

WILLMAR BRANCH AAUW

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
NOVEMBER 2014

PLEASE JOIN US!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:45 P.M.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (use south door)

Program: "ReYou@Rice Hospital"

Our guest speaker will be AMBER CHEVALIER, a ReYou Wellness Coordinator and health coach. Amber has a BA degree in Exercise Science from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD and an MS degree in Sports Science from SD State University in Brookings. She was the coordinator for the Backpack Project (a nutrition program for at-risk children that provides weekend meals and snacks) and has been a home services and assistance coordinator of a home care program. Through the ReYou program, Rice Hospital offers free biometric screenings, personal health programs, and regular follow-up assessments to help individuals and employees customize a wellness program to fit all needs and lifestyles.

Refreshments will be served by Barb Little and Marsha Milani. It will be a great evening! Don't miss it....and bring a friend!!

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all of you who contributed and purchased items at the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Silent Auction at the October meeting. We raised **\$265** in support of AAUW LAF. We join with thousands of women across the U.S. to offer our support to precedent-setting court cases of discrimination in the workplace that will affect the lives of the plaintiffs directly and our lives indirectly. If you were not able to be at the meeting but would like to contribute to the LAF, please send a check payable to Willmar Branch AAUW and send it to:

Louise Thoma, Treasurer
1400 Willmar Ave. SE #309
Willmar, MN 56201

It is much appreciated!!

Kathy Vruwink, LAF Chair

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Make this change in your program booklet for Jeanette Youngren:

1015 Willmar Ave. SE #124, Willmar, MN 56201
Phone: 320-262-5442
(no new email as yet)

BITS AND PIECES.....

BINGO PRIZES WELCOME! *It is time once again to think about prizes for the Bingo game at the December Holiday party with girls from the group home. Gift cards are always a hit! Other possibilities include mittens, hats, socks, candy, and jewelry. Dee would appreciate having as many items as possible by the November meeting. Questions? Contact Dee Rosenbrook at drosenbrook@tds.net or 599-4118. Thank you!*

If you would like to help the committee working on an AAUW grant application for gender equity programs on campus, contact Mary at Mary.Myers@ridgewater.edu. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-14 (including 2-year colleges) girls' achievements in STEM programs. The deadline for applying is in January.

LOST! Our copy of the DVD "Iron Jawed Angels" (how women got the vote) is missing. If you borrowed it, please return it to Jeanette at the November meeting. She would like to have a movie night at the girls group home in the near future, and this is a film that is an inspiration for all of us but especially for our girls.

AAUW Minnesota Needs You! State board offices coming up for election at the spring convention include: President Elect (one year), VP for Program and Treasurer (two years), and Nominating Committee (one year). For description of position duties and vita sheet, go to www.aauwmn.org. The deadline is November 15.

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Refreshments Volunteers

December 15	6:45 p.m.	Potluck Treats/J. Carlson-Drinks/Paper Products
January 24 (Saturday)	9:30 a.m.	Carla Buzzeo & Le Lucht
March 16	6:45 p.m.	Kathy Vruwink & Sam Aakre
April 20	6:45 p.m.	Louise Thoma & _____
May 18	6:00 p.m.	International Potluck Buffet Paper Products: Becky Romosz Beverages: _____

Can YOU fill in the blanks? Contact Marsha Milani: rbmilani@gmail.com or 320-894-2526.

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MALALA WON!

Malala Yousafzai, the young girl from Pakistan who stood up for education and was shot in the face by the Taliban, will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at a ceremony in December. She addressed the U.N. Youth Assembly last year at "Malala Day." This year, she traveled to Nigeria to demand the release of 200 schoolgirls kidnapped by an Islamist group. "To the girls of Nigeria and across Africa, I want to say: don't let anyone tell you that you are weaker than or less than anything. You are not less than a boy. You are not less than a child from a richer or more powerful country. You are going to build it strong. It is you who can lead the charge." Again....read the book. It will be a Bingo prize at the December meeting.