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NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Status of Girls in Wisconsin

**Saturday
February 2,
2019**

**Board Meeting
9:30-10:45**

**Members
Meet and Greet**

**11 am — Social
11:30 — Lunch &
Program**

at the
Italian Community Center
631 E Chicago St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Cost \$15

*Please make your reservations
by January 25th*

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The “Status of Girls in Wisconsin” report provides information, without extensive interpretation, to serve as a catalyst for young women and girls and the agencies that serve them to voice their perspectives on the issues and challenges they face and work to develop the solutions, programming and resources needed to address these issues.

The report is still the most comprehensive consolidation of information about the issues facing girls in our state. Several colleges and universities nationwide have followed Alverno College’s lead in presenting data to improve the lives of girls.

The last report was released in 2014 and it was the third report on the status of girls in Wisconsin as part of Alverno’s continued commitment to raise awareness regarding issues and challenges that impact girls in our state. The first report was released in 2007, with an update in 2010.

The 2014 report focuses on girls (in most cases ages 10-19) across the state of Wisconsin. Data are drawn from various sources

Compiled analyzed by the Alverno College Research Center for Women and Girls research team.

The Alverno College Research Center for Women and Girls generates and applies research, develops curricula, prepares evaluation tools and conducts outreach for the purpose of supporting and inspiring initiatives to improve the lives of women and girls locally and nationally.

We are very excited to be among the first to hear from a member of the team who conducted the latest and greatest version of this oh so important study. And, we are proud to be among those who have provided financial support for this endeavor.

*Submitted by Lyn Hildenbrand,
President AAUW-Milwaukee*



President's UPDATE

Lyn Hildenbrand



Happy Winter everyone!!

At our January meeting, we were enlightened, educated, and enamored by our distinguished speaker, Dr. Gul Afshan professor and Program Director of Biomolecular Engineering at MSOE. She had all of us so engaged in her presentation... I think we lost track of time. Her knowledge, wit and charisma had all of us glued to her every word, I laughed until I cried from a couple of her stories. I look forward to partnering with Gul on bringing STEM programming to middle school girls in the very near future. We were happy to welcome her husband, Andres to our meeting as well. The two are STEM through and through as he is a retired Physics professor from MSOE. Special thanks to Shirley Metcalf, who invited Gul to our January meeting, and to Janet Nortrom for introducing her friend Gul to us at the meeting!

During our January Board meeting, we began planning for the remainder of the year. We have a some truly awesome events scheduled as we

come into the homestretch including our 125th Anniversary Gala on March 2, Equal Pay Day in April hosting events at both Alverno and UWM, the AAUW State Convention April 26 and 27 in picturesque Lake Geneva, our ever popular Scholarship Brunch on May 4, our pending field trip to Chicago in June and our upcoming elections that are scheduled to be held at our April meeting. All of these events are opportunities for you to join in on the fun and memories that being a member affords each of us. I encourage you to get involved by joining us at the meetings or join a committee. The comradery that develops out of meeting attendance is something short of incredible. The more you attend the more you get hooked on AAUW!

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 2, 2019
VILLA FILOMENA
FORMERLY AAUW'S MARSHALL HOUSE
AAUW MILWAUKEE'S 125TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

If you are interested in being a part of any of our events for **Equal Pay Day**, please reach out to **Jean Krueel**, if you are interested in attending the **AAUW State Convention**, please reach out to **Tamara Morgan** to join the sisterhood in Lake Geneva! (*The Branch does have a limited budget to help with registration fees so the sooner we know you will join us, the better*). And, of course, please plan to join us at the **Scholarship Brunch on May 4**. We would love to have your help planning our **trip to Chicago in June**, let me know if you'd like to help us out!!!

In February, we will learn about Alverno's latest research project; **The Status of Girls in Wisconsin**. This is sure to be another awesome presentation! Please RSVP by January 25, as we would love to see your smiling face at the meeting. Additionally, we would love to be able to have an accurate count for the ICC. We have been averaging 6-8 people who arrive at the meeting that forgot to RSVP, although we love seeing you, we would also love to have an accurate count so we have enough places to sit and food to eat! Thanks for your kind consideration.

Peace, Lyn



Dr Gul Afshan



Membership Matters



Graciela Pequeno

Celebration the 125th Anniversary of the Milwaukee Branch!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Each one of our members are a valued and fundamental part of our AAUW Milwaukee Branch. The November 2018 AAUW National Membership Dues Summary Report indicated the Milwaukee Branch has 92 active members. We encourage each one of you to invite a colleague or friend to join the association. After all, an association is as good as its members and you are a very important and vital element. You make it great!

Your Membership Committee would like to also take this time to invite each one of you to *join a committee* and help by taking a *leadership role* in the Branch. All you need to do is contact our president, Lynn or a committee chair and express your interest. We are all professional and possess strong skills that help our Milwaukee Branch grow. Your help is needed.

We would like to take this time to give a warm Welcome to **Linda Keane** who has officially joined our Milwaukee Branch. She was introduced to AAUW through **Janet Nortrom**.

The Membership Committee encourages everyone to attend our monthly meetings, they are extremely educational and interesting. This also gives us the opportunity to socialize, network, and get to know each other better. It is a great opportunity to say hello to our new members and welcome them!

Thank you for your continued and amazing support. You Rock!

Submitted by Graciela Pequeno



The 2019 AAUW.org Annual Art Contest opens on January 8th

This year we are giving special preference to submissions that reflect AAUW's mission and values.

We hear about the gender gap all the time — in [salary](#), in [math and science](#) fields, in [leadership](#). But one of the most glaring and long-standing gaps is in the art world. For centuries women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men.

Today, things have changed ... some. Only [30% of artists](#) represented by commercial galleries are women and women working across the arts professions make almost [\\$20,000 less per year than men](#). This is why we host an annual art contest to give women artists the equal attention they deserve.



Economic Security

Another AAUW Public Policy initiative is to assure that women and girls have economic security. Some consequences of unequal pay include debt women have for student loans will likely take longer to pay off. With fewer funds available, it may be more difficult to contribute towards a retirement plan such as a 401(k) for 403(b). This leaves more women vulnerable to retirement insecurity over time.

According to a 2018 report from AAUW, women are more dependent upon Social Security in retirement. Considering that women are usually the main caregivers for others, gaps in earnings can add up to less benefits over time. In 2008, 23 percent of women over age 65 relied upon Social Security for their entire retirement income.

The **Start Smart** and **Work Smart** programs play an important part in how women assess their contributions to the organizations for which they work and ask for the pay they deserve. The tools in these programs will go a long way in alleviating economic insecurity. However, making progress towards pay equity through such legislation as the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, which would strengthen the *Equal Pay Act of 1963* will also have an impact.

History item of the month:

Nellie Tayloe Ross was inaugurated as **the first female governor in US history** in Wyoming on January 5, 1925.

Submitted by *Jean Kreul*

All AAUW members and their guests are invited to tour

The Cathedral Center's Friendship House

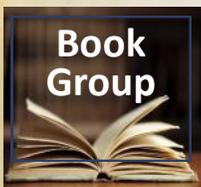
1029 N. Marshall Street

A newly-acquired shelter for women and families

Thursday, February 7th at 12:00 Noon

Submitted by Mary Fiedler

DEEPER
IN DEBT
WOMEN AND STUDENT LOANS



Tuesday, February 26th, at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 202.

Everyone is invited to attend the monthly Book Club Discussions, which are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 202 at the Astor Hotel.

On Tuesday, January 22, the Book Club will discuss "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Janet Quail will be the Discussion Leader.

This is a story about children taken from their parents through kidnapping or subterfuge and then placed for adoption, for a price. It is set in both the 1930s and present day, telling the story of the Foss children in the '30s and Avery Stafford in present day. What follows is a heartwarming story of love and betrayal with well-developed characters and background love story.

Inspired by the real-life scandal involving Georgia Tann, who operated the Tennessee Children's Home Society. This was a front for a child trafficking scheme in which Tann sold children on the black market. The novel spans decades to reveal how the lives of these children are shaped by tragic events.

Submitted by Mary Fiedler, Book Club Coordinator

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

DATES to remember

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Saturday

February 2, 2019

*Status of Girls in Wisconsin*  
Alverno College

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Saturday

March 2, 2019

125th Anniversary

Celebration

at Villa Filomena
(The Marshall House)

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Saturday

April 6, 2019

*Sexual Assault Awareness*

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Saturday

May 4, 2019

Annual Scholarship Brunch

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June 2019

*Road trip to Chicago*

