

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019-2020

Friday, Sep.6: 10:30am at Katie's Cup — Roundtable Discussion Group, Dr. Christina Kamer

Tuesday, Sept.17: 12:45pm — Book Beat

Wednesday, Sept.18: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept.21: 11am at Franchesco's — 90th Branch Birthday Bash — "AAUW Rockford Branch Through the Decades: 1929–2019"

Friday, Sept.27: 12pm at Ronit's Kitchen, 116 N. Madison St. (Rockford Indoor City Market) — Let's Do Lunch

Saturday, Sept.28: 10am-12:30pm at Katie's Cup — AAUW Work Smart Negotiation Workshop

Friday, Oct.4: 10:30am at Katie's Cup — Roundtable Discussion Group, Dr. Christina Kamer

Thursday, Oct.10: 6–8pm at North Suburban Library — Mary Rose Fillip: W.A.S.P. (Women's Ambulance Safety Patrol) Historical program

Tuesday, Oct.15: 12:45pm — Book Beat

Wednesday, Oct.16: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Saturday, Oct.19 — District 4 and 5 Meeting

Sunday, Oct.20-26 — Seneca Falls & Women's History Bus Tour

Friday, Oct.25: 12pm at Cucina di Rosa, 1620 N. Bell School Rd. (across from the Golf Shack) — Let's Do Lunch

Wednesday, Oct.30: 11:30am at City Hall — Press Conference announcing Women's Suffrage Centennial 2020

Friday, Nov.1: 10:30am at Katie's Cup — Roundtable Discussion Group, Dr. Christina Kamer

Wednesday, Nov.13: 6–8pm, North Suburban Library — Linda Zuba: Immigration issues

Tuesday, Nov.19: 12:45pm — Book Beat

Wednesday, Nov.20: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Planning for our Branch's **90th Anniversary** and executing those plans has resulted in many, many meetings for us as co-presidents. We find it exciting to bring the ideas to fruition and we thank the teams that worked on each element: **Funds, Scholarship, Work Smart, 90th Celebration and Programs.**

"Tip the Bartender" earned a sum of \$5585.01 which surpassed last year's total of \$5033.00. Thanks to Diane and Ed Kuehl for hosting us at the U-Club, the Scholarship and Funds teams, Funds Chair Sheryl Hall and Treasurer Agnes Cooling. We especially thank the board members who provided the matching funds this year. And, we gained three new members at the event!

The **articles in the RRStar** have been fascinating and remind us of all the people who have been involved over the past 90 years. The women have changed but AAUW's mission has stayed the same—educating women and girls and advocating for an equal playing field for salaries and careers. Thank you to everyone who took a turn writing an article and to Sharon Boehlefeld who served as editor each month.

A culmination of our mission will take place on **September 28—the first AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop** in Rockford. Up to 40 women will meet at Katie's Cup to learn how to confidently negotiate for a new job, raise or promotion. Our facilitators will be Branch member Christina Kamer and Lisa Cherry, an AAUW facilitator from Wheaton-Glen Ellyn. Thank you, Work Smart Team!

Branch members may observe the workshop but please let us know if you plan to come. **People may sign up for the workshop on our website, rockfordarea-il.aauw.net.**

Our **90th Birthday Bash on Sept. 21** will be emceed by Judge Rosemary Collins. A famous woman from each decade will be represented by a member or guest. There will be surprises, a 50/50 game, good food and fellowship and cupcakes! **Please reserve by September 13. You won't want to miss it!** Thank you, Sheryl Hall, and 90th team!

Lastly, our programs for 2019-20 are announced here and in the yearbook that will be passed out at the luncheon. Thanks to Zoe Norwood, Diana Vlase and the Program Team, we have an exciting year ahead.

We were complimented at the recent State Board meeting on our successful initiatives and activities. Let's keep that momentum going by attending meetings, bringing new members and participating in an AAUW mission!

Judy Schultz and Barbara Simon, Co-Presidents

Friday, Nov.22: Ciao Bella, 6500 E. Riverside —
Let's Do Lunch

Friday, Dec.6: 10:30am at Katie's Cup —
Roundtable Discussion Group, Dr. Christina Kamer

Saturday, Dec.7: 10am, Giovanni's — Holiday
Brunch, Mary Ann Pressman on The Good Dishes

Wednesday, Jan.15: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Jan. date/time TBA: RVC — Film presentation —
"Iron Jawed Angels"

Tuesday, Feb.18 at TBA — Dr. Catherine Forslund &
Prof. Paulette Gilbert: "Overview of the Suffrage
Movement"

Wednesday, Feb.19: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Saturday, Mar.7 — Dinner at Abreo and RSO
Concert "Women Rock"

Wednesday, Mar.18: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Tuesday, Mar.31 — Equal Pay Day at RU

Wednesday, Apr.15: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

April TBA: at TBA — "Meet the Suffragists"

Saturday, May 16: 11am at GreenFire — Annual
Meeting and Presentation of Scholarships

Wednesday, May 20: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jun.24: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley
Willows Town Center — AAUW Board Meeting

Thursday-Saturday, Jun.18-20: Quad Cities —
AAUW Regional Convention

Tuesday, Jul.21: 5-7pm at University Club — Tip
the Bartender

Tuesday, Aug.18: Time TBD at Prairie Street
Brewhouse — "Sippin' with Suffragists"

*Remember –inviting potential members to events
is a great way to get new members. Please join us
for a year of wonderful programs!*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome new members who have recently joined. Please keep this information until you receive your yearbook.

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Our Upcoming Events



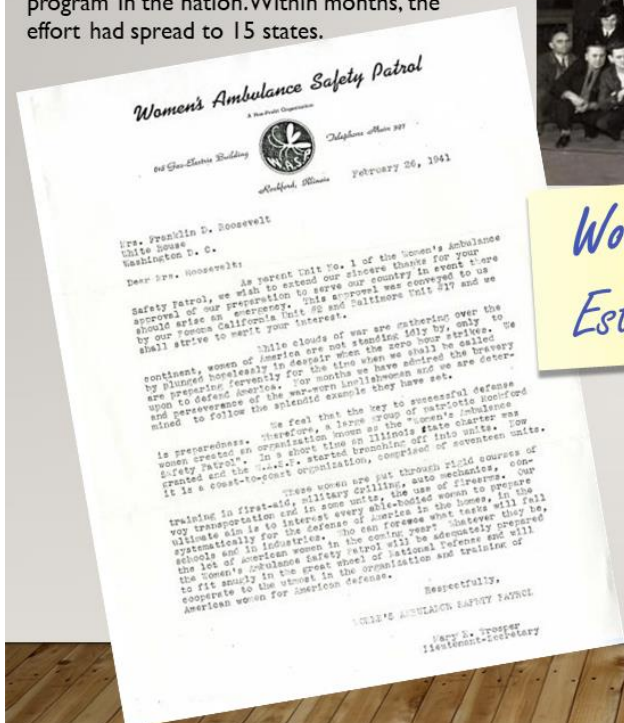
*Have you reserved
your spot yet?*

It's our Branch 's
birthday so let's
celebrate!

Be sure to reserve
your seat for our 90th
Birthday Bash on
Saturday, Sept. 21.

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

On April 3, 1940, Rockford women founded W.A.S.P. – the first women's ambulance program in the nation. Within months, the effort had spread to 15 states.



*Women's Ambulance Safety Patrol
Est. April 3, 1940 in Rockford, IL*

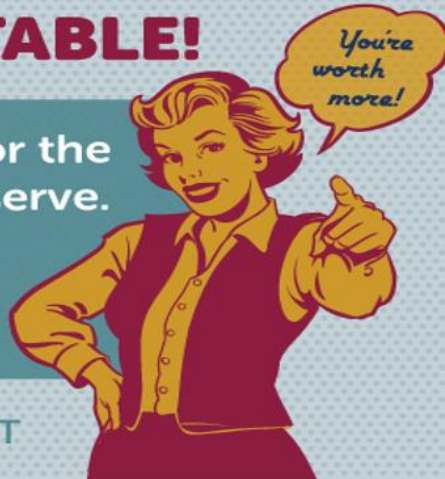


Join us Thursday, Oct. 10 from 6 – 8pm at the North Suburban Library for a program on W.A.S.P. History presented by Veteran's Memorial Hall & Museum volunteer Mary Rose Fillip.

DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE!

You can ask for the salary you deserve.

Attend our AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop for women.



Attend an AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop for women

AAUW Work Smart is designed to help experienced working women negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. In this 2½ hour workshop you'll gain confidence in your negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role-play.

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Location: Katie's Cup, 502 7th St., Rockford IL

Cost: Free and open to the public, registration required.

Registration available at: <https://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/>

Limited to 40 participants.

Hosted by AAUW Rockford Area Branch.

SPONSORS



REMINDER...

Check your email for a printable copy of this flyer to use to let your coworkers know about our upcoming Work Smart workshop.

Register online at:

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

Please plan to join us at the Oct. 30th City Hall press conference at 11:30 a.m. announcing the
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL
2020 NORTHERN ILLINOIS CELEBRATION




BRANCH CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY WITH BIRTHDAY BASH

The AAUW Rockford Area Branch will celebrate 90 years with a luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Franchesco's Ristorante, 7128 Spring Creek Rd., from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ninety years of fashion and the important women who championed issues important to AAUW's mission in each decade will be featured in a show called "AAUW Rockford Branch through the Decades – 1929 to 2019". Women featured will include one of the founders of the Rockford Branch, Mildred Berry, Rockford College (University) professor in the 1930s; Eleanor Roosevelt in the 1940s, best known for her 1948 charter of liberties, "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights"; the Rockford Peaches and the players of the AAGPBL in the 1950s who paved the way for Title IX by virtue of their professional baseball careers; Betty Freidan, co-founder of the National Organization of Women (NOW) in the 1960s; Gloria Steinem, co-founder of Ms. and New York magazines in the 1970s, who began Take Our Daughters to Work Day; U.S. Representative Patsy Mink who co-sponsored Title IX legislation in the 1980s; Mae Jemison, physician and first African American woman to travel into space in the 1990s; Lilly Ledbetter who fought to close the gap between women's and men's wages in the 2000s. The 2010s representative is a tightly held secret and will only be revealed at the luncheon.

Emcee for the luncheon will be Judge Rosemary Collins. Judge Collins will also speak to "Women in Leadership".



We're 90 years young!

Your gift serves two purposes:

- To sustain our Branch over the next five years so local dues will remain the same.
- To support outreach into the community.

Help us reach our goal of \$2,019.00 to celebrate all we have achieved in 90 years!

A minimum \$15 donation enters your name to win our 90th Anniversary pendant/charm created by Rockford artist Mona Lindvall. Winner drawn Sept. 21st. Need not be present to win.

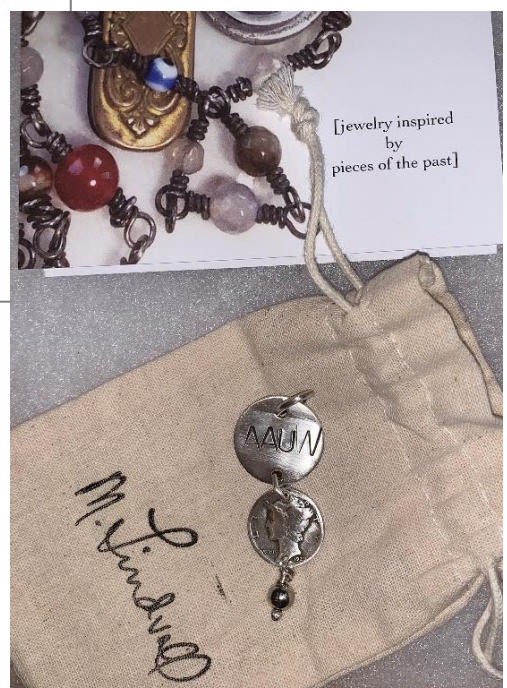
YES! I want to help my Rockford Area Branch reach our goal of \$2,019.00.

_____ \$25
 _____ \$50
 _____ \$75
 _____ **\$90**
 _____ Other

Make your check out to:
 "AAUW Rockford"
 Please write "90th" in the memo line.

Bring on Sept. 21st or send in the enclosed envelope to:
 Sheryl Hall, AAUW Funds Chair
 6171 Muirfield Ln.
 Rockford, IL 61114

Contribute at least \$15.00 to the 90th Fund (before or during the luncheon) to have your name entered in a drawing to win a special 90th anniversary charm.



PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

AAUW supports the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status. This statement shows our public policy regarding immigrants and refugees. This includes those coming to our Southern borders seeking asylum.

I hope many of you were able to attend presentations by Linda Zuba and David Black regarding their horrifying experiences on the Texas border and in Tijuana, Mexico. AAUW Rockford was a sponsor of the Lights for Liberty event on July 12. Linda will be speaking to AAUW in November. More information will follow.

Here are some ways to help Asylum Seekers, Refugees, At Risk Immigrants, Unaccompanied Minors, and the Reunification of Families.





- Stay informed and share accurate information
- Speak out against injustices and spread the word about ways to help
- Contact your Senator and Congressperson. The D.C. switchboard is **202-224-3121**.
- Here are some things to tell them: Stop separating families; reunite families; inspect detention centers and holding cells for human rights violations; improve detention conditions; close the detention centers and release children and adults to their families or sponsors that live in the USA. Use family case management or other alternatives to detention. Urge passage of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Address the root causes of the reasons for the mass exodus from Central American countries: Pass the Central American Reform and Enforcement Act.
- Write a letter to the editor.

Here are some organizations where you can make donations. Any amount will help.

- Al Otro Lado – Alotrolado.org
- Border Angels – borderangels.org
- CARA Pro Bono Project – <http://caraprobono.org>
- Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services – RAICES-<http://www.raicestexas.org>
- Kids in need of Defense: KIND – <http://supportkind.org>
- Americans for Immigrant Justice – aijustice.org
- American for Civil Liberties Union-ACLU -ACLU.ORG

Many of these organizations have volunteer opportunities listed on their websites. The Texas Tribune had several good articles in July: texastribune.org.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p>Round Table Discussion Group 10:30am, Friday, Sept.6 & Oct.4 at Katie's Cup</p>	<p>Noon on Friday, Sept. 27 at Ronit's Kitchen & Oct. 25 at Cucina di Rosa</p> 
<p>Book Beat – Tuesday, Sept.17 & Oct.15 at 12:45pm</p> 	 <p>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday, Sept.18 & Oct. 15 at Wesley Willows Town Hall</p>
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TIP THE BARTENDER 2019 UPDATE – DIANE KUEHL & SHERYL HALL

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE.... We set an ambitious goal of \$5,000.00 for our 2019 Member Challenge for Tip the Bartender and we surpassed it for a realized grand total of \$5,585.01!

The AAUW Funds Committee and the Scholarship Committee would like to thank our many Branch members who attended the event at the University Club; and a big thank you to those who sent their checks ahead of time who could not come. A big round of applause for the many members of our Board who pledged the amounts that clicked in throughout the campaign to drive us higher and higher toward our goal!

Thirty-seven of our 71 Branch members donated directly to Tip the Bartender, while others chose to participate at the event itself through games, raffles and silent auction. This is a huge achievement and our entire Rockford Branch should feel incredibly proud!

SAVE THE DATE! Next year's Tip the Bartender fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020! Please put it on your calendars! The University Club has graciously agreed to give us use of their beautiful location and the committee is already thinking of fun activities to make the night more than entertaining...and all for the support of our local STEM Scholars! Now the academic search begins!

The Scholarship and AAUW Funds Committees thank you for your generous support!

Scholarship Committee, Diane Kuehl, Chair, Marsha Ackerman, Linda Auman, Ann Dempsey, Filiz Dik, Dale Dunnigan, Kathe Heyer, Jackie Parochka, and Deepshikha Shukla.

AAUW Funds Committee: Sheryl Hall, Chair, Diane Kuehl, Katy Paterson, Barbara Simon and Judy Schultz.

To those not listed above who volunteered to help at the event, thank you! They are Faye Marcus, Erna Colborn, Alyson Broman Conn, Feliz Dik, Agnes Cooling, Dale Dunnigan, Barbara and Jack Simon, Judy and Rich Schultz and Diane and Ed Kuehl.

BOOK BEAT READING LIST 2019-2020

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

Sept. 17 *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Karen Shifo

Oct. 15 *Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess: Kathy Dierstein

Nov. 19 *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

Reviewer: Carol Jacobs

Hostess: Diane Kuehl

Dec. – no meeting

2020 dates – details to be announced

Jan. 21

Feb. 18

Mar. 17

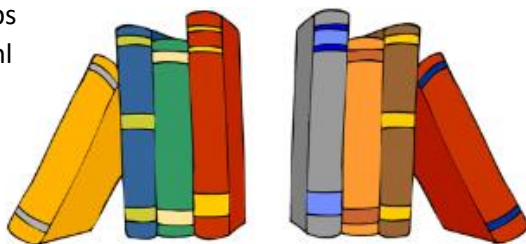
Apr. 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

Aug. 18



AAUW – Out and About



Treasurer's Report — Agnes Cooling

August 21, 2019

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance \$3,962.65

Receipts

Scrip Rebate 34.46

Dues/Donations 1,827.00

Luncheon 22.00

Disbursements

Scholarship 20.00

Rockford University (printing) 14.25

Dues 1,331.00

Meeting Rooms 450.00

Wal-Mart (printer ink) 14.59

Ending Balance @ July 31, 2019 \$4,016.27

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance \$10,286.12

CD 9,000.00

Deposits 355.00

Tip the Bartender 4,887.01

Disbursements

Scholarship (Alicia Repka) 1,000.00

Ending balance @ July 31, 2019 \$13,242.01

We have 73 members.

HAVE YOU SEEN / DID YOU KNOW?

- You can download our entire year's calendar in printable format [here](#).
- AAUW members receive a discount at Office Depot and OfficeMax stores.
- If you smiled for a Branch event photo, you might be featured on our site. Check the "PHOTOS" menu option!
- There is a calendar for branch events available under the "**LOCAL BRANCH**" menu option.

BOARD MEETINGS

Scheduled board meetings appear in 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.

FROM AAUW.org (national website)

6 Tips for Using LinkedIn to Land a Job

Having a strong presence on the professional platform can help you find that next, best opportunity.

AAUW Applauds House Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act

The Paycheck Fairness Act passes the House in a bipartisan vote.

AAUW ACTION FUND

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.

Faye Marcus provided the following information from AAUW National.

AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

July 19, 2019

This week, I spoke at the inaugural in-person meeting of the [Employers for Pay Equity Consortium](#) about the legislative trends in pay equity. This presentation was an outgrowth of earlier work I did with employers who had come together several years ago to sign the [White House Equal Pay Pledge](#). The Consortium brings together employers who believe that by implementing new processes and policies businesses can play a critical role in eliminating the gender pay gap and can help provide workers an equal opportunity to advance in the workplace. Increasingly, employers are finding that equal pay and related workplace protections can make companies stronger and help deliver positive economic impact. To finally close the pay gap, a broad and diverse chorus of voices, including supportive and committed employer voices, is a critical part of the equation. AAUW looks forward to working with employers as they continuously improve their policies and practices to help women succeed.

Onward!

Deborah J. Vagins
AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Research

One Thing You Must Do:

It's been more than 100 days since the House passed the Paycheck Fairness Act – yet the Senate still hasn't acted on this critical legislation. Women can't wait for equal pay – [urge your senators to show their support for pay equity by cosponsoring and swiftly passing the Paycheck Fairness Act!](#)

REGISTER STAR SERIES 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 most recent article online at the URL below or from our branch website:

<https://www.rrstar.com/opinion/20190811/aauw-equity-for-women-and-advocacy-for-girls-in-1990s>