



February 2023



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**President's Message**

Calling all members to consider thoughtfully serving as an officer in the Baton Rouge branch of AAUW. In order for the branch to continue to function as a branch, a slate of officers will need to be elected at the annual meeting later this spring. The following officers will need to be voted upon at the annual meeting:

**President – for a two-year term to begin July 1, 2023**

**Secretary – for a two-year term to begin July 1, 2023**

**Nominating Committee – two members for a two-year term to begin July 1, 2023**

**Please say yes when you are asked to serve. The future of the branch is dependent on filling the slate of officers for the coming year.**

**This is the time of year that the Eleanor Earle Scholarship Committee begins soliciting candidates for the scholarships funded through the Baton Rouge branch. We now award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to eligible women working towards their Ph.D. degrees. Many thanks to Rebecca Triche and Pam Baldwin for serving on this committee.**

**AAUW of Louisiana is hosting an event in March to mark International Women's Day. IWD is March 8, 2023 and is a global day celebrating the social, economic cultural and political achievements of women. AAUW of Louisiana will celebrate on Sunday, March 12 with high tea and a theater production by our own Aileen Hendricks to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake House Reception Center. More details on this event will be forthcoming. I hope many of you will plan to attend and share in the celebration.**

**Our interest groups are meeting regularly and details can be found in the newsletter.**

**Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Mardi Gras!**

**Cheers,  
June**



**February Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 15  
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**  
**Eileen Kennedy**

**Aileen Hendricks**

Newsletter Publisher  
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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.



AAUW National Updating By-Laws  
(Notes from Member Pam Baldwin)

The AAUW national organization is in the process of updating by-laws and will hold a vote on the proposed changes. Therefore, you need to be involved – reading the proposed changes and making your decision as to whether to accept them or not.

Please go to [Proposed Changes](#) to read about them.

Then go to the section on [Proposed Public Policy Changes](#)

You may check your account and update your information [here](#).

Voting on these changes will be between April 5 May 15. Details for this will come later.



**Holiday Happening**  
**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

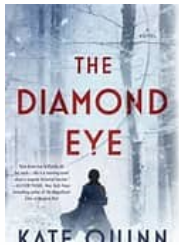


**Book Club**

Wednesday, February 8  
7:00 p.m.  
by Zoom

***The Diamond Eye***

by Kate Quinn



Reviewer: **Margot Kiehfluss**

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

**Gourmet**

Friday, February 17

5:00 p.m.

**Southdowns Mardi Gras Parade**

at the home of

**JiJi and Larry Jonas**

Bring pot luck to share  
and a bag to catch beads

RSVP **JiJi Jonas**

**Great Decisions**



Tuesday, February 21

6:30 p.m.

by Zoom

***Politics in Latin America***

Discussion Leader:

**Anne Campbell**

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

**Insights, our lunch and a speaker series, will not meet in February but will resume in March.**

Thursday, March 23, AAUW Baton Rouge Eleanor Earle Scholarship recipient **Elaine Nkwocha** will share her research on Biofilm Regulation and Antibacterial Resistance at La Contea Restaurant.

**Announcing Gourmet Coming Soon**

March 11: Grazing (and More) Greek recipes hosted by **Carolyn and Charles Stutts and Ann Sperry**

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

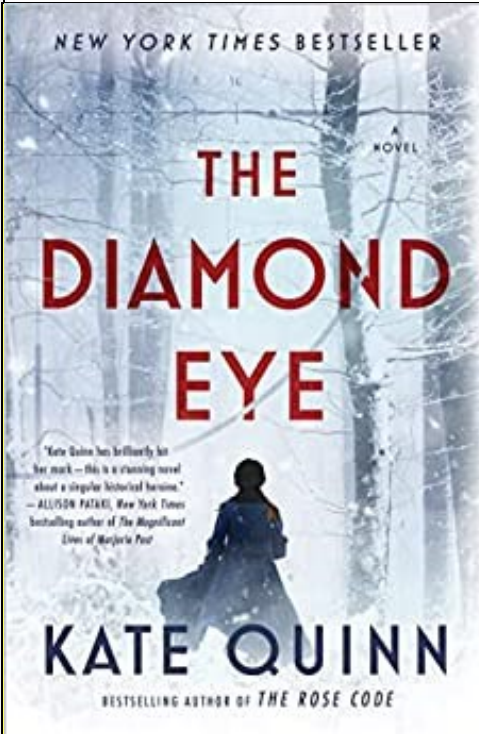
May--Date and Time to be Determined; Theme to be announced by hosts **Lorraine and Donal Day.**

**Note: When members entertain in their homes, recipes for the themed meal will be provided to participants so that each may contribute dishes. Contact the hostess in advance for your recipe.**

**At restaurant meetings, bring your appetite and your wallet.**

**In 2023**

**Won't you review a book with me?**

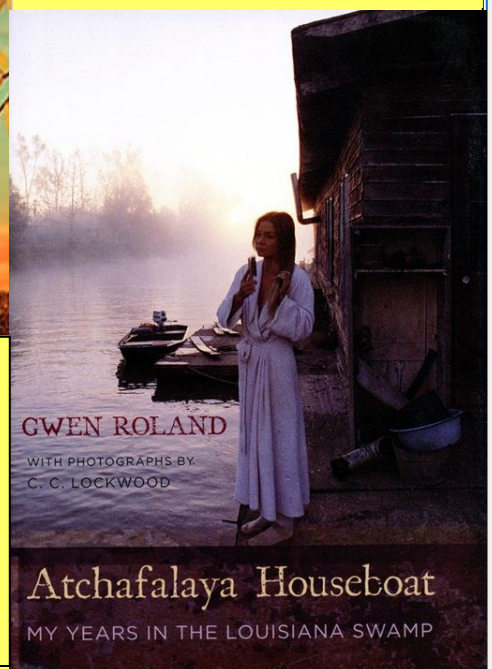


**Margot Kiehuss** will review *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn on February 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.



**June Klimash** will review *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Catherine Roundtree** will review *Atchafalaya Houseboat* on April at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.



**Great Decisions**  
**Global Current Events Discussion**  
**Informed by the Foreign Policy Association**

Great Decisions is a group to discuss global current events. Our first meeting addressing a 2023 topic will be Tuesday, February 21, when Anne Campbell will lead a discussion about Politics in Latin America via Zoom.

There are seven more topics for which the briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association will provide information and inspiration.

Energy Geopolitics

War Crimes+

China and the U.S.

Economic Warfare

Global Famine - June Klimash will lead the discussion but the date is to be determined.

Iran at a Crossroads

Climate Migration



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**Do you know a woman who is doing advanced graduate studies? AAUW, the American Association of University Women, made 320 financial awards worth \$6 million in 2022-2023. Applications for 2023-2024 opened August 1. The application period will close at staggered times in November.**

**AAUW American Fellowships** support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research. Awards range from **\$8,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

**Career Development Grants** provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education; health and medical sciences; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); or social sciences. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2015. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation and dependent care. Awards range from **\$2,000 to \$20,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

**Community Action Grants** provide funding to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofits for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Since 1972, AAUW has provided support to hundreds of communities across the United States. Awards range from **\$3,000 to \$10,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

**International Fellowships** provide support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career. A limited number of awards are available for study outside of the U.S. (excluding the applicant's home country) to women who are members of Graduate Women International. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited U.S. institutions are supported. Applicants must have earned the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree by the application deadline and must have applied to their proposed institutions of study by the time of the application. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. Awards range from **\$20,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

**International Project Grants:** To create lasting support around the globe, AAUW awards grants to International Fellowship alumnae who have returned home after successfully completing the course of study for which they received funding. These grants allow alumnae to build on their academic work and implement community-based projects that will improve the lives of women and girls. Awards range from **\$5,000 to \$7,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

**Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science** are open to women scholars conducting basic research in engineering, medicine or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee must publish their research in a scholarly publication and be listed as a primary author. Awards range from **\$10,000 to \$35,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

**Selected Professions Fellowships** are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs: **Architecture, Computer/Information Services, Engineering, and Mathematics/Statistics**. Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields: **Master's in Business Administration, Law, and Doctorate in Medicine**. Award amount is **\$20,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

**Details at: [aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/](https://aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/)**



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Wednesday, January 11 Book Group  
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