6:30 P.M. AT 211 E. STATE STREET,  
WEATHER PERMITTING

ENJOY A NIGHT IN ROCKFORD'S DOWNTOWN:  
THE CITY MARKET WILL BE OPEN  
AS WILL ALL RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS!



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**SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDRAISER**

7.16.19 **TIP THE BARTENDER FOR  
STEM SCHOLARSHIPS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019  
5PM-7PM**  
UNIVERSITY CLUB OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
945 N. MAIN STREET

BUY A DRINK...  
TIP THE BARTENDER...  
LIGHT SNACKS!

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



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



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**It's our 90th  
birthday!**

AAUW ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

TIME TO CELEBRATE!  
Saturday,  
September 21, 2019  
11:00 am to 1:30 pm  
Franchesco's

**Save September 21 for our 90th Birthday Bash.**

## AAUW STEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES FOR 2019

The AAUW STEM Scholarship Awardees for 2019 were introduced at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May. The Awardees shared insight and passion for their STEM majors by describing the spark that started their path and where they hope to contribute to the challenges of this world in the future. Here are some highlights of these talented future leaders in STEM careers.



**Melis Dik** is graduating from Auburn High School ranking first in her class of 299 students in the Gifted Academy. Melis was active at Auburn in many organizations including Key Club (President), Math Team, Model UN, and Scholastic Bowl (Captain). She also volunteered over 600 hours in many community organizations. Melis is going to study Biochemical Science at Johns Hopkins University where she hopes to eventually serve an organization akin to Doctors without Borders.

**Alison Lawrence** is graduating from Hononegah High School as a Scholar Athlete being in the top 3 of her class of 490 students. Alison was active in many school groups including Cross Country, Track & Field, Student Council and National Youth Leadership Summit. She has volunteered on many trips including Tanzania where she found her passion at the Plaster House surgery. Alison will be studying Pre-Medicine at Augustana College.





**Hsing-Yng “Winnie” Louh** is graduating from Hononegah High School at the top of her class of 490 students with perfect national testing scores. Winnie was active in school and community activities including Class President all four years, Math Team Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, and Tennis. Winnie is also a percussionist for the Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra. Winnie will be studying Statistics at Rice University.

**Alicia Repka** is graduating from Hononegah High School in the top three of her class of 490 as a National Merit Finalist, and NIC-10 Scholar Athlete. Alicia was active in many school organizations including Cross Country, Math Team (President), Materials Science Engineering Camp (U of I) and Stanford Pre-Collegiate Engineering Program. Alicia will study Biomedical Engineering at Washington University where she will prepare to design prosthetics and implants.



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## REGISTER STAR ARTICLE ON AAUW HISTORY

As part of our branch’s year-long 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we are publishing a monthly article in the Register Star. You can read the most recent one: “90 years of AAUW looking at the world, working in Rockford” online at:

[www.rstar.com/opinion/20190504/their-view-90-years-of-aauw-looking-at-world-working-in-rockford](http://www.rstar.com/opinion/20190504/their-view-90-years-of-aauw-looking-at-world-working-in-rockford)

## WORK SMART





In April Rockford Branch members attended the AAUW Illinois State Conference. There we learned that the Coca Cola Company had donated \$500,000 to AAUW for the purpose of providing access to women across the US to AAUW's online Work Smart program. In return for that donation, AAUW is expected to engage 100,000 women in Work Smart.

To help meet that goal, I presented the online Work Smart Program at April's Rockford Housing Authority meeting, where I am the Board Chair. I provided the website information to Director of the Job Readiness Programs and asked that she review it for the women enrolled from RHA in her programs. She went online and was so impressed that she has now removed the previous negotiation skills component to replace it with AAUW's Work Smart Program. The classes are called Liferforce Development and Bridges Over Poverty. Those programs are well-respected throughout the country and RHA will be receiving an award for those classes in Boston in July 2019. Imagine, the classes are already nationally recognized and are now going to be made even better with the assistance of AAUW! I thank Coca Cola, AAUW, and the Rockford Housing Authority for helping move low-income women in Rockford forward in their quest for self-sufficiency and independence.

The website is [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org). It is available to both men and women and can be used to learn the art of negotiating, not just for salaries but for any area – like buying a car – where negotiating skills give someone a better chance of achieving their goal.

-Karen Hoffman

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p><b>Round Table Discussion Group</b> 10:30am, Friday, June 7 at Katie's Cup</p>	<p>Noon on Friday, June 28 at The Olympic Tavern and July 26 at MOD Pizza</p> 
<p><b>Book Beat</b> – Tuesday, June 18 &amp; July 16 at 12:45pm</p> 	 <p><b>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm</b> Wednesday, June 19 at Lakeside Shelter House</p>
<p><a href="#">AAUW ROCKFORD BRANCH ONLINE CALENDAR</a></p>	

## 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.

**June 18** *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Reviewer: Kathy Dierstein

Hostess: Faye Marcus



**July 16** *The Accidental President* by A.J. Blaine

Reviewer: Diane Kuehl

Hostess: Karen Shifo

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome new members who have recently joined: Meredith Stoll and Terri Schierer. Their information will be included in the next yearbook.

*Please come and meet them at our Wine & Cheese Party on June 12 and remember that inviting potential members to our events is the best way to get new members.*