

# BAYNOTES

Empowering Women since 1881 – Through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research

**GIRL RISING**  
**AAUW/GIRL SCOUT EVENT**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2015**  
**5:00 pm**  
**at the Girl Scout Office**

**112 N. Adams Street (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 the project 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](mailto:bbraun5@new.rr.com)

## INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

### TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH ART

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 am  
Diann Malueg’s home, RSVP to Maryl

**BOOK GROUP** – meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Reader’s Loft at 3:00pm. Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Book: Sally Hemmings: a novel by Barbara Chase-Riboud. Based on historical fact this book recreates the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and his slave, Sally Hemings, who bore him 7 children. Visited by a census taker in 1831, 60 year old Sally recounts her past”.

## BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Maryl Hitchcock & Janice McCarthy

### Champagne and Hot Fudge

### Sundae Membership Gathering

Our next new and potential member get-together is Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Do you know a woman eager to share her passion for social justice with other committed women? Send her name, address, phone # or email address to Janice at ([janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com](mailto:janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com)) or call Maryl Hitchcock

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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A 'heart warming' hello to you during what is known as 'show love to those you love' month. I hope we do that each day of our lives, but as an extra twist during February, I encourage you to take a look at your own passions- including AAUW. Why did you join? What do you want to show love and support to in our mission and activities of this branch? If you are not already involved in a special part of the branch, please call me to chat. Getting on a committee for events or simply attending our activity groups will make your love for the members and our mission branch grow.

January was a month when we did not have a branch meeting, but my goodness—so many members turned up at planning meetings & activity groups this month! It's been great to see so much going on!

Barbara Wilson is getting Dreamers and Doers pulled together, The Dreamers and Doers Book Committee, chaired by Dottie Juengst, is working hard to get edits in place for the next edition, and our planning team to evaluate bringing Lily Ledbetter to speak in Green Bay also met to take planning forward. Thanks to Elaine Wagner for chairing this team. I wanted to give a special 'shout out' of thanks to our new Art Study Group. It's a great way to get educated on art that we all 'know', and a great place to enjoy easy friendship during the month.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Feb.12<sup>th</sup> branch meeting Thanks to all of you who enjoy promoting your love of AAUW .

## **DREAMERS & DOERS**

**Barbara Wilson**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Dreamers & Doers After Hours event is a social time for the community Thursday, April 9 from 5:30-8:00pm and the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 11 from 11:00-2:30 will celebrate our Dreamers & Doers nominees and award winner at Heritage Hill. Each member of the Branch is encouraged to help with planning and event day. Sign up at the Feb. branch meeting.

We can announce the guest speaker for the Saturday Awards Luncheon will be Tina Sauerhammer, Green Bay native, former Miss Wisconsin and now the area's first pediatric plastic surgeon.

You can help with D&D 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.

\*Soliciting businesses as sponsors or advertisers.

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

Call Barbara Wilson or Jill Lauritsen. For more information and nomination forms go to our branch website

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## **Legal Advocacy Fund**

**Stella Frigo**

### **Roe v. Wade Anniversary Marked by Multiple Bills, Rallies, Legislative Hijinks**

“The national fight over abortion rights took center stage this week when House Republicans dropped plans to vote on a 20-week abortion ban after two dozen Republican members, led by Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and other GOP women, voiced opposition to a provision requiring rape survivors to report the assault to law enforcement in order to access abortion after 20 weeks. The GOP women's willingness to so publicly buck their party leadership was unusual and welcome, especially this early in the new Congress. AAUW appreciates their leadership, though of course would rather have seen them oppose the entire bill, not just one piece of it. In the end, the House pivoted and passed a more far-reaching anti-choice bill that would restrict both public and private insurance policies from covering abortion, regardless of a woman's circumstances or needs. House leaders have also vowed to bring up the 20-week ban at a later time.

As all of this was taking place in the House, Senate Democrats introduced the Women's Health Protection Act, an AAUW-supported bill that would protect access to safe, legal reproductive health care so that women can make their own decisions with advice and support from those they trust the most. In other parts of Washington, D.C., that day,

anti-choice supporters held their annual "March for Life," and AAUW attended a pro-choice rally at the Supreme Court to stand up for women's fundamental right to make important medical decisions without government interference.”

This information is from Lisa M. Maatz, AAUIW VP of Government Relations.

### **Congress Continues to Focus on Education as Voucher Advocates Mark 'National School Choice Week'**

“On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee held its second hearing about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The hearing focused on ways to evaluate teachers. For the second week in a row, AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps volunteers advocated on Capitol Hill for AAUW's principles regarding ESEA reauthorization, this time on the House side. This week's focus on education coincided with National School Choice Week, which, despite the name, is truly a push for private school vouchers. AAUW opposes voucher schemes as they often involve federal funding for private and religious schools (a clear violation of separation of church and state), exclusion of students with disabilities, and discrimination based on gender, religion, ability, race, and income.”

This is from AAUW Washington Update.

**Change of address and phone:**

Jill Lauritsen.

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

**Film series at Neville Museum**

"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

**Met Opera at Bay Park Square**

“February 14 – 11:30. Tchaikovsky’s Iolanta/Bartok’s Bluebeard’s Castle

**2015 Art meets Heart**

Let your heart soar at Austin Straubel airport on Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> as the ARTgarage celebrates the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Art Meets Heart community art project. Several hundred airplanes will be revealed in a floor to ceiling sculpture in the lobby of the airport. A catered gala with music by the John Kelley Duo and an art raffle will be held upstairs in the airport. Tickets for this year’s gala event are on sale now, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call 920-448-6800 or go online to the ARTgarage.org for more information.

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**Iron Jawed Angels film and League**

**Birthday Celebration** Saturday, February 21 11:30am. Village Grill. The film tells the true story of how defiant and brilliant young activists Alice Paul and Lucy took the women’s suffrage movement by storm putting their lives at risk to help women win the right to vote. Order from the men and bring your family and friends

**UPCOMING BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

Thurs. March 5 – Art Study Group

Tues. March 10 – Branch Meeting: Bullying in our Schools and the Workplace with speakers Eileen Littig and

Mon. March 23 – Tour of Cassandra Voss Women’s Center at St. Norbert College

Tues. March 24 – Book group: My Antonia