



The Clarion



Notes from the President

It was a pleasure to see seventeen AAUW Winona members at the Women in Business Outstanding Women's Award Luncheon Thursday, October 21 at the Visions Event Center. We are proud and happy to extend our congratulations to Gail Bradbury, colleague and friend, honored as the Outstanding Woman of Arts and Humanities. Gail has been a Winona community volunteer, using her expertise as a treasurer and financial advisor, to mentor and assist others to understand the need for sound personal financial skills. Needless to say Gail's organizing and publishing skills produces the Clarion enjoyed by all AAUW Winona members. She volunteers as an usher at St. Mary's Page Theater, the Beethoven Festival and the Shakespeare Festival. Gail is a master gardener with beautiful flowers and lush veggies. She enjoys a good game of bridge, hiking out-of-doors, playing an excellent game of tennis and running an occasional 5K dash. Hats off to Gail! We applaud your accomplishments and support of the arts and humanities in the Winona community.

The wheels of an organization turn smoother with many hands helping. AAUW Winona is no exception. New September members

include Kalene Engel and Mary Leahy. We welcome these new members and extend the many activities and collegiality of AAUW Winona, as a way to reach out to the Winona community.

Rose and Joan attended the AAUW Minnesota State Board Meeting on Saturday, October 16, 2010 in Eagan, Minnesota. We presented and discussed the following items for the April State Convention: proposed budget, keynote speaker, breakout session speakers, hotel accommodations and the Saturday night banquet. The board members were pleased with the available Winona speakers and area resources. Convention plans continue to move forward in a favorable light.

A warm, fall October 7th evening provided the setting for a successful panel discussion: **2010 Social and Political Issues that Impact Women in Winona.** The forum provided an excellent framework to cast an informed vote in the midterm elections on Tuesday, November 2nd. **TAKE TIME TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION. VOTE!**

Joan Greshik, President Winona Branch

November Branch Meeting

The AAUW November Branch Meeting will be held in the WSU Purple Room, 104, 105 and 106, on Saturday, November 13th. Refreshments will be available at 9:00am, the business meeting will follow at 9:30am and the program at 10:00am. will conclude the day's events.

Kelly Herold, Buffalo County Historical Society, will give a historical view of the development of The Buffalo Country Normal School established August 25, 1905. The school served to educate teachers and serve children in the regional area of Alma, Fountain City, Cochrane and Winona. This program will inspire teachers who have spent and lifetime in education. Come and welcome Kelly Herold to the podium.

Questions about the AAUW Winona Branch can be directed to Joan Greshik.

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

Mark Your Calendar

I know it is only November, but wanted everyone to know the date for the annual holiday luncheon so that you can put it on your calendars before they begin to fill up for the busy holiday season. Our luncheon will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Watkins Great Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Details will follow regarding cost, menu and RSVP information. Look forward to seeing you there.

Carolyn Kosidowski

Membership Matters!

Have you every reflected on why you became a member of AAUW? Have you every invited a friend or acquaintance to consider becoming a member of AAUW? Have you strayed from the mission of AAUW..."advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research"? These are questions we should ask ourselves from time to time.

AAUW is a membership organization and membership is the responsibility of every member! Being responsible for membership is just not recruiting members. It is also how we welcome new or returning members to the Branch. It is having meetings not just on Saturday mornings. It is holding meetings in various places and times of day. If the Branch is to grow we need to change the "business as usual" mindset.

Branches have disbanded in Minnesota and across the nation. AAUW has a mission to fulfill and it needs members to make the mission a reality. Please do your part to support the Branch, the State and the Association, so that AAUW will continue to advance equity for women and girls!

On behalf of membership, Rose Cyert



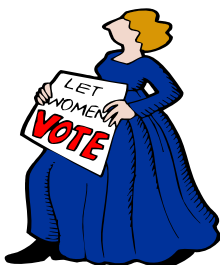
Public Policy

Greetings! Here are a few essential updates from AAUW Washington:

- **Social Security** benefits will remain flat for 2011, which means there will be no automatic cost of living increase (the second year in a row). AAUW advocates strengthening retirement benefits and programs, and protecting social security from privatization.
- AAUW continues to advocate for the passing of the **Paycheck Fairness Act**. This Act will close loopholes and strengthen incentives to prevent pay discrimination. It will also prohibit retaliation against workers who inquire about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages. This is a critical piece of pay equity legislation that will help American women and their families. Please urge your U.S. Senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act when it is voted on in November.
- The **Campus Women Win** program is a result of collaboration between AAUW and Running Start. This program aims to encourage more young women to run for office and will be held on 20 campuses around the nation starting next year (doubling the reach from last year).

Election Day is only a few days away. Please remember to vote on **Tuesday November 2**. Each vote does make a difference!

Debbie White
Winona AAUW Public Policy Chair



Special Interest Groups

Adventures in Dining – On Oct. 21 the group attended the Women in Business luncheon honoring Gail Bradbury. November's date is on Thanksgiving. Members will be notified if another date is chosen.

Mona McMahon Bridge – This group will meet at 1:00pm on November 10 at Mary Breunig's home.

"500" Group – This group will meet on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Marianne Olson's home.

Gourmet - Gourmet will meet on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Marianne Olson's home. The theme is "Foods beginning with 'F' or 'T.'"

Literature

The afternoon group will meet at 1:00p.m. on November 16 at Dee Cipov's home. Marian Hopkins will lead the discussion.

The evening group will meet at 7:15p.m. on November 23 at Carolyn Kosidowski's home. Jeanne Nelson will lead the discussion.

Both groups are reading is reading "The Glassblower of Murano" by Marina Fiorato.

Knit Pickers – This group meets each Thursday at Callista Court from 2 – 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

AAUW Minnesota State Website

<http://www1.minn.net/~aauwmn>

AAUW Association Website and Email

<http://www.aauw.org>

info@aauw.org

DIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. The Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund also value and seek diversity. For all three corporations of AAUW there shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

Winona Branch 2010-2011 Contacts

President Joan Greshik

Finance Officer
Mary Breunig

Newsletter Gail Bradbury

Minutes

None.



AAUW Winona Branch October 25, 2010 Financial

| <u>Account 287881</u> | General Fund | Business Checking-No Interest | Monthly Report |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | Checkbook 08/26/2010 | | \$2,237.29 |
| Receipts | | | |
| 09/23/10 | AAUW Three (3) Regular Dues & \$24.28 coffee donations | \$ 228.28 | |
| 09/29/10 | AAUW Two (2) Regular Dues | <u>136.00</u> | |
| | Total Receipts | | <u>364.28</u> |
| | | | \$2,601.57 |
| Invoices | | | |
| 09/09/10 | Joan Greshik-AAUW-MN 2010 Convention | \$ 100.00 | |
| 09/09/10 | Rose Cyert-AAUW-MN 2010 Convention | 100.00 | |
| 09/10/10 | Mary Breunig – Misc Office Supplies | 7.21 | |
| 09/23/10 | USPS Stamps | 8.80 | |
| 09/29/10 | Watkins Copy Center-Clarion | 15.60 | |
| 09/29/10 | WSU-Campus Catering #5385 meeting coffee | 23.26 | |
| 09/29/10 | Rose Cyert – Recognition Expenses | 12.12 | |
| 10/15/10 | Watkins Copy Center-Clarion | 7.05 | |
| 10/25/10 | MSC-Southeast Technical – Panel Room Rent | 87.50 | |
| 10/25/10 | Mary Breunig – Bank Checks & Address Labels | 17.98 | |
| 10/25/10 | AAUW-MN Membership Dues, Five (5) | 245.00 | |
| 10/25/10 | AAUW-National Membership Dues, Five (5) | <u>45.00</u> | |
| | Total Invoices | | <u>669.52</u> |
| | Total Balance Ending 10/25/2010 | | <u>\$1,932.05</u> |

| <u>Account 5169593</u> | AAUW Funds (300 EF/200 LAF-Goal) | Savings | Quarterly Report |
|------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 08/26/2010 | | \$1,039.37 |
| Receipts | | | |
| 09/30/10 | Interest | \$ 0.79 | |
| 10/07/10 | per Scholarship account review, owes EF/LAF meeting auction 10/29/09 | <u>55.00</u> | |
| | Total Receipts | | <u>55.79</u> |
| | Total Balance Ending 10/25/2010 | | <u>\$1,095.16</u> |
| | (Balance includes Mona McMann Card Money - \$70.00) | | |

| <u>Account 5054972</u> | Scholarship | Savings | Quarterly Report |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 08/26/2010 | | \$ 180.78 |
| Receipts | | | |
| 08/24/10 | Edward Jones Fund - WSU Scholarships | \$ 750.00 | |
| 09/30/10 | Interest | <u>0.27</u> | |
| | Total Receipts | | <u>750.27</u> |
| | | | \$ 931.05 |
| Invoices | | | |
| 09/01/10 | WSU Scholarship – Susan Silberschmidt | \$ 375.00 | |
| 10/07/10 | per Scholarship account review, owes EF/LAF meeting auction 10/29/09 | <u>55.00</u> | |
| | Total Invoices | | <u>430.00</u> |
| | Total Balance Ending 10/25/2010 | | <u>\$ 501.05</u> |

AAUW Winona MN Proposed Budget
To be voted on at the November Branch Meeting

| GENERAL FUND Fiscal Year | Budget 7/1/09-6/30/10 | Actual 7/1/09-6/30/10 | Proposed Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Membership | <u>49</u> | <u>52</u> | <u>52</u> |
| National dues | \$2,499.00 | \$2,450.00 | \$2,548.00 |
| State dues | 459.00 | 495.00 | 468.00 |
| Branch dues | 510.00 | 575.10 | 520.00 |
| Coffee donations | 75.00 | 22.00 | 120.00 |
| Luncheons/dinners | 900.00 | 890.50 | 920.00 |
| Includes donations | | | |
| Newsletter Sponsors | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fundraisers | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| AAUW MN State Convention | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc. | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scholarship owed General | <u>0.00</u> | <u>8.50</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$4,993.00 | \$4,441.10 | \$4,576.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| National dues | \$3,675.00 | \$ 967.00 | \$4,276.00 |
| State dues July 2010-June 2011 | 720.00 | 495.00 | 846.00 |
| WSU-Refreshments | 269.10 | 203.65 | 150.00 |
| Luncheons/dinners | 900.00 | 853.34 | 905.00 |
| Speakers/programs | 300.00 | 40.00 | 300.00 |
| Convention | 400.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 |
| Clarion/Postage | 120.00 | 78.70 | 100.00 |
| Directory/Postage | 60.00 | 9.76 | 10.00 |
| Recruitment expense | 200.00 | 20.26 | 40.00 |
| Local brochures | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Recognition | 0.00 | 82.90 | 80.00 |
| Office Supplies/Postage | 0.00 | 8.80 | 100.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>200.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$6,514.10 | \$2,759.41 | \$7,707.00 |
| Cash-In from Checkbook Funds | | | <u>-3,131.00</u> |
| Balance with INCOME | | | \$4,576.00 |

| AAUW FUNDS CONTRIBUTION GOALS | Change | Proposed |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Fiscal Year January 1 through December 31 | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Legal Advocacy Fund | \$ 300.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Educational Foundation | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| -Mona McMann Card Money | +70.00 | 84.00 |

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Accepts donations, allocates scholarships and generates income from a 9/11/10, \$15,327.49 portfolio.

Submitted by Mary R. Breunig, Financial Officer