

BAYNOTES

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A January Branch meeting is not scheduled. Looking forward to our February Branch meeting –

AAUW/GIRL SCOUT EVENT

Thursday, February 12, 2015

5:00 pm

at the Girl Scout Office

(United Way building)

Our Green Bay Area Branch will host an evening with the local Girl Scouts, their leaders and parents with food, a film and discussion. A light pizza supper will be served at 5:30pm. We will watch 2 vignettes of the DVD “GIRL RISING” which features the struggles girls are facing with their desire to receive an education. A discussion of the selected vignettes from Afghanistan and Haiti will follow. The Girl Scouts will receive a participation patch and the “Malala” book. A short AAUW business meeting will follow at 8:15pm

Since our grant has not been finalized, donations of money from our members will help pay for food and/or the “Malala” book. Contact Bev Braun with questions: 499-4961 or bbraun5@new.rr.com

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

We do not have a Branch meeting planned for January, but encourage members to participate in the **Book Discussion Interest Group, Tuesday, January 27th at 3:00 pm at the Reader’s Loft.**

The group will be discussing Lilly Ledbetter’s book, *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond.* This is an inspiring story of the woman at the center of the historic discrimination case that inspired the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act—her fight for equal rights in the workplace, and how her determination became a victory for the nation.

Purchase your copy of the book and receive an 15% discount at Reader’s Loft. Please join us – the more participants, the better the discussion.

New Study Group!

TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH ART

Thursday, January 8 and February 5 from 9:30-11:30 am Diann Malueg’s home. RSVP to Maryl 336-5173. All branch members welcome to attend.

BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Maryl Hitchcock & Janice McCarthy

Champagne and Hot Fudge Sundae Membership Gathering

We will be having another new and potential member get-together on February 19, 2015, but we need your help. Who do you know that is eager to share her passion for social justice with a group of 52 other committed women. Send her name, address, telephone number and/or email address to Janice at (janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com) or call Maryl Hitchcock at 336-5173. Better yet, whoever sends us the most names for potential new members gets a free glass of champagne and a hot fudge sundae.

Member Kathryn Hall had a stroke a few days after the Christmas luncheon. She is at St. Vincent hospital now in the Rehab. She would appreciate cards and well wishes. Her room is 239. – Jill Lauritsen, reporting

Anyone who has not picked up a Membership Directory and would like one mailed, contact Janice at 497-0252 or email:janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Stella Frigo

Congratulations everyone! We raised \$567.00 for the Legal Advocacy Fund. The participation for the LAF raffle was great. Maryl Hitchcock and I baked

cookies and bars for one of the raffle items. Thank you, Maryl. I know Maryl's cookies are delicious for I tasted them at a D&E tea. Bev Braun donated a gift wrapping set, a crocheted hat and scarf made by her niece and an AAUW scarf with a beautiful broach. Bev gave all the proceeds from the purchases of table decorations to LAF. Thank you Bev.

The following excerpt from the AAUW Public Action Network illustrates where some of the LAF monies are allocated.

After more than two years of advocacy from AAUW members, including a call-in day at the 2013 national convention, President Barack Obama issued two equal pay executive orders on Equal Pay Day of this year.

AAUW celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW was proud to host Lilly's trip to Washington, D.C., for the anniversary of her namesake law. Ledbetter attended the 2014 State of the Union, sat down for a live interview on MSNBC, met with 15 U.S. senators, answered questions before dozens of House members and spoke on a national call with members of congress and 16,000 activists. AAUW also helped Ledbetter publish op-eds in the Washington Post andForbes in conjunction with her trip to D.C; we believe these op-eds played a critical role in urging the president to sign the fair pay executive orders highlighted above.

DREAMERS & DOERS

Barbara Wilson

Planning meeting for committee members and others interested in helping.

Tuesday, January 13. 10:00 am at Barbara Wilson's.

You can help right now by:

* Publicity – getting nominations forms out to women's groups and agencies that wish to honor present day women on their accomplishments in the community, mostly via computer.

*Soliciting businesses as sponsors or advertisers.

*Help with tickets (printing, distribution) for After Hours and Luncheon.

Our 9th annual Dreamers & Doers dates are set. The After Hours event is a social time for the community and will be Thursday, April 9 and the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 11th will celebrate our Dreamers & Doers nominees and award winner. Each member of the Branch is encouraged to help with planning and event day.

Call Barbara Wilson 619-0930 or Jill Lauritsen 592-9987 if you can help. For more information and nomination forms go to our branch website

NEEDED: Public Policy Branch Chair.

Report to Branch on information from State and National. Call Sandy if you are interested for more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy Melroy

Happy New Year to all of you ! Our holiday celebration in December was indeed a great one- lots of branch members and guests, good conversation, great music, and a 'feel good' for all of us as we head into the rest of our program year and into a new calendar year. Although we are not planning a branch business meeting in Jan, there is much activity planned for our members and guests, as you will see in the Bay Notes. Please direct potential new member contact info to Janice or Maryl, as building our branch with dynamic women is our future to keeping our mission strong.

Thanks to Mary and Kristine for updating our website - go to www.greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net . If you have more info that you would like to contribute to the website, please direct it to either Mary or Kristine. This is a big help in promoting our scholarship opportunities and our branch program / upcoming events.

Our State Convention will be held on April 24th/25th in Elkhart Lake. I encourage you to reserve your spot at the convention ([aauw-wi.aauw.net/](http://www.aauw-wi.aauw.net/)). Let me know if you and interested in carpooling.

We are taking our conversation forward in evaluating the opportunity to bring Lily Ledbetter to Green Bay for a speaking engagement , as a way to highlight the importance of pay equity and to lift our branch profile up in our community. Several branch members have expressed interest in serving on this team – we will meet on Jan.22nd to start this process of inquiry. Let me know if you would like to join this special task committee. We hope to have a

report ready for consideration by the branch by our Annual Meeting if not before.

All the best – hope to see many of you in the cold months ahead!

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

From Bev Braun: Thank you to the 15 AAUW members that donated 2 or more hours of their time to wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble Book Store. We collected \$190.00 in donations.

From Melanie Maczka, SCC Exec. Director
Dear Members of AAUW:

Thank you so very much for your wonderful donation of children's books for Casa ALBA. It took a while for me to send this note because I wanted to get a photo of our little Library Corner, featuring your books. I also wanted to tell you that they are being put to very good use. Your books are being borrowed and treasured by the children.

See following page for a complete listing of our year's programs and interest groups.

OUT AND ABOUT – Events to find other AAUW members gathering for education, shared interests and FUN

Movie: "Big Eyes"--about artist Margaret Keane is still at Bay Park Square until Thursday, Jan. 8(check newspaper or call for times)

Film series at Neville Museum: "Helena from the Wedding"-a new year's eve party in a mountain cabin hosted by a newly married couple and a surprise guest--7:00 p.m. Neville Museum- Wednesday--January 21

"Children of the Princess of Cleves"--a blinding love situation "after" the wedding with another man--7:00 p.m.--Feb 4-- Wednesday--Neville Museum

"Iron Jawed Maidens"--contact the League of Women Voters--11:30 a.m.--Saturday--The Village Grille--order off the menu

JANUARY BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Jan. 8 – 9:30-11:30 am Art Study Group

Jan. 13 – 10:00 am – Dreamers & Doers planning meeting

Jan. 22 – Lilly Ledbetter planning meeting

Jan.27 – 3:00-5:00 pm Book Discussion Group – Grace and Grit.

2015 AAUW Green Bay Branch Schedule

Jan 8	9:30-11:30am	Art Study Group
Jan 27	3:00 – 5:00am	Book Discussion Group - <u>Grace and Grit</u> by Lilly Ledbetter
Feb 5	9:30-11:30 am	Art Study Group
Feb 12	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Branch Mtg : 'Girl Rising' in cooperation with the Girl Scouts. Alternate blizzard date, April 16th
Feb 19	5:30-7:00pm	New & Potential Member <i>Champagne and Hot Fudge Sundae Get Together</i>
Feb 24	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>Sally Hemmings: A Novel</u> by Barbara Chase-Riboud
Mar 5	9:30-11-30am	Art Study Group
Mar 10	Time TBA	Branch Mtg: Bullying in our Schools and the workplace. Program by Eileen Littg (NEWIST producer) and Laura Smythe (Mediation Center)
Mar 23	12- 1:00 pm	Tour of Cassandra Voss Women's Center at St Norbert College, lunch afterwards
Mar 24	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>My Antonia</u> by Willa Cather
Apr 9		Dreamers and Doers After Hours : Heritage Hill
Apr 11 th		Dreamers and Doers Luncheon – Heritage Hill
Apr 16	9:30-11:30am	Art Study Group
Apr 24/25 th		AAUW State Convention, Elkhart Lake: Osthoff Resort
Apr 28	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>The Orphan Train</u> by Christina Baker Kline
Apr 30	5:30 -7:30pm	Branch Mtg: What's Changing in Women's Issues -dinner mtg, open discussion on topics of pay equity, updates to benefit issues for women.
May 14	9:30-11:30am	Art Study Group
May 26	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>Sing Them Home</u> by Stephanie Kallos
May 30	Time/Place TBA	Branch Spring Luncheon and Annual Mtg
June 11	9:30-11:30am	Art Study Group
June 18-21		AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA
June 23	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>Invention of Wings</u> by Sue Monk Kidd
July 28	3:00-5:00pm	Book Discussion Group - <u>Never Let Me Go</u> by Kazuo Ishiguro