

BAYNOTES

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SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016 5:30-7:00 pm

Village Grille – 801 Hoffman Road

Program: STEM Alive and Well in De Pere

Student TEDxTalks on STEM

3 Eighth grade girls from De Pere Middle School gave TedxTalks regarding their contribution to the world. Common theme is “Gender doesn’t matter and we should be free to follow our dreams wherever they may lead us.” Their non-traditional career dreams are shared.

They will share their talks and experiences with us.

Short video highlighting AAUW

Bring a guest and your guest will receive a \$5.00 AAUW Bucks towards their dinner.

5:30-5:50 Social time

5:50 – Dinner and Program

No need for reservations. For the dinner you will order and pay the night of our meeting. The menu for the night will be available at Village Grille and you will receive a colored chip designating what you ordered.

Menu choices:

Countryside Chicken Salad – Grilled chicken breast served on a bed of chopped greens, topped with apple slices, red grapes and walnuts. Served with raspberry vinaigrette - \$14.75.

Salmon Caesar Wrap – Grilled salmon, lettuce, red onion, Caesar dressing parmesan cheese and croutons. Served with sweet potato fries - \$16.97.

Soup and Sandwich – Sliced turkey on a toasted hearth bun served with a cup of creamy chicken and wild rice soup - \$10.99.

All meals include beverage, tax and tip.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Thursday, August 25 – Drawing at the Lake.

10:00 am – 4:00 pm. At Jan Schonke's cottage on Loon Lake, N6813 Loon Lake Road, Shawano, WI (about an hour drive from Green Bay). Everyone make own arrangements for a carpool: (There is a Park and Ride at Hwy 29 and Packerland)

Please bring a salad for about 4 people to share. RSVP to Janice McCarthy, 497-0252 or janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com so she can purchase supplies, etc.

Thursday, September 15 – Art Movie

10:00 am – noon
Hostess – Mary Schmidt, 2410 Bittersweet Ave. Green Bay. Co-hostess: Jill Lauritsen

BOOK GROUP – The AAUW Book Discussion Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:30pm. All members welcome.

Tuesday, August 23 - Book: Shotgun Lovesongs by Nicholas Butler. Time: 3:00pm

Tuesday, September 27 – Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler. Here are four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their anchor.

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. Call Maryl at 336-7422 or email Janice at janicemccarthy7@hotmail.com.

STATE CONVENTION IN NEENAH 2017

Anyone interested in working on the State Convention in Neenah April 21-22, Sara and Mary will be attending a district meeting on September 17 in Waupaca. Please let them know if you can join them or would like to help at the State Convention.

DREAMERS & DOERS

Jill Lauritsen

Many of you will be very happy to know we are sponsoring our 10th Dreamers and Doers. Jill Lauritsen and Kathy Hinkfuss have graciously agreed to co-chair the Dreamers and Doers tea and awards luncheon. It will be held at Heritage Hill March 31 and April 1. Ginnie Erdmann has agreed to chair the food. The Hyatt will cater the food. Friday's plan is to have "Dreamers and Doers" portrayed in the park culminating in a lovely tea. Saturday we will honor all of our nominees and award recipients and showcase what we have finished for our second edition of Dreamers and Doers. Roll up your sleeves, because we will need help. The greatest need right away is we NEED a PUBLICITY CHAIR. This is a short-term project – not requiring the time of an officer or other committee chair. Please consider taking this job. It always requires some work, but the contact with other AAUW members and the community is really rewarding. By reaching out you make a difference for other women in our community.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Your Board of Directors has been hard at working planning next year's programs. The surveys indicated that you liked last year's meeting topics and that they were tied to AAUW's national's policy agendas. We want to continue topics related to AAUW's policies, but have decided to make a few changes to our programming in response to your surveys.

PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO BRANCH MEETINGS TIME AND PLACE!

The first change is the day of the branch meeting. AAUW Branch meetings will be held the third Monday of the month. The exceptions are: the December luncheon and the May Annual meeting luncheon. We learned from the surveys that Thursday is a busy night and hope Monday meetings allow more of you to attend.

Aging and Disability Resource Center is our meeting location: The second change is the place of the meeting. We had hoped to reach out to the community more by having our meetings in different locations. Although these were somewhat successful, we decided we needed to focus on what is the best for the branch. Having meetings in one place is easier said than done, but we found a good space. All meetings with the exception of the September dinner at the Village Grille and the two luncheons and January 16 will be held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) 300 South Adams St., Green Bay. The ARDC is a lovely space, is centrally located, has ample parking and we can continue to bring food. It also has the necessary audio video equipment for our presenters. We are hoping the set dates and set place will make it easier for everyone to attend.

The third change is our January 16 meeting. It will not be at the ARDC, because we decided to make it a more relaxed "Movie Night". Popcorn, good friends and a "chick flick" is what we need to have

time to reconnect and relax. We have some ideas for places and movies, but nothing is set. Picture a hot bowl of soup, salad, popcorn, your most comfy clothes and some good laughs. What better way to spend a January evening? Let me know if you have any ideas for the place or the movie, but definitely mark your calendars.

I would like to say we have every meeting planned and finalized, but we do not. We are all set for September and October meetings (described in more detail in this newsletter) and I believe they will be very good. The September one will showcase how amazing our area young girls are. This should inspire us to do all we can as a part of AAUW to advance their success and remove the barriers hindering them. With October, we thought getting out the vote is an important topic, but we decided our members vote. Talking about voting is probably something you know. But do you know what do we do after the election results are in? How do we make sure our elected officials are held accountable? The October meeting is "Going Beyond the Vote." Three women with active experience in the world of politicians will talk about their experience – being women in the political world – and how we can effectively get our elected officials to listen to us.

We are considering ideas for other meetings, but always welcome your suggestions.

Why do I participate and promote AAUW? I know two women who left our area, because of work place harassment. Our community lost the talent of two lovely college educated women, because grown men behaved like adolescent teenagers. We cannot end this harassment on our own. Yet, by being a part of AAUW we are supporting people all over this country working to end such harassment and open more doors for women. Our dues that sometimes seem high are supporting important changes. Some changes are obvious - a woman has been chosen by a major political party to head its presidential ticket - a black woman won a swimming goal medal, the first black person in our

history. Some changes we will not see. Another real story - A manager who when confronted with his sexism, was appalled and took steps to change what he was doing. The woman who challenged her boss was inspired by the actions of AAUW. We can and do make a difference.

AAUW is not asking for all your time – just a small amount. Each step is important. After all, numerous women ran for president before anyone took a woman seriously. We work hard to get good speakers. Attending meetings, bringing a friend are all significant contributions to AAUW that each of you can do. I look forward to another year of learning and laughter with women I truly enjoy and admire.

From AAUW Lead On....

“The day will come when man will recognize woman as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation. Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the race.”

-- Susan B. Anthony, suffragist

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jill Lauritsen

2016 AAUW Green Bay Area Branch Scholarship Recipients are Angela Smet receiving the Pat Hinckley Scholarship; Pamai Lee Xiong, the Katherine Hall Scholarship; and Michelle Hennessy, the Betty McNaulty Scholarship; Katherine and Betty are two members who passed away this past year and the scholarships are named in their memory. The Pat Hinckley named scholarship is from memorials collected in her memory. Pat passed away two years ago. Each will receive \$1,000 from our branch.

New Scholarship Chair is Liz Pierce. Laura Fisher-Bonvallet will be assisting.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Carol Pearson

Member Carol Pearson is the curriculum developer for Einstein Project and recommends these articles regarding women/girls and STEM education and careers.

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2016/08/whats_keeping_women_out_of_stem_calculus_confidence.html

<http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=Article-teaching-teachers-overcome-hidden-stem-biases>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/caitlin-klevorick/girls-and-women-in-stem-e_b_9550836.html

BRANCH OFFICERS

President: Sara Ramaker
Vice-president programs - Mary Barker
Treasurer- - Janice Davis
Secretary - Linda Birder

Board of Directors:

Membership - Janice McCarthy and Maryl Hitchcock
BayNotes - Barb Wilson
LAF Chair - Mary Schmidt
Dreamers and Doers book - Dotty Juengst
Dreamers and Doers Awards luncheon - Jill Lauritsen and Kathy Hinkfuss
Scholarship - Liz Pierce

BRANCH MEETING DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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The Calendar Dates are as follows:

Monday, September 19 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Village Grille

Monday, October 17 5:30-7:00 p.m. at ADRC

Monday, November 21 5:30-7:00 p.m. at ADRC

Saturday, December 3 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, January 16 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20 5:30-7:00 p.m. at ADRC

March Meeting is 10th Dreamers and Doers Awards
March 31- April 1 at Heritage Hill

Monday, April 17 5:30-7:00 p.m. at ADRC

State Convention Oshkosh April 21-22 in Oshkosh

Saturday, May 6 Annual Meeting 11:00 – 1:30

Preview: OCTOBER MEETING Monday, October 17– GOING BEYOND THE VOTE

What is the best way to stay in touch with our representatives and how can we be sure they accomplish what they promised? Three women representing the three branches of our government will talk to us about what it is like for women to work in the political arena and what is the best way to reach our elected representatives.

Rhonda Sitnikau is a community activist who regularly attends local government meetings and recently ran for Green Bay's City Council. She had many positive and not so positive experiences going door to door. Although she did not win, she continues to work for the positive changes she wants for her community. She is a beautician and regularly hosts a podcast on political issues.

Amanda Stuck is serving her first term as the State Assembly representative from the 57th District. It includes portions of Appleton and Menasha. She is one of 22 women (out of a total of 99 seats) serving us in the state legislature. She is on the following committees: Committee on Energy and Utilities, Committee on Housing and Real Estate, Committee on Jobs and The Economy, and Committee on Environment and Forestry.

Ashley Lecker served as a staffer on Congressman Steve Kagen's campaign and as an administrative assistant at his office in Green Bay. She specialized in helping constituents with disability and other social security claims, as well as being the contact point for environmental matters. She now works for the ARDC.

We have asked each of them to talk about the unique challenges that being a woman in a male dominated political arena has presented. They will also give us some advice on how to influence your representatives at each level. This should be a very stimulating evening.