

# BAYNOTES

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Branch Website: [greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net](http://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net)

## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:30-7:00 pm

Village Grille – 801 Hoffman Road

5:30-6:00 Social time

6:00 – Dinner and Program

**Connecting Our Community from Many Directions**

**Eileen and David Littig**

Join us for our September meeting at the Village Grille. We will be offering a **free buffet dinner for our members**. Please feel free to bring guests; they will be asked to pay for the dinner, but if they join AAUW that evening, their meal will be free, too.

Our program will feature Eileen and David Littig presenting an exciting new project in Brown County called **Connecting Our Community from Many Directions**. Participants seek to shape our community by connecting with each other based on Appreciative Inquiry. A traditional problem solving approach begins with the negative, namely: what is the problem and how to fix what is broken, focus is on obstacles. The Appreciative Inquiry approach starts with what is going well and searches for solutions by amplifying what is working, focus is placed on the positives.

Participants interview people from all walks of life and record positive stories describing their hopes and dreams. Stories are made available on social media in hopes of shaping a positive public dialog. It is hoped that these positive stories will lower barriers, increase cooperation and open paths for realizing dreams. Community members and project participants are also invited to participate in sessions to discuss what their stories and dreams tell us and how we can use the positives in our community to create future possibilities and projects connecting our community.

PLEASE JOIN US AND RSVP BY Monday AUGUST 31 to Sue Hendricks at [chefs@new.rr.com](mailto:chefs@new.rr.com) or (920)-336-7633

Please note change in date - **Next Executive Board Meeting Monday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m.** It will still be at my home at 2545 Oakwood Avenue. Hopefully we can finalize all the details for the next season's programs. All members are welcome if interested. Please let me know if you will be able to attend so I make sure I have enough chairs. Thank you! Sara Ramaker

## **INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS**

### **TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH ART**

This year we will again be holding a series of art study groups using the Great Courses materials.

**Thursday, October 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 am** at the home of **Dian Malueg, 1115 Fox River Drive, De Pere. Janice McCarthy will be co-hostess.** The artists to be covered will be **Munch, Matisse and Schiele.** All members are invited to join us.

**BOOK GROUP** – The AAUW Book Discussion Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:00pm. All members welcome.

Tuesday, September 22 - Book: The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. "Drawing on the boys own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-life time shared dream. Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest." Amazon

. The selection for October 27<sup>th</sup> is Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands by Chris Bohjalian. a Washington Post and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Best Book of the Year.

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## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Jill Lauritsen

2015 AAUW Green Bay Area Branch Scholarship Recipients are Shainna Flynn (receiving the Pat Hinckley Scholarship), Michele Hennessey, Cassandra Raymond and Angela Smet. Each will receive \$1,000 from our branch.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Janice McCarthy and Maryl Hitchcock

This year the branch is encouraging all members to bring a friend to the monthly meetings---an excellent way to introduce potential members to women of like interests.

If you know someone interested in joining our branch, please give us their names and telephone numbers. We plan on holding small group gatherings that will give us an opportunity to get to know each other. Call Maryl at 336-7422 or email Janice at janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Sara Ramaker

Summer is passing too quickly pushing us to finalize our programs for the year.

I received few responses to my survey. Thank you to those who responded. Those who have said nothing are either perfectly happy with what we have done or willing to accept anything we do.

We decided to make a few changes in our branch meetings. Many meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month. We have planned each Thursday night meeting to be as follows:

5:30 – 6:00 Social Time

6:00 – 7:00 Program Presentations

7:00 Announcements

We have tried to plan programs of local interest that also correspond with AAUW's goals. We are hoping all meetings will be interesting, concise and inspiring. There is so much to more to know about AAUW's programs and so much to be done to support women in our community. We will rarely have a formal business meeting, because we feel the

executive minutes and treasurer's reports are included in the BayNotes. This does not mean that we do not want the membership's input - just that we do not feel it is the best use of everyone's time. You are welcome to contact me if you any issues you want addressed or please feel free to join us whenever you are available and interested in our planning meetings.

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## **DREAMERS & DOERS Vol. II Update**

Dotty Juengst

Over the summer the interviewers and writers have been busy working on Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Vol. II. Of the 59 nominations for the Dreamers and Doers Award since 2007, we have only nine nominees not yet assigned for research and profile writing. We have 20 profiles finished. We plan to upload these finished profiles to the Branch web page. We still have work to do on the remaining profiles. The committee would invite members to volunteer to help us finish this project.

We are also asking members to suggest historical women who may be appropriate to include in Vol. II.

If you would like to help with this project please contact Dotty Juengst at 469.1919 or mdjuengst@aol.com

## **GREEN BAY BRANCH SUMMER FUN**

Jill Lauritsen

A warm 86 degrees and windy. Maria, owner of Parallel 44, who has donated the wine for the past two years of Dreamers and Doers gave us a special tour of the vineyards. After the wine tasting and our purchases we drove to Algoma for lunch at Caffe Tlazo. Took a quick ride to The Flying Pig before heading back to Green Bay.

**Please see the additional attached listing of our 2015-16 Branch programs.**

## **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND/PUBLIC POLICY**

**Stella Frigo**

Our Federal Judiciary has a serious backlog problem. "The Senate's inaction has consequences. Federal courts are often also the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, health care, and other aspects of their lives. Since the beginning of 2015, the number of current circuit and district court vacancies has increased from 40 to 59. The number of those that are judicial emergencies has increased from 12 to 28. Despite the increased need to fill these positions, Senate consideration of judicial nominees has slowed down significantly."

"Tell your senators to urge Majority Leader McConnell to schedule "up or down" confirmation votes and ask Sen. Grassley to hold consistent confirmation hearings to end judicial emergencies and federal courts' backlog!" from AAUW Action Network

Senator Ron Johnson 202-224-5323

Senator Tammy Baldwin 202-224-565

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**Looking ahead:** Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> –  
Topic: Pay Equity – the Gender Pay gap