



LEAFLET

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January Program

Simple Steps to Life's Choices

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

optional: 5:00 – 6:15 PM, Cafeteria dinner, UWMC small dining room
6:30 – 8:00 PM, UWMC Terrace Room

Recent trends show the health of our nation's children has taken some troubling setbacks. Two local initiatives aim to improve the health of children in our community. Hear from two local program directors:

³⁵₁₇ **Darci Mick-Beversdorf**, Project Director for the Wausau School District's physical education program (PEP) grant

³⁵₁₇ **Kay Perkins**, director of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program at Family Planning Health Services (FPHS).

Come early before the program starts and bring a prospective member or guest to meet and mingle with AAUW Wausau Branch members as we go through the cafeteria line and eat together in the small dining room. Great price at only \$5.50, includes beverage.

Coordinated by new AAUW Wausau Member Theresa Miles, 715.241.9304



Financial \$avvy \$essions

Coordinated by AAUW Wausau Branch Member Diane E. Echols,
Registered Assistant, Spear Financial Group

At some point in their lives ninety percent of American women will have sole responsibility for their finances and financial security. Are you prepared?

Economic self-sufficiency for women is an AAUW initiative. To this end AAUW Wausau Branch is pleased to support Branch member Diane Echols as she coordinates the Financial \$avvy \$essions for women. Echols designs these sessions to enable us to attain financial independence and security. While financial concerns of women are especially highlighted, women are encouraged to bring their male partners. Our goal is to help women understand financial matters, so these events are free and open to the public. Mark your calendar and bring a guest!

NEW! NEW! NEW! Financial \$avvy \$ession

True Life Stories of Women and Financial Security

Thursday, January 10, 2013

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Marathon County Public Library, third floor Wausau Room

A repeat of the well-reserved November \$avvy \$essions program but expanded to allow more time to cover these important issues. It features an outstanding panel of women in legal and financial professions as they share true life stories of what happens when women do not prepare for the obstacles we face in gaining and maintaining our financial security. Free and open to the public.



Financial \$avvy \$ession

Can you trust the powers that be and that your will be done?

Mary John, attorney and partner of Eaton, John, & Welles Law Firm

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

5:30 -7:00 PM

Marathon County Public Library, third floor Wausau Room

John is an attorney practicing in estate planning, probate, and business law. She will give an in-depth presentation on wills and trusts.

\$avvy \$ession Review

The November 27 kickoff event for this AAUW year's Financial \$avvy \$ession interest group met at the Marathon County Public Library and featured three panelists: Mary John, partner of Eaton, John, Overby, & Welles Law Firm spoke about trusts and wills, Kathy Litcher of Green Bay and known as the Burial Trust Gal, spoke about Irrevocable Burial Trusts, and Shanna Yonke, attorney in the Trusts and Estates Practice Group of Ruder Ware law firm spoke about the five year look back and gifting.

The turnout was small but the information was valuable and is being repeated January 10, 2013. Echols provided free materials including financial diaries and study materials on women and financial security.



Public Policy

by Yvonne Henning, Public Policy Co-Coordinator

Thank you to all who took time to vote either on or before November 6 in our Presidential election cycle. Every citizen should make time to vote. Maybe we should do what they do in Australia - if you are a registered voter and don't vote without a legitimate excuse you get fined - not a lot of money but some to remind you to vote in the next election.

We did some amazing things this voting session. More women and minorities were elected to Congress. We even made history, minorities and women make up the majority of the Democratic Caucus - a first for either party.

Make your voice hear in the U.S. Congress with AAUW Two-Minute Activist

Go to AAUW.org and click on "Act" then on "Two-Minute Activist"

First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of congress. Current issue:

Urge Congress to Come Together and Find a Balanced Approach to Resolving the "Fiscal Cliff"

Time is running out.

Each day, our country gets closer and closer to the so-called "fiscal cliff," a series of tax changes and spending cuts that are slated to take effect at the beginning of January 2013. Meanwhile, members of Congress are too busy holding press conferences to come together and find a solution to avoid going over the cliff. ...

Membership Matters

by Nancy L. Schulz, Membership Co-Coordinator

By now all members should have received their 2012-2013 *Membership Directory*. Please make the following updates:

Correct the spelling of Tiffany's last name, correct her phone number, and add her major:

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Correct Rowan's email:

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We welcome back the following lapsed returning members: **Florina Ackley, Doris Eberlein, Barbara Keller, Carol Larson, Virginia Quarles, and Barbara Roberts**. In future issues of the *LEAFLET* we'll get to know the newest of our current 49 members: **Rhonda Bartelt, Tiffany Bredeck, Diane Echols, Rita Pachal, and Jeannie Russell**. We begin by meeting Jeannie Russell.

Jeannie Russell

Jeannie's college career lasted many years until she graduated at age 50 from the small liberal arts college, Mills College in Oakland, California with a B.A. in Child Development and a minor in attachment and loss theory. Jeannie speaks highly of her alma mater - Ask her to tell you about it!

Jeanie is the proud mom of Nick, her 30-year old son who lives in Hawaii and is an instructor in a Ph.D. program. Jeannie relocated from California to Wausau in August with her husband of a couple years, Wolfram Weinberg, an optician at the Wausau Eye Clinic.

Jeannie has worked with children with autism at a treatment center new for the time where children with autism were not institutionalized but remained living with their families. Also as a social worker working with people with developmental disabilities. She has spoken at high schools about higher education for women and girls and is interested in getting girls into math and science. Presently she works as a cook at Head Start and does volunteer work. Jeannie is happy to be where there is an AAUW branch.

Condolences

To Branch member **Ruth Grauer** whose grandson passed away recently.

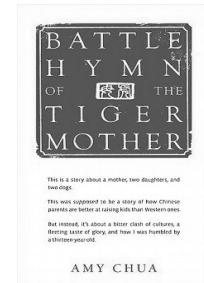
AAUW Book Group

Book group meets the second Tuesday each month from September – May, **12:45 – 3:00 PM** at **Immanuel Lutheran Church**, 630 Adams St., Wausau (across from the former Wausau East High School). Park in the west lot and enter by the west door. Ruth Grauer, Chair, 715.842.1592



We welcome you to join us for our monthly book reading and review

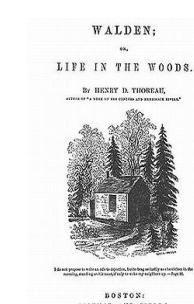
Upcoming meetings and selections:



Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua

"An awe-inspiring, often hilarious, and unerringly honest story of one mother's exercise in extreme parenting, revealing the rewards - and the costs - of raising her children the Chinese way." Amazon.com book review.

Reviewer will be Ruth Grauer.



Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – Classic Selection: *Walden: Life in the Woods*, by Henry David Thoreau

"*Walden* (first published as *Walden; or, Life in the Woods*) is an American book written by noted transcendentalist Henry David Thoreau. The work is part personal declaration of independence, social experiment, voyage of spiritual discovery, satire, and manual for self-reliance. Published in 1854, it details Thoreau's experiences over the course of two years in a cabin he built near Walden Pond, amidst woodland owned by his friend and mentor Ralph Waldo Emerson, near Concord, Massachusetts." Wikipedia

Reviewer will be Lois Rosenberg.



November Program Review

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields

Coordinated by AAUW Wausau Branch Member Tiffany Bredeck

Glimpses into the lives of women in the STEM fields were the highlight of a panel coordinated by Tiffany Bredeck at UWMC on November 15. Bredeck is a spring 2012 graduate of Upper Iowa University with a B.S. in Psychology and currently a student at UWMC fulfilling prerequisites for admission to medical school. She is a former student affiliate and a new AAUW Wausau Branch member.

The program began with an intelligent Powerpoint presentation by Bredeck giving the current status of women in STEM fields. The panelists that followed were well chosen and their honesty and openness were refreshing. While the audience was small, (18 including panelists) I felt this led to greater openness in audience questions and panelist's responses. The advice to women students aspiring to major and work in the fields was especially valuable.

The five STEM forum panelists:

Mary Atwell, retired Veterinarian and Wausau East High School Physics Teacher

Athena Baranowski, Associate Lecturer in Chemistry at UWMC

Stephanie Duxbury-Weir, Environmental Engineer at Domtar paper company

Clare Hemenway, Associate Professor of Mathematics at UWMC

Kay Meyer, Pharmacist at Crossroads County Market



December Brunch Program Review

Holiday Brunch: How the DNR's new rules allowing hunting in state parks affects every one of us

Our annual holiday brunch held each year at the lovely Wausau Country Club took place on December 1. It featured brunch followed by guest speaker **Jane Wiley, Chair of the Natural Resources Board of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**. Wiley spoke highly of the seasoned staff of the DNR. She gave us a behind the scenes look at politics within today's divisive state government. According to Wiley, what needs to be overturned is not the recently passed bill, she calls it a "feel-good bill". Because of its unintended consequences of potentially interfering with the safety of state park hikers, bikers, and neighboring communities, the amendment that allows hunting in state parks needs to be overturned.

Fourth anniversary of passage of Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 was the first bill signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 29, 2009. The Act amends the 1964 Civil Rights Act. It states that the 180-day statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit regarding pay discrimination resets with each new paycheck affected by that discriminatory action. The law directly addressed *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, a U.S. Supreme Court decision that the statute of limitations for presenting an equal-pay lawsuit begins on the date that the employer makes the initial discriminatory wage decision, not at the date of the most recent paycheck. **Adapted from Wikipedia**

The American Association of University Women and the AAUW Educational Foundation

Mission: The American Association of University Women and the AAUW Educational Foundation advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision: American Association of University Women will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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Highest degree earned _____

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Eligibility: I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN) baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution as stated above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Member Recruiter: Name _____ City/State _____ Branch _____

Regular Membership: Join AAUW for one year of regular membership:

National \$49, State \$13, Branch \$18 = **Total \$80**

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Alana Holt, Treasurer, 604 Clark Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474

Reduced rates available for graduate, undergraduate, and College/University Partners e-student affiliate memberships. Contact Membership Co-ordinators for information.

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Wed., Feb. 6 **Leadership Team Meeting**, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Marathon County Public Library children's meeting room

Tues., Feb. 19 **February Program**: Chris Clarke-Epstein on *How women present themselves still matters*, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, UWMC Terrace Room, optional cafeteria dinner 5:00 - 6:15, UWMC small dining room



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