

BAYNOTES

Empowering Women since 1881 – Through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research
Branch Website: greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net

Branch Meeting
Monday, October 17
5:30 – 7:00 pm

GOING BEYOND THE VOTE

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
300 South Adams St., Green Bay.

What is the best way to stay in touch with our representatives and how can we be sure they accomplish what they promised? These women represent two branches of our government and 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.

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 they faced or face as a woman in the political arena. And looking beyond November, what advice would they give us on how to influence your representatives once they are in office. This should be a very stimulating and informative evening.



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Thursday, October 20 10:00am – noon
Masterworks of American Art – The Great Courses
– Jan Schonke, leader
Hostess – Sue Hendricks, 711 Morris St.
De Pere. Co-hostess – Marilyn Rabideau

BOOK GROUP – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:30pm.

Tuesday, October 25. Book: **Without Reservation: The Travels of an Independent Woman** by Alice Steinbach.

Alice Steinbach, a Pulitzer prize journalist, wanted to reconnect with herself. “But who was she away from the people and things that defined her? In this exquisite book, Steinbach searches for the answer to this question in some of the most beautiful and exciting places in the world....” Amazon

Please note the new time: **3:30 PM.**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Maryl Hitchcock & Janice McCarthy

Just a reminder to renew your membership. We are getting ready to print the Directory and your name will be removed if you are not paid. Mail immediately to Jan Davis, 1765 Chateau Drive, GB 54304 or email her that it is in the mail – jaloda@hotmail.com

Remember to invite a friend or two to our informative and engaging branch meetings, it is one of the best ways to recruit new members.

2016-2017 Branch Programs

Sara Ramaker

In my family, the women were storytellers. We Swedes had “morning coffee” and “afternoon coffee” during which the women got together and talked about everything. As a child it was their stories that I loved to hear. These family stories may explain why memoirs are my favorite genre. Yet, every society has its special stories that often define who they are, where they have been and where they are going. This is because stories guide the young and inexperienced through the ups and downs of life. They tell us what to expect and what is expected of us. Sometimes I fear our society has lost the art of storytelling.

Why am I talking about stories? As president and vice-president in charge of programs, Mary Barker and I have tried to organize our branch meetings around a theme. Last year our programs focused on policy issues AAUW national is advancing to remind us we are part of a large, successful organization. This year we are focusing on Women's Stories of Success. Each month we will introduce you to women, both living and deceased who were or are successful. Each woman's journey and story is different, but common threads unite all women and each journey provides questions, answers and inspiration.

October - Women in the legislature
November - Women Lobbyist - Colleen Gruzysznski*
January - Women in Sports (Film - A league of our Own)
December - Brunch
February - Women immigration stories - Sister Melanie and 2 Hispanic women
March - Dreamers and Doers
April - TBA
May - Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

A very special thank you to Liz Pierce for suggesting, organizing and presenting our speakers for the September branch meeting. It was inspiring to hear Betty Hartman, the principal of De Pere Middle School explain the wonderful TEDx Program that gave these young girls, Jolie Guyette, Kylie Trousil and Lexie Lipsh, among others, their voice. And what they had to say! How inspiring to know there are young girls who have the poise, knowledge and will to work hard to achieve a goal. Their talks were wonderful, but the real treat was the questions and answers. From the comments I heard, we were all very impressed with these young women. Sharing the evening with their parents made it very clear these girls have the support they will need to continue to learn and grow into strong women. I found it very encouraging. These girls are a wonderful reminder why we are a part of AAUW. Also, special thanks to Sue Hendricks for organizing the dinner and the "AAUW Bucks." Thank you to all who brought guests, too. I hope you will follow up and encourage them to join AAUW.

Goals for the Year: I am trying to meet the goals I set in my May BayNotes *Note From the President* for this year, namely: 1) We will continue to have a short business update every meeting; and 2) We will have a meeting in a home. Sandy Melroy has graciously agreed to have our movie night at their home in January. The remaining goals mentioned in my *Note* were as follows: 3) create an action plan and 4) continue our connection with UWGB Women's Center. I have two ideas for these goals.

The state AAUW is sponsoring a \$500 grant to support a student attending next year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). We need to make sure a UWGB student gets a chance at this great opportunity. I would like us to work with Christine Smith at the UWGB Women's Center to help identify women we can recommend for this stipend.

As for an action plan, I would like us to follow up with one of the two programs we presented last year, namely: something addressing the sex trafficking that is happening in our area or take action to see that fewer women will become wrongfully convicted. I hope you will help us decide by volunteering for one of these actions plans. I will present more at the meetings. People are always happier when they are helping others.

Special thanks to Mary Barker who has continued to update our website – greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/ As the profiles of the women are completed, we have continued to add to them to our website regarding new book *Dreamers and Doers, Volume II*. Check it out!

DREAMERS & DOERS

BOOK UPDATE

Dotty Juengst

Thank you to all the women who have helped put this together. It represents a great deal of work. We still have some more profiles to research and write so if anyone would like to volunteer to help complete our project let me know. Dotty Juengst 469-1919 or mdjuengst@aol.com. Below are directions on viewing the Dreamers and Doers profiles on our branch's web page,

- *Click on AAUW Green Bay Branch website at <http://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/>
- *Click on Dreamers & Doers pull down menu under picture
- *Click on Dreamers and Doers Book, VOL II
- *Scroll down to Index
- *Click on a name and read a profile.

We have links to three videos also. The three videos were produced by CESA 7 with a branch grant.

Next planning meeting for the Dreamers & Doers Event is Monday, November 7 @ 1:00pm at the Attic. Let Jill know if you can attend.
Jill2bz@new.rr.com

AAUW STATE CONVENTION APRIL, 2017

OUR BRANCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTRATION AT THE STATE CONVENTION

The AAUW State Convention will be held at the Bridgewood Resort in Neenah, Wisconsin on April 21-22. As the convention is in our district, every branch is asked to contribute time and effort to the convention. We will be responsible for registration. Most of our work will be done before the convention begins, but we will need members to staff the registration tables. While we will not be responsible for the registration material, we will need to be sure everyone gets the tickets for the meals they have paid for. The good thing about registration is that once it is completed, we will be free to fully enjoy the rest of the convention. At the next few meetings, we will be circulating sign-up sheets for the convention. If you are interested in helping before or at the convention, please contact Sara Ramaker or any other board member.

I attended the state convention last year for the first time. I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was great to meet and talk to women from around the state and learn what others are doing to advance AAUW and women. Treat yourself and plan to attend this year.

NEWS FLASH from AAUW:

Support a fellow AAUW member and women who work in Hollywood and on Wall Street by attending *Equity*, a new film about women on Wall Street. *Equity* is a drama about women who thrive on competition, ambition, deals and strategy, but who must carefully calibrate every aspect of their lives – professional and private – to stay equal with their male competitors.

This would be a perfect outing for AAUW members. *Equity* is collaboration among women in Hollywood and women on Wall Street who produced the film, because they wanted their stories

told. It was written, directed and financed by women. AAUW New Jersey member, Candy Straight, is the Executive Producer. Also, the film aligns closely with AAUW's latest research report regarding barriers and bias facing women leaders.

Rotten Tomatoes rates it an 81; "Critics consensus: *Equity* brings a welcome change of perspective to the financial thriller genre, along with a nuance story and a terrific cast led by a powerful Anna Gunn."

The film was released July 29, 2016, but does not appear to be scheduled for our area at this time. It would be great for our branch to ensure that this film was brought to Green Bay. Anyone interested in working with others to take this as a project, please let Sara Ramaker or any other branch board member know.

Eileen Littig would like us to know on Wednesday, October 26th Juliet Cole will speak at the Stand Against Racism Lunchtime/Learntime Series at the YWCA, 230 S. Madison St. at noon. Her topic: Courageous Conversations (panel discussion)

Thank you from our Scholarship recipients

*To AAUW Green Bay

Thank you for the scholarship as it will help me with my expenses at UWGB. I am grateful to this scholarship as it will help me achieve my goals and allow me to concentrate on my studies. I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in leadership studies with a minor in human development.

Again, thank you AAUW Green Bay for the scholarship as it will allow me to continue my education.

Sincerely, Pamai Lee Xiong

*To the vivacious, feisty and completely wonderful AAUW members

I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of the local members earlier this year. The scholarship funds from the Pat Hinckley Scholarship are being used for my very heavy fall semester of Cell

Biology, Biochemistry, Advanced Anatomy, Peer Mentoring, and Mycology classes. I could have not do this without the continued support of my community, friends, and neighbors.

For your support, I am so incredibly blessed and thankful.

Sincerely, Angela Smet

*I want to thank you for the generous scholarship awarded to me. I am a senior at Bellin College in the radiology program. I have done five semesters of clinical in general radiology and have just begun a MRI rotation. I am really enjoying MRI and the patient care aspect that goes with it. In the future I hope to be a board certified MRI technologist. I am interested in functional brain studies I the MRI the most.

This scholarship will allow me to work less and volunteer more. I have been able to volunteer over the summer at Bellin Hospital and hope to continue to volunteer in the MRI Department .

I have also been able schedule volunteer opportunities in the upcoming months for "Feeding America" and "Feed My Starving Children".

This scholarship has also given me the once in a lifetime opportunity to do a medical mission trip in October through "Friends of Haiti". We have been very busy prepping kits of supplies needed for the clinic and training on the equipment we are going to use there. I believe this mission trip will help improve my patient care skills and understand patient diversity better.

I can't express enough how grateful I am for this scholarship and the opportunities that came along with it.

Thank you

Sincerely, Michele Hennessey