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Green Bay Area AAUW Branch Meeting

AAUW Issue: Human Trafficking with Cyndee Sweetland

Thursday, January 14, 2016

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Kress Family Library, De Pere

Cyndee Sweetland has studied and presented many discussions on this topic. Human trafficking is perceived to be a problem confined to faraway countries, but Wisconsin has seen a surge in the number of cases. The average age of the children being groomed and sold is 13. We all need to know what can be done to prevent the most vulnerable from being targeted by sex traffickers. Light refreshments will be served.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

TOUR THE WORLD THROUGH ART

Thursday, January 21 from 9:30-11:30 am at Jill Lauritsen's home, 310 Van Buren, Green Bay.

Co-hostess is Bev Braun.

Artists to be highlighted are Magritte and Hopper.

All branch members welcome to attend.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, January 26th at 3:00 pm at the Reader's Loft.

The book for January is The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in fiction. "The Goldfinch is a novel of striking narrative energy and power. It combines unforgettable vivid characters, mesmerizing language and breathtaking suspense, while plumbing with a philosopher's calm the deepest mysteries of love, and identity, and art". Participants in the book discussion receive a 15% discount on the book from the Reader's Loft.



BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Maryl Hitchcock & Janice McCarthy

Welcome to new member – Liz Pierce
St. Norbert College, BA Education Psychology
UW-Milwaukee, MS Education Psychology
Occupation: Counselor – De Pere Middle School
1480 Silverstone Trail, #10
De Pere, WI 54115
Home: 619-5124 Work: 983-9174 ext. 2115
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From member Wendy Schroeder: I have moved.
My new address is: 3709 Woods Edge Way,
De Pere, WI 54115.
No change to phone number or email.

Thank you to new member Linda Birder for
bringing two guests (and one guest joined) to our
December meeting. Just a reminder to members to
invite friends to our interesting and informative
meetings.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Stella Frigo

In 2015, women made historic strides in breaking
barriers. Below are examples from the AAUW
Action Network.

Record Number of Women Serving in

Congress - A record number of women are
serving in the 114th Congress: 88 women in
the House and 20 in the Senate. We are
thankful for this historic representation of
women serving in office, and we'll continue
to work to grow their ranks. Only 278
women have served in the House, and half
of them were elected after 1992; 23 out of
the 46 women who have served in the
Senate were elected after 1996

First American Woman Captains Cruise Ship - Kate McCue became the first American woman to captain a mega-ship this year. Celebrity Cruises announced that McCue would lead a 14-day cruise with more than 2,100 passengers and a crew of 950.

First Supercar with Female Design Lead to Premier in November - The Acura NSX is the first supercar with a female design lead. Michelle Christensen is the first female exterior designer at Acura, and led the styling efforts on the NSX. The new all-wheel-drive hybrid car will debut at the Detroit auto show this month.

Firsts in the Media & Arts - Viola Davis won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series, making her the first African-American to win the category.

- Lisa Kron and Jeanine Tesori won the Tony Award for Best Original Score. They are the first female writing team to win the award.

- The Economist named Zanny Minton Beddoes as Editor-in-Chief. This is the first time a woman has held the top editor position in the magazine's 172-year

- Misty Copeland made history this year by becoming the first African-American female principal dancer with the American Ballet Theater



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Special thanks to everyone who made our December Holiday brunch so lovely! I loved the setting (Thank you, Sandy), the bell music was wonderful (Thank you, Barb), the food delicious (Thank you, Sue) and, naturally, the company was divine. Thank you too to Stella for organizing the LAF raffles. I know there were many helpers that contributed to this gala, too. It was a wonderful way to introduce the holiday season.

I have to admit I have not done much to advance the issues of AAUW this month. My own holiday efforts and a nasty bug kept me focused on home things.

JANUARY 14 BRANCH MEETING – HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTED BY CYNDEE SWEETLAND:

In case you think this is not happening here, there was a June 6, 2015 article in the Green Bay Press Gazette describing an arrest for the human trafficking of a 17 year-old Green Bay girl and a 14 year-old Appleton girl being sold to men for sex. Human trafficking has been documented in over 200 cases and in over half of Wisconsin's 72 counties. The article describes Green Bay as follows:

“Green Bay, with its location along interstates, attractiveness to tourists and its ability to attract thousands of cash-laden weekend visitors for football games and concerts, can present a level of demand that appeals greatly to traffickers, said Brown County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Valley, who frequently investigates sex crimes against minors.”

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/local/2015/06/06/human-trafficking-spreading-wisconsin/28573869/> Clearly, this is a subject that we can no longer ignore.

Cyndee Sweetland has given many presentations on this subject and is a volunteer with Women At Risk International, a nonprofit organized to create circles of protection around those at-risk. This will

be a very good and interesting presentation.

We have had comments that there is no food at the “dinner hour” when our meetings are held. Sue is planning something good to eat beyond just a sweet. So please join us.

Finally, Bev Braun gave me a DVD: Stop Traffick - Human Trafficking in America. It is 35 minutes. I am happy to share it with anyone else who would like to see it.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jill Lauritsen

This year we are able to offer 4 - \$1,000 scholarships. Requirements are female, 25 years or older; financial need; Jr/Sr at UW-GB, Bellin College or St. Norberts, in their last semester of their senior year at NWTC-Green Bay campus or college of Menominee Nation-GB campus and in good standing at their university.

Revisions to the application are being made and will then be available soon on our website.

These scholarships are offered through money raised from our Dreamers and Doers Event last April. One of the scholarships is funded with a gift from James Hinckley named for past branch president and founder of D&D Patricia Hinckley.

I am looking for three or four members to assist with selection of scholarship recipients. I hope to have someone take over as chair next year as I'd like to step down after 20 years.



Scholarship

Notes from Executive Board Meeting Monday, January 4, 2016

Membership – we need to work on the discrepancy in the age range of our membership.

We would like members to be more involved in meetings, such as greeters, set up, and information table. Several members have volunteered to do this.

Legal Advocacy Fund - At the Christmas luncheon our branch raised \$240.00 for the Legal Advocacy Fund. The ladies, who will benefit from your generosity, thank you.

President's News

*ByLaws committee will be meeting next week.

*We cannot change our branch logo, but would like to work on redesign of our stationery.

*We need to work on publicity to community for our meetings: newspaper and tv calendars – Jill will do this month.

*A monetary gift to the branch was received from Sajida Shariff. A motion was made by Jill Lauritsen and seconded by Sue Hendricks to use the money to purchase 2 tablecloths with AAUW logo and AAUW lecturn sign for branch meetings and events and the remainder going towards the D&D book project. Motion passed

Scholarships

The formula for the division of money raised from our Dreamers & Doers Event is 50% to local scholarships, 30% to National Scholarship, 20% to the Dreamer & Doer book project. \$3500 is designated for scholarships, plus \$1000 from James Hinckley for named Pat Hinckley scholarship. A motion, by Sue Hendricks and seconded by Stella Frigo, was made to give 4 - \$1,000 scholarships this year and carryover \$500 for scholarships next year. Motion passed.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be Monday, January 25th at 5:30pm at Sara Ramaker's home.

January Branch Calendar

January 14 – Branch Meeting

January 21 – Book Discussion Group

January 22 – BayNotes deadline

January 25 – Executive Board Meeting

January 26 – Tour the World through Art

State Convention is April 22-23, 2016 in Madison Wisconsin.



