

BAYNOTES

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DINNER AND A MOVIE

Monday, January 22, 2018

Sandy Melroy's home

1931 Rainbow Ave. De Pere

(Hwy 41 to Scheuring Rd exit; east to Lost Dauphin Rd;
south to Colleen Dr; east to Rainbow Ave, turn right)



5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 – 8:30 pm Movie 8:30-9:00 Discussion

Movie: Miss Sloane

A political thriller 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.)

Bev will be featuring her "Senate Bean Soup", a 70 year old popular soup served at the Congressional Restaurant in D.C.

Accompanied by breadsticks, rolls, sides, appetizers and beverages.

Please RSVP to Sue Hendricks chefs@new.rr.com or 227-8028

Please do not stay home, because you do not want to drive. There are many of us very happy to carpool.

If you would like to contribute a food or drink item contact Bev 499-4961 or Sue Hendricks 227-8028

February Branch Meeting

Monday, February, 19

Resurrection Catholic Church 333 Hilltop Drive. (change of venue)

5:30 – 6:00 pm social 6:00 – 7:00 pm program

Program: Voices of Hope: A Reader's Theater Presentation by ESTHER

True stories of Hispanic immigrants who have settled in the Fox Valley. The scrip, written by Peter A. Geniesse, explores a sampling of the sotries and resasons behind the often-traumatic sotries that have brough people to the U.S. this is a moving story that will put faces on the many important immmgraion issues before us.

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated
and will support AAUW's scholarship program and the work of ESTHER.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Bonvellet-Fisher & Sandy Melroy

Thursday, January 18

10:00am to noon

Sue Hendrick's home: 711 Morris St. De Pere

Topic: Great Course – Master Artists

¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, January 17.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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

We had to cancel the December meeting, because of bad weather. So we will discuss the December book, **The Gilded Years** this time. All are welcome - whether you have read the book or not. If you have any questions, contact Sara Ramaker or Mary Barker.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Lisa Ubbelohde & Wendy Schroeder

Tuesday, January 23 at 3:30 pm

Reader's Loft. 2069 Central Ct, Green Bay, WI

Book: All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by

Fannie Flag. New comic mystery about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are. Linda Birder will lead discussion

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Liz Pierce & Laura-Fischer Bonvallet

Scholarship information for the 2018-19 school year is being updated and soon will be distributed to colleges and community resource agencies. Applications are due April 11. If you are interested in reviewing applications as part of the scholarship committee, please notify Laura-Fischer Bonvallet or Liz Pierce. It is expected that the committee will meet mid-April.

DREAMERS & DOERS BOOK PROJECT

Dotty Juengst

Dreamers and Doers Book Update meeting:

Date: January 12, 2018, Friday

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Place: Jill Lauritsen, 310 North Van Buren, 471-2602

We will update the progress of our DD Book and review the budget for publication. We also will consider additional women to include in the book. We currently have 44 women included on our web page. 4 women's profiles completed and being edited, 10 assigned profiles to be completed and 8 nominees to be assigned for writing and researching.

We can add about 35 more women to bring the number of profiles to what we published in Vol. 1. Many of you have made suggestions which are on file. If you have any new suggestions please call me.

Many members have contributed many hours already to this project. We can still use more volunteer writers and researchers. If you can help in this way please let me know.

This is a great project for our Branch and I appreciate all the help given to this project by our Branch members. Dotty - 469-1919

MOVIE GROUP

Bev Braun & Diann Malueg

Tuesday, January 9th 10:00 am. Meet in lobby at 9:45 Marcus Bay Park Cinema

Movie: Darkest Hour. Churchill's decision to surrender to the Nazi's or putting up a fight in May of 1940. Gary Oldmann is spectacular as Churchill.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Ave

MOVIE GROUP

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Here are some movie possibilities not at the movie theater:

--Tuesday, January 9, "PERSPECTIVE: HOMELESSNESS" -- 6:30 p.m., Brown County Central Library (documentary about homelessness and a panel of experts explaining the homelessness situation in GB)

--Tuesday, January 9, "LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL" -- 1:00 p.m. at the Ashwaubenon Community Center, 900 Anderson Drive (a Jewish librarian falls in love with a German woman--life is beautiful until the Holocaust begins in Germany)

--Friday, January 19, "VICTORIA AND ABDUL" --9:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M. AT the DePere Community Center, 335 South Broadway St. (a spark of excitement enters Queen Victoria's life when she meets an interesting subject from India)

--Tuesday, January 16, "BICEPS" -- 7:00 p.m. at the Western Racquet and Fitness Club, 2500 S. Ashland, (the first film that is part of the "Around the Town" film festival)

--Monday, January 22, "UNBUTTONED", "THE BREWER", "LADY LILLIAN", "NORTH TO NOWHERE", "A SWEDISH CLASSIC", "WELCOME HOME", AND "NOSEY" -- 7:00p.m. at the Titledown Tap Room, 320 Broadway, Green Bay (the 2nd film of the "Around the Town" film festival)

--Tuesday, January 30, "EMBATTLED LAND" AND "CROW STORIES" -- 8:00 p.m. at The LUNA Cafe, Main Street in DePere, (the 3rd film of the "Around the Town" GB Film Festival)

Detailed information about the Green Bay Film Festival "Films Around Town" can be found at GBFILMFESTIVAL.ORG



MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Ubbelohde & Sandy Melroy

Welcome to new member:

Lindsay Mather
UW-Lacrosse, BA
JD, U. of Cincinnati College of Law
Occupation: Law Clerk for Brown County.
2882 S Ridge Rd, GB 54304
920-737-0809 (cell)
Email: matherlj@gmail.com

Aren't You Glad You Are An AAUW Member? Don't you think your friends should be, too?

This time of year is a time for reflection on what we have accomplished the last four months in our branch. We should never lose sight that as a member of AAUW, we are contributing to a national effort. A\With this in mind, as a member of AAUW in 2017:

- 1) You taught 17,000 people to negotiate their salary through AAUW workshops;
- 2) You advocated for more rigorous legislation on such issues as sexual assault, equal pay, health care, etc. including sending 270,000 messages to lawmakers;
- 3) You held STEM programs in 35 states;
- 4) You awarded \$3.7 million to women and community projects;
- 5) You provided scholarships and fellowships to graduate students; and
- 6) You provided moneys for research on gender equity issues, including the recently published research on women and student debt.

That does not include all that you did to advance the programs of AAUW in our branch. You were very busy people.

There is so much more we can do. At the current rate of change, pay equity with men will not be reached until 2119!! AAUW is not willing to sit back and wait for this change. For all of the work and the need for advocacy, aren't you glad you are invested in AAUW? Don't you wish all your friends could have this same sense of accomplishment? Tell them about AAUW and how they can join.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Happy New Year! I hope you all had very happy holidays and that you are ready to enjoy participating in the various branch activities. We have many wonderful programs planned.

December Branch Meeting: What a lovely December celebration! Thank you to all who attended with all your happy holiday mood. It was a great way to start the season. The decorations were lovely. The food, especially the sweets (Thank you Sue.), was great. We all thoroughly enjoyed the music from the band, 5 Hits and a Miss! Thanks to Carol and her husband for arranging this fun entertainment. Thanks to Mary Barker for making the reservations. Thanks to Linda, Barb and others for all the decorations and the cute poinsettias, which earned the branch some extra money. Special thanks to Mary Schmidt for organizing the raffle for LAF and for the gorgeous quilt, which raised money towards scholarship.

GIFT WRAPPING RECAP

Bev Braun

Thank you to the AAUW members that helped with the gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. We chatted with a variety of shoppers that did like our idea of helping women finish their college education, many of them knowing women struggling to complete their degrees. We handed out 10 membership applications and invited them to attend the January meeting. Our grand total for 2017 is: \$396.21 and a \$5 peso coin.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Sara Ramaker

Five Things You Can Do to Protect the Great Lakes

Since our Social Justice Group is exploring water issues, I thought following information from a Freshwater Future website might be of interest. It identified the following 5 things you can do to protect the Great Lakes:

1. Use little or no fertilizer. The high runoff of nitrogen and phosphorus is entering the Great Lakes and is producing an over abundance of algae. Toxic blooms, can poison fish, contaminate drinking water and shut down beaches.
2. Watch what and how you wash certain clothes: A single load of laundry can release 700,000 microscopic plastic fibers into the water system, polluting our waterways and disrupting the food chain. These fibers are shed from clothes made from synthetic textiles like fleece, acrylic, nylon and polyester. They are too small to be filtered out by most water treatment plants. To minimize shedding, wash synthetic clothes less frequently, and wash full loads in cold water with liquid (not powder) detergents. Apparently there are washing machine filters that can be installed to capture the microplastics released with each load.

3. Wipe down all boats, paddleboards, kayaks and other watercraft after use: You can help prevent the spread of invasive species. Before transferring watercraft from one waterway to another, remove all visible plant and animal species and let the craft dry completely. Remember any parts of the craft not exposed to the sun will take longer to dry.

4. Dispose of medications properly: Traces of pharmaceutical drugs can be found in the drinking water of over 40 million Americans. Our bodies do not absorb all of the medicine and we expel the unused portions. Most treatment plants cannot filter this out. To reduce your impact, take only the medication you need and dispose of unused drugs properly. Never dump them down a toilet. One drug drop off is located at the Green Bay Police Station on Adams Street.

5. Get political: Vote for candidates committed to protecting our water, get involved in local water issues and talk to your representatives about your concerns.

Freshwater Future is a watershed-wide and collaborative organization working to support the needs of community based groups and actions seeking to protect and restore the Great Lakes land and water resources. Since 1996, it has awarded over \$3 million in grants to various groups working on water issues -----

Jill Lauritsen wanted to share this article

UNIVERSITIES FACE PRESSURE FROM #MeToo MOVEMENT - adapted from GB Press Gazette

Sexual harassment complaints are on the rise in academia as more speak up.

A forthcoming study of nearly 300 such cases in the Utah Law Review found that 1 in 10 female graduate students at major research universities reports being sexually harassed by a faculty member. And in more than half of those cases, the alleged perpetrator is a repeat offender, according to the study.

"Often schools might turn a blind eye toward sexual harassment that they know about or have heard about because a professor is bringing in a big grant or is adding to the statue of the university," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center.

Activists say young women pursuing graduate studies are especially vulnerable to sexual misconduct because they depend heavily on their academic adviser to complete their degree, pursue research in their field of study and get recommendations for future jobs. Reporting misconduct could endanger an academic career and affect their mental health and well being.

Anne Hedgespeth with the American Association of University Women stated that, "professors who are advising graduate students are the students gateway to their degree attainment and career prospects ." Hedgespeth went on to say, "That's an immense amount of power that professors hold. It's also an immense amount of risk that students take when coming forward when future prospects are on the line."

Universities have their own rules on sexual harassment and misconduct. "#MeToo is trying to bring transparency to a system that is corrupt", Celeste Kidd was reported saying. Kidd filed a lawsuit against a professor who made her life unbearable by stalking her, making comments about her weight and talking about sex. Now a professor of neuroscience at that university she and other colleagues filed a Federal lawsuit about the mishandling of the investigations into the professor's actions.

AAUW STATE CONVENTION

Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, April 20 & 21, 2017. AAUW State Convention will be held at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee. Theme: Building Bridges into the Future.
