

## **Celebrating 50 Years of Advocating on Women's Issues**

### ***2022-23 Program***

**Tuesday, September 27:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

#### **Curious about AAUW? Find Out More and Better Understand the Importance of Your Vote**

An overview of the initiatives promoted by AAUW at the national, state, and local levels will be provided. An update on the voting changes in the state of Wisconsin will be provided and a perspective on fair and free elections will be provided by long-time City of Tomah Clerk, JoAnn Cram.

**Tuesday, October 25:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

#### **What are Wisconsin Schools Teaching? Why a Culturally Responsive and Inclusive Curriculum is Not CRT (Critical Race Theory)**

Learn about the Wisconsin social studies curriculum model that promotes a culturally responsive and inclusive curriculum promoting critical thinking. Former social studies teacher, principal, and district superintendent, Cindy Zahrte, will present a powerpoint developed to help explain the difference between this curriculum and Critical Race Theory.

**Tuesday, November 22:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

#### **The Causes and Impact of Poverty and Homelessness on Women**

Tia Hewuse, Executive Director of Family Promise of Monroe County, will share how life circumstances can lead to poverty and homelessness for women and how organizations like Family Promise help to provide hope and support for a brighter future.

**Saturday, December 10:** *Julia Palmer's home, 7072 Division Rd., 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

#### **Holiday Tea at Julia's House**

This special event assists our branch in raising money for AAUW's Greatest Need Fund. Enjoy a relaxing brunch with mimosas and quiche in Julia Palmer's home, socializing with members, and joining in some holiday music entertainment.

**Tuesday, January 24:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.*

#### **Francis Huntly-Cooper, Wisconsin's First African-American Mayor**

We will be joining a Zoom meeting with the Monona/Madison branches of AAUW to hear personally from Francis Huntly-Cooper on her experiences and life story.

**Tuesday, February 28:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.*



### **Changing the Narrative about First Americans**

We will be joining a Zoom meeting with the Monona/Madison branches of AAUW to hear from Karen Lincoln Michel, a member of the HoChunk Nation and a journalist who has done significant investigative work. Karen is a Tomah High School alum. You can learn more about her at [2017-Karen Michel Class of 1976 | Distinguished Alumni \(tomah.education\)](https://tomah.education/2017-Karen-Michel-Class-of-1976-Distinguished-Alumni)

**Tuesday, March 28:** *Tomah Best Western, 1017 E. McCoy Blvd., 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

### **Women's History Month Celebration**

To honor the originality, beauty, imagination, and multiple dimensions of women's lives, AAUW Tomah Branch joins in the celebration of National Women's History Month. The annual observance reminds the nation to honor the vision of women, as well as their accomplishments and sacrifices. This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> year in which we have recognized local women for their contributions to our community. We have celebrated approximately fifty (50) women over that time span. This program is open to the public with a refreshment reception to follow.

**Friday, March 31: *The Hello Girls***

We will be traveling to Viterbo University for the 7:30 p.m. show of The Hello Girls, a theatrical presentation of the amazing true story of U.S. women in WWI who served their country as telephone operators in France. More details will be provided later.

From New York to Paris, from ragtime to jazz: *The Hello Girls* chronicles the story of America's first women soldiers in this new musical inspired by history. These intrepid heroines served as bilingual telephone operators on the front lines, helping turn the tide of World War I. They then returned home to fight a decades-long battle for equality and recognition, paving the way for future generations.

**Tuesday, April 25:** *Tomah Senior Center, 1002 Superior Avenue, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

### **Crucial Conversations on Women's Health and LGBTQ+ Issues**

Barb Sherman, a retired school counselor, will lead us in a discussion of women's reproductive rights and issues surrounding gender and sexual identity. In addition, experts in women's health and LGBTQ+ (Kathy Kett and Sierra Phillips, respectively) will be in attendance to answer questions. Having discussions that enable us to respectfully listen and share different perspectives allows us to take small steps forward and engage in deeper conversation.

**April 28 and 29: AAUW State Convention at Milwaukee Marriott West**

We hope to send a cadre of Tomah branch members to the state convention this year. It is the first face-to-face convention since COVID-19 impacted our lives. Many great speakers and educational opportunities will be provided. More details will be forthcoming.

**Tuesday, May 23:** *Murray's on Main, 810 Superior Avenue, 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

### **Annual Meeting at Murray's on Main**

We wrap up our 2022-23 program year with a time of socialization and reflection on our accomplishments from the year. Election of officers and other business items will be the focus as we celebrate the completion of our 51<sup>st</sup> year of being advocates for women's issues.