

# BAYNOTES

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## MAY LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING



Barbara Wilson  
Winner of Derby Draw



Danielle Neimi  
Bellin AAUW  
Scholarship Recipient



What a fun morning - our theme was the Kentucky Derby. Jill outdid herself with decorations that set the tone of our lunch - hats, horses and roses, and a few \$2.00 bets.

Attached to this email is a survey the membership committee would like you to take and send back to help with future programs and branch membership - thanks - Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

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## COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION

Monday, May 20 5:30 Sara Ramaker's 2545 Oakwood Ave.  
We will share ideas about the next year's programs, speakers and projects.  
All members and ideas are welcome.

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## SPECTACULAR SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC

Thursday, July 11 from 5:30-8:00 pm  
Judy Johnson's home 240 Lazarre Ave. Allouez More details to follow

**Board Meeting – Monday, May 6**  
**5:30 pm Village Grille**

## INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

### WINE STUDY GROUP

Mary Barker & Maryl Hitchcock

**Thursday, May 9 6:30 pm**

Sara Ramaker's 2545 Oakwood Ave. – Allouez

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### ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

**Thursday, May 16 10:00 am.**

Studio Tour: **Lily Bay Pottery**, 3450 N. Lake Michigan Dr., Sturgeon Bay, WI.

**RSVP's are required, and participation is limited to 8 people. Cost is \$10 per person** which will go towards supplies for disadvantaged children pursuing artistic endeavors in Sturgeon Bay, a project that Linda supports.

Meet on the magnificent grounds of the studio located on the shores of Lake Michigan. Arrange your own car pooling for this event. Artist **Linda Sheard** creates exquisite ceramic vessels and other work. She will lead a tour of her studio which includes a demonstration of her technique, as well as an opportunity to shop her amazing work. Her husband Bart is a master gardener and has created exquisite grounds for their home and studio. He will lead the group on a tour of the grounds for those interested. Check out her website <http://lilybaypottery.com> NOTE: There are stairs at this studio with the work area on the first floor and the gallery on the second floor.

Please email/call **Sandy Melroy, no later than Monday, May 6.** Send your check made out to **Linda Sheard** and mail to Sandy Melroy, 1931 Rainbow Ave, De Pere, WI 54115 920.227.8038, cell, [SilkSensations@new.rr.com](mailto:SilkSensations@new.rr.com). Your check is your confirmation.

Lunch will follow, if you choose, at the newly remodeled Inn at Cedar Crossing, 336 Louisiana St. Sturgeon Bay (entrance is on Third St.).

## ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

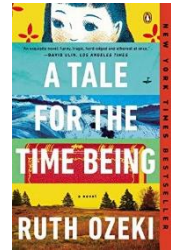
Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**

Green Bay Distillery. 835 Mike McCarthy Way

Book: **Tale for the Time Being** by Ruth Ozeki

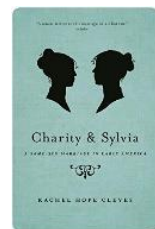
In Tokyo, 16-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao plans to document the life of her great-grandmother, a Buddhist nun who has lived for more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace, and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine. Across the Pacific we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty. As the mystery of the lunchbox's contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future. *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.



**Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 pm**

Book: **Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America** by Rachel Hope Cleves.

Conventional wisdom holds that same-sex marriage is a purely modern innovation, a concept that was unheard of in U.S. early history. But as Rachel Hope Cleves demonstrates in this eye-opening book, same-sex marriage is hardly new. Revered by their community, Charity and Sylvia operated a tailor shop in the 19th century that employed many local women, served as guiding lights within their church, and helped to raise their many nieces and nephews. *Charity and Sylvia* is the intimate history of their extraordinary 44-year union. Drawing on an array of original documents including diaries, letters, and poetry, Cleves traces the couple's lives in sharp detail.



## MOVIE GROUP

Bev Braun

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DOCUMENTARY

On **Tuesday, May 21**, a documentary about youth mental health will be shown at the Brown County Central Library. The event is free but a ticket is needed to attend the event: <bit.ly/notalonegb>. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., a small resource fair will be set up for browsing. The 30-minute film entitled "You're Not Alone" follows four young people from Wisconsin as they navigate mental health challenges (bullying, assault, incarceration and discrimination., and thoughts about suicide.) The film is an extension of USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin's Kids in Crisis series. A panel discussion with local health experts will follow.

Wednesday, May 8 – “Cheeseheads” The Documentary 5:30 pm - Ashwaubenon library. Meet the filmmaker and author John Mitchell and ex football player Chester Marcol. Sample some cheeses and enjoy the film.

Friday, May 17 9:30 am - Ashwaubenon Community center will show a series of Documentaries throughout the summer. Free.

Friday, May 17 9:30 am – De Pere Community Center – Free Solo.

Monday, May 20 – 1:00 pm – East Town Library – Instant Family.

Monday, May 20 – 7:00 pm -De Pere Cinema – A Dog’s Purpose. Book/Discussion meeting

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## GEOCACHING FUN

Barbara Wilson & Carol Pearson

Date: Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

Barbara Wilson’s 1445 Westmeath Ave.

Learn the fine art of “finding tupperware in bushes” using modern gps technology – or geocaching as we call it. Introduction and instruction and then we will venture out to cache. Join us in this scavenger hunt using latitude and longitude. RSVP to Barbara 619-0930 or email: bannwilson315@gmail.com

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

**Tuesday, May 28 (Monday is Memorial Day)**  
Reader’s Loft at 3:00 pm.

Book: **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas

Leader: Katie Janosik

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds, the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon after, his death is a national headline. Protesters take to the streets in his name. Starr and her family are intimidated. Everyone wants to know - what really went down that night.

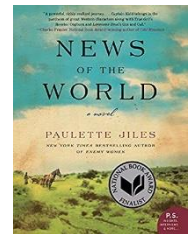


**Monday, June 24**

Book: **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles

Leader: Mary Schmidt

Jiles delivers a taut, evocative story of post-Civil War Texas in this riveting drama of a redeemed captive of the Kiowa tribe. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an elderly widower, earns his living traveling around, reading news stories to gatherings of townspeople. While in Wichita Falls he sees an old acquaintance, Britt Johnson. His men are returning a 10-year-old girl to her aunt and uncle in Castroville after she spent four years with the Kiowa. A free black man, Britt is reluctant to have a white child in his custody. He persuades the Captain to escort young Johanna on the remainder of the three-week journey. The Captain at first feels sorry for the girl as Johanna considers herself Kiowa. Challenges and dangers confront the two during their journey, and they become attached



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik & Nancy Anderson

**Membership Renewal Forms** We encourage everyone to complete the form and mail it with their \$85.00 dues by June 1 if possible to Jan Davis. This will assure that the Membership Directory is complete and accurate.

### **Membership New Member Meet and Greet** **Monday, June 3 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Jill Lauritsen's 310 N. Van Buren, Green Bay  
RSVP to Nancy Anderson 920-494-5828 or email:  
nancyhhfdt@hotmail.com

Branch members will be on hand to answer questions about AAUW and our branch and help you identify how you can become involved in the branch.

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### **Please add to your directory information**

Tynisha Willingham's phone no. – 814-769-1710

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We send our condolences to Nancy Anderson on the death of her mother, LaVerne Schoblocher Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### **New members to AAUW for 2018 – 2019:**

Our branch had six people join in fall and six more people have joined since January. Our newest members are Megan Hoff, Lisa Lotte Gammeltoft, Gwendolyn Newman, Sharren Rose, Diane Warpinski and Tynisha Willingham-Meidl. There will be a "Meet and Greet" at some point so we can have one on one time with our new members. Unfortunately, the "Meet and Greet" that was scheduled for last fall was canceled because of severe weather. We look forward to including these members in the Spring "Meet and Greet." We are thrilled to have them join AAUW!

It is wonderful that we are growing our organization. If you know someone who might be

interested in joining please invite them to one of the upcoming events. Membership signup sheets will be available for them or you can direct them to our webpage.

### **AAUW Business Card**

Want to also recognize the work of Sunshine Tourtillott who has developed business cards for our group. The card includes our mission statement and contact information for our website and facebook page. Having a card available will make it more convenient for you to share information with potential members by giving them a card. Thank you so much Sunshine for doing this!

### **Update on AAUW Clothing**

There were not sufficient orders to do another AAUW clothing order this spring. Thank you to Mary Woodbridge and Linda Birder for all the work they did on making this happen in the fall. It has been great to see AAUW vests being worn at our meetings!

### **Contest for members who purchased an item of AAUW clothing –**

Nancy Anderson was the winner of the Drawing for members who showed their AAUW spirit by wearing AAUW logo clothing. Members who purchased AAUW logo clothing to the Movie Night and/or the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Brown County gatherings were entered into a drawing. Thank you to all who participated in the contest.

### **AAUW Branch Directory**

Lisa Ubbelohde has agreed to continue to do the Branch Directory. This is a HUGE undertaking and we really appreciate her stepping up! **Thank you Lisa!!!** Please support Lisa in doing this job by checking the 2018-2019 Directory for corrections and changes to your information for the 2019-2020 Directory. Send the information to Lisa (prubelod@gmail.com) and cc Jan Davis ([jaloda@hotmail.com](mailto:jaloda@hotmail.com)) and Wendy Schmidt-Janosik ([wjanosik51@gmail.com](mailto:wjanosik51@gmail.com))



## **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

Mary Schmidt

Thank you to everyone for supporting the LAF fundraiser at our May luncheon. We raised \$253! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to help support the program; and thank you to everyone who donated items for drawing.

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.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Sara Ramaker

I have been going through a rough spot in life in which the demands on my time are much greater than usual and my energy much less. The weather? – It did not help. I apologize for the many things that should have happened in March and April that did not. I am happy and proud of all of you for the very good meetings that did happen. I am going to need all of your help to accomplish what should have happened in March and April and what needs to happen in the next few months, namely: planning our branch meetings. As a part of all this I have been feeling overwhelmed and angry that members have not volunteered for things. Asking is something I am VERY bad at. It was what made Pat Hinckley and makes Dotty Juengst wonderful leaders and get things done. I need to ask more and need you to ask “how can I help” more.

I went to the AAUW State Convention with hopes that it would inspire me again and it did. Nothing is more inspiring than a room of women who have volunteered two days of their life to learn how to work better for others? Yet, it was a thank you note from one of our members that has truly brought me back to my senses. She reminded me that AAUW has introduced me to amazing and outstanding women that I would never have otherwise met. I have learned so many things through these wonderful women and the ideas they have shared.

Now to my point: I have found it hard to sell AAUW membership because I worry about who is going to take the next leadership position. I was focused on the wrong thing. While talking to some friends, I realized they do not have what I have – a wonderful circle of wonderful women. They have great women friends but that is not enough. AAUW brings us together regularly and keeps us regularly connected and focused on issues beyond our lives. Suddenly, it was easy to push AAUW. I got them to join. Now I need to get them to meetings! Then, like me, they will be hooked.

In the Costco Connection, there was an article featuring Melinda Gate's and her passion for and belief in the need to elevate all women. She recently authored a book, The Moment of Lift: How empowering Women Changes the World. It covers newborn, health, family planning, girls in school, unpaid work, women in the workplace, etc. It includes many stories of the women she has met in the last two decades, as well as her personal experience. She believes in the power of storytelling. When asked why she considered the book a call to action, she stated: “What I would tell people is look at your home life, look at your life in the community, look at your time in the workplace and figure out how you want to participate to make sure that women have equality-whether it's you in your home, or your kids in your house or what you teach your sons and daughters....Make sure....you live (those values) out in your community...and workplace.” When asked what legacy she stated, “I hope that because I walked on this planet, somehow the world got better for women and girls.”

We do not have the wealth of the Gates, but we too can make a difference and we do as members of AAUW. Maybe if you really look, you can find a little more time to improve life for women and girls. Please decide to be a part of the planning for our next meetings, Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for our annual “Cocktails and Conversation” and agree to help organize or assist in at least one branch meeting. Together we can do so much more.

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## **STEM IS WORKING!!**

Mary Schmidt

Everyone's efforts in providing more opportunities for girls to focus on technology is making an impact. The following article by Sally Ho was released by the Associated Press this week.

### *Girls outpace boys in tech, engineering*

Although less likely to study in a formal technology or engineering course, America's girls are showing more mastery of those subjects than their boy classmates, according to national education data.

The findings from the National Assessment of Educational Progress also shows U.S. eighth-graders in 2018 did significantly better overall compared to 2014's test results, particularly among students who are white, black, Asian or low-income.

The gap between girls and boys is also growing wider as compared to the last time the federal government compiled technology and engineering literacy data among a representative sample of students and public schools across the country.

In 2018, girls on average scored five points higher than boys on a 300-point scale because girls made gains between 2014 and 2018 while boys' scores stayed about the same.

The latest findings suggest the decade-long effort to champion more opportunities for girls and women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math is gaining ground.

## **STATE CONVENTION**

Sara Ramaker

We had 9 people planning to go to the state convention from our branch. Four were unable to come and



several substitutes were found. Unfortunately, due to threaten weather 4 left early Saturday and missed

the bulk of the meeting. Fortunately, the snow never amounted to much and the 5 that stayed had only a short period of nasty rain driving home. The program had many wonderful speakers on a variety of topics.

Attached separately is my report on the convention. Please take time to read all that was going on at the convention.

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### **Her Story: History Comes Alive**

Brown County Central Library – 6:15 pm

A captivating performance, in character and period costume, followed by Q & A. Free.

Thursday, May 9 – Susan B. Anthony – A women's rights activist who played an essential role during the suffrage movement.

Thursday, May 23 – Caroline Quarlls – The first women to travel through Wisconsin's Underground Railroad. Quarlls escaped from St. Louis and sought refuge and freedom in Milwaukee.

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### **Other Women in History**

March 13, 1986, Susan Butcher became the second woman to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Later she became the first competitor to win four out of five sequential years (1986, 1987, 1988, and 1990). In 1985, she was forced out of the race after her dogs were attacked by a moose. Unfortunately, she died at the age of fifty-one in 2006. On March 1, 2008, Governor Sarah Palin announced that the state of Alaska would recognize the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day.

Wisconsin was the first State to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Jessie Jack Hooper from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, jumped on the first train for Washington, D.C. immediately after the Wisconsin legislature ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. By delivering this information personally, Wisconsin became officially the first state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

## GENDER BIAS IN HEALTHCARE

The latest *Costco Connections* magazine has an article about gender bias in healthcare (pgs. 90-91) and the following is taken from it. Man, age 40, feels chest pain and passes out. He is seen a cardiologist who does a full work up and found an electrical conduction problem with his heart. A woman, age 40, same symptoms is given EKG and an echocardiogram and is told it was a one-time episode. The woman's doctor sent her to a different cardiologist, had the proper workup and received same diagnosis as the man. Why the difference? There was a blatant example of discrimination and treatment differences between men and women. A recent study found: 1) women spend 65 minutes to men's 49 in emergency; 2) prescribed less pain medication; 3) more often diagnosed with a mental health vs physical one ("all in her head"); 4) Women less likely to survive a traumatic health episode than men and 5) Women less likely to receive same care after heart attack than men and experience an 11% higher death rate due to that difference in post-heart attack care. Why? Women have different symptoms and communicate differently. Women search for medical information that can help and doctors see this as doctor shopping obsessive compulsive disorder. What to do? 1) Bring a one-page synopsis of what is going on. 2) bring an advocate to make sure all is heard and all questions are answered. 3) Present self well, learn a few medical terms and do not be easily dismissed. 4) Seek a second opinion and send an email to physician who has discounted you, saying, "I did have x-problem," to help education practitioners.

## OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Eileen Littig's documentary on women and Alzheimer's disease - **All In: The Human Subjects** which she shared with us at our March meeting has a \$10,000 matching grant.

If you'd like to make a donation that will be matched to help in the completion of this documentary please write a check to Center for Independent Documentary, 1300 Soldiers Field Road, Suite #4, Boston, MA 02135. In the memo line write: All In: The Human subjects.

Eileen says they are down to the last of their funds and need this extra money to finish editing sound and technical quality.

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We are all invited to a community get together at Casa ALBA Melanie for **Brunch with Friends**. Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am – 4:00pm. 314 S. Madison St. GB.

Casa ALBA Melanie is the Hispanic Resource Center of the greater Green Bay area. It's mission is to nurture the well-being and wholesome development of all members of the Hispanic community living in the region.



