



NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Milwaukee (WI) Branch
making a difference since 1894

Historic Women of Milwaukee

Saturday

March 7, 2020

Italian Community Center

631 E Chicago St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RSVP's Due:

Wednesday

March 26, 2020

11am - Social

11:30 Luncheon

12:30 Speaker

Menu

Cobb Salad

Tomato Bisque Soup

Italian Rolls & Butter

Pana Cotta

Cost \$15.00

Phone: 414-276-6820
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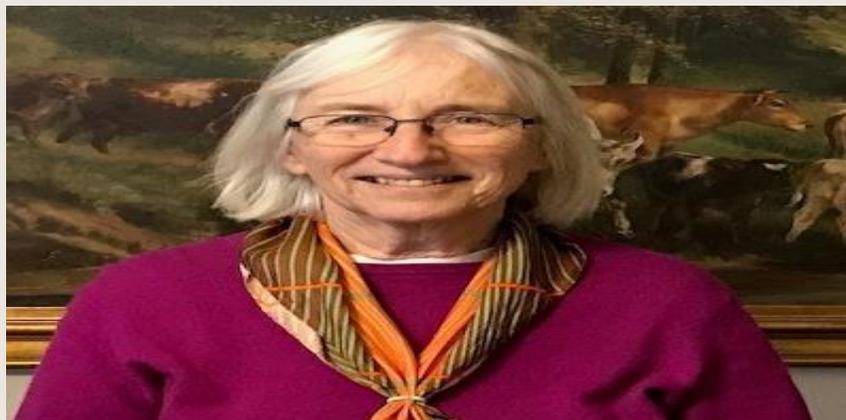
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As we close our 125th anniversary year, we will learn about our sisters from the past as Juliet Hills (pictured below), from the Milwaukee County Historical Society (MCHS) presents, "Historic Women of Milwaukee" at our March 7th luncheon.

MCHS was founded in 1935 with the mission to "collect, preserve, and make available materials relating to the history of the Milwaukee community." Their research library contains more than 10,500 cubic feet of records from various county agencies such as naturalization records, civil court records, coroner's inquests, marriage applications, jail registers, and probate records. Additionally, the library holds more than 3,000 separate manuscript collections from businesses, organizations, and families/individuals, some of whom are Milwaukee's earliest settlers. Did you know - the Society holds some AAUW Milwaukee Branch's records including College Women's Club Directories and News Bulletins!

Their current offering, *Revealed - Milwaukee's Unseen Treasures*, includes Vel Phillips Common Council desk, a Schotz brewery smock from the television show *Laverne & Shirley*, to a portion of the lunch counter from Goldman's Department store and other rarely displayed collections. The exhibit runs through April 25, 2020 so if you are looking for an interesting cure for cabin-fever consider the MCHS!

See the Heritage Club section on page 4 for your chance to win a prize at our March 7th meeting!



President's Message



I ask, you - our members to consider the following:

Nominations committee. Three members needed (meeting could be done via phone). If you are interested, email to the Branch with your available times to meet by Monday, February 24th.

2020-2021 Programs: Heard a great speaker whose message fits our AAUW goals? Have had suggestions from 2 members - how about your ideas? Email the office!

Second, consider attending one of the AAUW conventions coming this Spring and Summer:

State AAUW Convention April 17-18 in La Crosse at the Radisson Hotel.

At the Wisconsin State Board meeting February 8th, we learned great sessions are planned: A panel discussion with Women CEO's about the challenges they face; information about the legislative maps that will be drawn; and a conversation with Carrie Chapman Catt and Jessie Jack Hooper.

AAUW Regional Convention June 18-20th in East Moline, Illinois at the Hyatt House Hotel.

Highlights include: Kim Churches, CFO of AAUW National; a 19th Amendment celebration; a town hall with Kendra Davis, AAUW Sr. VP of Advancement; and Michell Duster, author and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells. An optional riverboat dinner cruise plus remarks by national women leaders are planned.

This replaces a National AAUW convention . Thirteen states invited to participate!

Submitted by: **Jean Kreul**

Save the Date

AAUW Milwaukee Branch is excited to announce "A Day for Pay Equity," an opportunity for our members and the women of Milwaukee to engage in our work to shrink the gender pay gap.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April

2 when we will host in collaboration with the Women's Leadership Collaborative (WLC), a collective of Professional Dimensions, TEMPO Milwaukee and Milwaukee Women, Inc., a series of negotiation workshops.

A public announcement and opening of registration will be announced in the coming weeks, so put this on your calendar. Workshops will be held throughout the day, across the city and run for two hours each.

SAVE THE DATE
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**A day for
pay equity.**

Presented by
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE
In partnership with
AAUW
EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881

Woman's 'Herstory'

March 31, 1776 – Abigail Adams writes to husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

Di you know: Mary Goddard, Baltimore's first postmaster, printed the Declaration of Independent in 1777.

Former Scholarship Recipient News by Donna Lewis-Taylor

Art is an ever-changing culture that is grounded in the tradition of ones' own creative thinking and making. One of our 2018 AAUW Scholarship Recipient's Renee Marfitt is exploring her artistic gifts at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & design. Studying in their New Studio Practice major, the art program is designed to prepare students to be successful professional artists. The major provides a distinct focus on what is "new" in contemporary visual arts. In the vast creative arts industry, Renee is aware that she has several options. While exploring her artistry, she would like to meet her personal goal of becoming a "visual artists", with hopes that one day she can open her "own practice".

Surrounded by inspiration and talented peers, Renee is finding ways to connect with students on campus. This year she became active in the school's Diversity Committee. Though the creative arts school have attracted some of the most talented students from the Central region, Renee is working to make it more inclusive for all students, who come from ethnic backgrounds. Renee shares, "We are trying to jumpstart more inclusivity and we are working to promote representation and financial support for minorities and disadvantaged students... I am Involved in getting this established in the diversity committee."

There were more adjustments than surprises, Renee reflects on her freshman year, "This is a private & commuter school therefore the culture is different". Now as a Sophomore, Renee has familiarized herself with challenges and strategies to navigate college. She advises students to, "Try. you never know what you are eligible for or who's listening to what you want to do. There is a big support program, if you just put yourself out there. You can always change your mind."

Renee expresses AAUW's impact on her education, "Having the scholarship that I was given allowed me to focus more, work less, be more present and have the tools I need to work towards practicing as an artist. I'm proud that I am still here. The dropout rate is 56% and I am on track to graduate!"

Renee is currently working part time and seeking an internship in the Visual Arts field. We are proud of Renee's creative journey and hope the best, as she embarks on her future career!

Member News:

Our branch was notified that member Rosa Zibell has been selected as 2020 Champion of Women's Health by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation (WWHF). Rosa is a Senior RN Care Coordinator at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Waukesha.

Founded in 1997, the Foundation collaborates with state, private and public organizations while providing women with high-quality health education. Programs span all 72 counties in Wis-

consin focusing on the major causes of morbidity and mortality for Wisconsin women such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, tobacco use, mental health, dementia, domestic violence, osteoporosis and more. WWHF provides services to roughly 7,000 women each year.

Rosa will be honored at an awards ceremony on Saturday April 18th with 4 other Champions who demonstrated their dedication to women's health through exemplary achievement in their specific area of expertise.

Congratulations, Rosa!

Heritage Club News

Celebrating Women's History Month - Honoring 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

March is Women's History Month and what better way to celebrate than to have our members and their guests wear an article of clothing popular at the turn-of-the century of the 1920's on March 7th. Prizes will be given for creativity and for displaying the "equal voting rights" spirit. Possibilities include hats, gloves, jewelry, scarfs or even suffragette sashes.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton would be coming, she might have worn her "bloomers" or the "two-legged dress" created by her neighbor Amelia Bloomer, while Susan B. Anthony may have worn her trademark red silk shawl. You are encouraged to be inspired by these two brave women and participate!

DATES to remember

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Saturday

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

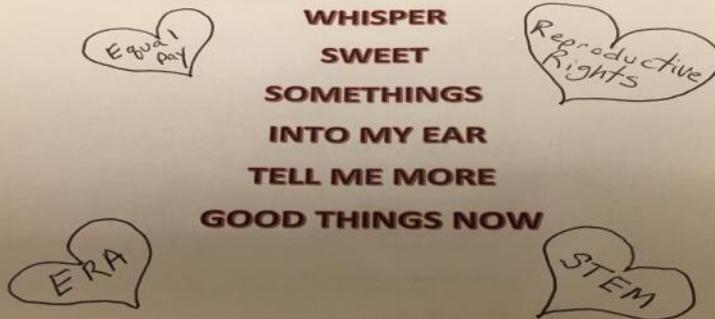
Scholarship Brunch

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Saturday

June 6, 2020

Fun with STEAM!

## PUBLIC POLICY



### Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday afternoons

### Book Group



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

### AAUW Book Club

Tuesday, March 24th 1:00 pm at the Astor, Suite 202

Book selection for this month is

### A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult

Janet Nortom will lead us as we discuss the book.

Interested in joining? Please contact either Anne Lehman or Ellie Moseley for more information!  
Anne Lehman co-coordinator with Ellie Moseley

