

## *The Milwaukee Branch to award \$45,000 in Scholarships to Milwaukee Public School Seniors*

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**

**Scholarship Brunch**

**10:30 a.m.**

Presentation of Scholars

11:30 a.m.

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*Italian Conference Center*

*631 E. Chicago St. at Jackson St.*

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**Cost: \$20**

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**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

Reservation Deadline

**Monday, May 2**

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You may always come for just  
the program at no charge.  
However, to guarantee enough seating,  
**PLEASE** make a reservation.

The tradition of honoring students who have achieved academic success, have volunteered within their school and community, and are eager to begin a new chapter in their life pursuing a higher education degree continues on Saturday, May 7, at the annual Scholarship Awards Brunch, held at the Italian Conference Center.

The selection committee meets at the end of April to determine the recipients and the amount of each award. In recent years those awards have been between \$4,000—\$6,000 each. Presently there are 35 applications from 11 Milwaukee Public High Schools throughout the city.

High School counselors are integral in the application process as each application must come through the counselor. In addition to the three-page application, students are asked to include a transcript, a personal statement regarding higher education plans and beyond, optional letters of recommendation, and proof of financial need.

The Selection Committee is very appreciative of the time that is devoted by the counselors, the students themselves and the cooperation of family in preparing the application. Each application is studied and evaluated thoroughly. As these students are ALL outstanding, it is not an easy job to select the final recipients.

The AAUW-Milwaukee Branch will provide details of each recipient, along with pictures of all of them, in the June newsletter. We encourage you to join us on Saturday, May 7, to meet each of them and honor their efforts.

# President's UPDATE

Michelle Prosek



Hello everyone,

Our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was a resounding success, thanks to Jessica Michna's fabulous representation of Mrs. Charles Dickens! The feedback I received from several folks was very positive and, as always, we are astounded by Jessica's wealth and depth of historical knowledge and equally astounded at the very different life women of that generation had to live. We also had a number of guests that attended March's meeting and it is always nice to share such great entertainment with our friends and family!



online payment of your dues using a credit card. You go directly to the National AAUW website

[www.aauw.org/membership/](http://www.aauw.org/membership/) to access the online payment under **branch renew**.

You can also reach that link through AAUW-Milwaukee Branch website [milwaukee-wi.aauw.net](http://milwaukee-wi.aauw.net). Consult your renewal

letter for more details. We encourage you to use the renewal form to share additional details about your employment history, and your interests and activities.

**April 12 is Equal Pay Day**--the symbolic day when the average salaries of women who work full-time, year-round, catch up to the salaries that men earned the previous year.

On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the AAUW Milwaukee Branch hosted information tables about **Equal Pay Day** at both Alverno and UWM, as we have in previous years. In addition to

handing out PAY-DAY candy bars along with pay gap information, the branch held an "Unequal Bake Sale" at which treats were for sale to the public, with female buyers paying 21% less!

## Scholarship Brunch May 7

Finally, just a reminder to all of you that we will host our Scholarship Brunch on Saturday, May 7, at the Italian Conference Center. We will celebrate with brunch as we enjoy the presence of all of our 2016 scholarship recipients and their families. Please be sure to RSVP to the office by Monday, May 2, to ensure your reservation. We need to give a firm head count to the ICC. The Board meeting will also be hosted at the ICC that morning at 9:30.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Thank you and please be kind to one another,

*Michelle Prosek*

## State Convention Coming Up

As a reminder, the AAUW State Convention is scheduled in Madison for Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. The theme is Women Take the Lead and our President-Elect Lyn Hildenbrand, in her role as State Development VP, continues to drive towards completion of the Wisconsin State Katherine Teska Fund. The fund's intended use is to support **key research** around women's issues.

At convention, as part of the fundraising effort, there will be a variety of baskets full of various items available for auction by both districts and local branches, as well as a number of other fundraising items. I encourage you to join us at convention, especially if you are interested in pursuing leadership opportunities within the Branch or beyond. Please contact Kathe at the office for more information or you may contact me directly.

## 2016-17 Membership Renewal

By this time, you should have received your membership renewal packet in the mail. If you have not, please contact the office. This year, with some caveats, we are now able to offer



A guest of Benita & John Clark, **Karen Davison** chats with **Barbara Nazer** and **June Albert** during the March luncheon and program held in the Astor ballroom.

# Membership Matters



Benita  
Clark

&

Graciela  
Pequeno



## MEMBER RECOGNITION DAY COMING THIS SUMMER AUGUST 6, 2016 AT ESTABROOK PARK

Even though it's only May, your Membership Committee would like you to know that on August 6 we will be celebrating a special **MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION DAY** to honor all of our members—new and legacy—including some who go back to the 1960s.

Plans include giving special recognition to those members who have been with us 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25+

years. The title of this gathering celebration is called **NOT OUR FOUNDING MOTHERS' CUP OF TEA**. We will commemorate our early founding mothers' tea parties which were so common in Milwaukee back in the day when fashionable women owned clubhouses used to house, school and train young women in a variety of work skills.

Please circle August 6 on your calendar and plan to be at this festive celebration. More information on this summer party will be forthcoming.

## Hospitality Corner

Sue Abler, House/  
Hospitality Chair



Thank you Rosemarie Shimeall and Jean Kreul, hostesses for the March 5 social in the suite..

## Introducing New Member Christine Wolf

Newest member **Christine Wolf** holds a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies and History from UWM, graduating summa cum laude in 1993. In 2001 she earned a master's degree in Political Science from Illinois State located in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. Presently she is working on her Ph.D. from Cardinal Stritch in the Leadership for Learning and Service in Higher Education program.

Employed at UWM in the Center for International Education as Senior Academic Programs Coordinator, Christine works with students pursuing the Global Studies degree program, one of the few programs of its kind in the nation.

Christine also advises for the International Studies major and minor, and four certificate programs, teaches a course on international careers, recruits, and serves in various capacities on the UWM campus, including as a member of the Ombuds Council.

Christine was exposed to the AAUW "Start Smart" salary negotiation seminar that UWM and Milwaukee Branch co-sponsored initially. A volunteer at the Cathedral Center, Christine is also a board member of the Pabst Park Neighborhood Association. Somewhere in the mix, she finds time for reading (and writing) poetry and relaxing with yoga.

Mildred Setright, a longtime member of AAUW, died on March 17, 2016 at the age of 96. She taught kindergarten for over 40 years. Our sympathies to her family.



JoJo Dascenzo, Lyn Hildenbrand and new member, Christine Wolf, socialize at the March 5 meeting.



## Awareness and Determination— *women need to be about both*

### Equal Pay Day

We marked Equal Pay Day (*the day when women's pay will symbolically "catch up" to what men were paid in 2015*) at Alverno and UWM campuses on April 12<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of pay discrimination. The Milwaukee Branch thanks Michelle Prosek, Kathe Bogdan, Charity Blount, Bev Katter, Lyn Hildenbrand, Shirley Metcalf and Sharon Munson for volunteering their time in this effort.

Three years ago Mary Fiedler met with State Sen. Chris Larson on AAUW Legislative Day to educate him on our issues. Every year since he had written about Equal Pay Day in the newsletter to his constituents.

You can also help by asking our senators to vote **no** on cloture (*the process of closing debate in the Senate by calling for a vote*) when the "Workplace Advancement Act, SB2200, comes to a vote. According to AAUW, this is a misguided reform attempt that will do more harm than good.

### President's Nominee

Equally important is the need to urge our senators to vote on the President's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland for the U.S. Supreme Court Justice vacancy. The senators should provide advice and consent as the constitution requires. Ten months is too long to allow a court vacancy in this important deliberative body.

### Burial Reject

The Woman Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) who served with distinction in World War II and have earned Congressional Gold Medals are not permitted burial in Arlington National Cemetery. Sen. Barbara Milkulski and Reps. Susan Davis, Martha McSally and Joni Ernst are trying to rectify this slight with SB 2437 and HR 4336.

*Please speak up in support.*

*President Michelle Prosek (center) was pleased to introduce her sister, Angela Prosek, to Linda Jenzake, and other branch members present on March 5.*



## DATES to remember

**SATURDAY, May 7**  
Board of Directors Meeting—9:30  
**SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH**  
**10:30**  
Italian Conference Center  
Officer Installation

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
"Celebrating Members"  
NOT OUR FOUNDING  
MOTHERS' CUP OF TEA  
Saturday, August 6, 2016  
Estabrook Park

*Sojourner Truth House needs your continued support. Please bring toiletry items to donate on May 7. The travel sizes that you collect from hotel rooms, or buy from the drugstore are the perfect size. Thank you!!*

### Book Club

4th Tuesday  
of the Month

1 p.m.  
In suite 202  
Astor Hotel

May 24: **The Invention of Wings** by Sue Monk Kidd. *Anne Bales Discussion—Leader.*

**The Invention of Wings**, a powerful and sweeping historical novel by Sue Monk Kidd, begins, fittingly, with an image of flight: Hetty "Handful", who has grown up as a slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, recalls the night her mother told her that her ancestors in Africa could fly over trees and clouds. That day, Handful's mother, Charlotte, gave her daughter the gift of hope—the possibility that someday she might regain her wings and fly to freedom. Throughout Kidd's exquisitely written story, Handful struggles, sometimes with quiet dissidence, sometimes with open rebellion, to cultivate a belief in the invincibility of her spirit and in the sacred truth that one does not need actual wings in order to rise.