

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019-2020

- Wednesday, Jan.15: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley Willows Town Center** — AAUW Board Meeting
- Tuesday, Jan.21: 12:45pm** — Book Beat
- Tuesday, Feb. 11: 5-7pm at University Club** — “Sippin’ and Tippin’ with Susan” fundraiser
- Friday, Feb. 14: 11:30am at Katie’s Cup** – Let’s ACT with Public Policy
- Tuesday, Feb.18: 12:45pm** — Book Beat
- Tuesday, Feb.18: 6:30pm at RVC Student Center Atrium** — Professors Catherine Forslund and Paulette Gilbert: “The Story of Women’s Suffrage in America”
- Wednesday, Feb.19: 6:30pm-8pm at Wesley Willows Town Center** — AAUW Board Meeting
- Monday, Mar.2: 11:30am-1:30pm at Giovanni’s** — YWCA Leader Luncheon, Elizabeth Smart, speaker
- Wednesday, Mar.4: 5:30pm at RVC Student Center** — Film presentation — “Iron Jawed Angels”
- Saturday, Mar.7** — Dinner at Deli Italia 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
- Thursday, April 16: 6:30pm at RU Burpee Center Grace Roper Lounge** — “Meet the Suffragists”
- Saturday, May 16: 11am at RU** — 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: Hyatt Place, E. Moline** — AAUW Regional Convention: “Remembering the Past, Building the Future”
- Tuesday, Jul.21: 5–7pm at University Club** — Tip the Bartender

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our end of year No-auction Auction brought in \$1018.51 that was sent to the National Greatest Needs Fund for our Branches’ 2019 donation. **Thank you to all our members** who made our 90th Anniversary year very successful by donating to our Scholarship Fund, the 90th Celebration Fund and the National Greatest Needs Fund.

Next year promises to be just as interesting as we are involved in a city-wide celebration of the **100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage**. AAUW Rockford Area Branch is part of a coalition of women’s groups that is planning a year-long calendar of educational opportunities, a new public art installation and a celebration called “Sippin’ With Suffragists” on August 18, 2020, the anniversary of women getting the right to vote.

The coalition includes AAUW Rockford, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Booker Washington Center, Ethnic Heritage Museum, LWVGR, Midway Village Museum, NAACP, Rockford NSDAR, SPoRT Makeup, Rockford Public Library, Womanspace, WNII, Women’s March Rockford and the YWCA Northwestern Illinois. We are really pleased to be partnering with all these groups; several of our members are already on the various committees. We have had the opportunity to meet other women of the city who are involved in making Rockford a better place to be.

You can find out more about WSC2020 by looking on FB and Instagram. Please follow and forward to friends.

The first AAUW and WSC2020 program on **Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020** will be “**Overview of the Suffrage Movement,**” presented by Professor Catherine Forslund (RU) and Professor Paulette Gilbert (RVC). They are both AAUW members and have joined together to tell us the history. Later in the spring we will learn more about the suffragists of Rockford area.

AUW members are invited to the **YWCA leader Luncheon on Monday, March 2**, 11:30 to 1:30 at Giovanni’s. The guest speaker will be Elizabeth Smart, the young woman who was abducted as a child from her home in Utah. She has advocated for those who have been abducted and written a book about resilience and hope. Leadership awards in various categories will be given out, also.

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**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!

RSO “Women Rock” Concert & dinner

We’ll be gathering at Deli Italia (507 E. State St.) at 5pm on March 7th for an Italian buffet dinner before the concert.

The cost per person is \$27.14, which includes tax and tip. The restaurant will collect individual’s payment either at the door or once seated. A separate full bar is available if desired.

Buffet choices will include:

- Beef tips with bordelaise sauce (mushroom & wine)
- Chicken Siciliana
- Special Salad (with sausage on the side)
- Pasta Sugo (vegetarian)
- Bread & butter
- Choice of soft drink or coffee

AAUW will have a table; tickets are \$60.00 for YW members and \$65.00 for non-members. Please let Judy Schultz know if you are interested in going. Our table will fill up quickly.

On **Wednesday, March 4**, Rockford Valley College will present a showing of the film **“Iron Jawed Angels,”** an historical drama about the fiery suffragists during the administration of President Wilson.

On **Saturday, March 7, (for Women’s History Month)**, AAUW Rockford members are invited to a performance of the Rockford Symphony called **“Women Rock.”** The RSO pops will feature music of Carol King, Tina Turner, Janis Joplin, Aretha Franklin and others. We will have a dinner preceding the concert.

Please note all the AAUW events listed in the *Initiative*. Everyone is welcome at any of the interest groups, team meetings and board meetings. Happy 2020 and we hope to see you soon!

Barbara Simon and Judy Schultz, Co-Presidents







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.



BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p>Let’s Act with Public Policy Group 11:30am at Katie’s Cup, Friday, Feb. 7, Mar.13</p>	<p>Noon on Friday: Jan.31 at GreenFire, Feb. 28 at Sahara, and March 27 at Ronit’s Kitchen.</p> 
<p>Book Beat – Tuesday, Jan.21st and Feb. 18th at 12:45pm.</p> 	 <p>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 15th and Feb.19th at Wesley Willows Town Hall.</p>
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Our Upcoming Events

February 11 | Sippin' and Tippin' with Susan

SIPPIN' AND TIPPIN' WITH

Susan!

Join us for a 200th birthday party for Susan B. Anthony from 5 to 7 p.m. This tip the bartender event supports the Women's Centennial Sculpture 2020 installation in downtown Rockford. We're celebrating 100 years since women received the vote all year long!

Enjoy suffrage Signature drinks, games, raffles. Pick up an array of suffrage merchandise. Engage with our Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton living presenters. Visit with Susan Burton, Marseilles, IL mosaic sculpture artist, about her community-build project.

Brought to you by the Women's Suffrage Centennial 2020 Northern Illinois Celebration Steering Committee.



Professors Catherine Forslund (RU) and Paulette Gilbert (RVC) will offer analysis of the women's suffrage movement including contributions of both white and African American women.

The Story of Women's Suffrage in America

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30pm
Rock Valley College Student Center Atrium



Save the Date



ROCKFORD (IL)
BRANCH

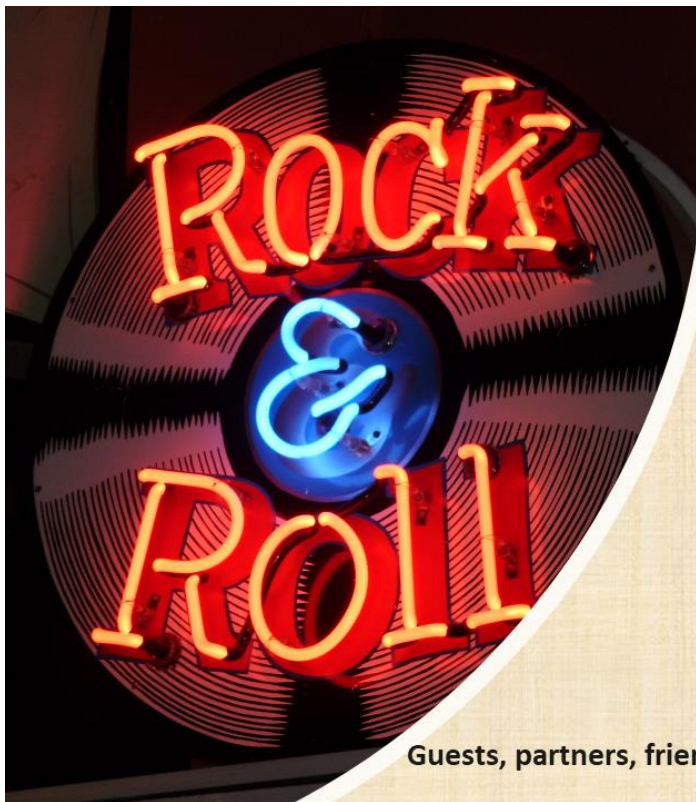
“Iron Jawed Angels”

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30pm
RVC Student Center Atrium

Fiery American Suffragist Alice Paul lights a fire under the older women leaders in Washington DC. President Wilson refuses to give all women the vote but Paul is prepared to go to prison for her cause.



Courtesy of HBO Films



Dinner & “Women Rock” concert at the RSO

Saturday, March 7



ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER

Join us first for dinner at Deli Italia (507 E. State St.) at 5pm. The meal cost is \$27.14 per person, including tax and tip. A full bar is available for additional cost. Dinner payment will be collected at the restaurant.

CONCERT TICKETS

Then – prepare to rock out with the RSO Pops Orchestra for a concert featuring music by many female performers you’ll know. To reserve your place, please send \$42.00 for the RSO ticket to Barbara Simon by Feb. 22.

Guests, partners, friends are all welcome to join the group for the evening.

PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

There's a lot to talk about with AAUW public policy. This does not mean partisan politics. Please join us for our next group meeting and notice the date change. In the new year 2020, we will meet on the second Friday of the month at 11:30 at Katie's Cup.

Our agenda will include the **Candidate Meet and Greets** scheduled for January and February. As we've done in the past, we are helping to sponsor these events with the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. There will be two Candidate Meet and Greet sessions.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 from 2-4PM @ PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1703 S. CENTRAL, ROCKFORD

This Meet and Greet will focus on candidates who are running in the primary for state and congressional offices. The following offices are included: Senate District 34, Illinois Representative Districts #67, 68, & 69 and U.S. Congressional offices District 16 and 17.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 from 6-8PM at NORTH SUBURBAN LIBRARY on N. 2ND ST. in LOVES PARK

This MEET AND GREET will focus on candidates running for county-wide offices in Winnebago County. These offices include auditor, county board chair, circuit clerk, coroner, and state's attorney.

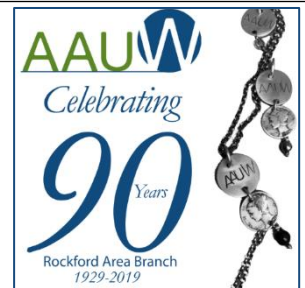
Because we are non-partisan, all candidates from both parties who are on the ballot for the March 17th primary election are invited to attend. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to tell about themselves and why they are running for office. They will then be able to meet individually with their constituents. Refreshments will be served.

These elections are important and remember **"YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE."** Please come and bring friends, neighbors, and family. It would be great to bring your teenage child, grandchild, etc.

Public Policy is important. 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 published an article monthly in the Register Star. You may purchase a copy of the RRStar 90th Anniversary Booklet now, available for \$5.00 – the cost of printing. Please contact Judy or Barbara to get your copy.



WOMEN'S MARCH ROCKFORD

AAUW members are invited to participate in the Woman's March at noon on Jan. 18. Please notify Barbara if you are planning to attend.



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Women's March Rockford: Saturday, 1-18-2020,

Noon @ Rockford City Market

<https://www.facebook.com/events/776911456009541/>

PLEASE SHARE THE EVENT WITH FRIENDS!

Website (if you are not on FB):

<https://www.womensmarchrockford.com/>



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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.

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 *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish

Reviewer: Pat Gomez

Hostess: Faye Marcus

May 19 *Information TBA*

June 16 *Information TBA*

July 21 *Information TBA*

Aug. 18 *Information TBA*

WELCOME to our three newest members:

Laura Patterson

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Treasurer's Report — Agnes Cooling

October 30, 2019

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance **\$8,019.62**

Receipts/Income

Scrip Rebate	19.93
90 th Anniv. Fund ('19-'24)	225.00
Square Inc.	87.52
Donations, Misc.	10.00
Dues	316.00
POS Credit (GreenFire Rest.)	250.00

Disbursements

Directory	143.65
90 th Anniv. Fund ('19-'24)	200.00
90 th Birthday Bash	47.60
Women's Suffrage '19 (WSC)	50.00
Misc. Expense (Midland Checks)	39.44

Ending Balance @ Oct.30, 2019 \$8,497.38

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance **\$1,793.13**

CD	9,021.12
No transactions for period.	

Ending balance @ Sept.30, 2019 \$10,814.25

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)

[Top 10 Ways AAUW Made the World Better for Women in 2019](#)

[Jail, Picketing, and Resolutions: AAUW and Suffrage](#)

[Calling All Artists](#)

[AAUW Applauds House Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act](#)

[AAUW ACTION FUND](#)



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