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MILWAUKEE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

October 2016

**Saturday
October 1**

**SHAPE the FUTURE
Membership Drive
and Program**

at the
**Italian
Conference Center**
631 E. Chicago St.

9:30 ~11 am:
Board Meeting

11~11:30 am:
Social

11:30 ~1 pm:
Meal & Program

Cost \$20 each.

*PLEASE make your
reservations by
Monday, Sept 26*

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*Please advise of
special dietary needs.*

SIXTEENTH STREET

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Presentation on Saturday, October 1

Special Guest: Gabriela Diéguez Hurato

Gabriela Diéguez Hurato, LCSW earned her Masters in Social Work at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She has worked as a bilingual therapist for ten years at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center providing services to the inner city population in Milwaukee. Most of the people that she serves are Latinos with incomes below the poverty level. She works with individuals and families who come with diverse mental health needs including anxiety, depression and behavioral problems in their children.

Gabriela has collaborated in several research projects, with the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee on Behavioral Activation for Latinos, and with Marquette University on Attention Deficit Disorders in Latino Children.

She is an active member of the Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition, a group of professionals from different organizations.



The Coalition's vision is to increase the health and well-being of Latino communities by organizing power for social change.

Mrs. Diéguez Hurato is currently the chair of the Mental Health Action Team which works on advocacy, education and resource building for mental health.

Gabriela states that she pursued the career of social worker because she loves to relate to people as they go through their process of growth, discovering their strengths and amplifying their community connections.

Planned by the Membership Committee

Annual Meeting informality “encouraged interaction” from members present.

The Annual Meeting on September 10th held for the first time at the Italian Community Center was an A+ event according to the comment cards that were filled out by some of the members in attendance. This comment is representative of the reaction. *“The best thing about the presentation was getting caught up on the status of the organization... including future opportunities.”*

Michele Prosek was given earned applause for her presentation of the results of the survey that was recently sent out to members.

- Members wanted a better meeting space**DONE!** ✓
- Members wanted better food**DONE!** ✓
- — and reliable service.....**DONE!** ✓
- Members wanted ease of parkingand **DONE!** ✓

In addition, there was good feedback on the year’s programming with some ideas for 2017-18. **Charity Blount**, Program Chair for two years, is stepping down, and the Board is looking for someone to replace her. **Catherine Tully**, who has so ably served as chair of the Public Policy Committee, is also looking for a replacement.



The role of “hostess” for our meeting is changed. During the social time wine and other beverages will be served. As no food can be brought into the ICC, the social will only feature “food for thought.” There is, however, a need for one or more members to act as “greeters” at each meeting, stationed at the ICC entrance as well as at the entrance to the room.

Chairs of several committees reported on what has been done and what we can do to further our commitment to the organization. Four grants have been made recently through the Girls’ Club for \$7,000 to non-traditional students at UWM and MATC. Along with the grants each student is awarded a year’s free membership. Two of these newest members, Abra Fortson and Alethea Biles, were at the meeting.

Scholarship Committee’s 2016-2017 Plans

*From Bettina Arnold and Jerrienne Hayslett,
Co-Chairs Scholarship Committee*

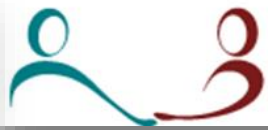
For the first time in six years, the Scholarship Committee will be without **June Albert**’s leadership as co-chair. After serving as a committee member for many years, June stepped down. We will all miss her and we thank her on behalf of the entire AAUW-Milwaukee Branch membership for her quiet, steady guidance.

Committee veteran **Bettina Arnold** is assuming the co-chair position vacated by June. Together with committee co-chair **Jerrienne Hayslett**, Bettina and members **Joanne Johnson**, **Donna Jordahl**, **Guadalupe Montoto**, **Ellie Moseley**, **Sharon Munson**, and **Janet Nortrom** plan to review and update the scholarship application process and explore ways to broaden the visibility of AAUW-Milwaukee Branch’s service of providing scholarships to high-achieving Milwaukee public high school seniors in need of financial assistance for college. The committee is also in the process of checking the progress and status of past scholarship recipients and developing an ongoing mechanism for staying in touch with them.

The amount available to fund scholarships for this coming year, according to Milwaukee Branch Finance/Foundation Chair Margaret Courtright, is \$42,000. The committee is eager to get to work and to review applications from this year’s MPS graduating seniors, and is looking forward to honoring the recipients at the May Scholarship Brunch.



Benita Clark



Membership Matters



Graciela Pequeno

“SHAPE THE FUTURE” MEMBERSHIP EVENT OCTOBER 1, 2016

Every year at our November gathering AAUW celebrates its Annual Membership Drive called **SHAPE THE FUTURE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN***. Our Membership Committee this year will be having the “kick off” for this traditional drive at our branch meeting of October 1, 2016.

Around this time every branch throughout the country is encouraged to challenge **all** its members (*yes, that’s you and me!*) to invite their friends, colleagues, family, or neighbors who have a college degree or at least two years of college training to join AAUW for half price (\$44.00).

This year every person who comes as your guest will receive a free lunch. Not only that, but your name as a welcoming member will be entered to win a fabulous prize. *Imagine...winning a prize just for bringing a potential member as a guest to this meeting.*

As a special feature of this meeting we will be presenting **Gabriela Dieguez Hurtado**, a well-known and highly regarded social worker and community activist representing the **Sixteenth Street Health Clinic** on Milwaukee’s south side. She will be speaking about her work in the Hispanic Community and the services the 16th Street Health Clinic offers the public. Along with our celebrated speaker, we will be having a

DRESSING FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE where you are encouraged to bring a donation for a community charity of a



new or gently used ready-to-wear garment for a job interview. Costume jewelry, scarves, purses, dresses, blouses, skirts, slacks, jackets, coats, shoes, are all suggested items. Agencies appreciate it if clothing items are brought on a hanger.

Won’t you accept the challenge?
Will you bring someone from your network to this year’s MEMBERSHIP DRIVE event?
Will you bring a garment or item to donate to our *DRESSING FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB INTERVIEW CLOTHING DRIVE!*
Come and have some fun, and help women in our local community by donating an article of clothing.

COME AND SHARE THE WEALTH OF AAUW MEMBERSHIP AND JOIN IN SHARING AND SHAPING THE FUTURE!

This year’s organization receiving our toiletries is Fresh Start Learning, Inc.

Fresh Start Learning, Inc. is a relatively new non-profit serving those who are caught in the human trafficking ring active in the Milwaukee area. The Milwaukee Branch Board of Directors has decided to continue to collect the **personal items** for women, such as body wash, shampoo, body lotion, sanitary needs, etc. to donate to this organization. In addition, we will collect **purses** in which these items can be given to the women on the streets, which has proven to be an effective first-step friendly gesture of good will.



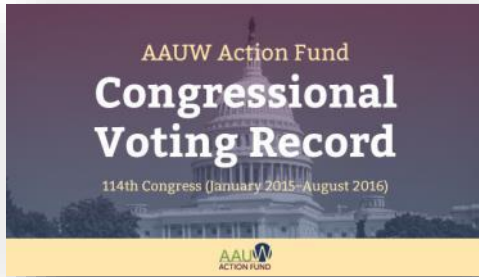
Thus, please continue to bring the **personal items** you have brought in the past, and if you have new or slightly used **purses** that can be donated, bring those as well. This is a simple yet effective way of reaching out to those who feel alone and forgotten.



AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE



When women vote, we change the conversation. Members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) have a long history of lobbying Congress and holding their legislators accountable for how they vote on AAUW priority issues. This week, we released the [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record \(CVR\) for the 114th Congress](#), which provides information about elected federal legislators through the votes they cast on critical issues.



www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/

The following announcement is submitted by Janet Nortrom, branch member, regarding a nearby program of interest. Members are invited to submit event announcements from other organizations that may have relevance to our members.

Confronting Islamophobia & Standing With Our American Muslim Friends

Speaker: Janan Najeeb
Wednesday, September 28th
6:45 - 8:00 P.M.

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY
1342 No. Astor (Astor & Ogden Streets)



4th
Tuesday
of Each
Month
September
through May
1 p.m.
In Suite 202
Astor Hotel

Tuesday, October 25 at 1 p.m. in Astor Suite 202.

***All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr**
Discussion Leader: Anne Lehman
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant *New York Times* bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Ten years in the writing, a National Book Award finalist, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (*Los Angeles Times*).

DATEs to Remem-

ALL Saturday meetings will now be held at the ITALIAN CONFERENCE CENTER and will always be scheduled as follows:
9:30 a.m. —Board Meeting
11:00 a.m.—Social
11:30 —Meal and Program

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Book Discussion Group
Astor suite 202 at 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
is a **SHAPE THE FUTURE* Membership Drive** which feature a speaker and a clothing drive

*New Members join for half-price.

Future Meeting Dates

♦ Saturday, November 5
Marilyn Boeldt from the League of Women Voters will address The Rise and Fall of Voting and Election Laws in Wisconsin.

♦ Saturday, December 3
áthas, is on fire with a combination of traditional and newly composed Irish music, sprinkled with information about instruments, culture, and Irish dance.

Mark your calendars!

2017

- ♦ Saturday, January 7
- ♦ Saturday, February 4
- ♦ Saturday, March 4