

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2020

Saturday, May 16: 1pm via Zoom online — Annual Meeting and Announcement of Scholarships

Wednesday, May 20: 6:30pm-8pm via Zoom online — AAUW Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jun.24: 6:30pm-8pm via Zoom online — AAUW Board Meeting

TO BE RESCHEDULED ~~Thursday–Saturday, Jun.18–20: Hyatt Place, E. Moline~~ — AAUW Regional Convention: “Remembering the Past, Building the Future”

Wednesday, July 15: 6:30pm-8pm via Zoom online — AAUW Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept.22: 5–7pm at University Club — Tip the Bartender

Tuesday, Oct. Date/Time TBD: Prairie Street Brewhouse — “Sippin’ with Suffragists”

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

Treasurer’s Report — Agnes Cooling

March 31, 2020

OPERATING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$6,566.01
<i>Receipts/Income</i>	
Scrip Rebate	15.20
<i>Disbursements</i>	
March 02 LWGR (NSLD room)	25.00
March 02 YWCA (Mailbox)	90.00
Ending Balance @ March 31, 2020	<u>\$6,466.21</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance	\$829.19
No transactions for period.	
Ending balance @ Feb.29, 2020	<u>\$829.19</u>

Scholarship Fund CD:

Invested @Edwards Jones on Jan.03, 2020: **\$10,000.00**
 Rate: 1.7% — Length: 6 months — Matures: July 08, 2020
 — Interest to be earned: \$170.00
 Facilitator: Barbara Simon

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy Spring, AAUW Members! We can still enjoy the nice temperatures and lovely spring flowers even though much of our lifestyle and activities have changed. Although we have had to cancel face to face meetings, we are all becoming more familiar with meetings online through Zoom and cellphones. The Rockford Area Branch has held a Zoom Book Beat meeting, a board meeting and also a program planning meeting.

It's really fun, actually, to be able to see the faces of the other people who are speaking out. We can have up to 100 people attending an online meeting!

We will not be able to have the annual meeting scheduled on May 16 at RU but we would like to invite everyone in the Branch to log on to your computer or cellphone at 1:00pm that day so that we can hold a brief business meeting.

We will have the opportunity to approve a bylaw change, hold the election of officers and approve the budget for the 2020-21 year.

Please save the day and time--May 16, 1:00 p.m. It is especially important that we have a group participating. We will have a practice session before then for signing on to Zoom. It's very easy once you try it!

We also hope to announce our scholarship winners that day but may have to meet them at a later date.

Our "Tip the Bartender" event will be postponed to September 22.

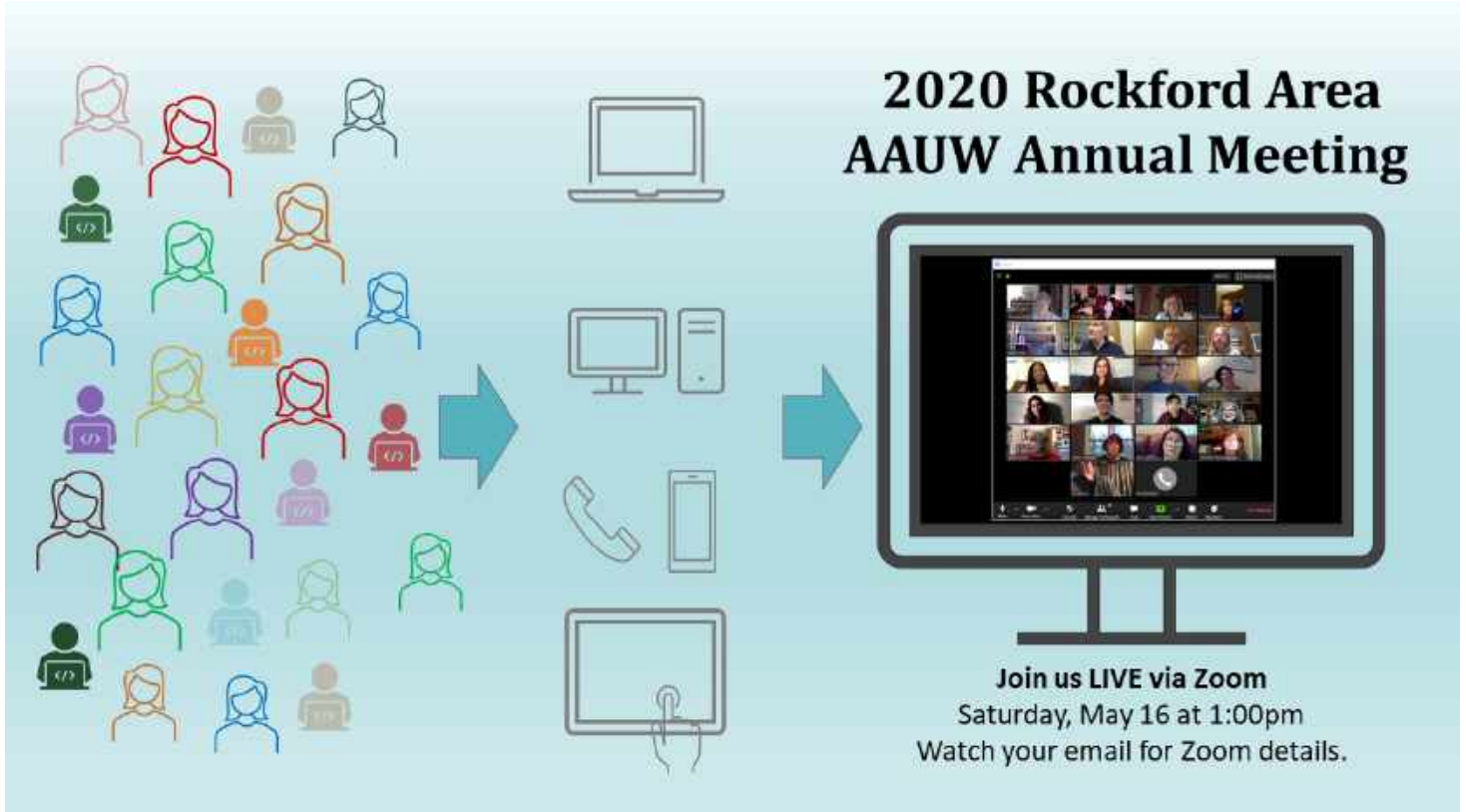
The annual report will come to you soon by email or paper copy. Please read the sections carefully as the report of the nominating committee, the bylaw change and the 2020-21 budget will be there for you to read.

Barbara Simon and Judy Schultz, Co-Presidents

It’s almost time to renew your membership for the coming year. The membership form is included at the end of this newsletter if you want to print it and mail in your check.

Our Upcoming Events

Rockford Area AAUW Annual Meeting & STEM Scholarship Announcement
Saturday, May 16 at 1:00pm



2020 Rockford Area AAUW Annual Meeting

Join us LIVE via Zoom
Saturday, May 16 at 1:00pm
Watch your email for Zoom details.



Find events throughout the year at WNIJ.org and learn more on Facebook at "Women's Suffrage Centennial 2020." Also look for quarterly calendars distributed around Rockford at select locations.

AAUW Rockford reps on the WSC2020 Steering Committee: Judy Schultz, Barbara Simon, Paulette Gilbert, Faye Marcus, Christine Haeggquist, Zoe Norwood, Sheryl Hall and Terri Schierer.



FAYE MARCUS NOMINATED FOR AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

This year the Rockford Area Branch Board chose to nominate Faye Marcus for the 2020 State Agent of Change Award. We want to share the nomination with the membership.

Award Criteria:

This prestigious award emphasizes promotion of AAUW's mission and purpose and will be awarded to a member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW. Nominees should be outstanding models who have actively promoted change in the areas of education, equity, advocacy, philanthropy, and/or public policy. The successful nominee's actions should have resulted in increased visibility for AAUW. The nominee's accomplishments should show direct involvement with the member's branch and/or other AAUW national initiatives. This award emphasizes promotion of AAUW's mission and purpose and will be awarded to a member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW. (Nominations may come from individual members or branch boards. There is no longer a 'during the last year' requirement for accomplishments. Branches may re-submit previously nominated individuals. Current AAUW board members may be nominated.)

2020 NOMINATION FORM – AAUW-IL AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

QUESTIONS:

1. For what activities and/or accomplishments is this nominee being recommended? (Please be concise and specific.)

Faye has been actively involved in our Branch for many years, serving in many positions and as president two times.

She has brought her leadership skills to bear most effectively in the role of Public Policy Chair, having served on both the State and National Public Policy Committees. She hosts a monthly Branch public policy interest group meeting, writes articles for our quarterly newsletter encouraging members to get involved in contacting legislators to support AAUW's positions, plans an Equal Pay Day program with Rockford University, meets with local and state legislators to explain AAUW's positions on various topics, writes letters to the editor regarding voting rights and serves on the program committee, making sure at least one program focuses on a public policy issue.

In this suffrage centennial year, Faye wrote a Rockford Register Star editorial focusing on the history of AAUW. She represents AAUW on the Women's Suffrage Centennial 2020 collaboration of women's and civic groups. The coalition will celebrate area women's suffrage accomplishments with monthly editorials and educational opportunities and lectures. It will culminate in the dedication of a public, community-build sculpture.

She is an active member of League of Women Voters, Women's March, YWCA, the Rockford Peace Coalition, Womanspace, Eliminate Racism 815, and Temple Beth-El and fosters collaboration between these groups and AAUW. She represents our Branch on the Illinois Fair Tax Referendum Coalition, has worked on the Everyone Counts campaign to make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, was an active participant in planning a Work Smart program in Rockford, is a voter registrar and coordinated a Get Out The Vote event, candidate forums and candidate Meet and Greets.

In February 2018, she led the Branch to adopt a resolution that AAUW supports the new Family Peace Center and, with other Branch representatives, presented it to the City Council.

In 2019, Faye represented AAUW in a community group that brings information to people about the current immigration issues. She then organized a Branch program about immigration justice.

Faye is a relentless advocate for AAUW, recruiting two new members for our Branch this year.

2. How do the nominee’s activities and/or accomplishments relate to AAUW’s mission and purpose?

Faye has shown life-long support for AAUW’s goals of education for women, equity in pay and opportunity, philanthropy, and initiating positive change in the lives of people in our community. Each of the activities above relates to these goals.

3. How does the nominee bring visibility to AAUW?

Faye demonstrates leadership in our community everywhere she goes and does it with energy and determination. She promotes the values of AAUW in her collaboration with LWVGR, YWCA, Women’s March, Rockford University and many other groups. She is serving on a coalition of the Women’s Suffrage Centennial 2020 group and has written letters to the editor and longer editorials for the Rockford Register Star newspaper

Faye is one of the most visible Branch members because she attends many meetings and discussions in the community, i.e. Eliminate Racism 815 and Immigration Justice Programs. Her passion for public policy and how these issues affect everyone shines in every meeting. She is an inspiration to us all on many levels: professional, community commitment and personal life. We value her many contributions and would love to see her be recognized for her life-long support of AAUW and her faithful and tenacious service to the community.

NEW EVENING BOOK CLUB PROPOSED

Like some light reading? Busy during the daytime?

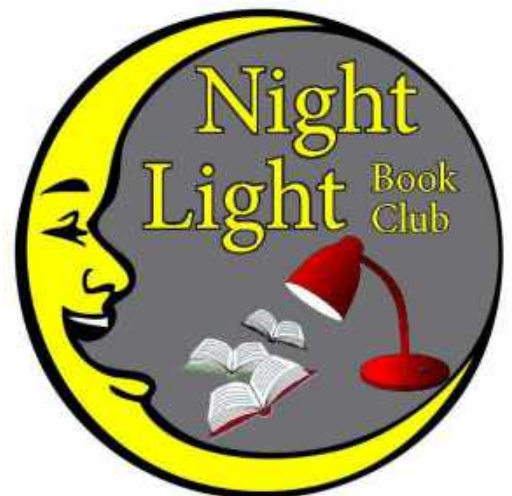
If that's you, the Night Light book club might be what you're looking for.

Members Erna Colborn and Sharon Boehlefeld are among AAUW members who like reading but can't meet with the daytime Book Beat Group. They're also fond of lighter reading of various types like mysteries and other light fiction and nonfiction.

They are proposing a Thursday evening session starting after we get to have public gatherings again.

They're looking for suggestions for books to read and places to meet. And they'd like to know which Thursday works best for you.

Please let them know if you're interested in helping get the Night Light book club started by dropping email to either Erna at eeolborn@comcast.net or Sharon at sboehlefeld@gmail.com by May 20.



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.

PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

CENSUS 2020

The major public policy updates reflect the census 2020. I am sure that everyone has received their census form in the mail. I hope you have filled it out. It is very simple and as a resident of the United States, it is your duty to complete the census. You can go online, make a phone call, or fill out the paper form and mail it. Due to COVID-19, the final date for the census has been extended to August 14, 2020. But why wait? Do it now! And encourage your family and friends to also complete it.

WOMEN’S MARCH ROCKFORD

I want to bring you up to date on WMR. Our AAUW branch has been very involved with Women’s March-Rockford since its inception in 2017. The original impetus for this was the National Women’s March after the 2016 election as a way to bring attention to women’s issues. In 2018-2019, the local group decided to expand its focus to not only a once a year march but several community activities. We have been quite successful and AAUW has been very involved. This year WMR has been very involved in the 2020 Suffrage Coalition.

And then COVID-19 came upon us bringing things to a halt. But we will go on. And one of the major leaders of WMR, Alicia Neubauer, passed away from metastatic breast cancer on April 3. Alicia was 41 years old and left behind 2 sons and her husband. She was a tireless advocate for many issues affecting women and families. She will be greatly missed.

GOVERNMENT

Because of COVID-19, both the Congress and State Government have shut down. But AAUW continues to monitor both areas. I will keep you up to date. Please go to AAUW.org to get updates from National. The website has been completely overhauled and has lots of information. Please take advantage of it.

Keep well, keep safe.

Faye

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

BOOK BEAT READING LIST 2020

Book Beat meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:45pm.

Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.

May 19 *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Via Zoom - Faye Marcus

Aug. 11 *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess: Enid Michalowski

June 16 *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Reviewer: Diane Kuehl

Hostess: Karen Shifo or Zoom

Sept.15 *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes

Reviewer: Barbara Simon

Hostess: Faye Marcus

July 21 *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

Reviewer: Karen Shifo

Hostess: Diane Kuehl



AAUW – Out and About



Branch members attended the YWCA Leader Luncheon on March 3.



AAUW Rockford IL Branch

2020—2021 Membership Application

AAUW annual membership dues must be paid by July 1. Effective immediately, you can renew your membership online at the AAUW National website at aauw.org. You will need your membership number (shown on the label of your national magazine) and the site password you created.

If you would prefer to pay by check, please complete the sheet below and return it with your check. Thanks!

Agnes Cooling, Treasurer

Name:	Phone: () -
Address:	Cell: () -
City / State / Zip:	Email:
Occupation / Profession:	
Degrees / Universities:	

Annual dues \$86.00	How your dues are calculated:
Dues paid = \$ _____	Local = \$17.00
Optional donation = \$ _____	State = \$10.00
<i>Please indicate donation \$ split</i>	National = \$59.00 <i>(increased in 2018)</i>
General Fund (Branch) = \$ _____	STEM Scholarship (Branch) = \$ _____
General Fund (National) = \$ _____	

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make check payable to:

AAUW ROCKFORD AREA BRANCH

Send to:

AAUW Rockford Area Branch MEMBERSHIP
 c/o Christine Haeggquist
 11865 River Hills Parkway
 Rockton, IL 61072-9432

I'M INTERESTED — please let us know how you would like to participate in our Branch activities.

Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	Programming <input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/>
Communications/PR <input type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	Let's Do Friday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Policy Discussion Group <input type="checkbox"/>	Archives <input type="checkbox"/>	Night Light Book Club <input type="checkbox"/>
Book Group (afternoon) <input type="checkbox"/>	Future Board Member <input type="checkbox"/>	
Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/>	Website <input type="checkbox"/>	