


Meeting Announcements

May

See details in adjacent column. 

June

June is new membership drive. Two members could be WINNERS! Members who renew their membership before or by the June 2nd meeting will be entered into a drawing to have their local branch dues (\$5.00) refunded.

July

July 20th - Garden Tour
 Late July/early August- Steering Committee annual planning event

August End of August – Jamestown Block Party



AAUW Membership Renewal

It is that time of year to renew your membership in AAUW and it has gotten easier because you can do it online. At the June 2nd meeting there will be a drawing for FREE Branch dues for two members which is a savings of \$5. Those eligible would be those who have paid the 2016-2017 dues on or before June 2, 2016. If you have questions, contact Mary Craft m65craft@gmail.com



Equal Pay Day Held at UJ April 12th

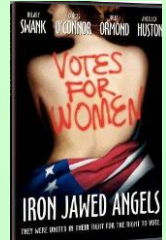
Equal Pay day was held at University of Jamestown outside of the cafeteria on April 12, 2016 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. We had several poster displays designed by Joan Enderle. Kelsey and Deb Alber had gotten other handout information from national on Equal pay day that we gave to interested students. We also handed out PayDay candy bars.

Kelsey had brought her computer along so the students could sign up to be student affiliates. We had 5 students sign up. An UJ student, Andrea Knudsvig, student affiliate and scholarship winner from 2015 National Conference also assisted Kelsey and Joan S.

May Movie/Meeting – May 5th

The May 5th meeting will be held at (Donna's condo meeting room) at 7 PM to watch the movie, "*Iron Jawed Angels*." Activists Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor) take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

Drinks (bottled water, flavored if you like), popcorn and Payday candy bars will be provided.



Address for MOVIE night: 1208 7th St SW. Use north door. You may park at north end of bldg. or in driveway of Unit 207. Use north door. Questions regarding location, call Donna at 320-1415.

2016 AAUW State Convention

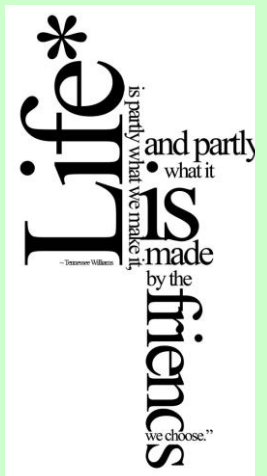
The panel on Financial Wellness presented great information on protecting and securing our finances. Our national representative gave a wonderful program on how to share our AAUW experiences with others & conducted a great discussion on "Get Out the Vote." How we talk about AAUW can set the tone for new members. We are fortunate to have two branch members elected to the AAUW state board, Connie Lillejord and Mary Craft as well as continuing board members, Molly McLain and Deb Alber.



L-R: Malinda Gaul (AAUW state liaison from San Antonio, TX), Theresa Leiphon (new state President), Mary Craft (Funds Chair), Kathy Ashe (By-Laws Chair). Background, Deb Alber, outgoing President. Missing Connie Lillejord, (new Secretary.)



These are some of the convention members.



FUN FACTS of May

Not only was a **woman** involved in the naming of the month of May, but also in 4 of the 6 holiday. But I bet if we really researched, we would find that they had something to do with the others! In fact, when you compare activity of Mother's Day push (by a woman) during the Civil War & the push to have a special day to honor fallen soldiers also started during the Civil War... *Just sayin'....*

History: The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia, the goddess of fertility. Romans had a similar goddess, Bona Dea, & held a festival during Maius (May). It was first called May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

May Day: Celebrated on May 1st; May Day has changed throughout history. In early Gaelic times, in pre-Christian times in Scandinavia, as well as in Greek and Roman times it was a day to celebrate spring and specifically the goddesses over spring.

Cinco de Mayo: Celebrated on May 5th. This is in honor of when the Mexican army defeated the French in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The holiday is more celebrated in the United States than in Mexico. Around 70 million pounds of avocados are eaten on Cinco de Mayo in the US. The 5th of May is not Mexico's Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16th.

National Teacher Day: Celebrated on the Tuesday during the first full week of May. It is thought that National Teacher Day was first proposed in 1944 by Arkansas teacher Mattye Woodridge. She first worked with local leaders and then wrote to the president's wife, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Finally, in 1953 Eleanor convinced Congress to declare a National Teacher Day. In 2011-12, some 76% of public school teachers were female.

Mother's Day: Celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Different countries celebrate Mother's Day at different times. The official holiday in the US began with a lady named Ann Jarvis in 1868. Ann tried to establish a Mother's Friendship Day after the Civil War. She wasn't successful during her lifetime, however her daughter Anna Marie Jarvis began to work on a Mother's Day holiday after Ann died. In 1910 Anna Marie got the state of West Virginia to declare Mother's Day an official holiday. The rest of the nation soon followed and in 1914 a national holiday by President Woodrow Wilson.

Victoria Day: Celebrated on the Monday preceding May 25th. A National Holiday in Canada, celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, born on May 24, 1819. Queen Victoria ruled from 1837 to 1901. When she became queen she was only 18 years old. It is said that Queen Victoria started the trend of women getting married in white wedding dresses.

Memorial Day: Celebrated on the last Monday in May. It was started by having a special day to honor fallen soldiers started during the Civil War. The first time the day was given an official name was in 1868 when Decoration Day was observed on May 30th. Michigan was the first state to make Decoration Day an official holiday in 1871. Over time the day became known as Memorial Day. After World War II the day was used to honor soldiers who died in all wars, rather than just the Civil War. In 1967 the name of the holiday was officially changed to Memorial Day. In 1968 a law was passed to change the date of the holiday to the last Monday in May.

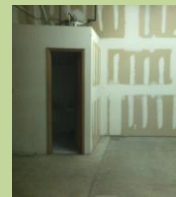
AAUW BOOKSTORE has MOVED

The books & bookcases have been moved to our new location in the mall. Help is still needed to restore some semblance of order. Call Kelly (252-4690) to volunteer to help.

Before...



Before...



during...



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4/26 still work to do...



Mystery, Westerns, Fantasy, True Crime, Military Fiction, etc, are in their new home. 4/26



An excellent area for religion, inspiration, etc. It's almost done. 4/26

4/29 Progress!



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TechSavvy
— by AAUW



Great news: As a Tech Savvy Volunteer you are able to receive the national AAUW membership at a reduced cost to you as a small thank you for your support and efforts. Joan Enderle received a \$21 reduction in her national dues! Remember this for next year during the Tech Savvy promotion!