

BAYNOTES

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AAWW Branch Holiday Lunch

A Special thank you to Linda Birder for the wonderful Holiday Brunch at The Rite Place in Bellevue.
What a Great way to begin the holiday season!

The Big Band Five Hits and a Miss got us in the holiday spirit with seasonal selections

Thank you to those who donated and purchased items for our Legal Advocacy Fund and participated in the drawing for the quilt made by Mary Schmidt for our Scholarship Fund.



Happy Holidays



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Bonvellet-Fisher & Sandy Melroy

Our Art Group takes a pause in December, but mark your calendars now for Thursday, January 18t. The Art Group will meet at the home of Sue Hendricks and enjoy viewing a Great Masters video. 10:00 am-noon

BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder & Lisa Ubbelohde

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:30pm.
No meeting in December.

We will meet on January 23rd, Tuesday to discuss **The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg. A new comic mystery about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are.

¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Date: **Wednesday, December 13 (note date change)**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Green Bay Distillery, 835 Mike McCarthy Way, Ashwaubenon 54304

Book: *The Gilded Years: A Novel* by Karin Tanabe
From an early age Anita Hemmings longed to attend Vassar College. But she is hiding a secret, and it's one that may compromise her dream: She is African-American. With her light skin, Anita succeeds in passing as white and matriculating at Vassar, where she finds herself living with Lottie Taylor, the daughter of one of New York's most prominent families. Pulling a reclusive Anita out of her shell, Lottie inadvertently puts her friend's greatest secret at risk. A fictionalized account of the life of the first African American woman to graduate from Vassar College, *The Gilded Years* is a moving story of how one woman risked it all for the chance at a better life.

Please feel free to come, even if you have not read or finished the book.

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

MOVIE GROUP

Bev Braun & Diann Malueg

Wed. Dec. 6 – 7:00 pm Hieronymous Bosch: Touched by the Devil (Netherlands) at the Neville Museum. Prof. Carol Emmons, UWGB, discusses the works of the famous Dutch painter featured in this documentary and his obsession of the devil and hell.

Mon. Dec. 20 – Amnesia (France) also at Neville. Jo, a 25 year old electronic music composer ends up as a DJ on the island of Amnesia. Martha, a 40 year old loner, becomes friends with Jo. Mysteries to their lives unfold

GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

Our Branch is holiday gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Bev Braun is seeking volunteers to help on Monday, Dec. 4; Wed. Dec. 6; Tues Dec. 19; Fri. Dec. 22; Sat. Dec. 23 and Sun. Dec 24th. .
Donations collected will go toward Branch Scholarships. Call Bev (499-4961) or email her at bbraun5@new.rr.com) to volunteer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Ave.

BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sandy Melroy & Lisa Ubbelohde

Tuesday, November 14 we had a get together for new branch members. Jill was most kind to host this little gathering. It helped our new member get to know a little more about our organization at a local level and how we fit into State and National. They are already getting involved in our branch activity groups and meetings. Please greet and get to know them: Mary Woodbridge, Neicy Thomsen, Wendy Schmidt-Janosik, and Beth Rehani.

Address updates:

Robyn Lauritsen – 233 N. Broadway Apt O. De Pere 54115

Kate Schmidt – has moved to Portland Oregon

We send get well wishes to Angie Shobe at Rennes Rehabilitation Center recuperating from a broken leg.

Mark your calendar for our January Branch meeting. Monday, January 22 for dinner and a movie: Miss Sloane. A story about a very hard core female lobbyist who is out to win no matter what team she's on and whatever anyone thinks of her and her methods). This movie is not based on any one real person but a compilation of the lobbying world and the life of the females in this career. Jessica Chastain plays the role of Elizabeth (she also researched her role by spending time with several female Washington D.C. lobbyists.

Sandy Melroy's home – 1931 Rainbow Ave
5:30-6:00 pm – Social time and supper
6:15 – 8:30 pm – movie
8:30-9:00 pm - discussion



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

The holidays are upon us! We all know what a busy time of this year this is for all of us. Yet, I am hoping you have time to help with the Christmas wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Please contact Bev Braun if you have not signed up. We are also looking for a few members to help advertise our February meeting on immigration as well as brainstorming ideas for finding a nominee for the NCCWSL conference (discussed further in the Bay notes). Both of these projects have short deadlines. Please contact me if you are interested or willingly to help in some way.

November Branch Meeting: Title IX is 45 years old this year! There is no doubt that it has opened doors for girls and boys and brought some much needed changes to our schools. In Green Bay the implementation of Title IX began with a phone call to the Green Bay School system central office asking who was the Title IX coordinator in Green Bay. The law required it, but the system had none. That person was our Dotty Juengst who had just moved to Green Bay. The first coordinator was Sue Todey who was told “do as little as possible.” Fortunately for us, AAUW, LWVGGB, the YWCA and Sue Todey choose to do otherwise.

How appropriate that Dotty would be the one to coordinate a joint meeting with the AAUW and LWVGGB at the YWCA to celebrate Title IX with a presentation from Sue Todey on the history of Title IX, the accomplishments and the work that needs to be done. Sue's presentation's engaged our audience. There were many questions and comments. We have come a long way, but have so much more to do.

Thank you, Dotty for organizing the event. Thank you, Sue Hendricks and LWVGGB and AAUW members who brought refreshments. It was a wonderful celebration!

I wish you all a very happy holiday season and a happy, healthy new year!

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Mary Schmidt

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who supported the Legal Advocacy Fund by purchasing tickets for the raffle at our December Luncheon. We raised \$215.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund supports women facing gender equity issues in the workplace. Our donations to LAF help AAUW fund cases that have the potential to change the legal landscape for women and girls.

LAF plaintiff Nathalie Gosset talks about her experiences in a new book by Gretchen Carlson [Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back](#). Her complete story and those of many others are included in this fascinating book.

LAF adopted Gosset's case in September 2016 when Gosset reported her sexual harassment experiences and was terminated from her job in retaliation, which is a direct violation of Title IX. The Gosset case which is now in the arbitration phase, was adopted by the AAUW LAF Committee because sexual harassment is a core issue that AAUW fights to put an end to.

The AAUW LAF Fund has been supporting gender discrimination cases for the past 35 years. The case support program provides financial and organizational backing for plaintiffs who are challenging gender discrimination in education and the workplace. The funds come directly from the contributions of AAUW members.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Liz Pierce

We raised \$345 for scholarships at our December luncheon with the drawing for a handmade quilt and table decorations.

We received a thank you note from a scholarship recipient who could not attend the luncheon last May.

Dear AAUW, Thank you for the Scholarship 2017-18. I am grateful to have this scholarship in helping me with my expenses and allowing me to continue with my education. With this scholarship it has helped me fulfill my last semester at UWGB. Again, thank you for this scholarship. Sincerely, Pamai Lee Xiong

NCCWSL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

For many years, AAUW has sponsored the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL or "nick whistle"), which is an exciting opportunity for young women to receive leadership training. (The young attendees who spoke at the AAUW State Convention in Madison gave it rave reviews.) This year it will be at the University of Maryland, College Park in June.

AAUW Wisconsin is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships to two young Wisconsin student leaders so they can attend the conference. Eligible nominees must be currently enrolled in a program leading to an Associate degree (or equivalent), Bachelor's degree, or master's degree at a technical college or other two or four year public or private college. Candidates must be nominated by an AAUW branch with a limit of one nominee per branch. Branches are encouraged to provide additional support for the nominee for airfare and other expenses beyond registration. (It is estimated an additional \$500.) Registrations must be submitted by February 1.

It would be wonderful if our branch would nominate someone. I would like some help in trying to advertise this opportunity. It would be great to have two members help me brainstorm on the best way to handle this. Please contact me if you have a few hours.

Update on the Wetlands Bill for Social Justice Group

I have received a response from Senator Cowles' office regarding our letters raising our concerns and objections to the new law that would remove regulations from nonfederal wetlands. For your information I have copied the letter below:

Hello Sara,

About a month and a half ago, you contacted Senator Cowles office to express opposition to Assembly Bill 547 regarding eliminating permitting for nonfederal wetlands. At that time when I spoke with you, you had inquired about whether there was a Senate version of that bill, and I indicated that it had not yet been introduced. As you asked for me to contact you once the Senate Bill was introduced, I am now writing you to notify you that the SB was introduced yesterday, 11/30. If you wish, you can subscribe to updates on the bill via email on the link I have included below:

2017 Senate Bill

600: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/sb600>

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, which Senator Cowles Chairs. Given that the bill was just introduced, Senator Cowles is just beginning to thoroughly evaluate the bill.

Thank you for contacting us with your input on the bill.

Best, Evan

Evan Miller Legislative Aide | Office of State
Senator Robert Cowles