



December 2015

# BAYNOTES

Empowering Women since 1881 – Through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research  
Branch Website: [greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net](http://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net)

## AAWW Branch Holiday Lunch

Saturday, December 5, 2015

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cassandra Voss Center

St. Norbert’s Campus, 100 Grant Street

Parking is off Grant Street, adjoining the Cassandra Voss Center.

Join us for a festive start to the holiday season.

A lovely day is planned for members and guests!

We will begin upstairs in this beautiful renovated building with snacks and a selection of holiday inspired music, performed by members of the Hand Bell Choir from First United Methodist Church.

The lunch will be served downstairs (elevator available) for lunch and announcements.

Lunch menu:

**WINTER FRUIT SALAD, WILD RICE JARDINIÈRE, HERBED BREAST OF CHICKEN WITH HERBED CREAM SAUCE, ROLLS AND BUTTER, COFFEE OR HOT TEA, INDIVIDUAL CHEESE CAKE WITH FRUIT TOPPING**

Please come prepared to support our raffle for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). A great cause for women in need.

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***Please send your check to Sue Hendricks at (address removed. Contact Us)***

***\$15 per person***

**Registration Deadline : Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.**



## **INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS**

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

No meeting in December. Next meeting is Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30-11:30 am - at the home of Jill Lauritsen; Co-hostess: Bev Braun.

Artists: Magritte and Hopper.

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

There will not be a book discussion in December.

The book for January 26th is Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

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

### **Advent and Christmas Handbells (Bach)**

**Concert.** Sunday, Dec 6th at 3:30

St John's Lutheran Church, 2700 Babcock Road Ashwaubenon

Donations of non-perishable food items or cash will go to local food pantries.

Musical talents of: St John's, Calvary

Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Bell Choirs.

## **Branch gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble -**

Our Branch will be doing Holiday gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. . Bev Braun is seeking volunteers to help on Monday, December 14 from 4:00-6:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm and Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 4-6pm and 6-8pm. Call Bev (499-4961) or email her at [bbraun5@new.rr.com](mailto:bbraun5@new.rr.com)) to volunteer.

## **BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**MEMBERSHIP**– Janice McCarthy and Marl Hitchcock.

Change Sue Braun's phone numbers to home

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## **TREASURER REPORT**

Mary Schmidt

AAUW has asked branches to start using vouchers for all their expenditures. We need to document everything we spend on branch business. Please use the voucher included in the newsletter for all your expenses. Do Not just submit receipts. You will need to submit a receipt and the voucher in order to be reimbursed.

Also, when you purchase items or have other expenses related to the branch but do not want to be reimbursed please fill out a voucher and let me know it's not for reimbursement. AAUW needs this information for tax purposes. Thanks for your help.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Sara Ramaker

### **Evaluation of our meetings:**

The Good: We can be proud of our first three meetings. The topics were interesting and the speakers knowledgeable and entertaining. The last meeting at UWGB about getting more women into engineering and computer science field was wonderful. The four presenters had some similarities, but they all came to their respective field via different paths. Having a mother-daughter team gave us the perspective of two generations as well as the influence of family on choices. The audience, including the UWGB students that attended, were interested and engaged and asked good questions. They were not only interested in the topic, but asked good questions about AAUW, too. We achieved our goals of connecting with students, getting our name out and began what we hope to be a strong connection with UWGB. We hope that having a program that was so well received will encourage more students and faculty to attend our future programs. I am sorry more of you did not have an opportunity to attend. We had time to talk with the students before and after the program. We planned this meeting at UWGB to strengthen and broaden our branch. The contact with the students certainly had that affect on me.

The Bad: Our turnout was low for both our members and students. We thought that UWGB would be advertising our program, but we found that was not true. There were a lot of activities that night, but

we need to get the word out better. We need to display our logo and accomplishments at the meetings. It was suggested the lack of food at “dinnertime” meetings maybe discouraging members from attending. All these “problems” we will work to change.

The Ugly: Fortunately, none.

### **Confession:**

I am no longer your reluctant president. Before I accepted the position, I worried about all the extra work and all the meetings. What I had not foreseen was how wonderfully invigorating it is to spend time with smart women. Recently Bev Braun “dragged” me to a District meeting in the valley. There were 9 members from 4 branches. Each branch does things so differently. The meeting was engaging, full of wonderful information and lots of fun. It was so great I even considered applying for the District job?!! (Maybe after this presidency) Similarly, our last Executive Board meeting was productive, thoughtful and LOTS of LAUGHS. Instead of being a chore, the meeting was fun and also very inspiring. Getting together with these wonderful women makes me want to do more. This is good, because there is a lot to do.

## **DREAMERS AND DOERS VOL. II**

Dotty Juengst

We are now preparing to upload some profiles of the Dreamers and Doers Award nominees to the Branch's web page. In addition to the written profiles we have

video profiles of Maria Hinton and Betsy Hendrickson on the Dreamers and Doers Vol II web page. Please look at the Branch web page to view these profiles. We will be adding to this page as more profiles are completed. We still have some nominee profiles to be researched and written. We also need a photographer to take pictures of some of the nominees. Please contact me if you can help.

### **Notes from Green Bay Area Branch History 1927-1981 and the 70th Anniversary History Update 1982-1997:**

These notes from our Branch History will be included on our Bay Notes to update our members about the Branch as we approach our 90th Anniversary. If anyone would like to help update our branch history from 1997- present please contact Dotty Juengst.

From History 1927-1981, compiled by Margaret Krings, Historian:

"On January 31, 1927, a small group of college women met at the YMCA with the purpose of forming a branch of the American Association of University Women. They elected the following officers: President, Julia Conley; First Vice-President, Henrietta Gallagher; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Hays; Secretary, Edythe Thomas; Treasurer, Dorothy Day; Chairman of Hospitality, Publicity and Education, Mrs. Carl Young, Florence Walker, and Marian McCullough, respectively. The organization was established as the AAUW-Green Bay Branch. In 1980 the name of the groups was changed to AAUW-Green Bay Area Branch. This group of women was the founding core of over fifty years of work in

fulfillment of the national, state and local purposes of the American Association of University Women. This history is an attempt to chronicle the efforts of these women and successive members to fulfill those purposes.

One of the primary purposes of AAUW is to encourage higher education for women. At the second meeting, February 10, 1927 the branch began its goal toward fulfilling this need. The first scholarship of fifty dollars was given to Vivian Nichols, a graduate of Green Bay West High School. Since that time, the local branch has given over \$30,000 (1927-1981) to international, national and local scholarships funds for study on graduate and undergraduate levels."

### **Notes from Executive Board Meeting – November 9, 2015**

#### PRESIDENT REPORT:

1. By-Laws update – National requires us to update By-Laws by April. National has just sent model by-laws. Janice and Dotty will work the Sara on the new by-laws in January.
2. Update on regional meeting: Bev, Sue and Sara went to regional meeting in Appleton. We hope to attend more of these meetings, because it was very valuable to share ideas and methods of doing things.

\* New District Representative needed for District 5. This is a state position and requires 3 meetings for state meetings and to organize one district wide meeting. Anyone interested can feel free to call Sara regarding it.

\*Changes to District 5: It will be voted on at the convention to expand District 5 to include Oshkosh, Sheboygan, West Bend, Rhinelander, Wisconsin Rapids and Wausau. District 5 will have one of the largest memberships in the state. Not sure how it will affect this branch. We will have fewer times to take responsibility for the state convention. Anyone with strong feeling about this should let those representing the branch at convention know.

\*April 22-24, 2016 - State Convention at the Crown Plaza in Madison.

\*How Scholarships are chosen: AAUW National has been advised by the IRS that it is concerned with AAUW members reviewing financial records of scholarship recipients and as well as the possibility that candidates with connections may receive preference. This is going to require us to rethink our method of selecting scholarship recipients. We are hoping to receive a written update on this matter. Various possibilities were discussed. Sandy suggested she contact Scholarship, Inc. to see if it is possible that they could handle this for us.

\*Vouchers: We need to voucher in-kind donations. We need to do this it is cleaner and fairer and well as realistically know what is needed. Send out a general voucher form to everyone. It will be attached to the newsletter and mentioned at next meeting.

\*Update on AAUW Fundraising Policy 501: National as confirmed what we can and cannot do regarding donations to other

nonprofit organizations. Branches cannot give donations to another charity unless it is in accordance with AAUW's mission. The National Railroad Museum's festival of Trees was discussed. Is this a donation or is this a "space"? As we are beyond the deadline, it was decided not to do it this year.

#### DREAMERS AND DOERS VOLUME 2:

It was affirmed that the branch has approved the committee spending up to \$2000 on volume 2. Dotty reported 22 are done and some editing has been done to get them in a similar format. Next year is our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this branch. To begin the celebration, Joanne Rathburn will be willing to do small write-ups on former presidents of this branch. It was decided to upload previous booklets to our website and put excerpts in the BayNotes.

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Next Branch Meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2016. Speaker: Cyndee Sweetland on Human Trafficking. Kress Family Library.