

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

WINE STUDY GROUP

Mary Barker and Maryl Hitchcock

Thursday, October 3 6:00 pm

This month: Study of Port, Sherry and Other Fortified Wines.

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

15 AAUW members and friends have RSVP'd for the day's outing to the **Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau**. The group will be having lunch at the City Grille and then take a docent led tour of the museum. Attendees will also have time to explore more of the museum and sculpture gardens on their own before returning to Green Bay in their pre-arranged car pooling vehicles.

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, October 16 5:30 pm

Green Bay Distillery

Leader: Lindsay Mather

Book: Fruit of the Drunken

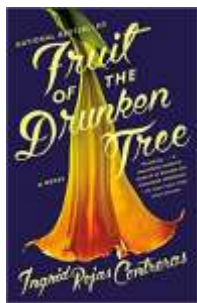
Tree: A Novel by Ingrid

Rojas Contreras

Seven-year-old Chula lives a carefree life in her gated community in Bogotá, but the threat of kidnappings, car bombs, and assassinations

hover just outside her walls, where the godlike drug lord Pablo Escobar reigns, capturing the attention of the nation.

When her mother hires Petrona, a live-in-maid from the city's guerrilla-occupied slum, Chula makes it her mission to understand Petrona's mysterious



ways. Petrona is a young woman crumbling under the burden of providing for her family as the rip tide of first love pulls her in the opposite direction. As both girls' families scramble to maintain stability amidst the rapidly escalating conflict, Petrona and Chula find themselves entangled in a web of secrecy.

Inspired by the author's own life, *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* is a powerful testament to the impossible choices women are often forced to make in the face of violence and the unexpected connections that can blossom out of desperation.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, October 28 3:00 pm

at The Attic 730 Bodart Green Bay

Leader: Dotty Juengst

Book: Becoming by

Michelle Obama

In a life filled with

meaning and

accomplishment, Michelle

Obama has emerged as

one of the most iconic and

compelling women of our era. In her memoir, a

work of deep reflection and mesmerizing

storytelling, Obama invites readers into her world,

chronicling in the experiences that have shaped her-

from childhood on the south side of Chicago to her

years as an executive balancing the demands of

motherhood and work.



Branch Board Meeting

Monday, October 7 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home

2545 Oakwood Ave. GB

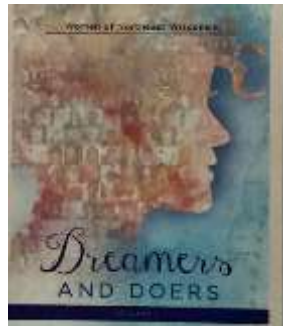
DREAMERS & DOERS VOL. II

Dotty Juengst

Next planning meeting will be Oct. 9 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. at the Central Library second floor meeting room. We are planning to go to the Hotel Northland for dinner after the meeting. If you would like to come please RSVP so we can make a reservation.

Our Dreamers & Doers Book Release Event will be April 23, 2020 5:30-7:30 pm at Hotel NORTHLAND. Details forthcoming!!

Go to our website:
<https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net> to reserve your copy.



SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

At our September Branch meeting we met the remaining two recipients of our 2019 Scholarships.

Candice Gumm is finishing her degree at NWTC this fall and will graduate in December. She is a part of the Medical Assistant Technical Diploma Program. "I just wanted to say thank you again, from the bottom of my heart! Someday, I hope to be able to pay it forward and help someone else achieve their dream of returning to school as an adult and help them to know that anything is possible with the team of people that believe in you, including yourself! Thank you!"



Skylar Douglas is our UWGB scholarship recipient, earning his degree in business.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

WELCOME TO AAUW'S FIRST BRANCH MEETING OF 2019-2020: I am sorry I am not be able to officially welcome you in person at our first Branch Meeting, September 18. I am looking forward to my bicycle trip the last two weeks in September, but I do feel very badly about missing the first branch meeting. I like the September meeting, because it feels so good to reconnect with all of you at a more relaxed meeting. I have heard Father Neilson's presentation on the Art of Healing and hope you enjoy it as much as I did. It is a great way to begin our 2019-2020 year! Thank you to Diane Warpinski, Linda Birder, Jill Lauritsen and her Social Group who organized this meeting!

The summer gives us all a needed break from our advocacy work. Hopefully, you are all recharged and are ready to reinvest in AAUW. Many members have not taken the same break and have worked hard to put together some great programs. Remember AAUW was started to encourage the education of women and that is what we do at every branch meeting. So please plan to attend every one. Better yet, bring a friend or two. Attending the meetings shows respect for the members who contributed considerable time to arranging the program and to the speakers who are taking time out of their busy schedules to educate us on new topics or the status of old issues at no charge. Finally, please be aware and tolerant of date changes. (For example, the April Branch meeting is not the usual third Monday but rather the third Wednesday!) This year seems to have been particularly filled with places and/or speakers who cannot meet our regular days.

I am looking forward to our October 21 Branch meeting when we will return to Resurrection Church as the meeting place. This seems to be a favorite location for our group so we are happy to

have four meetings planned at this space. This topic arose when members were discussing how the trauma happening to our children affects them in the future. This was a very popular topic, but I worried where we would find a speaker. Fortunately, Lindsay Mather took the assignment and found Dr. Rekha Vijajan, a local doctor specializing in psychiatry and internal medicine with over 19 years' experience. The exciting part is that she can tell us what is happening right in our neighborhoods and schools. How mental health issues are affecting local women and children is such an important topic for us to address. It should be a very thought provoking and interesting program. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I hope you all are enjoying meeting for the book groups, art groups, wine study that AAUW has to offer. As we enjoy our local activities, do not forget that you are a part of a larger national group that has been working to break down barriers for women since 1881. If AAUW did not exist, who would have done the research that showed advanced educational studies did not harm women? Would we know that the student debt crisis affects women more than men? More importantly, would anyone care? I mention this because Judy Johnson started a conversation with a mutual friend about the wonderful programs we have. She considered joining and I said, "Even if you never have time to attend one of our local meetings, you will foster a national organization that is working every day to lobby, study and do what is necessary to help women achieve all the want in this world." She was listening. We may have a new member. This argument has been successful with other friends, too. Challenge yourself to find one new member or mentor a younger member this year.

No matter what sad things are happening in this amazing and changing world, I know I have a lot to look forward to with our local AAUW in 2019-2020. You women keep me balanced, inspire and sometimes make me crazy busy. I never leave a meeting when I have not been very glad I went. I hope you all agree. See you soon.

WANTED:

LAF needs **baskets** for displaying raffle items. Gently used are fine. In addition LAF appreciates any donations to be used as **raffle items**. Bring items to any branch or board meeting or contact Mary Schmidt

STAY INFORMED

Sara Ramaker

As the U.S. Supreme Court has decided it cannot help the U.S. get meaningful districting, it has become even more important for the citizens to demand fair districting. Regardless of party, gerrymandering hurts all of us. It creates "safe" seats - seats that guarantee a Democrat or Republican in office. When a legislator has a safe seat, he or she need not listen to the constituents at all. The legislator becomes more beholden to the party than the people who elected them. It can make your vote worthless which discourages citizen involvement. It is contrary to a healthy democratic government.

If you recall in the program on our parties being duopolies, ending gerrymandering was important to create more competition in our government. LWVGGGB has put together an excellent program on gerrymandering on Saturday, October 5 9-12:00 a.m. at the YWCA. See information below, I hope you will try to attend. Making each vote count is important to all that AAUW does, too.

Spread the word! Hope to see you there! If you want a ride, email me or give me a call after September 29.

What is Gerrymandering? What Can You Do? What is the National Popular Vote? Featured speakers are:

Dan Theno, former Republican State Senator
Cheryl McCutcheon, member of the Citizens Redistricting Advisory Subcommittee to the Brown County Board's Executive committee
Erin Grunze, Director of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
Barbara Paterick, a League member will explain the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

President: Sara Ramaker
Vice-president programs – Linda Birder
Membership – Wendy Schmidt-Janosik
Treasurer- - Janice Davis
Secretary – Portia Georgia

BRANCH CHAIRS

Legal Advocacy Fund - Mary Schmidt
Dreamers and Doers - Dotty Juengst
Scholarship – Laura Fisher-Bonvallet
BayNotes - Barbara Wilson
Website – Mary Barker
Hospitality – Sue Hendricks

INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS

Adelante Book Group – Mary Barker
Afternoon Book Group – Wendy Schroeder
Art Study - Laura Fisher-Bonvallet
Wine Study – Mary Barker & Maryl Hitchcock
STEM – Linda Birder
Water Study – Carol Pearson
Movies – Bev Braun
Voting – Linda Birder
Social – Jill Lauritsen

October Branch Calendar

Oct. 3 – Wine Study Group
Oct. 7 – Board Meeting
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Oct. 28 – Afternoon Book Group