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Green Bay Area AAUW Branch Meeting

Sexual Violence on Campus

Thursday, February 11 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Mauthe Center, UWGB Campus

Presentation on preventing sexual assault on UWGB's campus

Light refreshments will be served

UWGB recently received a grant from Aurora to address the issues of sexual assault on campus. We will have four speakers: Brenda Amenson-Hill, Dean of Students, Amy Henniges, Director of Counseling and Health, Dana Stueber, Health Educator and Christine Smith, Professor, Human Development to explain what actions UWGB is doing to end this serious problem.

Why are we looking at this issue? In September, AAUW released the results of a new survey, one of the largest every focusing on sexual assault and sexual misconduct on college campuses. Among female college students 23% stated that they had experienced unwanted sexual contact, ranging from kissing to touching to rape, carried out by force or threat of force or while incapacities because of drugs or drinking. While the survey's findings are consistent with those of other recent studies, the significance of the study is its size. More than 150,000 students participated from 27 schools across the U.S. including the most prominent schools. Among senior women the rate was even higher: 26% of the female seniors experienced nonconsensual sexual contact during their four years at college. Some schools were even higher University of Michigan 34%, Yale 32% and Harvard 29%). 50% of the women who reported serious incidents did not report it, because they were embarrassed, ashamed or thought it would be too emotionally difficult or that they did not think anything would be done. If we want women to pursue college education, we must make sure they are safe on campus.

Ride Sharing for the February Meeting: We would like to set up some car pools for the February meeting. Anyone wishing to carpool, please contact me through my email or call 432-8249.

The presenters of our meeting wanted us to know about this program of interest on February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Weidner Center. The *Healthy Choices Task Force* is hosting a powerful and challenging program titled "Can I Kiss You?" This event is presented by the Founder of the DATE SAFE Project Mike Domitrz, critically acclaimed author, expert and speaker and has students engaged, thinking and having fun discovering realistic tools and skills for making better decisions on consent, intervening to help friends and supporting survivors. Find out more about this project at Datesafeproject.org.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH ART

Thursday, February 18 9:30-11:30 am

At the home of Mary Schmidt Green Bay. Co-hostess: Linda Birder

Artists: Pollock, Hofmann.

BOOK GROUP – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, February 23 – Book: Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League by Jonathan Odell. Set in pre-Civil Rights Mississippi the story is of two mothers, Hazel and Vids – one wealthy and white, the other poor and black – who have only two things in common: the devastating loss of their children and deep and abiding, loathing for one another.

BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Janice McCarthy & Maryl Hitchcock

Please continue to invite guests to our branch meetings. We've had excellent programs that appeal to a wide variety of interests.

New members:

Marcia L. Kellner

jkellner2@sbcglobal.net

University of Wisconsin Madison

BA French & English

Retired teacher – Green Bay Catholic Diocese

Tia Chanthalay

University of Laos, Elementary Education

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mary Barker

Update your 2015-16 Program Schedule on Locations for future branch meetings: We had not scheduled all locations when our 2015-16 program calendar was published in the fall. Here are two missing locations:

Thursday March 10 – Global Connections: Changing Roles of Women and Girls in India

Speaker: Shreemayee Kar. YWCA, 230 S. Madison. 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturday, May 14 – Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting

KI Convention Center, 333 Main St. Green Bay. (We will be in one of the newly finished rooms) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Branch Meetings 2016-17: What changes would you like us to make for next year? Although we have many things to accomplish to finish this year's programs, your Executive Board is regularly evaluating what things are going well and what we can improve. For example, we had an interest in having food at "dinner time" meetings. We now have a light buffet at those meetings. We have added greeters and an official "welcome" table.

Some ideas we are considering for next year:

*Kress Library is not a good location for us because of parking, noise and ability to reserve for the year.

*Should our meetings be at the same time and place every month? (Come to our meeting at the YWCA – it's one of the places we are considering.

*Should our meetings always be a dinner meeting? (Sue Hendricks is exploring several locations for dinner meetings.) If yes, will we be able to open some of the meetings to the public? We enjoyed the student interaction when we met at UWGB, but we do not want to meet there all the time.

*Should we send something in the mail or via email to remind members of upcoming meetings?

I am sure you all have your own ideas on these questions. We would like to hear them. We are going to try some short surveys at the meetings. In the meantime think about what brings you to the

meetings; what changes, if any, you would like to see our branch implement. Please feel free to call or email Sara Ramaker anytime at 432-8249 or email at ramaker.sara@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jill Lauritsen

We will be offering four \$1,000 scholarships this year to qualifying women who attend UWGB, St Norbert's College, Bellin College, NWTC-Green Bay campus or College of Menominee Nation-Green Bay campus for the 2016-2017 school year. Our branch is fortunate to be able to take out \$1,000 from Greater Green Bay Community Foundation funds, two scholarships from monies earned from this past Dreamers and Doers and one scholarship from Jim Hinckley. Pat Hinckley passed away in Spring 2014 from a brain tumor and had been a strong supporter and member of our branch. Other requirements for this scholarship include: Jr or Senior status at one of the four year colleges, or in their last semester earning their associate's degree; good standing; show financial need; and be 25 by Sept 1st 2016.

I am still looking for a member to take over for me as this will be my last year chairing this committee after 20+ years. This year I will have five members reviewing applications so they will have a better understanding of what is involved in selecting the recipients. 3 more members are needed at this time.

From Mary Schmidt:

I want to share with you the following note I recently received from one of our scholarship recipients. We work so hard to raise funds for our scholarship program it's great to know the funds truly make a difference in people's lives.

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship - (AAUW Dreamers and Doers Fund). Your generosity has made a significant and lasting impact on my life, and the life of my child. May your kindness be repaid with the knowledge that you have changed my life and my child's future."

Most Sincerely, Angela Smet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

A very special thank you to all who helped to make the last branch meeting on Human Trafficking so very successful. We had a wonderful turn out (about 40) for two wonderful speakers. We had such a good turnout, because several members took time to personally invite friends. (Linda brought at least 8 guests.) Clearly, our topic was of interest, too. Thank you to all who brought food. Thank you, Sue, for bringing the liquid refreshments and arranging the table. (How I appreciate Sue hauling those things to each meeting so we can have refreshments.) Thank you, Mary, for bringing our new tablecloth and podium sign (both purchased with portions of a donation from Sajida Shariff). Both looked great and not only added class but also made it clear AAUW-GGBB was sponsoring the presentation. Maryl and Janet did a great job with our welcoming table, too. Thank you to Judy for suggesting Cyndee Sweetland who gave a very informative talk. Cyndee introduced us to a new member of the community, Season Russo, founder of the non-profit organization, Eye Heart World. Eye Heart World is creating a safe haven for the victims of human trafficking. I forwarded information that Cyndee sent regarding ways that we could all participate in the fight against human trafficking.

DREAMER & DOER VOL. II UPDATE

Dotty Juengst

23 profiles are finished; 19 are edited and ready to be put on our website. 11 profiles were just completed and formatted for the web, the quality of pictures is varied.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Stella Frigo

The following two paragraphs are found in the AAUW Economic Justice Blog.

“Humans Will Probably Walk on Mars Before Women Get Equal Pay”

“Here are just some of the things we might have before women achieve equal pay: flying cars, long walks on Mars, teleportation, hover boards, household robots. Womp womp”.

“Based on two different projections — the pace of change since the 1960s and the pace of change in the past decade — women won’t see equal pay until 2059 or 2276, respectively. That’s because progress in closing the gender pay gap has stalled in recent years. The result? It could be more than 250 years until women get fair pay”.

“Altogether, the gender pay-gap costs a typical woman at least \$400,000 over the course of her career”.

“That’s no small chunk of change. According to AAUW’s latest research, women working full time, year round are paid only 79 cents for every dollar men are paid. The pay gap is even worse for mothers and women of color. African-American women are typically paid just 63 percent of what white men are paid. Hispanic women face the largest gap, making 54 percent of white men’s earnings. For these women, it’s arguably more likely that their grandchildren will live with robots or walk on Mars than have fair pay”.

There is a good article, “The First Woman of Women” by Caroline Howard, about Melinda Gates in the December issue of Forbes Magazine.

Caroline states: “Melinda Gates is exerting her influence over the richest charitable foundation in history. In doing so, she’s quickly become, the most powerful advocate for women and girls in the world”. I will pass this magazine around at the next meeting. Be sure to read the footnotes.

TREASURER REPORT

Mary Schmidt

Come to meeting for treasury report.

Barnes and Noble Wrapping Update:

We are happy to report we received \$339.40 from the gift-wrapping at Barnes and Noble bookstore in December. Thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to Bev Braun who not only organized the project but also manned many of the hours at the wrapping table.

We received the following note and donation from Sajida Shariff:

Dear AAUW members, Thank you so much for giving me the Dreamers and Doers Award. I’m enclosing a donation of \$250 out of gratitude to the AAUW and the wonderful work they are doing in our community. Wish all of you a Happy New Year. Sincerely, Sajida Shariff

We received this note from Cyndee Sweetland after she spoke at our January branch meeting.

Sara,

Thank you for the opportunity to spread the word about Human Trafficking last night. I enjoyed your group and it was wonderful to see friends too.

Please share this information with your group. The document attached below also has a variety of things to do and additional links & resources.

Hotline Number [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888)

<http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org>

Recommended Organizations:

Eye Heart World - Season Russo

<http://eyeheartworld.org/>

Women at Risk - Variety of volunteer options

<http://www.warinternational.org>

More Precious than Rubies

<https://moreprecious.wordpress.com/>

They have a "Make a Big Difference" Training Event on January 30th

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1723480161205358/>

**Cynthia Sweetland, Surroundings by Sweetland &
CemArt® Artist, Designer, Consultant**

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