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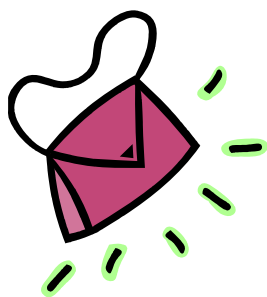
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Red Wing Area AAUW



Remembering our Favorite Recipes
Thursday, 6 p.m., January 19, 2012
First Presbyterian Church
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Purses Galore Fund Raiser for AAUW Funds



We are participating in the downtown retailers' First Friday Promotion on April 6, 2012. We will be at Bella Casa with our Purses Galore event. Please donate any new, slightly used or homemade purse or bag to our effort. We also would like to include any accessories you would like to pass on. Donna

Whittaker and Mary Ellen Halverson are collecting these items. You may bring them to the potluck on January 19 or any other AAUW event between now and April 1st. We are also seeking volunteers to price the items, display them and/or sell them that evening from 6-9 p.m. Call Donna at 388-5102 or Mary Ellen at 388-7066 to volunteer.

Come for an evening of "back to the ??'s. You will experience a retro potluck and stories from the past. (Anybody remember a recipe for macaroni and cheese loaf served with catsup?)
You need to bring:
A dish to pass (at least 8 servings)
Your own table service
The recipe to share
A story to go with it, i.e. what is it about this recipe that you remember from your ancestor?
Coffee will be available
A short business meeting may occur.

Please bring your donation or donations for the Purses Galore fund raiser. This will be on the First Friday of April. The funds will be used for our AAUW Funds.

Time to Welcome Brave New Girls

The Red Wing Area Branch will host 60 middle-school girls on March 27, 2012, from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. at this year's Brave New Girls Conference. "Storm Chasers" will give girls the opportunity to learn about meteorology and climate science, how weather is reported by the media, and safety in all kinds of weather.

As in the past, we have great support from across the community, and this year will welcome a very special guest presenter to Twin Bluff Middle School—Lauren Casey, weekend meteorologist at WCCO-TV. Casey holds a degree in meteorology from Rutgers University and joined the WCCO team last August after analyzing and reporting weather news in Georgia and Florida. She is excited to be part of the afternoon and will talk with the girls and answer their questions about the science of weather forecasting as well as career possibilities in meteorology.

The 3M Science Wizards, the Red Wing Fire Department and Leanne Knott (GIS specialist with the City) will lead and participate in workshop sessions.

This annual event—our ninth conference—will be a big success only with your continued support! Please watch for opportunities to help with all aspects of the program. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning and promotion prior to the date of the event and at the conference itself. We need help with check-in, snack and T-shirt distribution, guiding the girls to workshops, clean-up and more.

Again this year, we'll be asking AAUW members and friends to support our girls by donating and sponsoring T-shirts for every attendee. Your response last year was wonderful, not just because each girl received a free shirt, but also for the personal and inspirational messages you sent with those shirts! Watch for details about this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a girl.

In addition to each of you, our partners this year include Xcel Energy, Red Wing Community Education, Girls on the Run of Bluff Country, United Way of GWP, Red Wing YMCA, and Youth Outreach. Along with special thanks to Xcel for a very generous contribution, we thank all of you and these organizations for another year of support.

Erin Yeomans, Marilyn Meinke and Linda Thielbar,
Co-Chairpersons

Impact of Poverty on Education Program

By Laurie Andrews

We are invited to attend the following event on the Impact of Poverty on Education, sponsored by the River Falls Chapter of AAUW. I am planning to attend.

If anyone would like to attend and carpool with me, please let me know!

River Falls Branch of AAUW and River Falls Public Library
presents

Poverty and Its Impact on Local Education

Mike Johnson, Director of Academic Services
River Falls Public Schools

7:30
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

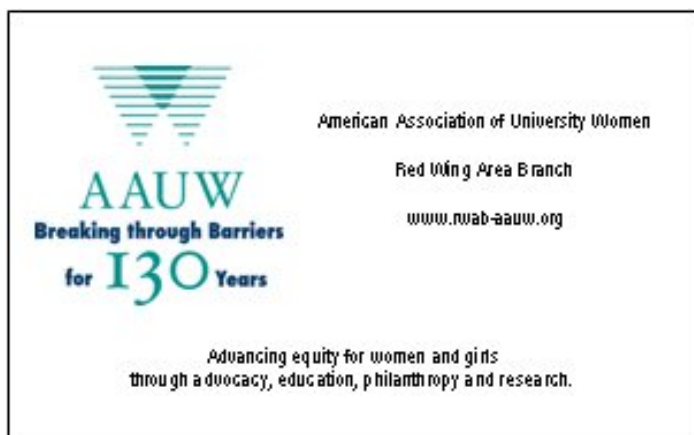
River Falls Public Library

Community Invited

AAUW:

Thanks so much for your purchase of an ad in the Red Wing High School Scarlet Feather Yearbook.

Kelsey Lappegaard & the Scarlet Feather Yearbook Team



AAUW Book Club 2011-2012

The book club will meet Tues. March 13 at 4 p.m. to discuss *The Latehomecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang. Bookmarkers distributed in Nov. had the wrong title and author. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to attend this meeting or any other meeting. Host, La Vonne Lommel



Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons, Lorna Landvik
Tues. May 8 Host, Lena Kishaba

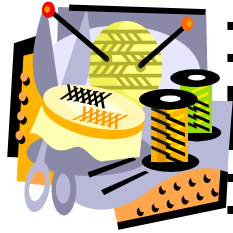
Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Strout
Tues. July 10 Host, TBA

Cleopatra: a Life, Stacy Shiff
Tues. Sept. 11 Host Jean Magnusson

Connecting Threads

AAUW Red Wing Area Branch

- Women have been weaving their lives together since time began. A small part of the female fabric of life has taken form through art, textiles and the creation of homespun items.
- Connecting Threads offers an opportunity to share our talents and learn new skills with the pleasure of good company.



As many of you have noticed we have not had anything scheduled for Connecting Threads. I am hoping that we will host a program featuring the South Africa travels of Sandy Wollschlager and Jane Donkers in the near future. I would also like to alert you to the *Focus on Fibers: Selections from the Textile Center of Minnesota* (that we have visited) at the Anderson Center. The opening reception is January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Main Gallery. The exhibit runs January 20th to March 2nd.

There are also conversations about a spring field trip to the Goldstein Museum of Design at the University of Minnesota. They have an interesting exhibit featuring costume artist Jack Edwards that is open until May 20 – which means getting organized to meet that deadline. Check out their website and let me know your interest in attending.

Linda Thielbar

BNG Sponsorship

The Middle-school Brave New Girls Conference has a science based *Storm Chasers* theme this year. Sixty girls will experience hands-on learning about the science of weather and the climate with special guest, Lauren Casey, WCCO-TV meteorologist. Girls will also learn how to stay safe in all kinds of weather and the many exciting ways we learn about and communicate weather events and news in the media.

The conference planning team includes members from AAUW; Youth Outreach; Girls on the Run; Red Wing Family YMCA and Community Education. The conference will be held after school on March 27th at Twin Bluff Middle School.

Local sponsorships in 2011 made it possible for us to offer the conference free of charge to the girls and provide each girl with a specially designed t-shirt. We hope that you will sponsor a girl for \$10 to help cover costs this year. We would like to personalize your sponsorship gift by including a tag with an inspirational message and your first name as a gift to each girl.

If you would like to be a sponsor please fill out the bottom of this letter and return it to Linda Thielbar, 2544 Oriole Circle, Red Wing, MN 55066 with a \$10 check payable to AAUW. Your prompt response is requested. Thank you for supporting the girls in our community.

Linda Thielbar

Please Print:

Sponsor's
Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Inspirational Message: (Feel free to email message to linthielbar@charter.net)

What Will Health Care Reform Mean For MN Women?

The new federal health care law is moving forward in Minnesota - and will mean real changes in health care for Minnesota women. The "Affordable Care Act" will prevent insurance companies from charging more or dropping coverage for people who are sick. It will offer financial assistance to thousands of individuals who can't afford coverage. It will expand public health care programs available to low-income Minnesota women.

Minnesota Choice Coalition's Roe Anniversary Happy Hour

Join Planned Parenthood and the Minnesota Choice Coalition for a casual and informative evening designed to bring friends and colleagues together to celebrate the anniversary of Roe and discuss how to we can work together to protect choice!

Thursday, January 19th, 2012 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Moto-i, located in Uptown: 2940 Lyndale Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Event is free, but please RSVP to advocacy@ppmns.org if you are planning on attending.

Healthy Legacy Day at the Capitol

Do you want toxic chemicals out of children's products and our environment? Help us protect the health of children and the environment by joining Planned Parenthood and Healthy Legacy on [Valentine's Day at the Minnesota Capitol](#). We will be delivering valentines to state lawmakers and talking to them about how they can protect what is precious by supporting state policy that identifies and removes toxic chemicals from children's bubble bath, toys, and other products.

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Time: 9:30 AM (optional training)

10:00-11:00 AM (deliver valentines)

Location: Room 300 South, State Office Building

Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul

Let us know if you will be attending. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



Pro-Choice Lobby Day 2012

2011 was quite a year at the Minnesota Legislature! The 2011 Legislative Session resulted in the anti-choice House and Senate passing two anti-choice assaults on Minnesota's women. A bill to strip insurance coverage for low income women's access to abortion and to ban abortions after 20 weeks were sent to Governor Dayton's desk and vetoed.

We anticipate much of the same this year!

We must stand united at the Capitol and let our legislators know we will not allow this war on women!

You can help defend Choice by joining us on Feb. 15th for [Pro-Choice Lobby Day](#) as we stand together to defend a woman's right to choose!

If this is your first Lobby Day have no fear! We will have trainings and plenty of people who have attended before so you won't be in the dark about the issues or how to talk about them.

[Sign up](#) today! We schedule the visits for you so we need you to register so we have the correct information to use for setting up your legislator visit.

[Pro-Choice Lobby Day](#) happens once a year and we look forward to seeing you on February 15th!

Newsletter Information

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Red Wing Area Branch Website:
www.rwab-aauw.org

Mission Statement: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research*

Vision Statement: *AAUW 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.*

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Looking Ahead

- Jan. 19 Potluck, Remembering Recipes, First Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.
- Mar 8 Board Meeting
- Mar. 27 Brave New Girls
- Apr 6 Purses Galore Fund Raiser, Bella Casa, 6-9 p.m.
- Apr 19 Annual Meeting
- Apr 22-29 State Convention



If your email address changes, please notify me and our president ASAP so that you don't miss any of our AAUW email notices.

Promoting education and equity for all women and girls.