

BAYNOTES

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November Branch Meeting Monday, November 19, 2018

Resurrection Catholic Church
333 Hilltop Dr. Allouez
5:30 pm – refreshments – light supper
6:00 – 7:00 pm Program



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. Join us for a trip through time looking at the ups and downs of our region's great natural asset: the bay of Green Bay.

Julia Noordyk is a water quality and coastal communities specialist with University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory Services. She advises communities on how to prepare shorelines to reduce severe storm damage as well as advising on issues dealing with runoff into our watershed.

Prior to coming to Green Bay, she was a senior planner working on outreach programs in offshore wind energy, water quality and coastal access with the Maine Coastal Program. She has a MS degree in conservation, biology and sustainable development from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and BS in zoology from Colorado State University.

Julia is a member of the Clean Bay Backers which is a citizenship advisory committee to the Wisconsin DNR.
For a short video on Julia and her work, see: <http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/home/default.aspx?tabid=613>

**See attached separate sheet on this email about our
Saturday, December 1st Holiday lunch and reservation**

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

Art Study Group

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet & Sandy Melroy

Friday November 2nd the Art Group and Friends traveled to Chicago to the SOFA exhibit at Navy Pier.

The Art Study Group will not meet in December.

Afternoon Book Group

Wendy Schroeder

Meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Reader's Loft at 3:00 pm.

Monday, November 26

Book: **Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family** by Amy Ellis Nutt.

The true story of a family with a transgender child and how they were able to manage the (many challenges they encountered as Nicole grew to adulthood.

¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

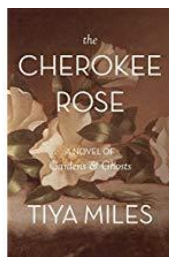
Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at the Green Bay.

Wednesday, November 21

Book: **The Cherokee Rose** by Trya Miles.

This luminous and highly accessible work examines a little-known aspect of America's past — slaveholding by Southern Creeks and Cherokees.

The lives of three young women who are drawn to the Georgia plantation where scenes of cruelty and compassion once played out. The novel is based on historical sources about the Chief Vann House in Chatsworth, Georgia, and the Moravian mission sponsored there in the early 1800s.



Movie Interest Group

Bev Braun & Diann Malueg

Thursday, November 8, at 1:00. there will be a showing of "**The Book Thief**" at the Ashwaubenon Community Center on Anderson Drive. In Nazi Germany, Liesel finds joy in stealing books and sharing them with others. Popcorn, water and coffee will be provided. Carry-ins welcome. FREE

Here is a movie series the members might be interested in--"**Dark Secrets of our Food System: know where your food is coming from**"--**Saturdays from 9-11a.m.at the Ridgeview Plaza, 3758 W. Mason Street. Suite 4, Oneida.** These are FREE showings with food, coffee and water included.

Maybe one or more of the topics will interest you.

--Nov. 3-- FOOD INC lifts the veil on the food industry, exposing how our food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations (profit ahead of health, safety, and the environment) 90 min.

--Dec. 1--MAD CITY CHICKENS is a serious but whimsical look at keeping backyard urban chickens 80 min

--Jan. 5--FOOD MATTERS is a look at the state of our health. Despite millions spent on research for new cures, we continue to battle chronic ills. 80 min

--Feb. 2--END OF THE LINE charts the ecological impact of over-fishing--an ocean without fish by 2048 85 min

--March 2--GENETIC ROULETTE provides information on (GM) genetically modified crops that have been added to our food supply. The health of our future generations might be at risk. 85 min

--April 6--FED UP unearths a dirty secret of the American food industry that far more of us get sick from what we eat than anyone realized. 99 min

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 5th 5:30 pm

Village Grille - Allouez

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

We send our sympathy to member Maryl Hitchcock on the death of her son, David, October 15th.

BRANCH HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Saturday, December 1st
11:00 am – 1:15 pm

River's Bend 792 Riverview Dr. Howard

Entertainment: Birder Studio High School Performers

LAF Items 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.

See information and reservation form attached to this email newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

AAUW STEM Program at UWGB: What a lovely and interesting evening UWGB provided our branch and guests. For those of you who unfortunately could not attend we had a lovely dinner followed by presentations from Troy Streckenbach, County Executive, Kelly Ellis, Chief Executive Officer Einstein Project, Chancellor Gary Miller, and Dr. Patricia Terry,



Chair of Resch J. School of Engineering-UWGB. Each discussed their participation in the development and design of the new STEM program building at the UWGB campus, as well as their plans for its use. It is exciting to know of the wonderful opportunities that

this new building opens up for the development and encouragement of area youth and college level students. In addition, these community leaders have begun a local development that will likely attract more exciting programs and opportunities to our community. It was such a positive night!

The program was suggested and organized by our member Georgia Nix Miller with the help of many UWGB employees and AAUW members, Linda Birder, Dottie Juengst, Carol Pearson and Wendy Schmidt Janosik. Special thanks to all of these people. It was well attended by members and many guests. Thank you to all members who brought guests. From the comments by the participants, I know they agree with me that it was a marvelous opportunity for us. AAUW must become active in organizing and/or encouraging the community's participation in the many activities this new building and its participants offer.

My hat off to the Art Group planners, members Laura Fisher-Bonvallet, Linda Birder, Sandy Melroy, and Janice McCarthy for planning, organizing and accomplishing the trip to Chicago's SOFA Expo. We had 49 registrants. Due to an



unfortunate mistake, Lamers neglected to have bus at the designated time. This was particularly embarrassing, because we had asked people to come 15 minutes earlier, having

worried that the construction south of Milwaukee would delay our arrival. Fortunately, Lamers found a wonderful driver and had a bus ready to leave an hour later. We have amazing resilient members who managed to make lemonade from lemons. Coffee and donuts were distributed to the participants waiting in their respective cars. By the time we boarded the bus, the members had a new schedule for the day to propose. The participants were amazing. They boarded the bus in a party mood. They enthusiastically and unanimously accepted the new plan. After that rough beginning, the rest went so very smoothly and was just a lot of fun. We ended up arriving only 35 minutes later

than planned and returned to Green Bay 25 minutes before planned. All participants seemed happy with the trip. We made a nice sum for our scholarship fund. A very successful trip!

The SOFA Expo was a new event for me. I was overwhelmed by all the amazing art. People watching was also amazing. Those artists and art aficionados really know how to dress in interesting ways.



Perhaps this is my love of clothes, but some of the clothes were as interesting as the art to me. Clearly, many of the participants were very familiar with the SOFA Expo, but for us newbies it was truly an amazing expo. I believe it was Laura who suggested this trip.

November Branch Meeting:

We are fortunate to live near the largest freshwater lakes in the world. Being a part of this lake system, our Green Bay is also an important body of this freshwater system. Yet, how much do we know about it? Many believe clean, drinkable water is the most crucial issue facing the world. Even in an area with an abundance of freshwater, we no longer can assume we will always have fresh clean water to drink. One needs only to read about the lead in our pipes, the poisonous green and red algae, industrial waste (Foxconn being exempted from state water quality rules) and phosphorus pollution of our waters to know we have problems in "River City."

Our November meeting will focus on our Green Bay. Our speaker, Julia Noordyk is a water quality and coastal communities' specialist with University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory Services. She comes highly recommended by Pat Finder-Stone. I have also watched several videos in which she is one of the spokespeople. I expect she will be a very good speaker with an interesting and important message. What is happening in water quality in this area is not all gloom and doom. Through efforts of many people and organizations, progress has been

made in some areas. Our state AAUW has made water quality a priority. After all, without clean water, nothing else can take priority. It is important that to be informed. Please come and bring a guest or two.

I have been happily traveling and missed many meetings. I looking forward to seeing and catching up with all of you again.

BRANCH MEMBER FEATURE

This month we would like to highlight AAUW member Pat Finder-Stone as it is Veteran's Month and Pat is a Veteran. She is also part of the 200 Years of brown county exhibit at the Neville Museum.



This abridged biography is taken from our Dreamers and Doers Vol. II 1929! It was a happy time in the Finder household when little Pat arrived on the scene, joining her businessman father, teacher mother, and beloved sister, Mary Jeannette. Born in Platteville, WI, but raised in Rock Springs, WI, the happy times were short lived when the Great Depression meant that the family lost their home, Dad's business and yes, even the car, a Model-T with a rumble seat.

In spite of poverty, the lessons of love and of optimism engulfed her as her life unfolded. When her father was appointed Postmaster and her mom was a substitute English teacher, hardships were fewer. Pat started first grade at age 4. Because the local school only offered ten grades, she and her sister lived with grandparents in Platteville to finish high school at age 16. Aspiring to be a nurse, but too young to enter "nurses training", she worked as a nursing assistant in St. Mary's Ringling Hospital in Baraboo, until she turned 18.

She attended Columbia Hospital School of Nursing in Milwaukee and upon graduation with honors, moved to Chicago to work in Cook County Hospital, as a psychiatric nurse. She had affiliated there as a nursing student and was appalled at the

care of persons with mental illness at that time, so was determined to “change the system.” However, in 1951 as the Korean War was escalating, Pat felt that military service was a necessary calling so she was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the US Air Force Nurse Corps. She served on active duty in New York State, a remote duty station in Greenland, and completed active duty with the Strategic Air Command in Florida. Her service as an Air Force Nurse remains a high point in her life as she established great friendships and experienced unique situations.

Pat’s active duty assignment came to a close, she married Mark Stone, a close and loving friend from her hometown area. They established their home in Boulder City, Nevada where Mark was teaching and coaching. Pat continued her practice of nursing and continued service in the Air Force Reserves. They began their family and decided to return to Wisconsin to live and to appreciate stable Wisconsin values. Upon return, they lived in Two Rivers, Cazenovia and Mayville, as Mark began his career as a school administrator. The family expanded and Pat’s Air Force Reserve status was now cancelled as the flight surgeon decided she could not continue because she had minor children, a prohibition enforced at that time and reflective of the times.

Another chapter of her life began with a move to NE Wisconsin where Mark accepted a position as the first principal of Ashwaubenon High School. Pat returned to school and received her Public Health Certification from UW- Oshkosh. She then became an honors graduate from both UW-GB with a BS-Human Biology and a Masters Degree from UW-Madison (Education/Bioethics).

Pat continued her nursing practice at Bellin Hospital as staff nurse, head nurse, hospice director and Bellin School of Nursing instructor. An interim appointment as director of a local long-term care facility preceded her appointment to the faculty of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College where she was a Nursing Instructor for 16 years until her retirement in 1995.

Retirement did not mean the conclusion of her nursing practice as Pat’s husband experienced a massive stroke with partial paralysis in 1996 and she was able to care for him at home until the time of his death in 1997. The children, now grown and

gone, Pat had been actively involved in her community for many years. Losing her parents and sister to lung cancer precipitated involvement in the American Cancer Society, serving on local, state and national committees in top leadership positions and ultimately honored as a National Board Emeritus. She also served as Chair of the Policy Committee of the WI Tobacco Control Board and chaired the local Coalition.

Her devotion to community is a precious gift. It shines through her work as a professional in the field of nursing and as a health care advocate. Her leadership skills and boundless energy have benefited many organizations including AARP (State President, Governmental Affairs Chair), Coalition of WI Aging Groups (State Legislative Chair), WI Board on Aging & Long Term Care (Chair), Brown County Aging and Disability Resource Center (Board of Directors), Bay Area Agency on Aging (Bd. member), HSHS Advisory Board (Vice-Chair), Bay Area Community Council (BOD/Past president), Brown County Board of Health, De Pere Board of Health, Aspiro (Legislative Chair/Past President), Visiting Nurses of Brown County (President), Greater Green Bay Community Foundation (Board member), UW-Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Council, Bay Beach Wildlife 4K Program Benefactor (Steering Committee), League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay (President/Bd. member/Action Chair) and League of Women Voters-Wisconsin (Bd. of Directors/Legislative Chair)

Pat is proud to maintain a nonpartisan stance in her board and committee activities and tries to address issues objectively. She has been appointed to policy boards and committees by both Republican and Democratic leaders. She has been recognized for her contributions by receiving many honors and awards.

A tireless and effective leader, she has helped to bring positive change to public health policy and legislation at the highest levels. She is a generous mentor who empowers others to strive for lasting contributions that benefit society. She kindles the spirit of service to community in all aspects of her life.