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Affordable Childcare and its Impact on Women's Financial Security

Heidi Deininger, Rock County YWCA Executive Director

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

5:30 Optional Meal, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Program Janesville Woman's Club

Heidi will discuss how affordable childcare impacts women's ability to have careers that enable them to obtain financial security and a promising future. She has seen the struggles parents have in obtaining high quality, affordable childcare. Often the availability of childcare places a disproportionate burden on women, sometimes forcing them to step back from the workforce.

Heidi's career has focused on youth, health, and leadership development. Many of her career roles gave her an opportunity to support people by promoting health and wellness or teaching organizational leadership. Heidi has worked for both the YMCA and the YWCA as well as the Girl Scouts.



Heidi Deininger

Optional meal (\$15) will be served at 5:30 pm. Meal will be prepared by AAUW member, Paula DeRubeis. RSVP required (texts preferred) by Thursday, September 18 to Michaele Adair at 512-970-0420. Pay your \$15 at the door.

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Presidents' Message



Happy Fall!

As we begin to look forward to another new season in Wisconsin, we also look forward to a new season of opportunity in our AAUW branch. We are looking forward to a great lineup of amazing programs for our branch meetings. A big" thank you" to the programing committee for their collaboration with the community to bring in these wonderful speakers.

Our connection to the community will be a focus for this upcoming year. We hope to achieve this connection through our presence at community events and community service projects. On the administrative side of things, we continue with the revision of our bylaws and improvement of our record management systems. We look forward to meeting the AAUW mission through meaningful experiences for the community and all of our present and new members.

In your service, Sharon and Pat



Pat Logterman



Sharon Straub

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September Action Items



- ➤ Volunteer to distribute book sale flyers to an area of town
- RSVP to Leslie Brunsell by Sept 16 for AAUW Beaver Dam event
- > RSVP to Michaele Adair by Sept. 18 for dinner before branch meeting
- Make plans to pick up your 2025-2026 Membership & Program Book
- ➤ Watch your email for another book sorting day in mid-September

Calendar Items

- ➤ Sa. Sept. 6 AAUW booth at Lion's Chicken Dinner, Traxler Park (11:00-3:00)
- ➤ M. Sept. 8 Convention planning committee, Zoom (12:30-2:30)
- M. Sept. 8 AAUW board meeting, Woman's Club (6:00)
- ➤ Tu. Sept. 9 Diverse Discussions, Woman's Club (1:00 2:30)
- ➤ Tu. Sept. 9 Gathering at Woman's Club, Membership & Program Book distribution, (2:30-3:30)
- Sa. Sept. 13 YWCA Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes, Janesville. Farmers Market (10:00-11:30)
- Sa. Sept. 13 Art in Bloom, Woman's Club Building (noon-5:00)
- M. Sept. 15 Breakfast, and book sorting
- Tu. Sept. 16 Book Discussion, Carole Salinas' home (6:30)
- ➤ Th. Sept. 18 AAUW Beaver Dam "Belonging: Unity in the Community" event
- Tu. Sept. 23 AAUW dinner (5:30), social (6:00), program (6:30), and business meeting
- ➤ W. Sept. 24 *Impact* articles due to Carole Salinas
- W. Sept. 24 Culver's Fundraiser (Midland Road) (4:00-8:00 pm)
- > Sept. 28 Oct. 7 Book Sale (move-in and sorting), Olde Towne Mall



September Birthdays

- 2 Diane Adams
- 10 Carole Salinas
- 18 Wendy Tupper
- 29 Karel Cripe
- 30 Ann Berger



➤ Oct. 9-12, 17-19 AAUW Used Book Sale

Someone need a bit of Sunshine?

If you know that one of our members could use a bit of sunshine, please let Karel Cripe know. karelcripe@gmail.com

She is our new Sunshine Chair and will send congratulations, get-well, sympathy, or other messages on behalf of the members of AAUW Janesville.

If you call a member and they don't answer, it could be because you are not in their contacts. We all get so many spam calls that they may only answer if they see a name they know. Please leave a message, and they will get back to you





Membership News

Come and Get Your Copy!



The new 2025-2026 Membership and Program Books are ready! In the past we met at Palmer Park to distribute the Membership and Programs books. We are trying something new this year!

We will host a gathering at the Woman's Club on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please join us for light refreshments, an opportunity to catch up with members, and pick up your Membership and Program book. If you have a friend who might be interested in AAUW, bring them with you. Note: This will be right after the September Diverse Discussions meeting.



If this date does not work for you, books will also be available at our September book discussion, September branch meeting, and at book sorting at Olde Towne Mall.

Carole Salinas Membership VP

Welcome to new member Betty Brown

Betty Brown, Brienne Brown's mother-in-law, just joined AAUW-Janesville. She lives at Fairhaven in Whitewater so we may not see her on a regular basis, but she is a strong supporter of our AAUW mission. Betty's contact information is in the new 2025-2026 Membership and Program book.

We Will Miss You!

We will miss the following members who have decided not to rejoin AAUW: Arlinda Benn, Ann Bennett, Jewelie Lumsden Westrick, and Shannon Metek. We thank them for their past years of membership and support. We hope to continue our friendships with them and want them to feel welcome to be a guest at our programs in the future.



Thank You for Your Generosity

Eleven Janesville branch members made donations when renewing their AAUW memberships for 2025-2026. A total of \$445 was donated with \$45 earmarked for AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, \$160 for our branch needs, and \$240 for our local scholarship fund. Thank you to those who made a donation. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Out and About Social Activities

Out and About activities will be handled a bit differently this year. We have over 35 members who indicated they are interested in social activities on their membership renewal form. We also had several members indicate they were interested in planning/coordinating these activities.

How this will work

Any AAUW member who knows of an event or activity that they would like to attend...and would like to invite others to join them...can contact one of our "co-chairs" with the information. If you suggest an activity, please be prepared to provide all the necessary details for the event: when, where, times, cost, driving arrangements, RSVP information, etc.

One of us can email the information to all of the members who signed up for Out and About activities and ask that they contact you if they are interested in going.

Typical activities that we have enjoyed in the past include: cultural displays, museums, theater performances, concerts, nature/birding outings, restaurants, supper clubs, etc.

SET UP AND SORTING 2025 DATE TIME **COMMENTS** Sun. Sept 28 1pm-4 Move-in with RECAP 2-4 Our workers start 1 hour earlier Mon. Sept 29 10-2 Sort and organize 10-2 Tues Sept. 30 Sort Wed. Oct. 1 10-2 Sort Thurs. Oct. 2 10-2 Sort Fri. Oct. 3 10-2 Sort & get table and books ready for farmers market Sat. Oct. 4 8-1 Sell books and hand out coupons At Farmer's Market Mon. Oct. 6 10-2 Sort and organize Tues . Oct. 7 10-2 Sort and organize Wed. Oct. 8 Friends and Family??? 10-2

SALE and TAKE DOWN

Thurs. Oct. 9 Fri. Oct. 10 Sat. Oct. 11	1-6 9-6 8-4	\$5 entry fee public sale public sale (1/2 price Biography & Mystery) Hand out coupons outside at Farmer's Market	
Sun. Oct. 12	11-3	public sale (1/2 price Cook books, Religion) (tidy up for an hour after sale) (cover tables with sheets) (start putting stickers on books)	
Mon, and Tues & Wed . Thurs.Oct,16 10-2		all day go home and rest restock tables, tidy, pink stickers	
Fri. Oct. 17 Sat. Oct. 18 Sun. Oct. 19	9-6 8-4 11-1 1-4	Public sale (Sticker Sale) public sale/ farmer's market Bag Sale Pack up	
Mon. Oct. 20	???	final cleanup with RECAP (time to be determined from RECAP)	

Bring your calendar to write down when you sign up to work!!!!

Book Donations

If you or oithers have books to donate, please bring them to Olde Towne Mall starting September 29th between 10 and 2. We can help carry them in. Currently, our storage areas are full, and should be cleared out enough for new arrivals as we start sorting.



The Book Sale is Right Around the Corner!

Book sale activities start on Sunday, September 28th when we move into Old Towne Mall and start setting up. Please check the chart on this page with the dates and times for the entire event. I attached the poster and coupon pages so that you can print and distribute some of both. The jpeg form of the poster can easily be posted on your Facebook page. If you don't know how to post on your own page, you can share it from the AAUW Janesville page or another member's page. The more advertising the better.

We have scheduled **a book sort for Monday, Sept. 15**th. Breakfast at Citrus Café at 8:00 followed by sorting. We are still in limbo about which room at Olde Towne Mall we will be using for the sale this year...community room or room 3 (which is currently vacant).

As always, we hope that all of our members can help in some way. You can just show up to sort, you don't have to sign up ahead of time. You don't have to stay the whole time; do what works for your schedule. Many of us bring a bag lunch, and enjoy time chatting, and getting to know each other better. We will have sign-up sheets for the sale days at the sorting, and at book discussion and branch meeting in September. If you can't sort, maybe you could bring some treats for the sorters, or the Recap workers. Donations directly to our scholarship fund are always welcomed.

We had a very successful sale last year and are hoping to do the same again this year. In order to do that, we will need lots of support from our members...so come join the fun.

Diane Adams, Paula Flaherty, and Evon Mitchell

We need volunteers to put up posters in different areas of town. We have half-sheet flyers printed for those of you delivering to one of the following areas. You can start distributing the flyers about mid-September. Please let Carole Salinas know which of the following you would like us to reserve for you (csalinas 3767@gmail.com or 608-201-1790):

- #1 Pine Tree Plaza Area
- #2 Farm & Fleet | Festival Area
- #3 Target Area
- #4 Hobby Lobby Area
- #5 Janesville Plaza
- #6 Central Milton Ave. Area
- #7 Milwaukee St. | East Point | E. Racine St.
- #8 JVL Downtown Area (east of river)
- #9 JVL Downtown Area (west of river)
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Mission & Action Newsletter

In case you missed this... (from *Mission & Action*, July 2025)

Is your contact information up to date with AAUW? AAUW is moving to a new mass email platform to better serve you! Access your AAUW personal snapshot in the Community Hub and update your contact information and preferences. Login - AAUW

- Frequent users, click **LOG IN** as usual.
- Non-frequent users, click <u>LOG IN</u>, then below the blue log in button, click FORGOT PASSWORD.
 Enter your email address and click RESET YOUR PASSWORD to receive and confirm a new password to access your Personal Snapshot. Need help? Email <u>connect@aauw.org</u> and enter LOG IN HELP in the subject line.

In Solidarity,

Gloria L. Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer



We're moving to a new mass email platform to better serve you!

AAUW National Leaders: Names to Know!



Gloria Blackwell, CEO Mission & Action newsletter



Katrina Sun Breese, Senior Director of Institutional Advancement Membership Matters newsletter



Shannon Wolfe, Managing Director & Chief of Staff



Mehgan Kissell, Senior Director, Policy & Member Advocacy Action Network newsletter



Joi Ridley, Senior Director, Communications & Marketing Women Are Counting on You!



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Frequent users, click <u>LOG IN</u> as usual. Non-frequent users, click <u>LOG IN</u>, then below the blue log in button, click FORGOT PASSWORD. Enter your email address and click RESET YOUR PASSWORD to receive and confirm a new password to access your Personal Snapshot. Help? Email: <u>connect@aauw.org</u> and enter LOG IN HELP in the subject line.

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AAUW Associate Members

New York, 1929. AAUW wanted to invite the First Lady of New York, Eleanor Roosevelt, to join the American Association of University Women. But they had a problem. Roosevelt did not have an advanced degree from an AAUW approved institution. She'd left finishing school at age 18 to make her social debut.

AAUW was convinced she would be an asset and voted to amend bylaws to create a new category of membership. Honorary - or Associate – members were women who did not meet AAUW's strict membership requirements but still supported the organization's objectives. Eleanor Roosevelt joined



AAUW that year. She spoke to the AAUW New York City Branch on Armistice Day 1929 and urged the members to do everything possible to make "another war impossible." She continued, "The only real safeguard is what education can do to change the hearts of men, and I think that has to be done by women. I think that you are the women to do it."

Four years later her husband was elected President and Roosevelt moved on to the White House. She continued to attend AAUW branch meetings around the country, many of which she chronicled in her syndicated *My Day* column.

Associate membership may have been created for Eleanor Roosevelt, but she was not the only person to take advantage of it. The 1929-1930 membership list for AAUW's Janesville branch has 93 names, of which 26 were Associate members. One of those listed was Emma Manning, the first woman elected to Janesville City Council.

The only restriction to Associate membership was that no more than 20% of branch members could be in the Associate category. (Janesville seems to have stretched this a bit.) Associate Member status stayed in place for another thirty years. Later bylaws state "There shall be no new Associate Members admitted after July 1, 1957. Those admitted before that date shall be members of the branch and state only." But even as the Associate Member status was discontinued, the organization continued to expand membership criteria. Women with Bachelor's degrees became eligible to join AAUW in 1963.

AAUW Wisconsin: Public Policy

AAUW Wisconsin's Public Policy committee meets via Zoom usually one Monday per month at 4 pm. They plan webinars and other activities that support AAUW's position on issues that impact women and families.



On Tuesday, August 19, they hosted a webinar titled, "The Truth and Lies about Vouchers in Wisconsin and their Impact," presented by Denise Gaumer Hutchison, NE Regional Organizer for Wisconsin Public Education Network and Education Chair for the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay. Denise has been advocating for high-quality public education opportunities for over 30 years. As a Network staff member, she has focused on informing communities about the impact of vouchers. Denise presents the pros and cons of vouchers. Then you can decide what is best for your child's education and the best use of your tax dollars.

A link to this webinar will be posted on the AAUW Wisconsin website soon.

Empower yourself to take action and advocate for a public education system that offers all children a high-quality education. Please invite your friends and family to view this webinar also.

FYI: Another resource on this topic is a PowerPoint from 2023 which is also available on the AAUW Wisconsin website at <u>Facts-About-Public-Private-and-Charter-Schools-Powerpoint.pptx</u>

Stephanie Malaney and Barbara Peterson, AAUW Wisconsin Public Policy co-chairs

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group met at Pat Logterman's home in July for our second potluck dinner of the summer. We enjoyed the food and fellowship more than the book, *Close to Death* by Anthony Horowitz. Although a few of our members enjoyed the complex mystery, most of the members did not like the book and didn't finish reading it. We did agree that it is a good decision to stop reading books that, as Marie Kondo would say, "Do not bring joy," and open another book. Everyone has different tastes in books, so even if it is a book group choice, a book may not be your choice. We all agree that everyone should come to our meetings whether they read the book or not.

In August, we met at Diane Adams' home for our final potluck dinner of the summer. Carol Meland led a lively discussion of *Hello, Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. This month, the majority of our members *loved* the book.

In July, about a dozen members, discussed 20+ titles that were suggested by members for fall 2025. It was a challenge to choose three books from the list of excellent recommendations. However, we did choose three titles that we think you'll enjoy.

- On September 16, we will meet at Carole Salinas' home at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Only Plane in the Sky* by Garrett M. Graff.
- October 21, 2025. *The Secret War of Julia Child* by Diana Chambers, Ann Berger's home
- November 18, 2025. Good Night, Irene, by Luis Alberto Urea. Michaele Adair's home

More details will be in the October and November issues of the *Impact*.

See you at the next meeting! Ann Petersen, Book Discussion chair apetersen@gmail.com











Google Drive

Google Drive Training

Mary Buelow led twelve AAUW board members and committee chairs through an introduction to Google Drive on Monday, August 18. The plan is to transition AAUW documents to Google Drive over the next year or so. Saving our documents in the cloud will eliminate cumbersome email attachments, misplaced files, boxes (and boxes!) of old paper files, and confusion over the latest versions. Thank you, Mary!

Google Drive is a cloud-based storage service that enables users to store, access, and share files and folders online. The web service provides a centralized cloud storage hub where changes to content are automatically saved and synchronized across all connected devices. This allows multiple users to collaborate on the same content and always see the latest version of each file.

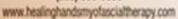
Just like with all new devices and technologies (cars, televisions, alarm clocks, microwaves, etc.), it takes effort and practice to become reasonably proficient, but the payoff is worth it!

You will find a wide variety of Google Drive support materials online. Here is a <u>training video</u> you will find useful. It covers a lot of material. Watch the segments you need. https://youtu.be/h9UrHBzw0H8?si=uCbayMenbQn7gvj-Happy Learning!

Thanks, Pat Phillips, STEM Co-chair

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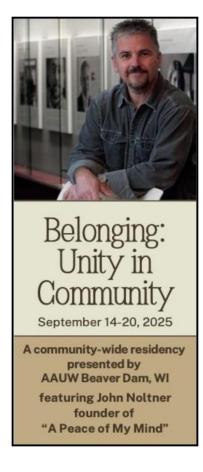
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AAUW Beaver Dam: "Unity in the Community"

After five years on the AAUW WI state board as DEI Coordinator, I am stepping down; but am so glad I had a chance to increase my knowledge of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion issues. I have had the opportunity to work with many individuals and branches as they educated themselves in DEI and created projects that enlightened their communities as well.

One such branch is AAUW Beaver Dam who started a community read project four years ago collaborating with the Beaver Dam Library and local businesses to read *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. At their branch meeting they invited the



community to hear a panel of panel were people from a variety of cultures. The event was broadcast on the local radio station and following the presentation small discussion groups met with the panel members to debrief. There were about 80 people attending the event.

Fast forward to 2025, and the AAUW Beaver Dam project this year is a week-long program by John Nolter, a photographer, journalist, and peace advocate as well as a graduate of Beaver Dam High School. The theme is "Belonging: Unity in the Community."

I am planning to attend on Thursday, September 18th for the art exhibit and commentary by John Nolter. If you'd like to come along, call me at 608 201-2100, and we can carpool. If the 18th isn't a good day for you, there is a list of other options that are free and open to the public. For more information, see link Peace-2.pdf

Leslie Brunsell DEI Chair

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Monday, Sept. 15, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday, Sept. 16 – 9 AM to 6 PM Wednesday, Sept 17 – Noon to 7:00 PM Thursday, Sept. 18 – Noon to 8:00 PM

7 PM – EXHIBIT COMMENTARY BY JOHN NOLTNER

Friday, Sept. **19** – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM *Saturday, Sept.* **20** – 10:00 AM to 5 PM

BEAVER DAM CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, Sept. 16 - 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, With John Noltner at the Dodge County Center For the Arts.

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At Art on the Town, 127 Front St. Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 AM to Noon Photo Techniques Class by John Noltner (Register at www.artonthetownwi.com)

From Beaver Dam Community

Library (Location TBA)

Thursday, Sept. 18, 10:00 – 11:30 Beaver Dam Community Library Book Club

Saturday, Sept. 20 -1:30 to 3:30 PM "Meet John Noltner"

At the BDACT Fine Arts Center,

117 W. Maple Avenue 6:00 PM – Appreciation Reception 7:00 PM - Closing Keynote Address by John Noltner (including showing selected portraits and

(including showing selected portraits and comments from local participants.)

AAUW Out in the Community



Community Event: Night on Festival

AAUW strives to increase our visibility in the community. This was the third year that we participated in *Night on Festival*. New this year was our "Spin the Wheel" activity with questions about women in sports, entertainment, history, writers, STEM, and AAUW. Thank you to our members who volunteered to promote AAUW during this event: Michaele Adair, Judy Adler, Paula DeRubeis, Paula Flaherty, Ann Petersen, and Carole Salinas. We enthusiastically talked about our AAUW mission, the book sale, scholarships, and our Tech Savvy STEM Workshop.



Culver's Fundraiser

Our first Culver's Scoopie
Fundraiser is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 24 at
Culver's on **Midland Road.**Yes, you read that
correctly...Midland Road by SSM
Health Hospital (NOT Milton Ave.).

This Culver's started taking applications before Culver's on Milton Ave. I turned in an application at Culver's on Milton Ave. also. Hopefully, we will get two dates this year.

We need at least two volunteers for each shift on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Shift #1 4:00-5:20 Shift #2 5:20-6:40 Shift #3 6:40-8:00

RSVP (name, shift preference, and vest size) to Carole if you are able to volunteer. 608-201-1790 or csalinas3767@gmail.com

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

YWCA Rock County's 19th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is set for September 13th (10:00 -11:30 am). AAUW members participated in this event a few years ago. It is an impactful event that raises awareness of domestic violence in our community. Every dollar raised supports survivors of domestic violence right here in Rock County.



The event will begin at the Town Square Pavillion (near the corner of S. River Street and W. Court Street) on the west side of the Rock River.

We can wear our blue AAUW vests and carry our banner to let people know that we support this important women's issue. RSVP by September 12 to Carole (csalinas3767@gmail.com or 608-201-1790). Please include your vest size.

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FP108SJ Fundraiser: Art in Bloom

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