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Celebrating our 90th Branch Year



November Branch Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017 5:30 – 7:00 pm

YWCA, 230 South Madison

Title IX: Celebrate 45 Years of Success; Take on New Challenges

Presenter: Sue Todey,

Sevastopol School Board member

and former Title IX Coordinator, Green Bay Area Public Schools

Co-Sponsored by YWCA and Greater Green Bay League of Women Voters

Title IX requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints. All schools must publicly appoint at least one employee to coordinate Title IX compliance.

We are celebrating 45 years of Title IX. Dotty Juengst has spearheaded this program. This is a joint meeting with League of Women Voters and the YWCA, all partners who pushed the implementation of Title IX in our schools. Our presenter, Sue Todey was the Green Bay Title IX coordinator at the time and is presently on the Door County School Board. She not only understands the history and accomplishments, but also what challenges are faced today. Title IX is so much more than just opening women to sports. Since the present administration is poised to do away with it, it is important for us to know all we can about Title IX so we can effectively marshal our arguments in support of it.

Bring a guest or two. Perhaps a younger person as they may not appreciate or even be aware of the impact/consequences Title IX has had on their lives. Refreshments and cake will be served.

Read about our branch's activities related to Title IX in this newsletter.

**See attached separate sheet on this email about our
December Holiday lunch and reservation**

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Bonvallet-Fisher & Sandy Melroy

Thursday, November 16 10:00 am – noon

Program: PBS Modern Women Artists

At Jill Lauritsen's home

310 N. Van Buren GB

BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder & Lisa Ubbelohde

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:30pm.

Tuesday, November 28

Book: **The Muralist: a novel by A.A. Shapiro**

Alizée Benoit, a young American painter working for the Works Progress Administration (WPA), vanishes in New York City in 1940, no one knows what happened to her. Some seventy years later, her great-niece, Danielle Abrams, who, while working at Christie's auction house, uncovers enigmatic paintings hidden behind works. A gripping story while exploring provocative themes.

¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

An AAUW National book group to spotlight engrossing stories and writings by women from all backgrounds.

Wednesday, November 22 5:30 pm

Green Bay Distillery. \$5 martinis & dinner

Book: **Winona LaDuke Chronicles: Stories from the Front Lines in the Battle for Environmental Justice** by Winona LaDuke.

A collection of timely, persuasive, and inspiring stories of indigenous communities from the Canadian subarctic to the heart of the Navajo Nation. A collective account of LaDuke's personal journey to recovery. A story of strength and resilience.

MOVIE INTEREST GROUP

Bev Braun & Diann Malueg

Group to meet Friday, November 10 at East Marcus Cinema for movie: LBJ. 12:00 noon showing. Call Bev for further information

Other movies:

Mon--Nov. 6 "Most Likely to Succeed" 6:00 p.m.
Brown County Central Library

Tues--Nov. 7 "The Kite Runner" 1:00 p.m.
Ashwaubenon Community Center, 900 Anderson Drive

Wed--Nov. 8 "Days and Clouds" 7:00 p.m.
Neville Museum (Italian movie)

Fri--Nov. 10 "Hidden Figures" 1:30 p.m.
Howard Village Hall Community Center, 2456 Glendale Avenue

Tues--Nov. 14 "Jackie" 1:00 p.m. Suamico Municipal Services Center, ????

Fri--Nov. 17 "Maudie" 9:30 a.m. DePere Community Center, 600 Grant Street (West side of town)

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP

Mary Schmidt & Nancy Anderson

Wednesday, December 6th 7:00 pm

Sara Ramaker's home: 2545 Oakwood GB

Program: Attorney Jodi Arendt Labs will talk about the efforts of the local Isaac Walton League and new water initiatives that the national is promoting. Jodi is not only a knowledgeable speaker, she has a great sense of humor and is passionate about water issues. It should be a great evening. Open to all AAUW members and their guests. RSVP to Sara at 920-366-0910 or Ramaker.sara@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2017 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Ave.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lisa Ubbelohde & Sandy Melroy

Welcome new member: **Mary Woodbridge**
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miwiw@new.rr.com
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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Mary Schmidt

We will again have a drawing to benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund at our December Luncheon. Any interest group, or individual, who would like to donate items please contact Mary Schmidt. Wine and food are always hot items. Interest groups can put together a themed basket. We already have one from the Movie Group. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00.

This handmade quilt (50 x 65), made by Mary Schmidt will be at our December luncheon. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship fund.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Jan Davis, Treasurer

Report 6/30/16 – 10/31/17

Checkbook Balance 6/30/16	\$1151.45
Income	\$14200.08
Expenses	\$10891.81
Checkbook Balance 10/31/17	\$4459.72

AAUW Green Bay Area Branch: Title IX activities 1980-2017

Dotty Juengst

Title IX affects all areas of education, including: recruitment, admissions and housing; career and technical education; pregnant, parenting, and/or married students; science, technology, engineering, and math education; sexual harassment and assault; comparable facilities and access to course offerings; financial assistance; student health services and insurance benefits; harassment based on gender identity, athletics.

In Brown County, Green Bay Area Branch of AAUW has been working on the implementation of Title IX in the area schools. The Sex Equity Community Task force was formed in 1980 by our Branch and the League of Women Voters. Its purpose was to study the Green Bay schools' implementation of Title IX. Additional members joined the Task Force later including the YWCA, the Girls Scouts and the Women's Service Center. The first project of the Task Force was to monitor the opportunities for children in vocational education. The report of the findings was presented to the Green Bay Area Public School Board in April, 1981. The school district responded by requesting a site review of the Title IX compliance by the Department of Public Instruction. Following that review a Title IX Implementation Committee was formed. An early success was to increase the scheduling of girls' basketball games on Friday or Saturday rather than during the week.

The Green Bay School Implementation Committee was expanded to include multicultural issues changing its name to the Diversity Committee. In 1997 the district complied a Diversity Guide in which all AAUW publications on gender were included. Some other activities of the Sex Equity Task Force included publishing a role model scrapbook called Creative Work Options in 1983. This scrapbook profiled local women in 25 nontraditional careers. The AAUW Branch also produced and presented to various community

group a multimedia presentation on Changing Roles for a Changing World. The purpose of the presentation was to build awareness of gender equity issues for both boys and girls. In 1993, the Branch worked with area school districts to develop sexual harassment policies for the schools.

Our Branch has worked on various projects since to promote understanding of women's roles. Women of Northeast Wisconsin: Dreamers and Doers published in 1994 profiled the lives of 93 women from pioneers to contemporary women. From 2007-2015, the Branch based the event Dreamers and Doers Tours and Award Luncheon, a Women's History Project of the Branch, each spring on this book. Currently, the Branch is compiling Women of Northeast Wisconsin: Dreamers and Doers Vol. II. This update will include all nominees and winners of the Dreamers and Doers Award. It will also include other dreamers and doers from our area.

For more information on Title IX:
<http://www.aauw.org/?s=title+IX>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Halloween is my favorite holiday. Getting out my (often old) Halloween decorations is like meeting old friends – a chance to recall great memories and create new ones. With three young grandsons, my life is certainly full of opportunities to create great memories. There are so many new ways to celebrate Halloween. My daughters are into all of them. To say this has been a busy month is an understatement. I had to chuckle when my nine year old said on Halloween, “I can't believe it is really Halloween!” I am also trying to prepare for a horseback-riding trip to Costa Rica. It is with a group of women I love to be with, but it is really stepping out of my comfort zone in so many ways. (Do you know they have over 20 kinds of poisonous snakes? Then there are the poisonous ants and

spiders... “Lion and Tigers and Bears, Oh, My!”) I have also lost two good friends this month and being busy helps me not to think of the loss. Being very busy I have justified to myself that is why I am ignoring some of the AAUW things I should be doing.

I am confessing all of this, because I realize my commitment to AAUW has changed. There is a reason that one should move on to another position after two years. It is not that I do not like being president. It is that I am not very interested in scheduling meetings and preparing agendas. I have done that. I am, however, very excited about the water issues that Social Justice is doing. I find myself working on this area at the expense of the organizational things I should be doing as president. I have become even more appreciative of the people like Mary Schmidt who was treasurer forever or Maryl and Janice McCarthy who were membership chairs forever or Dotty who has been working on Dreamers and Doers forever. (I do not mean to ignore the many others who have done the same. They are just the most recent.). It was easy for me to think they are doing a good job and know the job well. It was easier to ask them to stay another year than to really discuss what else they would like to do. That was not fair to them or the organization. We need members to understand many jobs. Moreover, leaving a position does not have to mean leaving AAUW. Perhaps if people were not stuck in a position “too long”, they would not feel burned out but rather might be willing to take a different position. This year we have proof that having new people in positions has allowed our branch to change. The groups have allowed people to take on short tasks and we are finding more of you willing to do so. The groups planning the branch meetings have resulted in more varied and interesting topics. I see new energy in many areas and that is all positive. Change is not easy but it is necessary if we are to grow as an organization and as individuals. I hope this will get you thinking about taking a new position next spring.

ART STUDY GROUP ATTENDS FRIDA KAHLO LECTURE

Carolyn Reedy

On Tuesday, October 24, members of the art group attended a presentation on Frida Kahlo at the Neville Museum. It was both informative and very entertaining. Kay Kuester-Doran portrayed the artist and told her life story through her paintings. After the program we were able to go through the exhibit “Estamos Aqui” on Hispanic culture

October Branch Meeting Recap

Sara Ramaker

What a wonderful Branch meeting we had in October! We all thank Linda Birder and presenters, Nicole Smith, Mary Karl and their wonderful students, for the fun and fascinating evening we spent learning about robotics, coding and sferos at Bay Harbor Elementary School October 16. We learned about so many new gadgets and how the students are using coding and computers to supplement what they are learning in other areas. The knowledge, poise and confidence of these young girls were a delight to watch. With so many criticizing our schools, it was wonderful to experience such a pleasant, welcoming, cooperative, happy learning place. How kind of them all to take the time to show us what they are doing! Thank you to Sue and Linda, too, for our “goody” bags.



ART STUDY GROUP CREATES SILK PAINTED SHIBORI SCARVES

Marilyn Rabideau

The Art Study Group met at Sandy Melroy’s home on October 19 to make Silk Painted Shibori Scarves. Sandy presented the technique and provided all the materials needed. She was assisted by Laura Fisher-Bonvallet and co-host, Jill Lauritsen. Members enjoyed wrapping and tying the silk, applying the paint, heating, drying and pressing the scarves. Additional paint was available for printing if desired. Shown are Bev Braun, Marilyn Rabideau and Laura Fisher-Bonvallet wearing their finished scarves.



BRANCH HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, December 2,
11:00 am -1:00 pm



The Rite Place

1580 Bellevue St. Green Bay

Menu: family style baked and broasted chicken, all the fixings and dessert. \$20.00

Entertainment: Big Band Holiday Music by Four Hits and a Miss

Item and basket drawings (\$5 tickets) to benefit LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) and a hand stitched quilt drawing (\$10 tickets) to benefit our Scholarship Fund. It's sure to be a wonderful time.

Look for your invitation in the mail later this month. A big thank you to Mary Barker for securing this location!

Social Justice Group focuses on Bottled Water Use

Mary Schmidt

The Social Justice Study Group met on October 12 for our first “Whine and Wine” session. We focused our attention on bottled water.

Did you know:

Bottled water companies advertise and present their water as purer and more appealing. They have successfully convinced the public to buy something that they can get free, despite some pretty convincing evidence to the contrary:

1. Bottled water is NOT tested like tap water.
2. Bottled water is not necessarily safer than tap water.
3. Bottled water introduces chemicals into water.
4. Bottled water is expensive.
5. Bottles are a major source of pollution.
6. Plastic bottles are a waste of our oil.
7. Bottling wastes water.
8. Bottled water distracts the public from focusing on the public water systems.
9. Bottled water disrupts ecosystems by overdrawing aquifers.
10. Bottled water encourages privatization of water resources.

Things you can do instead of purchasing bottled water.

1. Buy a glass or food grade stainless steel bottle and bring your own water.
2. Ask your gym or employer to install refill stations
3. Educate your friends about bottled water. Reusable water bottles make great gifts.
4. Stay away from reusable plastic bottles (even “BPA-Free” bottles likely have hormone-disrupting chemicals).

If you'd like to know more about your tap water, the EPA has a list of [frequently asked questions](#) about tap water on its Web site. Depending on where you live, you can find a [water quality report](#) for your area.

Proposed State Legislation Threatens Wisconsin Wetlands

Sara Ramaker

State law presently protects all Wisconsin wetlands and those wetlands on navigable waters are also protected under the federal Clean Water Act. Assembly Bill 547 would effectively eliminate all state protections of wetlands. (As of this writing, the Senate version has not been given a number.)

Wisconsin's present wetland protections are the result of 2001 bipartisan legislation. The Supreme Court had just ruled the Army Corps of Engineers could only regulate wetlands connected to rivers and streams under the Clean Water Act. Several hundred thousand hunters, fishermen, kayakers, conservationists and other citizens joined to support state wetland protections legislation. It was passed by a Republican controlled Assembly, a Democratic controlled Senate and signed by a Republican governor. According to the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, the state protections apply to 20% of all Wisconsin wetlands - over one million acres of wetlands.

Wetlands provide habitat, improve water quality by filtering out pollutants and sediment and flood protection. Houston is a perfect example of what happens when there are no regulations protecting wetlands. The massive building over wetlands in recent years exacerbated the flooding. Similarly large rain events in Southeast and Western Wisconsin led to significant flooding. Unregulated building over wetlands will lead to greater flooding in areas in Wisconsin, too. As for habitat, According to Ducks Unlimited, 70% of all mallard ducks harvested by hunters in Wisconsin are produced in the state. Many of these birds rely on the smaller, geographically isolated wetlands. This is not true of other states. These are just a few reasons supporting protecting our wetlands.

Presently before any building on wetlands, the DNR must do an impact study. This law would do away with any study. The proposed law requires

replacement of wetlands at ratio of 1.2 acres, but the questions are with what and where. Filling in at one spot may put other homeowners and businesses at risk or put wildlife at risk. Without any study, there is no way to know the real cost of filling in a wetland.

The Social Justice Group sent postcards to our respective legislators to ask them to vote no on changes to wetland protections. I got the bill number incorrect and Senator Cowles office sent me a letter asking about my post card. When I called to talk to them his aide said, "Yes, I remember all those postcards." At least we got them to look at our concerns. It is only when we work together can we change the minds of our legislators. I hope you will all consider calling, writing or emailing your state representatives and tell them you support wetland protections and vote no on AB 547.

BRANCH OFFICERS

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BRANCH CALENDAR

Fri. Nov. 10 – Movie Group – Movie: LBJ
Thurs. Nov. 16 - Art Study Group
Mon. Nov. 20 – Branch Meeting
Wed. Nov. 22 – Adelante Book Group
Mon. Nov. 27 – Executive Board Meeting
Tues. Nov. 28 – Afternoon Book Group
Wed. Dec. 6 – Social Justice Group