



# The Clarion



**American Association of University Women  
Winona Branch Winona, Minnesota**

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## **Notes from the President**

Burr...it is January and cold outside! I am always amazed there is something to learn without exceptions. The learning curve started when the accountant handed me a bill for \$465 dollars for filing the Internal Revenue Form 990PF. The form is required to maintain and award the AAUW Winona Branch Scholarship. The branch is required to submit the 990PF form annually to the Internal Revenue Service. Obviously, my thoughts turned to investigating other alternatives that could assist the branch and decrease the expense of filling the 990PF form. After seeking the advice of several members, the Winona Community Foundation, WCF, was suggested as a contact that offered another alternative to solve the present dilemma. A meeting was held on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> with the board attending along with Judy Davis, Susan Cooper and Patte Peterson. A productive and informative discussion was held as the WCF presented resources available to manage and process the Winona Branch Scholarship. The board met after the meeting and decided that a proposal should be brought to the membership to have the WCF manage the scholarship. The WCF can advise and give recommendations to the branch in investment strategies. The branch would be covered under the umbrella of WCF, a non-profit organization. The WCF would submit the 990PF to the Internal Revenue Service.

A short history of the educational scholarship is important to review. In 1999 the first Winona Branch Scholarship was awarded and funded by monies raised for the scholarship and invested in American Funds. The scholarship was renamed in 2008 and designated as the Norene Oppriecht Memorial Scholarship. Presently, the scholarship

fund is valued at \$15,000. Many of you reading the Clarion were instrumental in raising the monies to fund the first scholarship at \$10,000 dollars.

The February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will bring an informative discussion and presentation to members. The scholarship is an important part of AAUW Winona's philanthropy in the Winona community. Most important is your attendance and participation in the Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hopefully, members will share their feelings regarding the proposal to move the AAUW Winona Branch Scholarship to the Winona Community Foundation. Your voice is critical to resolve the scholarship issue.



### **Public Policy Report**

From AAUW Washington:

The Census Bureau recently released data from the American Community Survey that detailed pay disparities between women and men, and occupational gender segregation. The report stated that 20 occupations where men's median annual salary is \$40,000 and more, men still out-earned women in every instance. Though the *Paycheck Fairness Act* was unfortunately defeated in November 2010 in a procedural vote, AAUW continues to fight hard for this important act. Please tell your Senators how you feel about their votes on the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The end of last year saw the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy banning lesbian and gay

Americans from serving openly in the armed forces. Many AAUW advocates had contacted their Senators in the effort to help make this repeal happen.

The new Congress will be voting on the repeal of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* – the health care reform law enacted last year. AAUW states that to repeal this law is to harm women and their families, because several parts of the health care reform bill meant a step forward for women's health in many ways. Repeal would again allow insurance companies to deny women coverage if they have had a Cesarean section, breast or cervical cancer, or received medical treatment for domestic or sexual violence. Repeal would eliminate the extension of dependent coverage to children up to age 26, allow insurers to deny children coverage for pre-existing conditions, and require women to get a referral to see their ob/gyn. If you want to take action to preserve women's health care, contact your Representative to vote NO on bills H.R. 2 and H.R. 9 which would repeal the health care reform law.

Debbie White  
Winona AAUW Public Policy Chair

**Girls and Women in Sports Day  
February 2, 2011 "Play, Believe,  
Achieve"**

2011 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Girls and Women in Sports Day. Please consider attending a girl's or women's athletic event in our/your community during the month of February.



**Special Interest Groups**

"500" - Feb. 3 at Marianne Olson's.

Mona McMahon Bridge, Feb. 9, 1:00 p.m.  
at Joyce Beard's

Knit Pickers meets each Thursday at Callista Court from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Gourmet - Feb. 15, 6:30p.m. at Jeanette Steiner's. The theme is "Light 'n' Healthy."

Literature

Afternoon Group, Feb. 15, 1:00 p.m. at Carole Madland's. Discussion leader is Donna Peterson.

Evening Group, Feb. 22, 7:15 p.m. at Barbara Shields'. Co Hostess is Robin Richardson. Discussion leader is Patte Peterson.

Both groups are reading "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Stout.

Adventures in Dining. Nothing is set yet. Watch your e-mail for details.

**State Awards**

**Young Women of Equity** award will be given again this year at the MNAAUW convention being held in Winona. The deadline date to submit the information to Karen Kirkwood is March 15, 2011. If any member in our Branch would like to nominate a young woman, please look for the info in the winter Pine coming out soon.

**Mission in Motion** award deadline is March 15, 2011. This award began in 2009 and is a summary of how the Branch has lived the mission through branch activities. Our branch has been recognized both in 2009 and 2010. Marian Hopkins has graciously put together the information. Thanks, Marian.

**January 8, 2011  
Purple Rooms, Winona State  
University**

President Joan Greshik called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

The November, 2010, minutes stand approved as printed in the Clarion by a motion from Rose Cyert and a second by Debbie White.

**Chair Reports:**

1. State Convention: A number of people have asked why the convention is later; it is because Easter weekend is the weekend prior to convention. Rose thanked all who helped with feedback on the food; cupcakes will be served for dessert at the banquet. There will be a welcome reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum on Friday evening April 29. It will be \$25 per person. The noon speaker will be the LAF recipient. With a focus of women's health, we will also hear from Rachele Schultz, CEO of Winona Health, and Ann Olson about her bone density study. There will be a workshop given by Bahieh

Wilkinson. It was suggested to try to get Jade Fang, acupuncturist, also. Kenny Salwey will be the banquet speaker. The April 2 meeting will be a "working" meeting to prepare things for the convention. Bev Spande will be in charge of putting packets together.

Rose announced that the Mona McMahon research grant has been fulfilled.

- Joan told us that she and Rose will be attending the National Convention starting June 16.
2. Programs: February 12, 2011, Sandra Burke, Winona Volunteer Services, will speak to us. There will be more information forthcoming on the international dinner, April 2, 2011. There will not be a May meeting due to the Convention.
3. Membership: Carol Madland is a new member.
4. Treasurer's Report  
The branch account is \$1,326.08 as of 12/18/2010.  
The AAUW fund account is \$745.16 as of 12/18/2010.  
Judy Davis moved and Marian Hopkins seconded to accept the treasurer's report.
5. LAF – Julie Ollila applied the \$500 contribution to AAUW funds to Mona McMahon to complete the fund.

### **Old Business**

1. The topic was presented regarding helping to fund Joyce Rocco's trip to Liberia. After brief discussion, it was decided to have the Board talk about it and bring it back to the branch meeting in February.
2. Several AAUW members will be meeting with the Winona Community Foundation regarding AAUW funds and better tax alternatives for administering our scholarship.

### **New Business**

Pertaining to Winona Reads, Chris Livingston from the Book Shelf indicated it may be spring before a decision is made.

Adjournment was on a motion from Marian Hopkins and a second by Kay Shaw.

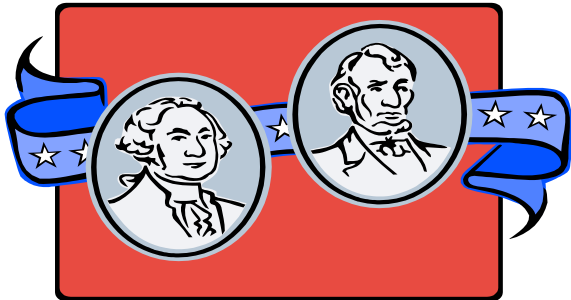
### **Program:**

Sue Florin spoke on being a female math teacher at high school and college levels.

Submitted by  
Marylou Hurley, secretary

### **Branch Meeting February 12, 2011**

Sandra Burke, Executive Director of Winona Volunteer Services, will speak at our February 12th meeting. She will provide an overview of WVS Programs, Clothes Shop, Emergency Services, Client Education, Home Delivered Meals and Food Programs. She will include statistical data regarding usage, eligibility requirements, if applicable, and volunteer opportunities where available.



## **MN State Convention April 29-May 1, 2011**

If you have volunteered to help in any capacity, Rose has made appointments to various positions. Two very important positions are treasurer and registrar. Marg Wallerich has graciously agreed to fill the position of Financial Office. Barb Shields will be the convention registrar. All other positions are important to the success of the convention, as well. Marian Hopkins and Alice Keller will host the Welcoming Reception at the Minnesota Art Museum on Friday evening, April 29, 2011. Kay Shaw is has agreed to provide a photo of the Interstate Bridge for the cover of the convention booklet. Marsha Yancey and Diane Hanke will be in charge of the welcoming bag items at registration and table decorations at the Saturday evening, April 30, 2011 banquet. Bev Spande will be in charge of the convention packet for attendees. (This will be one of the projects at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.) Diane Dingfelder with much experience will manage the AAUW Funds Silent Auction on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. As of now, the registration table on Saturday morning will be attended by Phylliss Mae Johnson and Marianne Olson. One person is still needed for this duty. Mary Breunig will gather a schedule of church services. Other members who have volunteered are: Marylou Hurley, Jeanette Steiner, Robin Richardson. Although Rose hasn't necessarily assigned these three to specific tasks, their help is still needed.

I'm also looking for a member to compile the "Best of the Branches" booklet. If you are familiar with word processing, this might be a perfect fit for you. The person in this position would receive the information of branch activities from throughout the state and compile the booklet for distribution at the State Convention. In the passed it has been alphabetical by city ...making Winona last. I will suggest that this be reversed this year with Winona first! If I have failed to mention anyone who has volunteered for the convention, I apologize.

## **Branch Meeting April 12, 2011**

The April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a working meeting to compile various materials for the Minnesota AAUW State Convention. Members will gather at 9:00 a.m. in the Purple Rooms at Krysko Commons, Winona State University. State convention packets for attendees will be compiled, welcoming bags filled, name tags placed in plastic sleeves, etc. etc. etc. A pizza lunch will be provided following the working meeting and funded by the State Convention.

## **Members Attending the State Convention**

- Members attending and working at the Friday evening Welcoming Reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum will pay half of the fee \$12.50.
- Members attending the Friday evening Welcoming Reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum and not working will pay the full fee \$25.00.
- Members working at the State Convention on Saturday will be expected to pay for their meals, but will not be charge the registration fee, \$50.00.
- Members who attend and do not work in any capacity will pay for their meals and half the registration, \$25.00.

If you have questions, please direct them to the co-chairs: Joan Greshik or Rose Cyert

AAUW Winona Branch January 24th, 2011 Financial

<u>Account 287881</u>	General Fund	Business Checking-No Interest	Fiscal Year: July-June
Beginning Balance Checkbook 12/18/2010			\$1,326.08
Receipts			
1/24/11	\$6.50 Jan Coffee Donation & 1 Reg Dues	\$ 74.50	
1/24/11	Transfer from Scholarship- 990-PF payments	478.00	
1/24/11	Transfer from Scholarship-WSU Scholarship pmnt	<u>375.00</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>927.50</u>
			\$ 2,253.58
Invoices			
12/26/10	Carolyn Kosidowski-Xmas Lunch Poinsettias	49.58	
1/06/11	WSU Scholarship Tuition	375.00	
1/08/11	January Meeting Speaker-Sue Florin	<u>40.00</u>	
Total Invoices			<u>464.58</u>
Total Balance Ending 1/24/2011			<u><b>\$ 1,789.00</b></u>

<u>Account 5169593</u>	AAUW Funds (300 EF/200 LAF-Goal)	Savings	Fiscal Year: Jan-Dec
Beginning Balance 012/18/2011			\$ 745.16
Receipts			
12/31/10	Interest Earned	\$ 0.79	
Total Receipts			<u>0.79</u>
Total Balance Ending 12/31/2010			<u><b>\$ 745.95</b></u>
(Mona McMann funds were included with AAUW Funds paid to National)			

<u>Account 5054972</u>	Scholarship	Savings	Fiscal Year: July-June
Beginning Balance 12/18/2011			\$ 501.05
Receipts			
12/13/10	Interest Earned	\$ 0.38	
1/??/11	From Investments for 990-PF payments	<u>478.00</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>478.38</u>
			\$ 979.43
Invoices			
1/24/11	Transfer to General Fund -990-PF payments	\$ 478.00	
1/24/11	Transfer to General Fund -WSU Scholarship pmnt	<u>375.00</u>	
Total Invoices			<u>\$ 853.00</u>
Total Balance Ending 1/24/2011			<u><b>\$ 126.43</b></u>

**AAUW Minnesota State Website**

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

**AAUW Association Website and Email**

<http://www.aauw.org>