

BAYNOTES

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AAWW Branch Holiday Lunch

A Special thank you to Jill Lauritsen and her committee for the wonderful Holiday Brunch at River's Bend

What a great way to begin the holiday season!

Four talented young women from the Birder Studio 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.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Legal Advocacy Fund by purchasing tickets for the raffle at our December Luncheon. We raised \$345.

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.

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 17th**. The Art Group will meet at the home of Mary Schmidt 2410 Bittersweet Ave. to view the DVD Tyrus. 10:00 am-noon

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

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

No meeting in December.

We will meet on January 28th to discuss **Pachinko** by Min Jin Lee

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

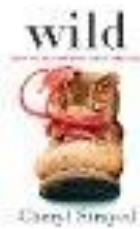
Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Date: Wednesday, December 12

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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

Book: ***Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*** By Cheryl Strayed



At 22, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her marriage was destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life.

With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State — and she would do it alone. Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, Wild powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.

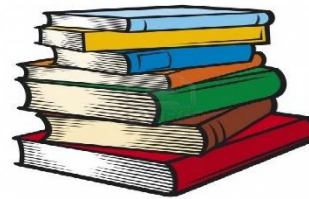
GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

Our Branch is holiday gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Bev Braun is seeking volunteers to help on

12/13/18 5:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.
12/14/18 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
12/23/18 9:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.
12/24/18 8:00 a.m. -- 6:00 p.m.

Email bbraun5@new.rr.com if you can fit a few hours into your schedule.

Donations collected will go toward Branch Scholarships.



Mark your calendar for our January Branch meeting. Monday, January 21 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



BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

Wearing our AAUW Logo - Future Opportunities for Clothing

This year our branch offered the chance to purchase some items of clothing with the AAUW Logo. The hope was to stimulate conversations to attract new members by wearing the AAUW Logo. For example, I wore my vest at Thanksgiving and was able to field questions from two potential members who wanted to know “What is AAUW?”.

Since this is the first time we have offered the service members were asked about satisfaction with the clothing. The biggest issue has been that the sizing runs small. However, one member pointed out that she has learned to always “size up” when ordering because sizing is not consistent. A really great idea that I intend to use for any future orders that I make. Other comments included liking the color options, choices of clothing and being able to give them as a gift to other family members.

If any of you are interested in purchasing one of the three options (fleece vest, polo shirt, v-neck tshirt) we could take orders again in February. The vendor requires a minimum of 12 pieces to run an order. Thank you to all who placed an order. A special ***THANK YOU!!*** to ***Mary Woodbridge*** who did an excellent job of keeping track of all the orders.



WHY I'M AN AAUW MEMBER

Barbara Bouffard Jenkins

My membership in AAUW began 52 years ago. My involvement in AAUW started 51 years ago. I attended monthly meetings, met women with interests just like mine, enjoyed the coffee and dessert and learned much about current events as all speakers were excellent. In mid March I was asked to attend a meeting of the Nominating Committee. (Surely they were going to ask me to “head up” the dessert committee). Imagine my surprise when I was asked to be the Recording Secretary for the next two years! I accepted. As those two years moved along, I discovered other areas in AAUW. I once took an office not realizing what was ahead of me (Program Development). Branch members were happy to help. This help made me realize Leadership was something not to be feared. AAUW and its goals have been front and center in my life since taking that first LEADERSHIP challenge. That step led to branch Educational Foundation chair, Program Development VP and Branch president. Please consider accepting a LEADERSHIP role in the Green Bay Area Branch. You will not be alone.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Mary Schmidt

AAUW LAF support recipient - Janet Conney
Janet Conney found herself in a hostile work environment in the California University system during the early 2000's, AND she discovered that the men in similar work positions at the University earned 50 - 100% more than she did. She was terminated in 2002, after complaining to her supervisors about the situation. LAF began to support her lawsuit in 2004 and after trial she was awarded \$2.2 million. The University appealed, but in 2006 the CA Supreme Court denied the appeal AND awarded Ms. Conney and additional \$4.7 million.

That was 12 years ago and gender equity issues continue to plague women in the workplace. However, progress is being made. With

our financial donations we can continue to support AAUW LAF in their efforts to help women in similar situations and keep this issue in the national spotlight.

Each year our Green Bay Branch raises money for this all important AAUW program. From January - July of this year, as a branch, and through individual donations we have contributed \$400 to support gender equity. At our December luncheon we will be having another fundraiser to support LAF. Please consider making a donation at that time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Why I Encourage All to Attend the State Convention

I was not at all interested in attending any state meetings before I was president. When I became president, I still had no interest. I felt I was "giving" enough to AAUW and had no time for state activities. Then Bev Braun talked me in to going to a district meeting several years ago. I got hooked. I really enjoyed the women. I learned so much from them. I have not missed one since. One of the reasons I agreed to go to the state convention is that I knew I would see some of the women I had meet at district. I got hooked again. I have not missed a convention since.

Those of us who have attended Wisconsin AAUW's state convention, we know it is inspiring, thought-provoking and FUN. It never ceases to amaze me that a large number of women spend a day and a half of their life just because they want to make the world better for women and girls. I have always found the programs very interesting. (So good we have invited some to our meetings, e.g. Voices of Hope.) The best part, however, is meeting women from all over the state and learning about the amazing programs that they have done in their communities. I will continue to attend the state conventions, because all that positive energy is good for my body and soul.

This year's state convention is in Delavan April 26-27. The co-chairs sent the following information:

ALL HANDS ON DECK! State Convention 2019 will Sail Away on April 26-27

Be sure to plan on attending the next AAUW Wisconsin State Convention, to be held Friday April 26 and Saturday April 27, 2019 at the lovely Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, in the Lake Delavan and Geneva Lake Area. We have secured room rates of only \$103 (including the resort fee) plus tax so extend your visit into a mini-vacation and enjoy the lovely area. Larger rooms and suites are also available at reduced rates. Lake Lawn Resort has a spa, golf course and marina too. Lake Lawn has a lovely indoor pool as well. See <http://LakeLawnResort.com> for more information.

We are keeping the prices at last year's levels - \$75 registration (\$85 late), plus \$30 for the Friday dinner and \$45 for breakfast, lunch and breaks on Saturday. Student registration is \$25. Registration opens at 2 pm on Friday, and sessions begin at 3 pm. (State board members will begin at 9:30 am.) The program will end around 5 pm on Saturday.

Our speakers are still being confirmed; however, we do know that we will have speakers on Progress on Title IX, Nontraditional Career Education for Women, Preventing Human Trafficking, Best Branch Practices, What You Don't Know about AAUW, and a presentation on the Remarkable Women of Lake Geneva. Other topics are under consideration as well. Stay tuned for more details that will be forthcoming as the program is finalized.

DANIEL MEINHARDT PH.D.
ON :

The Complex Mosaic of Human Sex

UW-GREEN BAY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN
HUMAN BIOLOGY AND CURATOR OF THE
RICHTER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WHEN: JANUARY 8TH 2019
TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM
WHERE: UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

EVENING INCLUDES:
PRESENTATION + Q & A + REFRESHMENTS

FREE EVENT

LOCATION ADDRESS: 716 S. MADISON ST.
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