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NEWSLETTER

June, 2017

Seven MPS Seniors Honored at Scholarship Brunch

Members

Save the date
August
5

Annual
Membership
Celebration

Details to
follow



AAUW-Milwaukee celebrated May, and changed leadership at our annual Scholarship Brunch. Receiving scholarships of \$6,000 each were **Mang Vang Chin** and **Mai Lao Vang** both of Hamilton High School, **Shayla Husted** of Carmen High School of Science and Technology Northwest and **Alejandra Montes de Oce** of Carmen High School of Science and Technology South, **Renee Marfitt** of Milwaukee High School of the Arts, **Xao Vang** of Vincent High School, and **Parabhjot Singh** of Ronald Reagan High School. All but Parabhjot accepted certificates in person at the brunch. Scholarship Committee members **Janet Nortrom**, **Joanne Johnson**, **Sharon Munson** and co-chairs **Bettina Arnold** and **Jerrienne Hayslett** evaluated 45 applications

and selected recipients, and Joanne took the lead in brunch preparations and logistics. President-elect and newly installed president **Lyn Hildenbrand** picked up office assistant **Kathe Bogdan's** duties in Kathe's absence to provide leadership and bring all the elements together for a gala event, attended by 80 members, scholars and guests.



American Association Of University Women Milwaukee

President's

Lyn Hildenbrand



UPDATE

Hello AAUW-Sisters & Brothers

This is my first article as your very proud and honored to serve president. I would be remiss if I did not formally thank and acknowledge our outgoing President Michelle Prosek. She has left some pretty big shoes to fill by the work she accomplished, and I look forward to taking up where Michelle left off.

I would like to give a great BIG SHOUT OUT to Michelle, and I look forward to working in concert with her during my tenure as your President.

Wisconsin State Convention in Neenah

Convention was an awesome experience. Having the opportunity to network with like minded women from around the state is very inspirational. At Convention we raised \$1503 for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund—a not too shabby feat for a group of just over 100 attendees.

This year's theme was 'Amplifying Our Voices Together' and we were able to do that through our workshops, breakout sessions and guest speakers.

Voices of Hope entertained and educated us on Friday night. They shared a sampling of the stories and reasons behind the often-traumatic

journeys that have brought Hispanic immigrants to Wisconsin's Fox Valley.

Eileen S. Hartmann our National Board was engaging, inspiring and empowering.

Mary Burke our Saturday keynote, in 2014 was the first woman in Wisconsin history to win the nomination for Governor for a major party.

Mary has since founded a non-profit called Building Brave. It is an online, supportive Community and revolutionary mobile app designed to magnify women's inner strength. She shared her story, and the story of Building Brave and its role in being a platform for women's organizations. Through Building Brave members can engage on a daily basis and amplify the power that comes from working together. We know that when women support other women amazing things happen.

National Convention

This June I will be representing our branch at our National Convention in Washington DC—upon my return I will fill you in on the latest and greatest

New Challenges

One of my goals as your president is to engage with you the members in a strategic planning process. I would like us to create a five year plan and would love your input. Please be on the look out for some email surveys that I would love and truly need your input on. I will send information out in late June after Convention, late July and mid August so I can have an outline of a plan at our September annual meetings.

Reminders:

By now all of you should have received an email regarding paying your dues. Please remember that dues are due by the 30th of June.

Peace & Grace,

Lyn



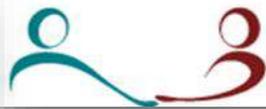
Members sometimes wonder "How do we fund the scholarships we award each year?"

The College Women's Club Foundation was established in 1963 primarily to promote education, especially the scholarship program. It was funded by donations, fundraisers, and bequests, and as these funds were invested, it has grown to over \$800,000 currently. The scholarships our branch awards each spring are funded by the Foundation, which is required to donate 5% of its assets for charitable purposes. By the mid-1980s, about \$9000 was given in scholarships. The assets of the Foundation benefitted greatly from some sizable bequests and a rising stock market, and has more than quadrupled in size since that time. As a result, for the past few years, we have been able to award about \$40,000 in scholarships. The spring meeting, where these awards are presented is one of the high points of our year!

Margaret Courtright



Benita Clark



Membership Matters



Graciela Pequeno

AAUW MILWAUKEE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE GETS SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM STATE AND LOCAL VENUES

At this year's, State Convention in April - AAUW Milwaukee branch received a certificate to officially recognize the growth of our branch. We earned first place in the category for branches with 55-99 members by adding 20 new members to our roster this year. President Michelle Prosek presented the certificate to the Membership Chairs Benita Clark and Graciella Pequeno at the Scholarship Brunch.

Benita Clark and Graciella Pequeno presented a \$1000 check to Donna Rongholt- Migan Executive Director of the Cathedral Center to aid with their homeless shelter. The money was raised at the membership committee's 'Huggable' silent auction event at our December



2016 meeting as well as from our Holiday gift-wrapping event.

The May Scholarship Brunch was indeed a wonderful day for our Branch to celebrate!!!

As each of you is a vital and valued member and contributor to the success of our branch we urge you to renew your membership by June 30th. Please complete your membership renewal via the online message you received the week of May 7th. By simply going on line, credit or debit cards are accepted. Or complete the renewal form and return to the office with your check. The first 50 renew-

als will receive a special door prize in September!

The traditional Summer "Tea Party" is now in its beginning stages of planning and will take place on **August 5**. This is the day we honor all our new members, and give special recognition to our Legacy Members.

Once again, our member Yuliana Manriques and her husband Carlos are offering a creative fun activity like they did last summer. This time they plan to facilitate a workshop entitled, **"Sip, Socialize & Create"**. They will guide us through a painting project while we enjoy a glass or two of wine. You will be able to take your own original painting home with you! Make this an unforgettable fun event where you can bring friends and relatives with you.

Mark your calendar-**AUGUST 5!**



TREASURER'S CORNER

Shirley Metcalf

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE
JUNE 30, 2017**

****The AAUW branch membership year runs from July 1 through June 30th.**

Full-year dues: Collect between March 16 and December 31. The membership expires June 30 of the next year. Half-year dues: Available only to new members. Collect between January 1 and March 15. The membership expires June 30 of the current year.

Transfer: A member leaving one branch to join another or a national member (formerly member-at-large) who joins a branch is a transfer member, not a new member, unless they just recently joined. If expire year is the current year, national dues are \$49. If expire year is next year or later, national dues are \$0.

Dual Member: A member of multiple branches holds dual membership. The branch that collects national dues is considered the primary branch. Any additional branch memberships are considered the dual branches and only collect the branch and state dues from the member. State dues should only be collected once a year per state. Branch recruitment campaigns such as Shape the Future and half-year dues are for new members only. A new member is someone entirely new to AAUW or lapsed for two years or more.

**All info above obtained from our National website.

\$88.00 (National \$49; State \$13; Branch \$26)



Dates

to remember

Mark your calendar

August 5
for our Tea Party

(Not Our Founding Mothers' Tea Party)

Celebrating

NEW MEMBERS & BRANCH
MEMBERS
years of service

AAUW members have been busy contacting members of Congress and tweeting about issues important to women and girls. Just a few highlights:

Equal Pay Day 2017 brought an AAUW twitter storm where more than 21,500 tweets were sent. This was a significant increase over last year's 2,400.

63,972 messages have been sent to legislators;

437 media outlets have talked about AAUW priorities;

20 statements have been made

on the floor of Congress that mentioned AAUW.

AAUW Public Policy members have been also keeping track of changes on the State level as well.

I would also like to point out the article in the Spring 2017 issue of *AAUW Outlook* about the proposed changes for the national Public Policy Program for 2017-2019. This program shapes our advocacy focus for the next two years – it's worth a look!

Your Branch Officers for 2017-18



Girl's Club Fund Scholars Recognized at the May Scholarship Brunch— We wish these ladies success—and are excited for their involvement in our branch.

