



NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Milwaukee (WI) Branch
making a difference since 1894

SHAPE THE FUTURE!

2nd Saturday
September 14,
2019

Italian Community Center

631 E Chicago St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meet and Greet
I I am - Social
11:30 Luncheon

Menu

- Tomato Bisque with Fresh Basil
- Make-Your-Own Salad Bar
- Chicken Salad with Celery and Red Grapes
- Tuna Salad with Lemon Mayonnaise
- Sliced Fresh Fruit & Berries
- Fresh Baked Bread & Rolls
- Lemon Tarts

Please make your reservations by August 28, 2019

Phone: 414-276-6820

Email:
aauw.milwaukee@gmail.com

This September 14th is our Shape the Future membership drive... At this event we will be honoring members who have hit milestones in their membership; 5, 10, 15 etc. years of membership. We will highlight some of our brightest moments of last year and look to the future with hopeful anticipation! There will be a lot of fun interactive opportunities and chances to win prizes!

PLEASE – invite a friend or 2 to attend this meeting to learn about AAUW. At this meeting new members have the opportunity to join at a discounted price and receive some cool stuff from our branch!!

The Shape the Future membership campaign helps us recruit and retain members. New members pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at this event. For every two new members who join, we/the branch earns one free national membership. A maximum of three free memberships may be earned per year and can be given to anyone who qualifies for AAUW membership.

There will be a table with membership brochures and branch information set up at the event. For every guest you bring you will receive a raffle ticket and each guest will receive 2 raffle tickets. You will be

asked to complete a guest referral sheet and we will invite our guests to join on the spot to receive 50 percent off their national dues. Remember— AAUW national dues are tax deductible!

AAUW membership is open to anyone with an associate (or equivalent) degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. A “new member” is someone entirely new to AAUW or an individual who rejoins after two or more years. A national member who joins a branch is not a new member. “New members” are the only members eligible for membership discounts through this campaign.

I am looking for folks to join the membership committee... We will have lots of fun planning, recruiting and working to retain our members by offering fun engaging ways to be involved with our branch.

Submitted by Lyn Hildenbrand



President's UPDATE

Jean Kreul



Become a Volunteer - for your Branch!

In the spirit of our mission to support women and girls (and that includes you!) I am requesting every member volunteer for at least **one time** during this 2019 – 2020 year. Some possibilities include:

Serve on a Committee

Have you considered serving on one of our Branch committees but don't know what they are or what to do? See below for a brief description. Is there a skill or knowledge set you have to share?

College/University Relations

Communicates with local colleges and universities, assists with college and university members in the community and help to increase AAUW visibility on local campuses.

Diversity and Inclusion

Aids in developing, implementing, and monitoring programs and activities that promote diversity and inclusion at the branch level.

Finance

Reviews the fiscal and financial operations of the branch.

Membership

Encourages members to retain membership and invite guests to join the

Branch. Updates brochure and local membership application. Assist in writing a monthly article for the Branch newsletter. Recognizes long-term members.

Program

Develop and implement programs and other projects that promotes advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Public Policy

Advocate for AAUW's public policy priorities. Assists with representing priorities to elected and appointed officials and policy makers. Lead AAUW voter education and turnout campaigns for the branch.

Public Relations

Sends information concerning meetings and activities the Board has identified as special projects to the media and State and National publications of AAUW. Collaborates with other committee chairs to promote events.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math)

Supports women's representation in STEM; encourages women and girls to pursue these educational and career fields. Assist with local STEM events and communication of AAUW's research and program efforts.

Other committees of interest

Heritage Club

The mission of this committee is to preserve, explore and share the rich historical and cultural heritage of AAUW's Branch via field trips, research, and monthly meetings.

Book Club

This group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from September – June to discuss a selected book on a relevant topic of interest.

Serving on a committee not for you? How about:

Enjoy talking to people and making them feel welcome? You could be a hostess/host at one our meetings to welcome members and guests.

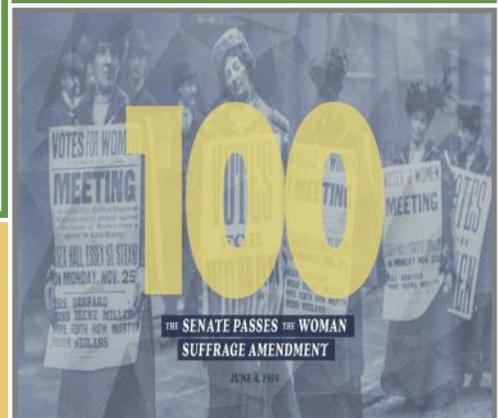
Like to travel and learn about interesting places? You could assist, plan, and execute an activity or field trip that our members would enjoy.

Know of an upcoming activity in the community that promotes our mission? Write an article about it for our monthly newsletter.

Jean

Woman's History

September 14th, 1964 Helen Keller, Lynn Fontaine, Leontyne Price, Dr. Helen Taussig and Dr. Lena Edwards receive the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*.



What's New at AAUW.org

Women Hurt Most by Student Loan Crisis

May 06, 2019

When women take the stage to get their diplomas this spring, they'll be graduating to staggering student loan debt. As of early 2019, women hold almost two-thirds (\$929 billion) of the country's \$1.46-trillion student debt, according to a [new analysis](#) by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) report, [Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans](#).

"Student loan debt is very much a women's issue," says Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW. "Sadly, as women graduate, they are already at a significant financial disadvantage, with higher debt and lower pay in their first jobs than men."

Women borrow more, and because of the gender pay gap—wherein women earn 80 cents for every dollar paid to men—they also take longer to pay off their loans. The problem is even more severe for women of color.

And it's getting worse for everyone. Indeed, the cost of a college education has skyrocketed by 103% since 1987, while household median income has risen a meager 14% in the same period. The student loan crisis has already become a centerpiece of 2020 presidential campaigns, with virtually every candidate voicing a position or supporting a policy to address it.

Meanwhile, the Class of '19 represents the most racially and ethnically diverse U.S. college student body ever—and women comprise a growing majority of students. Women earned 57% of bachelor's degrees in 2019. In fact, women will outpace men in obtaining degrees at *all* levels of higher education.

"Despite all the advances women have made in education, they still face a pay gap from the moment they graduate," says Churches. In an apples-to-apples comparison of workers one year out of college with the same education, hours worked and family responsibilities, women earned 7 percent less than their male counterparts, according to AAUW's report [Graduating to a Pay Gap](#).

Here are additional findings from AAUW's recent analysis and other research:

- The student loan gender gap has nearly doubled in a recent four-year period, and women now graduate with an average of \$2,700 more debt than men when earning a bachelor's degree.

Newly released data from the 2015-16 [National Postsecondary Student Aid Study](#) reveal that black women graduate with the most debt – \$30,400 – compared to \$22,000 for white women and \$19,500 for white men.

- Women take about two years longer than men to repay student loans and are more likely to struggle economically as they do so. As a result, they often put off saving for retirement, buying a home or starting a business.

To address the student loan crisis, AAUW is calling on lawmakers to safeguard and expand Pell Grants and other forms of aid; to support efforts toward tuition- and debt-free options for students; and to help meet students' academic and financial needs, including affordable access to child care. AAUW also advocates for policies and practices aimed at closing the gender pay gap; these include federal legislation like the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), which was recently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives, as well state and local bills promoting equal pay.

"As an organization committed to gender equity, we support policies that make higher education accessible to all students, protect student borrowers, and help eliminate the gender and race gaps in loan debt," says Churches.



By: [Christina Folz](#) | Issue: [Economic Security](#) | Tags: [Economic Security](#) [educational debt](#) [Equal Pay](#) [Financial Literacy](#) [student loan debt](#) [student loans](#) | May 06, 2019

Team AAUW Milwaukee is looking for walkers!

Join the AAUW Team - Heart Walk 2019 on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Veteran's Park! It only takes a few minutes to sign up. Go to www.2heart.org and look for the AAUW Milwaukee Branch team. There is no "fee". However, donations are welcome. There is a 1 mile walk and a 3 mile walk. Consider participating and do whichever works for you!

According to the Centers for Disease Control, heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the U.S. (in 2017 about 1 of every 5 female deaths). If our goal is to help women and girls, keeping ourselves and others healthy is one way to do so. Remember, AAUW has heart!

Please contact Jean Kreul at jkreul@yahoo.com with any questions.



Lyn Hildenbrand

PUBLIC POLICY



Janet Nortrom

Elections are coming. Candidates are lining up all over America for the 2020 election. Who will Speak out for Women and Girls?

As you take time to listen and read about the candidates, see how they talk about the important issues affecting females. Issues like Immigration, Title IX preservation, freedom from workplace harassment, student debt, equal pay for all females, including African and Native Americans who are often overlooked.

Stay informed and help others to Vote, Vote, Vote. Contact the League of Women Voters. Remember Carrie Chapman Catt (Lane) founder of the League? She worked hard for the Wisconsin passage of the 19th Amendment.

Celebrate all year long, especially on August 26, 1920 when ratification took place and we received the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote! We will celebrate again in March during Women's History month with our AAUW Heritage Society.

Today join - AAUW national advocacy tool called the "Two Minute Activist" to get the latest concerns and "how-to" tools to reach out and contact our elected officials to encourage them to support policies that promote women and girl's economic security.

Submitted by Janet Nortrom

Heritage Club Meeting

Friday August 30, 2019 | 12:p.m. | Astor Hotel, Suite #202

All Branch members are invited to join us. Our focus is on a variety of activities including field trips, historical explorations and monthly meetings to learn more about the branch's heritage.

We normally meet at noon on the last Friday of the month. Although, frequent field trips are offered at alternate times to accommodate those who cannot attend the Friday meetings.

Co-Chairs: Mary Fiedler and Graciela Pequeno.

Tuesday, September 24th, at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 202

The AAUW Book Club meets on September 24, 2019 for the annual selection of books to be read during the year 2019-2020.

Everyone is invited to attend the September 24th meeting to recommend a book to be read and discussed, the date for the presentation, and the discussion leader.

The book for October 22, 2019 is *Euphoria* by Lily King and the discussion leader is Janet Nortrom.

Submitted by

Anne Lehman co-coordinator with Ellie Mosely of the Book Club.

DATES to remember

~~~~  
Saturday

September 14, 2019

2nd Saturday)

*Shape the Future*

~~~~  
Saturday

October 5, 2019

Gender Pay Gap

~~~~  
Wednesday evening

November 6, 2019

*Work Smart-Deeper in Debt*

~~~~  
Saturday

December 7, 2019

Silent Auction & Entertainment

Office Hours

Wednesdays

7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Days and Hours are approximate and subject to change.

Book Group



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

