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THE LEAFLET

June, July, & August 2014

Salad, Pie, and Program Planning Party

Tuesday, June 17 5:30 p.m.

Bring your ideas to our

June Program Planning and Pie Party

Our AAUW-Wausau June Program Planning and Pie Party will be at the home of Ruth Hawks on Tuesday, June 17th at 5:30. We'll enjoy a potluck supper complete with salads and pies before sharing our program ideas for next year. Bring your suggestions on how to be the vibrant and vital organization that our members can help it be. An RSVP to Ruth would be helpful.



August Program

Commercial for Contentment from an Unadvertised Life: A Community Conversation on Voluntary Simplicity II

Saturday, August 23, 2014, 9:30 AM - Noon

Home of Nancy L. Schulz, 1202 Kickbusch St., Wausau's near east side

Living simply in a consumer culture takes courage & conscientious effort.

Courage because its countercultural to view success apart from material acquisitions & accomplishments, the square footage or cleanliness of our houses, the size or shape of our bodies.

Conscientious effort because living simply requires that we take time to buddy up to ourselves. To acknowledge our real needs. To do what it takes to meet them. To forgo competition that we may support one another in our quest for authenticity.

Back by popular request. Our second heartwarming celebration of voluntary simplicity. We'll begin with a brief tour of Hill Place, Nancy's humble country-like retreat near downtown Wausau. Nancy built/remodeled, furnished, and landscaped with predominantly recycled materials. We'll invest our insights in small group discussions, have time for fun activities, and finish with a simple but hardy vegetarian meal.

Reserve the date and stay tuned and let Nancy know you would enjoy coming.

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Review of *The Invisible War Program*



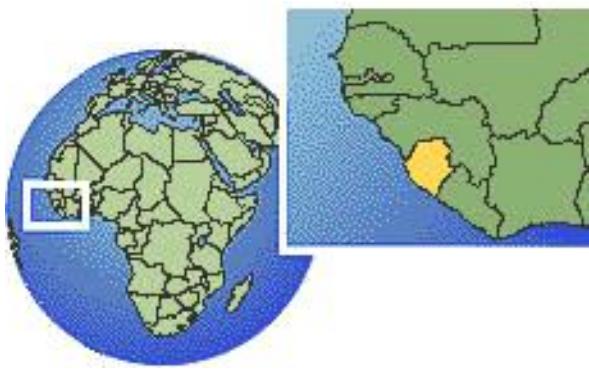
After we viewed *The Invisible War* which talks about assaults within the military, Marian Seagren Hall from AAUW, mental health workers, elected State Representative Mandy Wright and military officials discussed its causes, effects and resolution.



Recap of May Program ~ You could hardly hear anything at Jalapeños on the 5th of May! We danced (well sort of) laughed and sang with the Mexican band, and ate great Mexican food. We were engrossed in the vivid Mexican tales that our servers shared with us about Cinco de Mayo. Had a phenomenal time meeting some of our new members and got to know them much better. We predict great successes and happy times during 2014-2015! Gretchen Eagan & Barb Keller Co-chairs.

Recap: *Sierra Leone - Her Motherland*

About twenty members and friends enjoyed Gbemi Taylor's conversation, pictures, and other items from her homeland of Sierra Leone. She is proud of her country, family, and education, crediting the influences of the



British for many of the advancements. One common reaction of Americans to her being from Sierra Leone is that they only remember that she is from Africa. It is important for us to consider that each of the African countries is different from the others. They make jokes/comments about other countries the way we do about our differences from Canada, Mexico, and European countries. Gbemi and her husband are contributing much to the Wausau community modeling their heritage and contributing as employees of the YWCA and UWMC. Marian

~~~~~Membership Matters~~~~~

Just a friendly reminder to our members-----Now is the time for AAUW dues renewal-Still \$80-Checks should be sent to: Alana Holt; 604 Clark Ave, Rothschild 54474.

Congratulations to Maggie Marquis-our first member to renew for 2014-15!!!

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest member:

Please add Cindy's e-mail address to your directory.

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Principles and Priorities

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM, 2013–2015

The Public Policy Program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and speaks to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. The work of AAUW builds upon more than 130 years of responsible public participation, and the following principles provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each of our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these principles. We work to increase the number of underrepresented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions. AAUW is committed to working in partnership with diverse allies and coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

PUBLIC POLICY PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW believes that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to economic prosperity and gender equality. We advocate equitable climates free of harassment and bullying, academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education and programs for students with disabilities. We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty. We promote equitable efforts to close the persistent achievement gap that disproportionately affects low-income children and students from minority communities.

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well-being are an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities, reduction of poverty, a livable wage, quality affordable dependent care, paid family and medical leave, decent and affordable housing, quality affordable and accessible health care, and a clean and healthful environment. We support a Social Security system that provides inflation-protected, guaranteed lifetime benefits with a progressive benefit formula, spousal and widow benefits, and disability and survivor benefits. We oppose any efforts to undermine Medicare and Medicaid, including privatization and block grant proposals.

AAUW believes in the right to privacy, freedom from violence, and choice in the determination of one's reproductive life. We firmly believe in the separation of church and state. We support a fair, balanced, and independent judiciary. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community.

AAUW supports affirmative action to improve racial, ethnic, and gender diversity and affirms our commitment to passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We see an urgent need for meaningful campaign finance reform and nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office. AAUW values and is committed to the arts and humanities, which develop and enhance our pluralistic cultural heritage.

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking and that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We support the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations. We affirm our active participation in the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and our commitment to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). We support international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.

BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES

Biennial priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution or leadership. No order of importance is implied.

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including strong promotion of STEM education and comprehensive sex education and vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women and disadvantaged populations
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including nontraditional occupations and women's entrepreneurship
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including voting rights
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care and family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns
- Freedom in the definition of family and a guarantee of civil rights in all family structures

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM!

Download and print the public policy program brochure and distribute it at branch and coalition meetings, voter education events, community gatherings, or anywhere else where women gather. Up to 10 copies of the brochure are available to members free of charge from Connect2AAUW at connect@aauw.org. For additional copies, contact Shop AAUW at 800.225.9998. For more information, call 800.326.AAUW (2289) or e-mail votered@aauw.org.



Reflections on the Wisconsin AAUW 2014 Convention by Marian Seagren Hall

The Wisconsin AAUW Convention was chockfull of options to learn and share from other members and guests as well as renew acquaintances and make new.

As a past state president I had the pleasant opportunity again to meet with the other past presidents, including Dido Nash, who sends her greetings. She is as interesting and interested as ever. We don't just socialize, although that is important. We also put our heads together to see how we can be of help to the State Board via the President and members, encouraging continued leadership at the state level.

I attended the interesting **\$tart \$mart** session, because I believe it is very important for everyone to learn how to manage their money. The program presented is available at a cost for use in local branches, colleges, and communities. The little bit of Scotch in me influences my decision to see what we can do on our own without buying the product. I do know that there are options in schools and the community. We can help expand that as we advocate for girls and women. We viewed **Girl Rising**, a moving film about girls from other countries, and their challenges and successes in trying to get an education.

College/University Relations are open-ended. Branches can work with students and faculty depending on interests and needs. President Obama is emphasizing the importance of community colleges and encouraging expanding the offerings and opportunities by working together.

Forward in '15, by Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of Research, encouraged us to note our plan ideas in public policy, legal advocacy funding, research, STEM programs, and on campus during the coming year.

The fourth part of the AAUW Mission actions, philanthropy, was explained by Ann Gustafson with an invitation to join the "Legacy Circle" The options are providing for AAUW in your will or trust, designating AAUW as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan, savings bond, bank account or life insurance policy, or creating a planned gift that returns fixed or flexible income to you or others. There is no minimum gift required. Catherine Heffernan is AAUW manager of major and planned giving, at 877.357.5587 or heffernanc@aauw.org.

We were reminded that contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible. Also \$45 (all but \$4) of the **National portion** of our dues is tax deductible. Ours is a non-profit service organization.



AAUW of Wisconsin Spring Convention Highlights - by Nancy L. Schulz

AAUW state conventions amaze me with the versatility of our organization's accomplishments.

Research: Director of Research at AAUW Catherine Hill reported in her keynote address on the latest research published by AAUW, called *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success* (2013). Two key issues emerged: need for on-campus child care and tendency of women to go into fields that limit their economic opportunities.

Philanthropy: We heard from five women who benefited from our money. Three fellowship and grant recipients spoke about their work: female students and STEM fields, preference for sons in India, Girl Scouts. Two students shared their experiences at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference is sponsored by AAUW and the students received grants for their expenses from AAUW of Wisconsin.

It's My Vote: AAUW State Organizer for Region I (OH, KY, IA, WI) Jennifer Dillard conducted this participatory workshop on strategizing ways to engage and register young women as new voters.

Girls and Education: Indelible on my memory was watching the *Girl Rising* documentary Friday night. Girls from around the world play themselves in reenacting their hopes and challenges to getting an education.

Our work is so needed. I'm energized to continue the work on behalf of women and girls.



AAUW
2nd TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
SUGGESTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives ~ that means some agree while others have different viewpoints; all are respected. Call Ruth Grauer to join: 715-842-1592

See the Membership Directory for books that were selected, but here are others that were suggested. They would be good for summer reading.

Unless

The Four Agreements

The Bully Pulpit

Flight Behavior

Dear Life

Oil and Honey

The Cellist of Sarajevo

Words that Work: It's Not What You Say, It's What People Hear Frank L. Luntz

Carol Shields

don Miguel Ruiz

Doris Kearns Goodwin

Barbara Kingsolver

Alice Munro

Bill McKibben

Steven Galloway

**Congratulations to Avid Book Club Member Carol Potter
who just became an AAUW Honorary Life Member.**

Carol has been active in AAUW for 50 years !! Congratulations, Carol !

Lunch Bunch

We met for lunch in May at The Green Mill. We had an isolated table that allowed us to do what the Lunch Bunch does best – converse. Happy to have time for new members to get better acquainted. With some voices from the Action Team much was discussed and doubtless many exciting programs are in “The Mill.”



The **JUNE 11 Lunch Bunch** meeting will be at **11:30 on June 11 at Chang Gardens in Weston**. 4215 Barbican Avenue (across from the Holiday Inn). Please join us. Sande Sliwicki will share what she learned at the Racial Justice training program.

Wednesday, July 16 ~ AAUW Road Trip

We'll hit the road for a trip to either Oregon to visit the Buddhist Temple grounds or we will go to The Indian Agency House in Portage as well as visiting other historical sites in Portage. All AAUW members are invited to join the adventure. Please let Ruth Hawks know you are interested. Leave a message on her phone at 715-842-5291. Cost will be luncheon, gasoline sharing, and admission fee.



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JOIN US TODAY! INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN! APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Personal Information:

Name _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone h _____ w _____ c _____

Female _____ Male _____ Date of Birth _____

College/University _____ State _____

Highest degree earned _____ Major _____

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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**

\$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c) 4 Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

Make check payable to: **“AAUW WAUSAU BRANCH”** and mail to:

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Calendar

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