



September
2022



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President's Message

Dear Friends,

The planning meeting for the Baton Rouge branch was held on Sunday, August 7th. Thirteen members and one guest attended. Interest groups announced their schedules for the coming year. Insights, formerly Campus Study, asked the group about meeting in person versus Zoom and it was agreed to try to schedule Insights to meet over lunch at a restaurant.

The branch set a goal of six new members for the coming year. To help with attracting young women to AAUW, vice-president **Jan Koellen** will increase the social media presence of AAUW BR. Also, the Baton Rouge branch will send a request to AAUW National to again put to a vote the degree requirement for AAUW membership. The branch will sponsor events during the coming year around "Reproductive Rights of Women". A meeting to plan events will be called in the near future. The minutes of the planning meeting will be sent to the entire membership.

The Gourmet interest group has arranged a "Welcome Back" lunch for all members on Tuesday, September 6th at The Shed BBQ and Blues Joint, 7477 Burbank Drive, at 11:45 a.m. Please join for some good food and fun and plan to bring a guest. Please RSVP to **Margot Kiehfuss** if you plan to attend.

Details of interest group activities are within the newsletter. A big thank you to **Melanie Hanley** for working with The Advocate to get pictures and news of the activities of AAUW Baton Rouge branch reported. Her work should increase the exposure of our organization to women in Baton Rouge and the surrounding community and hopefully bring in some new members.

Until next month,

June



Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 p.m. by Zoom

All members are invited.

President

June Klimash

Vice-President

Jan Koellen

Secretary

Margot Kiehfuss

Treasurer

Rebecca Triche

Nominations

JiJi Jonas and

Eileen Kennedy

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Reminder:

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The message above appears on **page one of the newsletter, lower left corner.** Some time ago, AAUW Louisiana and AAUW Baton Rouge boards decided that we would no longer post email addresses or telephone numbers of members in lists or stories because anyone can view our newsletter online and obtain private contact information.

If you want to RSVP to an interest group, the newsletter will include the name only. If you need to get in touch with a member for whom you do not have email or telephone number information, first check to see if you saved the member roster that was provided to each of us when this change went into effect. If you do not have access to that list in .pdf format, write to the address above and **Pam Baldwin** will provide you with what you need.

Channel your inner Tom Cruise in *Top Gun*



Gourmet Group invites

ALL AAUW BR members and guests

to a welcome back get together
at The Shed BBQ and Blues Joint

7477 Burbank Drive

Tuesday, September 6

11:45 a.m.

RSVP Margot Kiehfuss

Tom Cruise wore his dark glasses to a similar venue in the *Top Gun* movie.
You are invited to wear yours.

Book Club

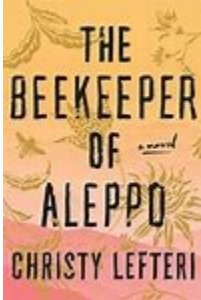
Wednesday, September 14

6:30 p.m.

by Zoom

The Beekeeper of Aleppo

by Christy Lefteri



Reviewer: Julie Sukkar

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet

This is a welcome back to which all AAUW BR members and guests are invited.

Tuesday, September 6

11:45 a.m.

The Shed BBQ & Blues Joint

7477 Burbank Drive

You may wear your sunglasses just like Tom Cruise did at a similar venue in the movie *Top Gun*.

Great Decisions

Biden's Foreign Policy

How will the Biden administration treat foreign policy, among other policies, differently from the last?

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Discussion Leader:

Anne Campbell

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Insights



Insights is returning!

We're happy to report that Insights will resume on **September 22 at noon at La Contea Restaurant** located at 7970 Jefferson Hwy BR LA 70809. We will sit in a smaller room; you will order off the menu and pay individually. (Lunches are reasonably priced.)

Our speaker is **Danny Heitman**, formerly of The Advocate and now President of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He continues to write a Sunday column for The Advocate and frequently publishes columns in The Wall Street Journal. His topic will be announced in the future.

Please let either **Pam Baldwin** or **Mary Francis** know you are coming so we will have a headcount for the restaurant. **See the following page for the Lunch Special menu.**

Insights will meet at La Contea on Thursday, September 22
La Contea Lunch Specials

Wraps and Salads
\$ 13.95

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Grilled Chicken, Chopped Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, and Caesar Dressing.
Served with Home Made French Fries

Mediterranean Wrap

Grilled Chicken, Romaine, Avocado, Kalamata Olives, Feta Cheese, and Honey Vinaigrette Dressing.
Served with Home Made French Fries

Fried Chicken Salad

Fried Chicken, Mixed Greens, Sliced Almonds, Carrots, Shredded Cheddar, and Honey Vinaigrette Dressing.

LaContea's Summer Salad

Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Feta Cheese, Olives, Tomatoes, Croutons, and Ranch Dressing.

Tour of Italy | \$15.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup
A sampling of chicken parmesan, lasagna, and fettuccine alfredo.

PASTA FARE \$12.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup

Spaghetti - Served in marinara with choice of: meat sauce, meatballs (2), sausage, or mushrooms.

Ravioli - 3 cheese stuffed noodles in creamy alfredo sauce.

Lasagna - Classic lasagna layered with ground beef, ricotta cheese, noodles, and marinara.

Baked Ziti - Penne pasta tossed with marinara, ricotta cheese, and baked to perfection.

Penne Ala Vodka - Penne pasta in a creamy pink vodka sauce.

ITALIAN CHICKEN DISHES \$14.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup

Chicken Picatta - Sautéed with garlic, capers, lemon, butter, and wine. Served over a bed of noodles.

Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo - Creamy alfredo sauce tossed with fettuccine noodles and grilled chicken.

Chicken Cremora Mushroom - Grilled chicken sautéed with mushrooms in an alfredo sauce.

Chicken Parmigiana - Served with Pasta

Eggplant Parmigiana - Served with Pasta

AAUW Louisiana sponsored a zoom event Saturday, August 27, aimed at garnering tips for getting out the vote .

The similarly minded partners listed below shared their suggestions with our participants. The women each spoke briefly and then answered questions asked by AAUW Louisiana organizers who conducted the meeting and questions sent to them by viewers via chat.

AAUW Louisiana members heard specifics learned by the speakers through years of organizing. They were also inspired by the enthusiasm of these activist who register new voters and encourage all voters to exercise the right in every election, down ballot just as well as in national elections.

Did you know that public records are available to identify who is registered but did not vote recently?

Did you know that the Advocate in BR and NOLA prints pages of voters who are in peril of being removed from voter rolls **for inactivity?**

Did you know that some get out the vote volunteers distribute pledge (to vote) cards to nudge new voters to follow through at election time?

Did you know that self care, giving oneself a break from time to time, is significant in maintaining momentum while serving others?

Panel Members

Kaitlyn Joshua, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice

Dawn Collins - EBR School Board Member, Solidarity Project Advocacy Network (SPAN)

Rosalind Cook – League of Women Voters (LWV) of Louisiana and AAUW member of Greater New Orleans

Lynda Woolard –Louisiana Women’s Policy and Research Commission, and Independent Women’s Organization (IWO)

Annual Planning Meeting Sunday, August 7, 2022



The photo above appeared in The Sunday Advocate on its Community Page August 21.

Front row, l. to r.: **Margot Kiehfuss**, **June Klimash**, **Julie Sukkar**, **Pam Baldwin**, and **Aileen Hendricks**; Standing, l. to r.: **Jody Kennard**, **Jan Koellen**, **Rebecca Triche**, **Carolyn Stutts**, **Mary Francis**, **Suzanne Besse**, and **Eileen Kennedy**.



Below: Officers, l. to r., **Margot Kiehus**, secretary; **Rebecca Triche**, treasurer; **June Klimash**, president; **Jan Koellen**, vice-president; and **Eileen Kennedy**, nominating committee member.

Above: **Jan Koellen**, left, was sworn in as vice-president by former treasurer **Pam Baldwin**, at right.



Gourmet in August

The Gourmet Group gathered in early August to plan for the 2022-2023 year. The first event planned, within the same month, was a “bring your own” picnic for members to enjoy together at the home of JiJi and Larry Jonas before heading out to a silent Movie and Music on the Lawn at City Park. Unfortunately, the musicians could not get to Baton Rouge, so the group enjoyed a movie together at the Jonas home.



Above, seated, l. to r.: Margot Kiehuss, Carolyn Stutts, and Charles Stutts; standing: JiJi Jonas, the hostess. Photo provided by Larry Jonas.

Recommended Reading Here, Ladies!

AAUW Baton Rouge branch offers its Eleanor Earle Scholarship annually to one or more women who are in the last half of their doctoral studies at Louisiana State University or Southern University. Three recipients were awarded last month. Their names, photos, and a description of their work was included in the August newsletter.

This was a step forward for the Baton Rouge branch because the branch had accumulated donations adequate to increase the number of scholarships from two to three and to increase the amount of each from **\$500 to \$1,000**.

The AAUW national organization makes financial assistance awards on a grander scale. Our branch can assist women who study locally or anywhere in our state—or even friends and acquaintances who study elsewhere in the United States by making them aware of what the national organization offers.

The national website explains the history of these funding opportunities and the amount of assistance that is available. This is the time of year that graduate student women must make application. In most categories, applications are accepted beginning in August and the deadline comes most often in November.

For 2022-2023, AAUW made 320 awards to the tune of \$6 million. The largest program is known as **American Fellowships**. The application period began August 1 and will close November 1. Funding ranges from **\$8,000 - \$50,000**. This year, 2022-2023, two women who study at Tulane University are recipients. Between 2007 and 2020-2021 there were fellowships extended to eight women students at LSU, Tulane University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Community Action Grants worth between **\$3,000 and \$10,000** are available to advanced graduate students as well as branches and state AAUW organizations. The application period for next year will close December 1. That award was made in New Orleans in 2019-2020.

International Fellowships support women who study in this country but are not U.S. citizens. The range of aid available is **\$20,000—\$50,000**. Applications for next year will close November 15. Students enrolled at Southern University and LSU were awarded in this category in 2021-2022. They are from Ghana and South Africa. The same woman from Nigeria who studied at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was a recipient in 2017-2018 and again in 2018-2019. In 2016-2017, a student at LSU and another at the UL Lafayette, one from Brazil and one from Nigeria received awards. In 2008-2009 a Grambling University student from Kenya received the same and in 2004-2005 a Kenyan student at LSU was funded.

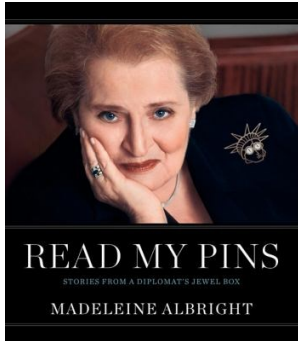
Research Publication Grants in engineering, medicine, and science support women as they work to publish their research findings. Amounts available range from **\$20,000 to \$35,000**. One LSU student received this award this year, 2022-2023. Applications for next year and due now through December 1.

Selected Professions Fellowships for the fellowship year target areas in which women have been underrepresented. The amount is **\$20,000** and the deadline for next year is December 1. As recently at 2018-2019 women studying at Tulane University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette were chosen. LSU students were chosen in 2016-2017, 2014-2015, and 2009-2010.

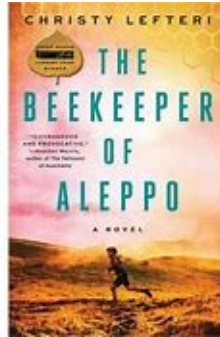
The point is that we do what we can afford to do within our branch by donating toward our branch scholarship fund, but we have a responsibility to also let our three scholarship recipients this year and the 35 others who applied with us know that the national organization can do even more to help them.

Let's make a decision to touch base with graduate programs throughout Louisiana so they know what AAUW national can do to support them. Let's send written information on our letterhead to universities. Let's create a mini speaker's bureau to spread the word wherever bright, talented, driven women are studying at the highest levels near us. We are working on branding to attract new members. Disseminating information costs us nothing. Let's ask Jim Engster on WRKF public radio to share his forum with us. Then the tv stations, then...?

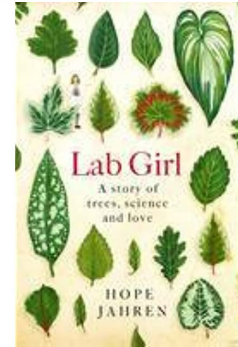
**In 2022 and 2023
Won't you review a book with me?**



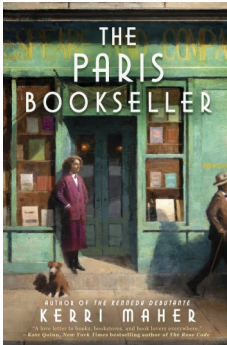
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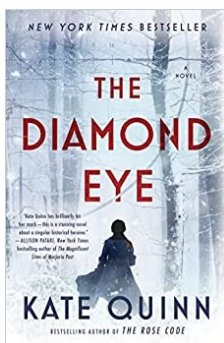


November 2022

No meeting
in December



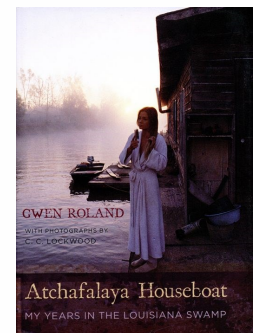
January 2023



February 2023



March 2023



April 2023

Gourmet Goings on on the Horizon

August 27: Movies and Music on the Lawn at City Park preceded by “bring your own” picnic fare enjoyed together at the home of JiJi and Larry Jonas

September 6: The Shed BBQ and Blues Joint lunchtime gathering Gourmet will host for ALL Members as a Welcome to the new season meeting in person; aviator shades like those Tom Cruise wore in *Top Gun* are encouraged.



October 23: Cocha Restaurant



November 20: The King is in the House with 1950's Good Eats and Elvis performance in Hawaii video at the home of JiJi and Larry Jonas



December 10: Theme to be announced by Pam Baldwin and Cathy Roundtree

January 28th: Italian at the home of Margot Kiefhuss



February 17th- Southdowns Mardi Gras Parade and Potluck to share at the home of JiJi and Lary Jonas



March 11:Greek hosted by Carolyn and Charles Stutts and Ann Sperry



April 16: Theme to be announced hosted by Judy and Chuck Nielson

May---Date and Time to be Determined; Theme to be announced by hosts Lorraine and Donal Day

Great Decisions
Global Current Events Discussion
Informed by Information from the Foreign Policy

September 20, 2022 **Biden's Foreign Policy**

The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration?

October 18, 2022 **Will a more involved U.S. government help the economy revive?**

The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

November 15, 2022 **Will the Quad countries be able to contain China's power reach?**

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the **United States** has been in dialogue with **Japan, Australia, and India** in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be?

December 2022 No Meeting

January 17, 2023 New booklets from the Foreign Policy Association will arrive. Participants will meet to plan the calendar for the year.

February 21, 2023 Monthly meetings on new topics will begin.



Tuesday, September 6 Welcome Back Lunch Out Hosted by Gourmet
 Wednesday, September 14 Book Club
 Tuesday, September 20 Great Decisions
 Wednesday, September 21 Board Meeting
 Thursday, September 22 Insights Lunch with Speaker

September 2022

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