



NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Milwaukee (WI) Branch
Established 1894

Saturday,
February 6
At the Astor Hotel

Social 11:15 a.m.
Suite #202

Lunch 12 noon
Bach Room

Program approx.
12:30 p.m.

On the Menu:
Tuna Casserole with
warm French bread

COST: \$20

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Reservation Deadline

Tuesday, Feb. 2

414-276-6820

aauw.milwaukee@gmail.com

Please notify the office of
any special dietary needs.

You may always come
for just the program
at no charge.

To guarantee enough seating,
PLEASE make a reservation
even if you are coming for
just the program.

Girls on the Run Tina Jones and IOU Sports Bernell Hooker —Special Guests speakers

AAUW Milwaukee Branch's February 6th program will feature two organizations dedicated to many of the same principles that AAUW represents.—that of enabling achievement for women.

TINA JONES of the Milwaukee Council of Girls on the Run and **BERNELL HOOKER** from IOU Sports organization will be our guests that day.

Girls On The Run

Mission: To inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.



With the help of over 120,000 volunteers, the Girls on the Run program is now serving over 168,000 girls in 225+ cities across North America each year.

Leading the local Girls On The Run organization is **Tina Jones**. Tina



holds a BA in Public Relations/Marketing from UW-Whitewater, and an MA in Administrative Leadership from UW-Milwaukee

Girls on the Run of Greater Milwaukee has been serving the Greater Milwaukee area since 2007. "From having 60 girls in the program and 4 sites initially to now serving over 1000 girls and having over 57 program sites in the Greater Milwaukee area, we are continually working towards spreading this empowerment

program to more and more 3rd-8th grade girls in the area," states Tina. For more information and ways to get involved, please visit www.gotr-milwaukee.org.

Images of Us (IOU) Sports

Mission: To Empower Girls to Achieve Their Best through Sports.



The overarching goal of IOU Sports is to empower girls using education through sports as an avenue that instills discipline, teamwork and physical fitness to create well-rounded individuals. IOU Sports believes in the education, cultural awareness, diversity and growth of young girls and women in the professional sports arena.



Bernell Hooker

is the CEO of IOU Sports and also Principal Owner of the Milwaukee Aces - WABA—The newest

team for the Women's American Basketball Association. Bernell graduated from Concordia University in Criminal Justice and Business. She was head basketball coach for four years at Mount Mary College.

The organization has a commitment to providing education opportunities, internships, and seminars to women to help them augment the skills they already have.

Please join us in welcoming these two women on Saturday, February 6.

Submitted by Charity Bogdan Blount, Program Chair

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

President's UPDATE

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Dear AAUW-Milwaukee Branch Members,

Happy Winter everyone! And has it every come upon us all of the sudden! We went from needing to mow to needing to shovel in 24 hours! Hope you all are keeping warm and doing the "Wisconsin Shuffle" so you don't slip on the ice.

A WORD ON JANUARY PRESENTERS

For our January meeting, we were visited by Alma Lopez, our Student Branch Affiliate from Alverno College and Stacy Stolzman, the AAUW 2014-2015 National AAUW American Fellowship Award Recipient. Alma shared some of her experiences and lessons-learned from her NCCWSL event and Stacy shared the nature of her PhD studies at Marquette. Both women represented the face of women today – smart, hard-working and articulate. I was proud to be part of an organization that played a role in their success. Special thanks to Shirley Metcalf, who provided door prizes from MSOE for our January meeting!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

During our January Board meeting, we began planning for the remainder of

the year. We have a few important events coming up this year including Equal Pay Day in April, the AAUW State Convention in April, our Scholarship Brunch in May, and upcoming elections in November. All of these events are opportunities for participation from our membership and I encourage you to get involved at any level that you are able. There is real value to being part of these worthy events.

HERE'S YOUR CONTACTS

If you are interested in being a part of upcoming planned events for **Equal Pay Day**, please reach out to **Catherine Tully** to get on her email distribution!

If you are interested in attending the **AAUW State Convention**, please reach out to **Kathe Bogdan** to get on that email distribution! (*The Branch does have a limited budget to help with registration fees so the sooner we know you will join us, the better*).

And if you are interested in getting involved with **getting out the vote in November**, then please contact **Catherine Tully** or see the **AAUW National website** for more information.

And, of course, please plan to join us at the **Scholarship Brunch in May!**

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

In February, we will talk about the benefits of girls being involved in sports! Having been involved in sports my whole life, I can tell you that I learned many of the essential skills that have contributed to my success.

- 1) How to win and how to lose, with grace
 - 2) How to be persistent and do the hard work that is required to be successful
 - 3) **TEAMWORK** – knowing we can achieve more working together than we ever could working alone!
- I hope to see you all at the meeting on February 6th. Please remember that parking is available in the parking lot for the meeting **AND** if you have any special food requirements, please let us know in advance so we can work with catering. Details can be found in the newsletter on both of these issues.

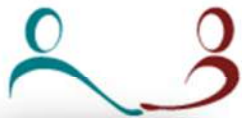
Be kind to one another.

An Invitation to Tour the Sojourner Family Peace Center

The Heritage Committee is "on the road again" with a trip to the newly-opened Sojourner Family Peace Center. On Wednesday, February 10th from 1:00-2:30 p.m., a guided tour of the Center will be given by Debra Fields, Public Relations, to interested AAUW members, their family and friends. The Center is located at 619 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee. Parking is available in the secure lot which is entered on 7th street. In addition to the tour, the proceeds from the Membership Committee's very successful holiday "silent auction" will be turned over to the Sojourner Family Peace Center at that time.

The Center is now the largest family justice center in the nation, providing shelter, child protection and core health services in one location. It is also the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 9,500 clients each year.

If you are interested in the tour, please contact Nancy Nohl at [\(414\) 327 1518](tel:4143271518) or nannohl@wi.rr.com.by Friday, February 5th,
Submitted by Mary Fiedler, Heritage Committee



Membership Matters



Benita Clark & Graciela Pequeno



REACHING OUT AND WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

At this time we would like to sincerely thank all of our members who have been so welcoming of our newest members. People of all ages who have joined the AAUW Milwaukee Branch say the number one reason is the AAUW mission of empowering all members. "Empowering" is what we'd like to do. In the near future the Membership Committee will be conducting simple interviews of each of our new members (12 total so far) regarding their particular interests and what inspired them to join AAUW.

Questions regarding issues that are important to them, their current career activities and their community involvement will be part of the interview. We will be suggesting they join at least one of the many AAUW committees in our Branch which are presently available to them. As we have all experienced, there is nothing more fulfilling than finding and joining a group of new friends with like interests who welcome you with open arms.

We will be publishing these interviews as an insert in one of our future Newsletters. This will be a way of introducing our newest members to all our readers.

All of our new members will eventually be hearing from the different chairs of our various committees in which they have expressed an interest.

By now all new members have received a "welcome packet" containing a personal welcome letter from our President Michelle, a gift copy of our Branch history book: Women Making a Difference by Priscilla Pardini, and other pertinent information regarding membership in our Branch such as our Bylaws.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Upcoming Events! Circle your Calendar!

Recognition of Members

April 2016 –Updated Report on Membership Status

Scholarship Recipient Brunch

May 2016 (*Our Crowning Glory* Event) plus Induction of Officers

Not Our Founding Mothers' Cup of Tea

August 2016 Salsa Fusion/Tea Party at a Milwaukee County Park TBA

Dress for Success Fashion Show

October 2016 combined with Shape the Future Membership Campaign

Hospitality Corner

Sue Abler,
House/
Hospitality
Chair



Jean Collins and Shirley Metcalf have volunteered for February 6.

Marcia Zientek and Janet Nortrom will welcome guests at the reception following the March 5 visit to the UWM Planetarium.

Jean Kreul and Rosemarie Shimeall have signed up for the April 2 social.

Thank you to all of these members who have volunteered to assist in this important role.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS For the Astor Hotel Lot

When approaching the hotel lot gate from Astor Street, call: 414-271-4220 (*number is on the gate*) for admittance, space permitting. Identify yourself as coming for AAUW event/business.

BRANCH MEETING DATES

2016

February 6

First Saturdays of the month

March 5

April 2

May 7—Scholarship Brunch

Every Student Succeeds Act updates
No Child Left Behind Act of 2002

The *Every Student Succeeds Act*, signed on December 10, 2015, reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (1965), and effectively ends the *No Child Left Behind Act* (2002.)

Examined more closely, it is accurate to say that ESSA eliminates several features of the previous NCLB, while retaining some of the critical components that make all schools, teachers, and principals accountable to the national goal of effective teaching in the service of advancing the acquisition of knowledge, skills and dispositions by our nation's students. This goal is indicative and reflective of the spirit of the original ESEA, which deemed education a crucial civil right.



In sum, ESSA devolves oversight of public education back to the states, while retaining, but reducing, the federal government's power to monitor the fidelity with which all of the nation's students are succeeding. Aspects of the legislation questioned by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education are the inclusion of a provision for principal and school leader academies that could award certificates equal to master's degrees and options for state expansion of alternative routes to licensure in specific high-needs fields (STEM and special education.) Hearings scheduled this month are in Washington D.C. (January 11, 2016) and in Los Angeles (January 19, 2016) to discuss, advocate, interpret and implement the new law of the land.

DATES
to remember

TUESDAY, January 26

1 p.m. Book Club
Astor Suite #202

SATURDAY, February 6

Board of Directors Meeting—9:30
Social 11:15 ~ Suite #202
Lunch 12 p.m. Bach Room
Program 12:30
GIRLS ON THE RUN
& IOU SPORTS

TUESDAY, February 23

1 p.m. Book Club
Astor Suite #202

SATURDAY, March 5

UWM PLANETARIUM
Road Trip!! Program 1 p.m.
Optional Lunch: Noon
On your own ~ Meet @ NOODLES
Reception to follow Program

TUESDAY, March 22

1 p.m. Book Club
Astor Suite #202

SATURDAY, April 2

Board of Directors Meeting—9:30
Social 11:15 ~ Suite #202
Lunch 12 p.m. Bach Room
Member Recognition
Program 12:30
JESSICA MICHNA
"THE WOMEN OF CHARLES DICKENS"

SATURDAY, May 7

Board of Directors Meeting—9:00
SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH 10:30
Italian Conference Center

Book Club



4th Tuesday of
the Month

February 23
1 p.m.
In suite 202
Astor Hotel

West with the Night by Beryl Markham
Joanne Johnson, Discussion Leader

West with the Night is the story of Beryl Markham--aviator, racehorse trainer, beauty--and her life in the Kenya of the 1920s and '30s. It is a 1942 memoir chronicling her experiences growing up in Kenya (then British East Africa) in the early 1900s, leading to a career as a bush pilot there. It is considered a classic of outdoor literature, and in 2004 *National Geographic Adventure* ranked it number 8 in

