

# BAYNOTES

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Two Branch Meetings this month

## **April Branch Meeting (Rescheduled from March)**

**Monday, April 9, 2018**

Resurrection Catholic Church (Gathering Area)

33 Hilltop Drive (Main Entrance) Allouez

Social time, light refreshments 5:45-6:30 pm      Program: 6:30-7:30



## **Voices of Hope: A Reader's Theatre**

Real Life Stories of Hispanic Immigrants in the Fox Valley

The script, written by Peter A. Geniesse, explores a sampling of the stories and reasons behind the often traumatic stories that have brought people to the U.S. This is a moving story that will put faces on the many important immigration issues before us.

Admission is free but **donations** are greatly appreciated and will **support** AAUW's **scholarship program for women** entering their last year of post high school education.

Public is welcome. Encourage family and friends to come to this important meeting.

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## **Second April Branch Meeting**

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC)

300 S. Adams Street Green Bay

Social time – 5:30      Program – 6:00 pm



## **Water Quality: Status of the Green Bay**

**Speaker: Julia Noordyk**

Water Quality and Coastal Communities Specialist at the UW Sea Grant Institute

Clean Bay Backers

Since the arrival of Europeans in the 17th Century, the world's largest freshwater estuary has undergone tremendous ecological changes. The once stunning, clear water bay covered with miles of wetlands, is now threatened by an overload of nutrients and sediment which has contributed to annual blue-green algae blooms and a dead zone. But all is not lost! Today, we are witnessing the clean-up of industrial pollutants in the Fox River, the re-construction of the Cat Island Chain and the restoration of Bay Beach. Please join me for a trip through time looking at the ups and downs of our region's great natural asset: the bay of Green Bay.

## INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

### ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet & Sandy Melroy

The Benson Studio tour has been cancelled for this year. In lieu of that tour, *The Art Group* will be visiting the St. Norbert College Baer Art Gallery and additional outdoor sculptures on campus on **Thursday, April 19**. Please meet at **10:00am** in the Coffee Shop of the **Mulva Library**, 400 Third St., De Pere. There is free parking behind the adjacent Cassandra Voss Center. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for the weather that day. Please RSVP Laura Fisher-Bonvallet as soon as you receive this notice. 920.499.9899  
info@LauraFisherBonvallet.com

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### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Lisa Ubbelohde & Wendy Schroeder

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

**Tuesday April 24** Book: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. A memoir of a family and culture in crisis. What "hillbilly culture" is and how it affects the lives of people. What are the main issues that seemed to have plagued working-class whites and "hillbillies" for decades in America?...psychological effects of adverse childhood experiences?...how the author was able to use his negative experiences and turn it into a goal that will change his life forever.

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### ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Linda Birder

**Wednesday, April 18. 5:30 pm**  
**Green Bay Distillery. 835 Mike McCarthy Way**  
**Book: Kindness of Strangers by Katrina Kittle**

Sarah Laden's life seems like it could not get any more tumultuous. Her husband recently died, her older son, Nate, has developed a rebellious streak, her younger son, Danny, is barely passing his

classes, and all the while she is struggling to make ends meet through her catering business. But when an alarming revelation tears apart the family of her closest friend, Laden finds herself fostering her friend's young son, Jordan.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

#### **Izaak Walton League Stream Monitoring Workshop May 20**

The Social Justice Group invited Jodi Arendt from the Izaak Walton League to discuss that organization's contributions to water quality in our area. During that discussion, Jodi mentioned that the Izaak Walton League will need assistance in monitoring the water quality of streams this year. May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. they will be offering a stream monitoring workshop for those interested in learning how to monitor streams in their communities. Samantha Briggs from the Izaak Walton League of America will be conducting the training, utilizing the streams that run through Osprey Point. The training will be held at Osprey Point, 3320 Monroe Road/County GV De Pere, WI.

#### **Reserve Date for May Luncheon**

Our Annual Meeting will be held  
Saturday, May 5, 2018  
The District in the Best Western  
by Lambeau Field 780 Armed Forces Dr.  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Luncheon menu, program and reservation information is being finalized and will be mailed to you shortly.

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## **BRANCH COMMITTEES**

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Sandy Melroy & Lisa Ubbelohde

**Patricia Finder-Stone** will be awarded the UW-Madison Brown County Badger of the Year Award at the Wisconsin Founders Day Celebration, WAA Brown County Chapter which is being held at Wally's Spot on Monday, April 23 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. Cost: \$30. Registration by Friday, April 13. Several of us are planning to attend.

Judy Crain is going to introduce Pat. The UW Chancellor will also be speaking that evening! Pat is really honored and thrilled by the award. Congratulation Pat!

**Laura Fisher-Bonvallet** is recovering from back surgery. She has gone into her doctor for neck pain and was receiving a shot of cortisone (as she has done before). Unfortunately, the doctor nicked a vein when he was inserting the needle in her neck, which resulted in bleeding into her spinal cord. Surgery was able to remove the clotted blood, but they had to remove the bone from several of her vertebrae to gain access to the area affected. Her recovery at home will likely be 6-8 weeks. If you would like to drop her a note, please do: 1150 Hill Drive, Oneida, WI 54115.

### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Sara Ramaker

We are looking for a number of officers and chairperson positions for next year. If you have not had a chance to serve in that capacity or would like to serve again, please contact me.

### **RECEPTION FOR LAURIE LAWLOR**

**Thursday, April 19 5:30 pm (feel free to drop in throughout the evening)**

Maryl Hitchcock has invited us to her home to meet her niece Laurie Lawlor, an accomplished author

and professor. Our branch is sponsoring Laurie for Untitled Town, the annual Green Bay book and author festival. AAUW will have a table at the Book Fair on Saturday, April 21 from 1-4 pm. Laurie will have a display of her books. Maryl's address is 1202 Fox River Dr. De Pere.

### **UNTITLED TOWN BOOK FESTIVAL**

Our Green Bay Area Branch will host an author table at the Untitled Town Book Festival Book Fair Saturday, April 21 from 11 am – 5 pm. Our guest will be author Laurie Lawlor (Maryl's niece).

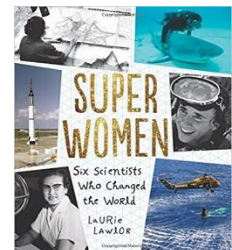
Her book **Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World** is an Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students k-12 for 2018.

According to Laurie Lawlor, her "very first characters were strange and fabulous creatures who haunted the attic of my first childhood home -- a run-down two-flat on a busy street in LaGrange, Illinois. My characters' names were Jack Frost and the Fat Lady."

She worked for many years as a freelance writer and editor before devoting herself on a more full-time basis to the creation of fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. She teaches writing workshops to elementary and junior high school students throughout the country as an artist-in-residence. She is a part-time faculty member of Chicago's Columbia College, where she teaches writing to undergraduates and graduates students, and facilitates teacher workshops.

Laurie will be in the Book Fair area set up at Old Fort Square on Broadway. We will also have our **Dreamers and Doers book** and talk about AAUW and our Green Bay Area Branch.

Learn more about Laurie at [www.laurielawlor.com](http://www.laurielawlor.com)



## AAUW STATE CONVENTION

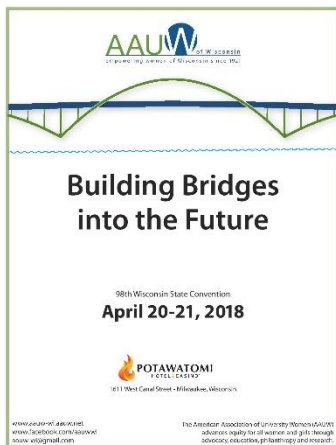
**APRIL 20-21**

The 98<sup>th</sup> state Wisconsin AAUW convention, **“Building Bridges into the Future” will be April 20-21, 2018 at the Potawatomi Casino, 1611 West Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI.**

The convention will kick off Friday afternoon with counterpart sessions at 3:00 pm. Friday evening’s speaker will be **Ann Garvin, bestselling author of *I Love You Just Fine When You’re Not Around***. Saturday’s keynote speakers will be **Katherine Gehl, former CEO of Gehl Foods, Katherine Peterson of Breathe Serenity and Susan Landino, national LAF recipient.**

There are a variety of breakout sessions. Rooms have been set aside for AAUW so you may make your room reservations now. Check the AAUW Wisconsin website for details. There will also be an auction of baskets for Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). (LAF is national’s fund used to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.).

Questions about the convention email: [aauw2018convention@gmail.com](mailto:aauw2018convention@gmail.com).



## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Special thank you to Sandy Melroy for organizing our last Branch meeting featuring artist John Gordon. John’s discussion about the art of drawing and the changes in art education, namely no longer including drawing in the curriculum was very interesting. I know there were several of us wanting to pursue his drawing class. John believes everyone can learn to draw. It just might take some of us longer. Thank you, too, to Sue for the delicious soup and cupcakes and to others who brought food items.

**I hope you are ready and available for a very AAUW filled April! Mark your Calendars!**

**AAUW Wisconsin’s State Convention, “Building Bridges into the Future” is being held April 20-21 at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino, Milwaukee.** There still is an opportunity to register. The registration must be by mail or perhaps email. A number of us are going so there should be an opportunity to carpool and I know Bev Braun is willing to share her hotel room Friday night.

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## **AAUW “Dreamer and Doer” Speaking at Baird Creek Preservation Foundation**

Dr. Christine Thomas, one our Dreamers and Doers (Page 137 of *Women of Northeast Wisconsin: Dreamers and Doers*) is speaking April 12 at the annual Baird Creek Preservation Foundation’s annual banquet at the Rock Garden. Dr. Thomas left our area, but continued to be a Dreamer and Doer. She was the first women tenured professor at UW-Stevens Point. She founded a nationally recognized program, Becoming an Outdoors Women (BOW) which is designed to teach women outdoor skills in fishing, hunting, boating, camping and other outdoor pursuits. She continues to be a leader in advocating for science-based natural resource management in Wisconsin. She served 11 years (three as chair) for the Wisconsin Natural Resources

Board. She was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in April, 2017. For more information about the meeting and reservations, see <https://bairdcreek.org>.

similarity to our Dreamers and Doers. I am happy to say it was published. I mention this, because it was an opportunity to get news about our branch into the paper. It would be great if you see a similar opportunity and write a letter to the editor, too.]

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## Women Overlooked by History

Sara Ramaker

It is no surprise to any of us that women have been overlooked by our history books. Our branch began the Dreamers and Doers project with the idea of finding those women and making our own history book. The result was our book, *Women of Northeastern Wisconsin: Dreamers and Doers* (1994). Thanks to Dotty Juengst's leadership, we are currently working on Volume II. More than 50 have been completed at this time and are presented in full on our website: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/dreamers-doers/dreamers-and-doers-book-vol-ii/> (Go AAUW Green Bay, Dreamers and Doers, Dreamers and Doers Volume II).

How wonderful that the *NY Times* has realized that its obituaries represent a form of history and that their obituaries are primarily white men. To compensate for this, they have started a new series entitled, *Overlooked*. It includes fifteen (15) "obituaries" of remarkable women that were overlooked. The first woman, Ida B. Wells, born a slave, became a well-known journalist and civil rights activist. She was the first person to write about lynching in the South - refuting that they were hanging rapists, when the real purpose was to terrorize and prevent African Americans from getting property. After her articles on lynching were published her newspaper office was destroyed and she had to flee the south for her life. A difficult but amazing woman. To learn more of her story, at [https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/obituaries/overlooked.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_axios&stream=top-stories](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/obituaries/overlooked.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axios&stream=top-stories)

[Note: I submitted a letter to the Press Gazette about the NY Times Overlooked project and the

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## AAUW National Bylaws Amendment Vote 2018

Thank you for all of your efforts encouraging informed debate among members regarding the upcoming [2018 AAUW Bylaws Amendment Vote](#). This message is to remind you that the bylaws amendment and resolution proposal period will close this Thursday, March 22, at 11:59 p.m. ET. After March 22, new proposals will no longer be accepted, but members are still encouraged to comment and will be able to do so until April 24. Voting will open on April 25.

Please share this information with your branch and encourage members to share their comments and proposed bylaws amendments and resolutions on the [Bylaws Amendment Vote](#) webpage. We also encourage you to [host a bylaws amendment discussion](#) in the coming weeks and [turn a branch meeting into a polling place](#) once voting opens to ensure that every eligible member exercises their right to vote. Voting is the only way their voices will truly be heard.

As always, please direct any questions to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).