

BAYNOTES

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Celebrating our Branch's 90th year 1927-2017



April Branch Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017

Catherine the Great – portrayed by Sara Ramaker

Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
300 S. Adams St. Green Bay

Social time 5:30 pm Business 5:45 pm Program 6:00 pm

In keeping with our theme of telling “Herstory,” I will be presenting a program on the life of Catherine the Great. I studied history – even had a course on Russian history and yet, I knew very little about Catherine except that she ruled Russia at one time and she was “Great”. When I read about her amazing career and incredible intellect and guile, I wanted others to about her know, too. Focusing on the book, Catherine the Great by Robert K. Massie, I will do a presentation on her amazing life and her accomplishments. One must never lose sight of the fact that she did this all back in 1700’s! This step back in time will hopefully provide a nice break from our tumultuous times.

May Luncheon Reservations needed

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The District in the Best Western by Lambeau Field 780 Armed Forces Dr.

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Cost: \$15.

Menu choices are:

Chicken Cranberry Salad or

Soup and half a sandwich (Chicken Booyah soup/Turkey Club)
rolls, butter, coffee, tea and dessert bars.



Deadline: Monday May 1st. Send your money and choice to
Jan Davis, 1765 Chateau Dr. Green Bay 54304

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Thursday, April 20 – 10:00 am – noon

Mary Schmidt's home – 2410 Bittersweet – Green Bay. Please RSVP to Mary 432-4493.

Stella Frigo – co-hostess.

The May meeting will on the **2nd Thursday, May 11th**. We will tour the **Poplelka Trenchard Glass Company** in Sturgeon Bay. The tour will begin at 10:00 am. **This tour is for all branch members.**

The cost will be determined by the number of attendees. The price should not exceed \$15.00. We will be carpooling to this event. Please contact Stella Frigo at 632-4052 or sfrigo@new.rr.com.

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

Tuesday April 25 Book: Plastic Ocean by Capt. Charles Moore with Cassandra Phillips.

April is Environmental Awareness Month our next book for discussion is Plastic Ocean is the winner of the 2012 Nautilus Gold Award for Conscious Media/Journalism/Investigative Reporting. "From milk jugs to bottle caps to polymer molecules small enough to penetrate human skin, plastic poses a potent threat to vanishing marine species and their fragile habitats---more damaging, Moore argues, than climate change. Unchecked, the plastic in our oceans may soon threaten human health and well-being."

From Anne Leonard, author and host, The Story of Stuff



New Book Study Group – Aldente!

Linda Birder

For those who are interested in being part of a book group but are unable to attend the Tuesday monthly afternoon discussion meetings.

The first meeting of **Aldente!** will be **Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 at Green Bay Distillery**. We will be following the AAUW monthly book list. Our first book, **Re Jane** by **Patricia Park** focuses on Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. We will discuss the book over dinner. Mary Barker will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

About Re Jane: "For Jane Re, a half-Korean, half-American orphan, the place she's wanted to escape her whole life is Flushing, Queens. Sardonic yet vulnerable, Re toils — unappreciated — in her strict uncle's grocery store and politely observes the traditional principle of nunchi. Desperate for a new life, she becomes the au pair for the Mazer-Farleys, two Brooklyn English professors and their adopted Chinese daughter. Inducted into the world of organic food co-ops and 19th-century novels, Re is the recipient of Beth Mazer's feminist lectures and Ed Farley's very male attention. But when a family death interrupts Re and Farley's blossoming affair, she flies off to Seoul, leaving New York behind. Reconnecting with family and struggling to learn the ways of modern-day Korea, Re begins to wonder if Farley is the man for her. Re returns to Queens, where she must find a balance between two cultures and accept who she really is.

Check out the other books in the AAUW's [;Adelante! Book of the Month Club - http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/#lists](http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/#lists)

Last month's book celebrating Women's History is **Sisters in Law**, Linda Hirshman's dual biography of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The book not only "tells the life stories of the nation's first female justices, but it is as much about how we got to the present juncture with respect to women's legal rights."

BRANCH COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you Mary Barker, Carol Pearson and Lisa Ubbelohde for serving as our Nominating Committee this year.

Specifically they are looking for someone to take the President and Vice-president position. (Under our Bylaws I cannot serve another term). I am planning to work closely with the new president. We have some exciting new ideas and new projects as well as our growing art and book groups.

Please consider taking a leadership position. It is fun. It is stimulating. It gives one a sense of accomplishment. We can continue to push our AAUW agenda forward which is particularly important when it feels like we are sometimes going backwards.

AAUW STATE CONVENTION APRIL 21-22

Our State AAUW will meet in Neenah at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center. We will network, gather new ideas and give direction to **Amplifying our Voices Together**. Friday evening will feature **"Voices of Hope"** a presentation by Hispanic immigrants telling their real-life stories that brought them to the Fox Valley. Our keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon is **Mary Burke**. She is CEO and founder of building Brave, an organization whose mission is for women to discover their most confident selves. **Eileen Hartmann**, AAUW National Board Representative will update us on the National activities and initiatives especially in the public policy arena.

Registration form is attached to this newsletter

Our branch is in charge of the registration. The Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau have provided the bags. Sara is pulling together the rest of items that are needed. **We have four members who have**

agreed to put the 120 packets together. We are doing it on Monday, April 17 at 1:00 at Sara's home (2545 Oakwood Avenue). Please join us. Many hands make light work.

Experienced members have suggested that three people handing out the registration packets is all we need. Right now I have I have necessary volunteers. Thank you to those who have offered. I may have to ask for your help should commitments change. Finally, special thank you to Bev Braun for putting together our district's raffle basket.

A Note from Sr. Melanie Maczka – Casa Alba

Dear Members of the AAUW,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Casa ALBA Melanie Hispanic Community Resource Center, I thank you for the generous gifts of educational materials, activities, books and \$50.00 which you donated to our Early Childhood Family Program... "La Escuelita", as the children call it. The children, their parents, and especially the teachers were absolutely delighted!

Because there were so many things going on today, (and our staff person who is a great photographer is home with the flu) we didn't have the opportunity to take pictures. However, we plan to do so soon. We also invite you to stop by any Thursday morning, 11:00am to 12:00pm and meet the children and their parents.

I also remind you to not hesitate contacting me if several of you would like to come to a lunch someday to visit with our staff and get to know them better.

Again, thank you! And may each of you and your families be blessed with health, peace, and happiness!

Gratefully, Sr. Melanie Maczka
Executive Director



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

We have so much going on in April that we considered not having an April branch meeting. I am glad we did schedule it, because there are some organizational issues we could address and some decisions to be made regarding our branch organization. I want to pull together all the ideas that I have heard and provide time for a discussion. It is a good idea to look at what we have done right and what we want to change.

90th Birthday Party: A hardy thank you to Sandy Melroy, Jill Lauritsen, Barbara Wilson and Maryl Hitchcock who organized the party and researched and prepared all the history and to all those who helped to create the lovely 90th Birthday Party! Everything was wonderful: the delicious edibles, including the birthday cake, the refreshing champagne punch, and the lovely flower arrangements in the teapots. The wonderful boards highlighting important events in our 90-year history so evidenced the research necessary to prepare them. The slide show was absolutely amazing (Thank you, Barb Wilson!) (I want to make sure that this is shown at one of our next meetings.) The room felt warm and inviting. We had an opportunity to talk and reflect on the many women who have contributed to our community. We had a lovely turn out and all who came enjoyed themselves. It was especially nice of Stephanie Malaney, the AAUW State president and Nancy Schulz, our District chair, to travel to Green Bay to join us. They were a lovely reminder that we are a part of greater organization. I heard many compliments on the event. I was particularly pleased when one member told me this event was exactly the way to celebrate this anniversary. It was such an honor to preside over this event. I believe the women who came before us would have felt honored, too

I hope you all saw the lovely article in the Press Gazette regarding our 90th birthday party. Jill Lauritsen made the contact with Reporter Todd McMahon. Maryl, Jill and Barbara met with reporter. Great publicity for AAUW!



Punch Recipe - Jill

Some members have asked for the recipe for the punch we had at our 90th birthday celebration.

Fruited Champagne Punch

1 -46oz can of pineapple juice-chilled
2-12oz cans of frozen lemonade concentrate
1-12oz can of frozen 5 Alive concentrate
2 qts of water
3 bottles of chilled champagne-Spumante
Cut up slices of orange, lemon, and lime
Makes about 2 gallons (a little bit more than a punch bowl)

If making an ice ring-add less water

THOUGHTS ON OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Jill Lauritsen

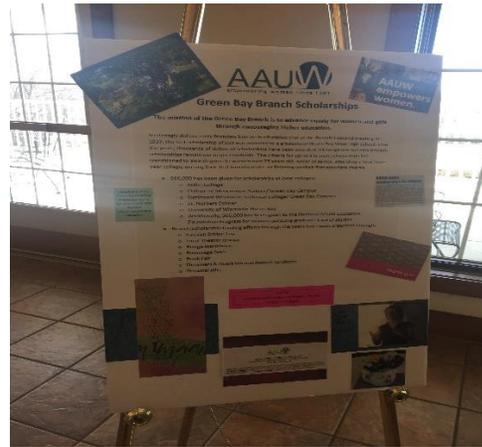
Thank you to all who participated and attended our 90th birthday celebration. It was wonderful to see so many people. The cake tasted great, the appetizers from Run Away Spoon were very good, and one wouldn't know there was champagne in the punch if we didn't mention it.

The history of our branch is phenomenal and collecting it all from the archives at UWGB and members was fun in itself. Maryl had a little harder time to concentrate on the task as she had so many stories to share.

The video put together by Barbara and Mark Wilson was great! The picture boards by Sandy and Jill added to a wonderful day. The presence of our flowered teapots were beautiful, with the eclectic tea cups added to ambience of our special day.

Sara and Jill summarized our branch's history with the mention of book fair, Dreamers and Doers, Scholarships, teas, the arts, youth hostel, our first and second book, and our different topics and sub groups we offer.

As a branch we did a great job! Wait until we're 100.



USA Women's Ice Hockey Team – Fair Pay

The very successful women's hockey team (Winning 6 world championships out of the last seven.) threatened to boycott the IIHF World Championship games unless their demands for fair pay and better support were met. In truth they wanted to be treated equally as the men's hockey team.

What happened was wonderful especially in the present political climate. The 23 players stood as one. They received a lot of support from other athletes. The players unions of the NHL, NBA, NFL and MLB sent their support. Sixteen U. S. Senators sent a letter of support. The whole time USA Hockey was trying to hire replacement players. They contacted dozens of women athletes who in normal times would have jumped at the chance, but all supported the team and said, "No."

The result of this unprecedented showing of solidarity? A four-year contract that will pay them about \$70,000 in non-Olympic years with more during Olympic years, as well as performance bonuses. (When they started negotiations, they were earning \$1000 per month for only 6 months of Olympic years (plus stipends up to \$24,000) and potential medal bonuses. They will also receive the same travel arrangements and insurance coverage that the men's team has. There will be maternity support and provisions to advance women's hockey as well as girls' hockey at the youth levels, causes very important to the team.

NATIONAL AAUW NEWS

National Dues Increase - Additional information will be made available after the board vote in June. In the meantime, should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to connect@aauw.org. Voice your concern on this issue.

Dear AAUW branch members,

Since my e-mail on February 23, we have received comments from many members and member leaders. We thank you for your thoughtfully considered input.

Based upon your feedback, the AAUW Board of Directors will now vote on the proposed dues increase at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2017. Should the increase pass, it will not become effective until the following fiscal year, beginning **July 1, 2018**. This would give branches ample time to initiate the process on your end and allow for people to include this increase in their personal budgets.

We'd also like to address comments as to why the increase is under consideration.

Donations are, and have long been, an important part of AAUW's DNA. Our recent Charting the Course campaign shows yet again the generosity and commitment of many members to the organization. It is, however, impossible to budget effectively based on what *might* come in. Annual dues are a more stable source of income. They provide the framework for AAUW's mission and programs. Indeed, a combination of both dues and donations are critically necessary to support AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more. Even fully funded programs, such as the Legal Advocacy Fund and fellowships and grants, require the support of an infrastructure to do their work.

I'd also like you to consider how prices have changed since AAUW's last dues increase in 2008. It would be very difficult to name even one item that has not increased significantly in price during that time period. That means we've been paying more and more to keep our programs running. AAUW is proposing a modest 20 percent increase — only eighty-three cents a month. Just think of the return

that investment makes in the lives of countless women and girls.

Thank you all again for your commitment to this wonderful organization. We are a membership who believes we can do great things together. I know we are all equally committed to ensuring that AAUW thrives and continues to empower women and girls well into the future.

Patricia Fae Ho
AAUW Board Chair

Mark Hopkins
AAUW Interim CEO

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

Green Bay Art Colony presents “**Tea with the Artists**” Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Heritage Hill State Historical Park at 3:00 pm. High Tea with pastries, Art Sale, Meet Art Colony artists, Entertainment b Lisa Borley & Green Bay Girls' choir. \$20 per ticket. Proceeds from the Tea party will go toward Art related scholarships for students in our area. Tickets are available from Laura Fisher-Bonvallet.

bell hooks in Residence

As the sister-center to the national bell hooks Institute at Berea College in Kentucky, the St. Norbert College Cassandra Voss Center has cultivated an ongoing partnership with world-renowned social justice scholar bell hooks. St. Norbert is the only small, liberal arts college to have a weeklong residency with hooks.

This year, in her fourth visit, hooks will engage internationally acclaimed speakers in dialogue on critical issues of our time.

Five events related to her work are open to the general public, exploring themes of masculinity, spirituality and vocation, education, racial justice, literacy, and media critique.

Transformative dialogues – free and open to the public. No tickets are required; early arrival is recommended. All events will take place at St. Norbert College. Find more information and livestream details at www.snc.edu/cvc.