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Your AAUW Board wishes you all a healthy, happy, joyous Holiday Season!

See you at the Holiday dinner, Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m.

The annual sale to support the Federated Women's Clubhouse is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

**YESTERDAY'S TREASURES SALE  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3  
10 AM - 2 PM**

Those of you who signed up to work - THANK YOU!

You can still help by donating items (no clothing, please).

You can also come by the clubhouse on Thursday or Friday evening to drop off, sort, price and display items.

For additional information call...  
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**SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS!!!**

**Youngers Community Days Sale**

Thanks to all of your efforts we have raised **\$730** for scholarships through the sale of Youngers Community Days booklets.

Nice work everybody!

*Susan Uballe and Elizabeth Miller*

*Program Notes...*

***She Believed November 10<sup>th</sup>***

The *She Believed* program seemed perfectly timed to lift our spirits with stories of successful young women and their caring mentors. Cindy DePetro (second from left in photo), an educator at Marquette Alternative High School shared the evolution of a program that

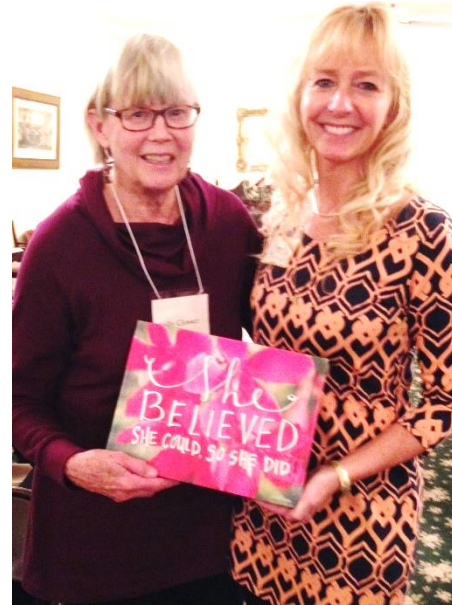


was rooted in the care and concern she and her colleagues share for their female students. She spoke of the challenging home environments and barriers to success that made up the world of these young women. We learned about their goal setting and activities to boost self-esteem, emotional and physical well-being.



One of their goals was to visit Washington D.C. This took skillful and creative fundraising to reach the \$20,000 needed to make it a reality. It was an incentive and a big picture of what *She Believed* entailed. The students told of the positive changes in relationships they experienced with their peers and their own personal growth. They individually and in detail spoke of the life changing Washington D.C. experiences. One student commented, I would not have had the courage to stand up here and speak to you before the *She Believed* program.

When asked by an AAUW member, “What can we do for you?” DePetro answered, “Remember these kids and know that they are not throw-away kids at our school.” It was then that she saw someone who had been sitting in the audience and listening to her all evening. It was Sally Closser (*left, below*), DePetro’s own high school counselor who had once told her, “You can be anything that you want to be.”



I believe our AAUW membership is just getting started in building a relationship with *She Believed*. They are starting their own library. We just might have some books. They have accepted an offer to retreat at the Girl Scout Camp on Mehl Lake in Gwinn. Plans will get underway soon and opportunities for input will be made. Keep believing.

*Les Bek, AAUW Program Co-Chair*