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NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health

Saturday
April 7, 2018

Members
Meet and Greet
at the

Italian Conference Center
631 E Chicago St.

11 am —Social
11:30 —Lunch and
Program

Cost \$25 each.

Please make your
reservations by

Noon April 3, 2018

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Board Meeting
Thursday March 29, 2018
5:30 pm Astor Suite



Sara
Finger
Founder
and
Executive
Director

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health

Since June of 2004, Sara has been leading the effort to develop a new organizational coalition to unite, coordinate and amplify the voices of women's health supporters in Wisconsin. Prior to assuming this role, Sara was the Northeast Director of Membership and Professional Relations for the Wisconsin Medical Society. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. She was a 2009 Mid-America Public Health Leadership Institute Fellow and is Past President of the Wisconsin Public Health Association. In 2010, Sara received a Champion of Women's Health Award from the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. In 2011, she was recognized by the Wisconsin Coalition

Against Sexual Assault with a Voices of Courage Award. In 2012, Sara was honored with a HealthWatch Wisconsin Outreach Effort Award for her coordination work of the Save BadgerCare Coalition, an Outstanding Recent Alumni Award from UW Eau Claire, was named a Woman to Watch by BRAVA Magazine and was named a Champion of Change by the White House for her work related to the Affordable Care Act. In 2015, The Business Forum of Madison honored Sara with an Athena Young Professional Award.

The logo for WAWH incorporates two rings that represents an "alliance" and recognition of the value of finding common ground. Blue is a color of "trust" and "confidence" and Green is a color of "health" and "growth". This logo was developed in the spirit of collaboration with a collective vision to improve the health and lives of Wisconsin women and girls.



President's UPDATE

Lyn Hildenbrand

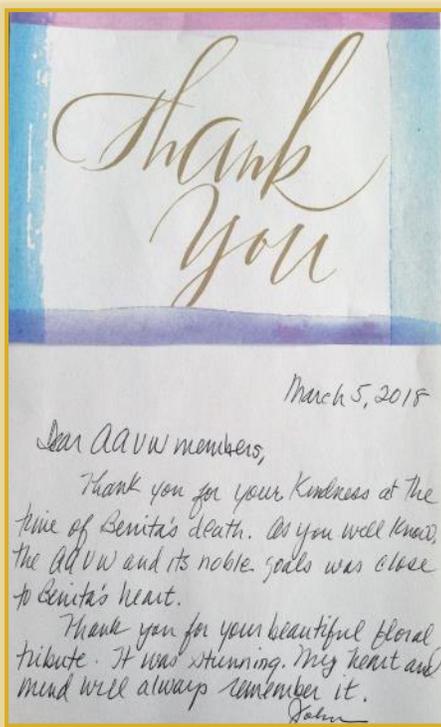


AAUW Friends...I hope that this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits, preparing for the warmer weather that is right around the corner. I know that I am waiting in hopeful anticipation of warmer days.

We had a fantastic turnout for our March Field Trip to MIAD over 35 members and friends enjoyed the tour and fellowship—we have attached an extra page of pictures from this event for your viewing pleasure.

At our upcoming April meeting, we will be voting for our next cycle of leadership! With **Stephanie Whitmore slated for Secretary and Shirley Metcalf slated for Treasurer** for another term. Please let me/us know if you are interested in serving as we would like to slate a few positions: **President Elect** and **Program Chair** both need to be filled, as well as all of our appointed positions. Please let anyone on the Board know if you have a nomination or if you are interested in serving in any capacity. After elections are held I/we will be appointing folks to the various positions. Thanks so much for your support!

Peace, Lyn



PUBLIC Policy

Reported by Jean Kreul
Milwaukee Branch



Equal Pay Day takes place this year on Tuesday, April 10th.

You are invited to come to either Alverno College or UW Milwaukee to help greet and inform those who stop by about what the day represents and its impact on women. You don't have to come for the entire time – even an hour can make a difference. The time period for UW Milwaukee will be from 11:00 until 2:00 pm and at Alverno it will be between 11:00 & 2:00 If you would like to help, please let me know at the April meeting or call our office and leave a message.

Equal pay day began in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) an all volunteer group of women's and civil rights groups which began in 1978 (their web site suggests wearing red on this date as a symbol of women "being in the red"). Originally called the National Pay Inequity Day, it was changed to Equal Pay Day. A national observance continues each year on the second Tuesday in April a symbolic date rep-

resenting the additional time that women need to work for their pay to catch up to a man's from the previous week. There date is even greater for minority women - in 2017 the Equal Pay Day for African American women was July 31, for Native American women September 25, and Latino women November 2nd.

March is Women's History Month! Is there a woman in history who you admire? One woman I admire is Eleanor Roosevelt. She wrote a newspaper column and was Franklin Roosevelt's "eyes and ears" during her extensive travels during his terms as President, unusual for that time period which I find interesting. So this month take time to find a woman you admire and the ways they have influenced you.

April Women in History: April 9, 1939 Marian Anderson sings on Easter Sunday for 75,000 at the Lincoln Memorial.



AAUW-Milwaukee is pleased to introduce our newest member **Doreen Lucht**. Doreen Lucht PE graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. She is president and founder of Advanced Technical Services, Inc. engineering firm in the Milwaukee area. Doreen is a Relay for Life mentor at the American Cancer Society and was on the Board of Directors at Make-A-Wish America. We are excited to have Doreen join us and look forward to getting to know her! **WELCOME DOREEN!**





Membership Matters



Graciela Pequeno

We Continue to Grow & Connect



A Special THANK YOU for supporting our efforts in increasing the Milwaukee Branch membership. Your Membership Committee is presently organizing a traditional Tea Party to be held in May for our new members. The objective of the Tea Party is to welcome new members, share the AAUW Milwaukee Branch history, discuss committee participation, and to give them the opportunity to share their story and reasons for joining AAUW. The Membership Committee believes this is a more personal way to welcome, integrate, and get to know our new members better and for them to get to know us.

The Membership Committee goal is to increase and retain membership. It holds a strong belief that recruitment is everyone's responsibility and is on-going throughout the year. Members meet monthly to plan activities that promote this goal. In addition, committee members contribute to updating branch application and brochure, write monthly articles for AAUW's newsletter, welcome new members, organize motivational activities, and recognize existing members.

Membership Committee members believe increasing and retaining members is everyone's responsibility. We want to encourage each one of you to take the initiative to talk to committee chairs and join a committee. Your assistance, knowledge and expertise is needed to move many activities and events forward.

REMINDER: You are encouraged to renew your membership at your earliest convenience. Membership dues can be paid anytime between March and mid June.



Jessica May - COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RELATIONS UPDATE

For the past 30 years, AAUW has hosted the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL, or "nick-whistle"), a transformative experience for young women to hone their leadership skills, make lifelong connections, and get ready to shape the world. Past attendees have gone on to lead nonprofits, innovate the corporate world, create new technologies, and more — all while paying it forward for women and girls. While AAUW offers a national scholarship to cover the cost of the conference

for deserving students who otherwise might not be able to attend, the Milwaukee Branch decided to begin offering a *\$1,000 annual NCCWSL scholarship* to ensure that a Milwaukee area college student is able to attend the conference and bring her leadership skills back to our community. This year, the committee has awarded the NCCWSL scholarship to Melinda Gayle, a junior-level Nursing student at Alverno College. Melinda serves as a Peer Leader (a combination of an Orientation Leader, Peer Academic Advisor, and Teaching Assistant for a First Semester Seminar class), providing support to a group of new students in

their first semester of college, as well as President of the Black Student Nurses Associations. The Student Activities and Leadership staff at Alverno who nominated her felt that she has not only demonstrated strong leadership skills in these roles, but that she has a lot of potential for leadership within the healthcare field and in the greater Milwaukee community. Melinda will write about her NCCWSL experience in a future Milwaukee Branch newsletter, after the attending the conference in June, and hopefully join us at a Fall 2018 meeting. Congratulations Melinda!

From the AAUW Book Club



Remembering Nancy Nohl

Our much-loved Nancy Nohl will be remembered for her welcoming smile and her genuine interest in all of us. She passed away on February 20th, quietly and in the presence of her family.

As a single mother, Nancy earned an undergraduate degree from Lakeland College in Sheboygan and a degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She then embarked upon a twenty-five year career with the West Allis Public Library.

Her wide range of interests included genealogy research, supporting Milwaukee's arts and culture, playing Scrabble and membership in multiple book clubs and historical societies. But her top priority was always her family. She leaves behind two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Nancy had been actively involved in AAUW for the past eighteen years. As a member of the Heritage Committee, she was largely responsible for preserving and organizing our vast collection of historical documents and memorabilia. These materials proved invaluable in the writing of *Women Making a Difference*.

She was also formative in ensuring that these historical materials were turned over to UWM's Golda Meir Library for public access and for archival preservation. Quite understandably, she became our Branch Historian.

As a member of our Book Club, Nancy's passion for reading inspired us. We respected her critical analysis of our books as much as we enjoyed her unique perspectives and insights. We will always remember her and we will miss her dearly.



DATES to remember

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 29, 2018

5:30 pm Astor Suite

APRIL 7, 2018

WI Alliance for Women's Health—Sara Finger

TUESDAY

APRIL 10, 2018

Equal Pay Day

Booth at Alverno & UWM

FRIDAY

APRIL 13, 2018

Workshop at Alverno

State Convention

APRIL 21-22

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

Board Meeting

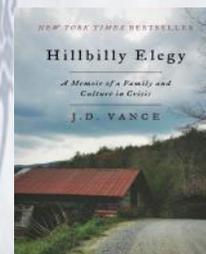
Thursday, April 26, 2018

5:30 pm Astor Suite

SATURDAY

MAY 5, 2018

*SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
CELEBRATION BRUNCH*



Book Group

Tuesday, March 27th, at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 202.

Hillybilly Elegy: *A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance will be discussed. Sharon Munson will be the discussion leader.

Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream. From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, this poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country.

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