

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019-2020

Friday, Nov.1: 11:30am at Katie's Cup — Let's Act with Public Policy Group – PLANNING SESSION

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

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

Friday, Dec.6: TBA —Let's Act with Public Policy Group

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

Friday, Jan.3: TBA — Let's Act with Public Policy Group

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

Tuesday, Jan.21: 12:45pm — Book Beat

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

Tuesday, Feb.18: 12:45pm — Book Beat

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"

Tuesday, Mar.17: 12:45pm — Book Beat

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Rockford Area Branches' **90th Birthday Bash** was a really fun event. Those present enjoyed hearing about the women who represented each of the decades and it was fun to have them "modeled" by a member or guest. Our **Birthday Fund goal of \$2019.00** for use by the branch for local projects for the next five years will be surpassed by \$200.00 after all the note cards are sold. You will see the women mentioned again in the next RR Star article.

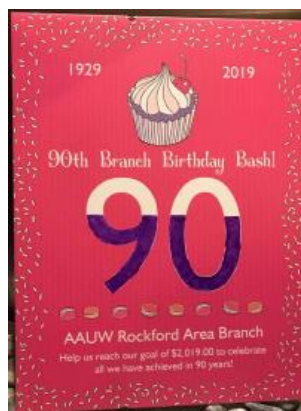
Many thanks go to Sheryl Hall and the 90th committee—Joan Tunnel, Judy Jolly, Faye Marcus and Christine Haeggquist—who served on the team with Judy and Barbara.

Public Policy will be the focus on Nov. 13 when Linda Zuba brings us "**Stories from the Border**" at the North Suburban Library, 6 – 8 p.m. She will discuss why asylum seekers are fleeing their countries and what is being done when they ask for help at the Southern Border. Linda has been to the border three times this year to assist those in desperate need for protection and will share with us common myths and effects of current policies.

December 7 will bring the holiday brunch and author Mary Ann Pressman's readings from her book "**The Good Dishes.**"

On page 10 of this *Initiative*, you will find a list of current Teams that do the work of AAUW and the branch. We hope that **each of you** will help on at least one team. Our Branch is energized to be involved in the community and to make a difference for women and girls. We need everyone's input and energy to make that happen.

The Rockford Area Branch Board will focus in coming months on developing leadership for the branch. We have reflected on the past 90 years and now we must also look ahead to the future.



Barbara Simon and Judy Schultz, Co-Presidents

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!

AAUW 90TH ANNIVERSARY FUND ARTIST CARD SETS

A set of five note cards/envelopes for yourself to use or for gift-giving during the holidays is available for purchase to support our AAUW 90th Anniversary Fund campaign.

The images used for these cards were created by artists with ties to Rockford:

Mary McNamara Bernsten, Karen Giles, Sarah Reed McNamara and Madeleine Witt

You may order them to be sent to you or held for you for pick up at one of our upcoming meetings. We have already sold them at Fall Art Scene and will also be selling them at Stroll on State, so if you want them, order now!

Name _____

Address _____

_____ sets at \$15.00 each _____ Send to me _____ Hold for Pick Up

Enclose a check made out to “AAUW Rockford” and write “90th Anniversary Fund” in the memo line.

Send your check to Sheryl Hall, 6171 Muirfield Ln., Rockford, IL 61114



Our Upcoming Events



Stories from the Border

Attorney Linda Zuba on immigration issues at our southern border.



Attorney Linda Zuba discusses:

- Why asylum seekers are fleeing their countries
- What is being done when they ask for help and protection at border
- Common myths associated with asylum seekers
- What can be done to assist those in desperate need for protection.



NORTH SUBURBAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 :: 6-8 PM

AAUW ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

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AUCTION

YEAR END 2019 | GIVING

AN EASY APPEAL

Each year at this time we raise funds in support of the incredible programs and grants that AAUW National provides to our State and Branch. It's your chance to show how much you appreciate the vital work our National organization does on behalf of women and girls!

Help us reach our goal of \$1,000 for 2019. Just \$13 per member will get us there!

AAUW Holiday Brunch Drawing!!

Name: _____

Donation: _____

Send or bring your check, in whatever amount, with this stub to our December 7th Holiday Brunch to enter.

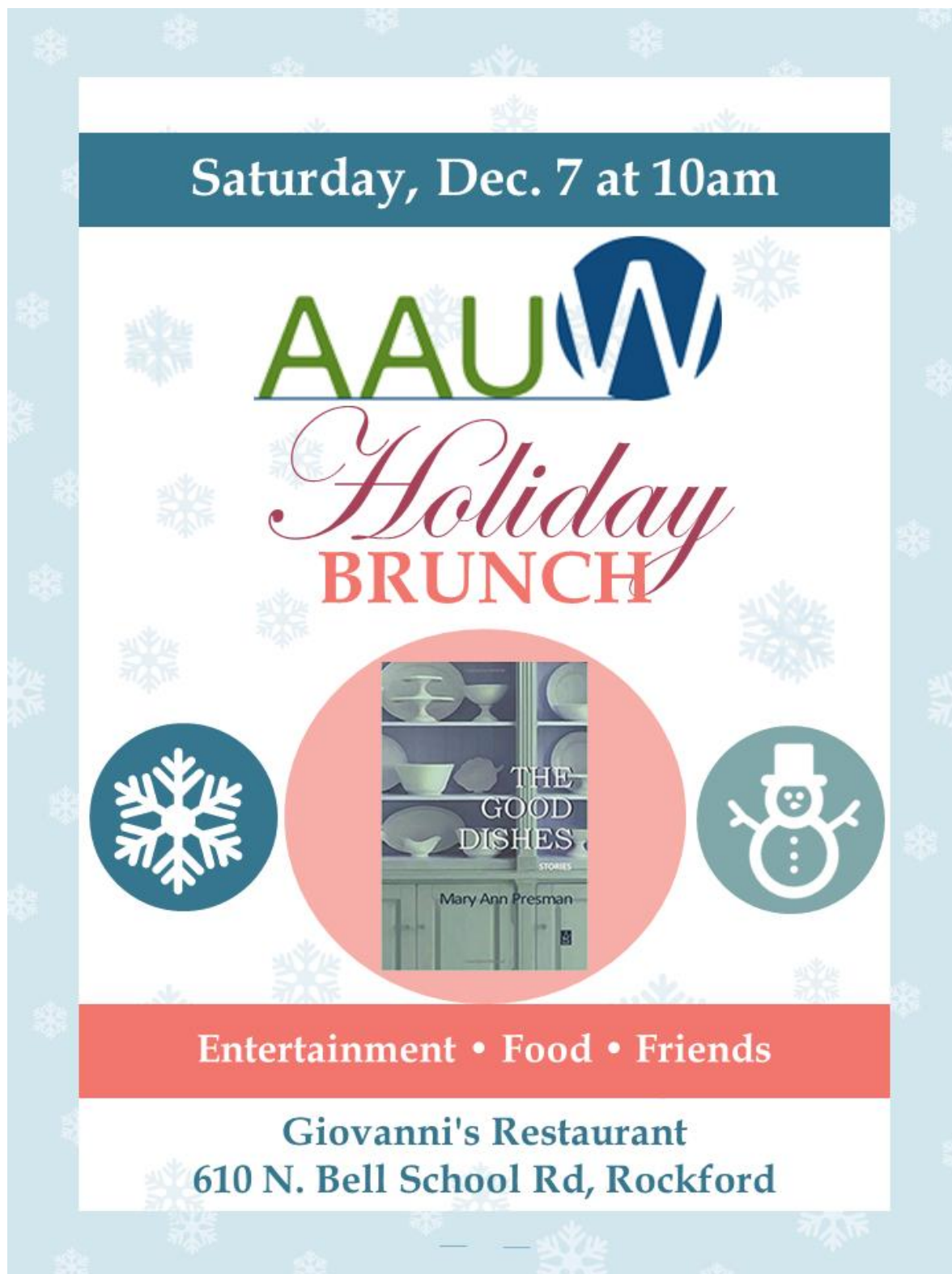
Check made out to "AAUW Rockford". Write "National Fund" in the memo line.

If you are unable to attend, your name will be entered into the drawing if we receive your check by December 5th. Two out of five winners need not be present to win.

----- SEND ABOVE STUB -----

Save the Date!
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Holiday Brunch - Save the Date



A flyer for a Holiday Brunch event. The background is light blue with a pattern of white snowflakes. The central content is framed by a white border. At the top, a dark blue banner contains the text "Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10am" in white. Below this is the AAUW logo, with "AAU" in green and "W" in a blue circle. The words "Holiday BRUNCH" are written in a large, elegant script, with "BRUNCH" in red block letters. In the center, a red circle contains a book cover titled "THE GOOD DISHES" by Mary Ann Presman, which shows a kitchen scene. To the left of the red circle is a dark blue circle with a white snowflake, and to the right is a teal circle with a white snowman. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "Entertainment • Food • Friends" in white. Below this, the text "Giovanni's Restaurant" and "610 N. Bell School Rd, Rockford" is displayed in dark blue.

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10am

AAUW

Holiday
BRUNCH

THE GOOD DISHES
STORIES
Mary Ann Presman

Entertainment • Food • Friends

Giovanni's Restaurant
610 N. Bell School Rd, Rockford

Watch for an email with details on meal choices and cost and your reservation form.

AAUW NO SILENT AUCTION YEAR END GIVING

It's that time of year to give to National as we've done for so many years at our Holiday event. This is our chance to support the incredible programs and grants that AAUW National provides to our State and Branch.

So look in the mail in early November for our donation form to enter a drawing at this year's Brunch at Giovanni's.

Our members were incredibly generous last year, helping us far exceed our stated goal. The AAUW Funds Committee decided to keep the momentum going and have set a goal of \$1,000.00. We've done some figuring and realized we just need \$13.00 per member to reach it. Wow! That's the cost of just three Starbucks Caramel Macchiatos. And while they taste good, they're not helping women and girls like AAUW National!

We can do this AAUW Rockford!

Sheryl Almquist Hall, AAUW Funds Chair

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Career
Workplace
Training

PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

CENSUS 2020

Our local branch is joining with League of Women Voters in the **EVERYONE COUNTS** campaign.

Why are we doing this? Here are the reasons:

It's in the U.S. CONSTITUTION. The Constitution mandates that everyone residing in our country be counted every ten years. The Census began in 1790. Everyone Counts. It's our CIVIC DUTY and a way to participate in our democracy. "I COUNT!"

It's about fair representation. The Census is used to reapportion the House of Representatives and determine how many seats each state receives.

It's about Redistricting. Each decade states redraw boundaries of congressional and state districts to account for population shifts.

It's about \$675 billion. The distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, road construction, transportation, hospitals, programs for veterans, homeless, etc.

Census data is used all around us: Businesses, local governments, real estate all use census data.

Your privacy is protected: Don't be afraid to complete the form. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to release your identifying information to any government agency.

CENSUS 2020 will be easier than ever. **APRIL 1** is census day. You can complete the census form online; phone in to complete the form, or mail.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The **EVERYONE COUNTS** campaign is helping to **EDUCATE** the community about the CENSUS 2020; **ENCOURAGE** community leaders and partners to motivate their constituents to respond to the census questionnaire; **ENGAGE** grass roots organizations to reach out to hard to count groups and help them respond to the census.

The COMPLETE COUNT committee will be helping to educate, encourage, and engage the community. Interested? Please contact Faye Marcus fe.marcus@att.net.

FAIR TAX REFERENDUM

AAUW-IL supports the Illinois Fair Tax Referendum (graduated income tax). Faye is representing our branch on the coalition committee.

What is the FAIR TAX AMENDMENT REFERENDUM? Well, here is the short version: right now we have a flat tax as required by our constitution. Last year our state's general assembly voted to include a referendum on the ballot in November 2020 to change to a Fair Tax.

A FLAT TAX means that everyone, whether minimum wage earners or millionaires, pay the same percentage of their income on state income taxes.

A FAIR TAX means that your tax rate depends on your income, with lower and middle-income workers paying a lower percentage than millionaires.

Members of the coalition and community people will be trained to talk with groups about the FAIR TAX. Lots of people are needed to get the word out to the public. Please contact Faye if you are interested in helping: fe.marcus@att.net.

LET'S TALK ABOUT PUBLIC POLICY

Public Policy is one of the most important aspects of AAUW – and we want more people in our branch to be involved. We are starting a new group. Join us on FRIDAY, NOV.1: 11:30 A. M. @ KATIE'S CUP 501 7TH ST. ROCKFORD. Please let Faye know if you can attend. Not able to attend, but interested? Also contact Faye: fe.marcus@att.net

RECENT PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES

What has Public Policy done lately? This last month has been busy:

- September 13 Education Secretary Betsy DeVos visited Jefferson High School and several AAUW members joined others to let her know that we are concerned about her policies affecting public schools.
- October 1 – several AAUW members attended the Mayor's Hunger Luncheon to support our local food pantries.
- October 6 – We participated in the Mayor's March Against Domestic Violence. AAUW supports programs to fight domestic violence in our community.
- October 7 – Please note the picture of several AAUW members who attended the Rockford University Forum Series event. This was an evening to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Lt. Colonel Olga Custodio, USAF, retired. Turned away from flight school because she was a woman, Lt. Colonel Custodio went on to break barriers as the first Latina to complete USAF military pilot training to become a pilot and later became the first Latina commercial pilot for American Airlines. She is retired and a STEM advocate. Lt. Colonel Custodio broke barriers as AAUW has broken barriers since 1881!

Being a Public Policy Advocate is fun. Please become one also!





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 articles online at the URL below or from our branch website:

<https://www.rrstar.com/opinion/20191006/aauw-continues-to-pursue-equity-equality-in-21st-century>

<https://www.rrstar.com/opinion/20190831/aauw-in-21st-century>

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p>Let's Act with Public Policy Group 11:30am at Katie's Cup, Friday, Nov. 1. Dec.6 - TBA</p>	<p>Noon on Friday, Nov. 22 at Ciao Bella. No LDL for December – enjoy the holidays.</p> 
<p>Book Beat – Tuesday, Nov. 19; no meeting in Dec.; & Jan.21 at 12:45pm</p> 	 <p>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday, Nov.20 at Wesley Willows Town Hall</p>
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AAUW STEM SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

It is with much excitement that the Rockford AAUW Scholarship Committee and AAUW Rockford Board announce a new outreach opportunity for female STEM Scholars in the Rockford area. After much discussion, research and planning, AAUW Rockford will be offering not only three STEM Scholarships to high school students but also one STEM Scholarship for Nontraditional Community students who are currently attending Rock Valley College and/or Rockford University.

The AAUW Rockford Area STEM Scholarship is open for female STEM students enrolled in their senior year at a Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County public or private high schools. These scholars have proven high academic achievement in high school along with community/school participation and leadership and potentially employment experience.

The AAUW Nontraditional Community STEM Scholarship is open to female STEM students who have officially completed at least 24 credit hours at Rock Valley College and/or Rockford University. These scholars have proven high academic achievement in college along with community/school participation and leadership along with employment experience.

Join us in supporting this outreach effort to support our regional STEM scholars by passing on the information to students or educators whom you may know.

You can find the application documents at <https://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/scholarship/>

The STEM Scholarship Committee has four new members this year. Sally Walker, Erin Fisher, Kari Severson, and Donna Ogle join Ann Dempsey, Filiz Dik, Dale Dunnigan, Carol Foster, Kathe Heyer, Jackie Parochka, Deepshikha Shukla and Diane Kuehl (Chair) in awarding local STEM scholars for their academic and leadership achievements.

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

Jan.21 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Carol Jacobs

Feb. 18 Discussion of books of interest

Location: University Club

Call Ruth Siegfried to reserve your spot.

Mar. 17 *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Reviewer: Enid Michalowski

Hostess: Ruth Siegfried

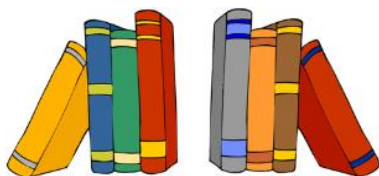
Apr. 21 Information TBA

May 19 Information TBA

June 16 Information TBA

July 21 Information TBA

Aug. 18 Information TBA



Treasurer's Report — Agnes Cooling

September 30, 2019

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance **\$7,932.58**

Receipts/Income

Scrip Rebate 6.91

90th Anniv. Fund ('19-'24) 579.00

90th Birthday Bash 3,200.00

Women's Suffrage 50.00

Dues 86.00

Disbursements

Work Smart 22.00

90th Anniv. Fund ('19-'24) 301.04

90th Birthday Bash 3,069.06

Women's Suffrage '19 (WSC) 150.00

Dues 69.00

Ending Balance @ Sept.30, 2019 \$8,243.39

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance **\$1,793.13**

CD 9,000.00

No transactions for period.

Ending balance @ Sept.30, 2019 \$10,793.13

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

We have 80 members.

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.

2019-2020 TEAMS LIST

Be a Peach! Let Judy or Barbara know that you would like to participate on a team.

Programs

Zoe N.
Diana V.
Regina P.
Karen H.
Katy P.
Faye M.
Mary W-B
Judy S.
Barbara S.
Marilen L.

Faye M.
Barbara S.
Stephanie Q.
Judy S.
Karen H.

Funds

Sheryl H.
Agnes C.
Barbara
Judy
Diane K.

Sally Walker
Erin Fisher
Kari Severson
Donna Ogle
Ann Dempsey
Deepshikha Shukla

90th Celebration

Sharon B.
Sheryl H.
(cards, jewelry and
booklet)

Ann D.
Terri

Nominating

Facebook

Diana Vlase

Initiative

Kathe Heyer

Website

Kathe Heyer

Public Policy

Faye M.
Stephanie Quinn
Mary Weeks-Baxter
Marilen Loyola
Lenai Weichel
Linda Slife
Meredith Stoll

Membership

Christine H.
Sharon B.
Jean H.

Scholarship

Diane K.
Jackie P.
Dale D.
Feliz D.
Kathe H.
Carol Foster

Media & Marketing

Kathe H.
Sharon B.
Christine H.
Terri S.

Work Smart

Karen H.
Christina Kamer
Barbara S.
Judy S.
Faye M.
Erna C.

Archives

Katy Paterson
Catherine Forslund

WSC2020

Judy S.
Barbara S.
Sheryl H.
Faye M

Rockford U. Partnership

Mary W-B
Marilen Loyola

AAUW – Out and About

