



NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Milwaukee (WI) Branch
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Title IX - Perspectives

Saturday
February 1, 2020

Italian Community Center

631 E Chicago St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RSVP Due:

Wednesday
January 22 2020

11am - Social
11:30 Luncheon
12:30 Speaker

Menu

**Creamy Caesar Salad
with Grilled Chicken**

Italian Rolls & Butter

Cost \$15.00

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We are pleased to have Susan A. Olejniczk, join us at our February meeting to speak on this important topic. As some of you know, efforts to change the focus and reach of Title IX has been taking place for the past 3 years by the current Secretary of Education.

Sarah serves as Vice President for Student Affairs and Title IX Coordinator at Mount Mary University, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In this role, she oversees the University's engagement, support, Title IX compliance, and success offerings for all students. She is passionate about equity in educational outcomes, and enjoys the rich diversity of the Mount Mary University community.

Sarah served Mount Mary University as the Dean for Student Affairs and in Alumnae and Parent Engagement before her current role. Prior to that, she worked in Residence Life at Marquette University and at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora, Illinois.

Sarah earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Luther College (Decorah, Iowa) and a Master's of Education in Educational Policy and Leadership, College Student Personnel Administration from Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership from Marquette University, with a dissertation topic on trauma exposure for resident assistants.

Sarah and her husband are proud parents to two children, Walter (6) and Freddie (2.5).



President's Message



How did it get to be 2020!? Did you think we might be zooming around in cars that fly - like they did in the Jetson's cartoon? I thought that would be cool. And how many of us are so tuned in to phones and devices that we miss what's going on around us (looking at you drivers on the phone!)?

While much has changed, much is still the same:

Pay equality is still a struggle for women versus men;

Sexual assault is still a problem and can reduce women's career development and job choices;

Women are going to college but have more college debt than men and are less likely to understand how to pay it off.

Still - there **are** signs of hope:

AAUW is leading the way by women obtain the tools needed to negotiate both initial and continuing pay;

AAUW offers college-age women the opportunity to attend NCWSSL, a national leadership conference to build confidence and network with others;

AAUW researches topics such as sexual assault and gender bias to help break barriers that cause women's livelihood to be limited; and

AAUW provides an easy way to let our legislators

know our views through the Two-Minute Activist.

August 18, 2020 will mark 100 years of women having the right to vote. Beginning in 1869, the National Women's Suffrage Association began a journey that took more than 40 years get that right. The least we can do is make sure we are familiar with the issues and vote. 2020 will be a significant - Let us make sure that what affect us and future generations of girls is heard.

Submitted by
Jean Kreul



Woman's Herstory

1. The Woman Who Planted Indigo: Eliza Lucas Pinckney (1722-1793)

Thank This Woman For: Your Blue Jeans

When most girls her age were preparing for marriage, 16-year-old Pinckney was in South Carolina. Determined to reduce her family's debt, she tried growing ginger, alfalfa and other experimental crops to little success. Then, in 1739, she planted the first North American indigo plant, which was used to dye textile fabrics in England's mills. With the help of her father's connections, Pinckney learned how to successfully grow, cultivate, and export indigo.

Fun Fact: George Washington served as a pallbearer at her funeral.

Former Scholarship Recipients - Where are they Now?

College is a time to discover and become greater versions of our younger selves. Although adjusting to a new learning environment can be exciting and a little daunting for many, it is an experience that makes growth inevitable and an anchor in preparing us for life's journey. Students like 2018 AAUW Scholarship recipient Alejandra Montes, are making their way through college by discovering ways to impact in her college community. Now a Junior, Alejandra is studying Marketing Communications at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Let's take a look at Alejandra's college experience:

Asked to describe her experience thus far, Alejandra shared some of her surprises. *"It was an adjustment; I went to a very small high school, everyone was Hispanic, and it was bigger, so coming here was a cultural shock, while also living in the dorms. I met professors and friends that helped with the transition and helped me become a college student. As for now, I'm doing great here."*

Alejandra has found ways to connect through school organizations and leadership involvement; that of which graced her an AAUW scholarship. She shares, *"I am part of the first in the family mentoring program. I went to this program when I was a freshman. Afterwards, I thought it would be great to continue this orientation event throughout students entire college experience. I helped create the mentorship program of 8 mentees that mentors 60 freshmen. We schedule lunch meetings and other activities to provide peer-support."*

As she is currently exploring career options, she finds interest in digital media and storytelling. She enjoys the media aspect of communication: photography, videography and writing. She hopes to do something within those entities. As far as marketing - she enjoys the creative side and hopes to integrate the two areas one day or perhaps start a marketing firm to help others combine them.

In addition to managing extracurricular and leadership roles, Alejandra has engraved her name on the dean's list every semester of her college career and has a part-time internship at a Technology company. She encourages any high school student to *get involved and make the best out of their college experiences.* *"Sometimes you think an opportunity is not for you but go for it!"* she advises.

It's clear that much of Alejandra's leadership & courage is a reflection of AAUW. As she put it, *"If I hadn't got the scholarship from AAUW, I would not have gone to Carthage. It gave me the confidence to apply to a lot more. There's so many amazing women & it's really inspiring to see that I can be like the women in AAUW!"*

What's next? Alejandra's inspiring story of Alejandra demonstrates she is destined to be great in her selected career. She is planning to study Photography and Biology abroad in Costa Rica! We wish her continued success in college and her future endeavors. Submitted by Donna Lewis-Taylor (NCWSSL Scholar 2019)

Community Engagement Opportunity:

League of Women Voters 100th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum

101 W. Main St, Waukesha

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The museum is featuring the Women Earn the Vote exhibit highlighting Theodora Youmans, a Waukesha County resident who served as the first president of the League of Women Voters - Wisconsin.

Parking for this event is available in Lot 5 at Barstow & Main Streets, 1/2 block west of the Historical Society or on nearby streets.

For additional information, go to league@milwaukee.org

Heritage Club News

Tour of the Milwaukee County Historical Society

On November 22, the Heritage Club visited the Milwaukee County Historical Society which occupies a 1913 former bank building. Designed in the Beaux Arts style, the recently-restored building features an elegant two-story atrium surrounded by gilded Corinthian pillars. The film, *Public Enemies*, starring Johnny Depp used the building as a filming location for *Public Enemies*.

A docent-guided tour included the current exhibit on Prohibition and an overview of the building's history and resources available in the Research Library.

March is Women's History Month - Save the Date!

The Heritage Club will honor the women's suffrage movement at our Saturday, March 7th meeting. Members and guests are encouraged to wear an article of clothing reflecting either the turn-of-the-century or the 1920's. Prizes will be awarded! Juliet Walls will discuss *Historic Women of Milwaukee*.



DATES to remember

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Saturday

February 1, 2020

Title IX Presentation

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March 7, 2020

Historic Women of Milwaukee

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Saturday

April 4, 2020

Healing after Sexual Assault

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Friday & Saturday

April 17 - 18, 2020

State AAUW Convention

La Crosse, WI

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Saturday

May 2, 2020

Scholarship Brunch

### Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday afternoons

### Book Group



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

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 202**

For our next AAUW Book Club meeting the book selection will be:

***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson, DI.**

Discussion leader will be Anne Lehman

Interested in joining? Please contact either Anne or Ellie for more information if you wish to join!

Submitted by

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

