

BAYNOTES

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Branch Website: greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net

November Branch Meeting Monday, November 18, 2019

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



Program: Puerto Rico: Recovery and Political Change
Guest speaker: David Littig,
Professor Emeritus Political Science at UW-Green Bay



In Puerto Rico, Maria did more than take lives and destroy property. It triggered a popular political uprising to transform its status.

Since the 1898 Spanish-American War, when Spain was defeated and relinquished control of caribbean island of Puerto Rico to the United States, Puerto Ricans have been governed by both permissive and restricted laws enacted by Congress. When the estimated damages of \$90 billion and lost of an estimated 4,600 lives to the island caused by Hurricane Maria in September, Puerto Ricans, as U.S. citizens, asked for full assistance from FEMA and were denied. Shocked by feeling rebuffed as second-class citizens, Puerto Ricans turned to their own political leaders for answers.

What they heard from their Governor Ricardo Rossello on July 2019 were leaked private messages – misogynistic, homophobic, and offensive -- between the governor and his advisers. Hundreds, then thousands of Puerto Ricans began gathering in the streets of San Juan demanding the governor resign. When the governor finally resigned on August 2, Puerto Ricans were asking themselves, what next? As US citizens do they want a government that reflects and represents the will of the people? Statehood? Independence? Something else?

In this presentation we will discuss these issues, how it go to this point, and how Puerto Rico can move forward.

See attached separate sheet attached to this email for information and reservation form

BRANCH HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 7th 11:00 am – 1:15 pm

Ten*et Restaurant 2475 W. Mason St.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

Art Study Group

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

Thursday, November 21 10:00-12:00

BEAM Art Center at the Bellin Health Facility

1580 Commanche Ave. Green Bay

Create a trio of wooden snowmen for the winter

holidays. Amy Eliason, director of BEAM (Bellin Expressive Arts in Medicine)

creates a wonderful environment for those

undergoing cancer treatment and their caregivers.

It's an amazing studio that inspires creativity for the community at all stages of life

\$20/person. Supplies & instructions included.

Reservations needed to Sandy Melroy (920-227-8038 by Nov. 14th)



Afternoon Book Group

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, November 25 3:00 pm at The Attic.

Leader: Carolyn Reedy

Book: **The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding** by Jennifer Robson

London, 1947: Besieged by the harshest winter in living memory, the people of postwar Britain are enduring lives of quiet

desperation. Among them are

Ann Hughes and Miriam Dassin, embroiderers at the famed Mayfair fashion house of Norman

Hartnell. Together they forge an unlikely friendship, when they are chosen for a once-in-a-lifetime honor: taking part in the creation of Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown.

Toronto, 2016: more than half a century later, Heather Mackenzie seeks to unravel the mystery of a set of embroidered flowers, a legacy from her late grandmother who never spoke of her old life in Britain



¡Adelante! Book Group

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, November 20

Book: The Round House by Louise Erdrich

Leader: Roz Barker

Louise Erdrich transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota.

exquisitely told story of a boy

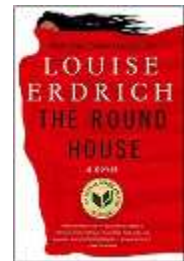
the cusp of manhood who

seeks justice and

understanding in the wake of a

terrible crime that upends and

forever transforms his family.



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Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Vol. II

Dotty Juengst

Can you help to bring community wide recognition of the women included in *Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Vol. II*. Our Branch is planning a celebration at the Hotel NORTHLAND on April 23 2020. Would you consider making a generous donation to offset event costs, publishing, printing and marketing of the book so that proceeds from the book sales can go to the Branch's scholarship program. Our local scholarships are awarded to local students (over age 25) who are seeking to complete their first associate or bachelor's degree.

Please make a donation today to launch the Branch book project. You can make your check payable to: GB Area AAUW marked as a Dreamers and Doers Donation. Send your check to Janice Davis, Dreamers and Doers Donation, 1765 Chateau Drive, Green Bay WI 54304.

If you haven't reserved your copy of Dreamers and Doers Vol. II, you can do so today by going to the Branch web page, <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net>

Please contact Dotty Juengst 469-1919 if you have any questions.

Movie Group

Bev Braun

January AAUW movie night potluck at Sandie Melroy's home.

The main entree will be handled by Bev Braun, Diann Malueg, and Sue Hendricks. We need volunteers to bring wine, side dishes, rolls, and desserts.

Contact by email or phone call with your food and beverage RSVP's to Bev. 4994961 or bbraun5@new.rr.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik & Nancy Anderson

Welcome our newest members to the AAUW Green Bay Branch

Our branch has added two new members to our ranks. **Deile Smith** was a guest of Sandy Melroy at an AAUW event. Deile has been involved with several of our AAUW projects. **Lois Lemke** joined recently and has background in marketing and organizational development. Although Lois is retired she continues to do consultant work. We will be doing a feature piece on each of them in a future newsletter. Welcome to both of you!!!

If you know someone who might be interested in joining please invite them to one of our upcoming events. Membership sign-up sheets will be available for them or you can direct them to our webpage. It is important that you let us know when you bring a guest so we can reserve a space.

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 4th 5:30 pm
Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Ave.

FUNDRAISER AT DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Mary Schmidt

Plan to support LAF and our scholarship program at this season's Holiday Luncheon, December 7th.



Tenet Restaurant has generously donated a \$100 gift certificate and three bottles of wine to our drawing! A drawing will be held – tickets are \$10 with proceeds going to our local scholarships.

There will be a separate drawing for other fabulous gift baskets. Tickets for these are \$5 each with proceeds going to our annual donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW,

As we do not have a major fundraiser for our scholarship fund this year, please consider taking part in these drawings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

October Branch Meeting: I hope you all enjoyed Dr. Rekha Vijanan's presentation on childhood trauma and mental health. I realize I know little about trauma and mental health and I have been thinking a lot about what she told us. I was interested to learn that the number of people affected by mental health issues is similar worldwide. One in four families worldwide have a family member suffering from mental illness. A child who suffers a traumatic experience, without intervention, will not develop normally which affects their ability to learn, to mature and to deal with the normal ups and downs of life. The age the child is when he/she experiences the trauma, the resiliency of the child and many other factors affect the child's development and even changes their brains. The good news is that there is treatment. The bad news is that not every child has access to it. Given the status and pressures on girls and women in our world, it really was no surprise that women suffer depression more often than men.

Thank you to Lindsay Mather for arranging the program. Thank you to Sue Hendricks for the delicious chicken chili and cupcakes. (Sue made the soup on time despite losing electricity much of the afternoon and having a tree fall on her porch roof and through her garage roof.) Thank you to the other members who brought food and helped with the set up and clean up. My grandmother always said, "Many hands make light work." It also makes everything more fun. I am so sorry that we were not able to get her PowerPoint to work. .

CLEAN WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Wisconsin Conservation Voters Opposes SB137/AB148 and urges you to contact your legislators.

Bill Description:

Wisconsin has, for far too long, ignored the long-term impacts of nitrate pollution. We have not pursued policies to reduce our pollution and have not adequately enforced the minimal clean water laws we have. SB 137/AB 148 would create a pilot program in the Department of Health Services, rather than strengthening and fully fund the existing program to help families with contaminated wells – the well compensation fund that currently exists at the Department of Natural Resources. In addition, this pilot program would rely heavily on funding filtration systems, which do not work in very high nitrate contamination circumstances and, if not properly maintained, can actually increase nitrate pollution in the drinking water.

Current Status:

SB 137 was introduced on March 28, 2019 and referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee. It had a public hearing on April 23, 2019. It was voted out of committee on May 30, 2019. It is now available to be scheduled for a full floor vote in the Senate. AB 148 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Committee on the Environment. It had a public hearing on September 3, 2019. It is now available to be scheduled for vote

in the committee. Call your legislators and ask them to oppose SB 137/AB 148.

Ask your legislators to support the CLEAR Act (SB 302/AB 321).

The CLEAR Act (SB 302/AB 321) would take a comprehensive approach to preventing and remediating PFAS pollution. It would require the Department of Natural Resources to establish standards that will protect human health in our drinking water, surface water, groundwater, soil, and air. The legislation will also require the clean-up of PFAS chemicals whenever human health is at risk.

Wisconsin Conservation Voters makes it easy to contact legislators. Follow the directions in this link: https://secure.everyaction.com/3BNdOMRs2UmihLQ_ib_oTA2?emci=1548a9d2-75e4-e911-b5e9-2818784d6d68&emdi=914b40e6-8ce4-e911-b5e9-2818784d6d68&ceid=876369

Coordinator for City Resilience

The mayor released his budget recently and is calling for the creation of a Coordinator for City Resilience, a full time staffer to help work on sustainability issues.

This position will coordinate the city's efforts to combat flooding and develop renewable energy opportunities in order to better position our community to face a changing climate that is negatively affecting the lives of our residents."

We need to make sure common council approves this piece when they vote on it on November 5th.

There's also a budget listening session on Monday October, 28th from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Triangle Sports Complex Shelter on 500 Beverly Rd. in Green Bay.

Monday that we're looking to turn people out to in support of creating the position. If they can't make it to the listening session, can you ask your members to call their city alders in support instead?

They can find their alder and contact info here: <https://greenbaywi.gov/617/Common-Council>

Gerrymandering Need to Pressure for Change in Wisconsin

Sara Ramaker

I attended the LWVGGB's program on gerrymandering in Wisconsin. It was wonderful. It was amazing to me how each speaker's presentation built on the previous speaker's presentation. This is most critical issue we have facing our democracy today. It is a problem with an answer. Iowa has had an independent commission drawing its boundaries for decades and it is inexpensive to operate and is done without controversy. There are many groups that are coming together to push our state legislature for change. We can each help by contacting our state legislators in the Senate and Assembly and repeatedly asking each to support Fair Maps by voting for Senate Bill SB 288 or Assembly Bill AB 303

Here is a sample letter with some arguments why to support FAIR MAPS legislation:

"I ask you to support FAIR MAPS. Wisconsin should establish an independent commission to create its maps for assembly and senate and congressional districts - a method similar to that used so successfully in Iowa. Our present system is wrong for many reasons: 1) it is unfair; 2) it creates "safe districts" in which the party chooses the voters and not the voters choosing the party; 3) the safe districts means the candidate knows he/she will win so he/she becomes more beholding to the party than the constituents (The only real fear is that the party runs someone against them in the primary.); 4) it creates voter apathy (Why vote when you now who will win?); 5) it is ridiculously expensive (The state of Wisconsin paid a private law firm nearly one million to create it and spent over \$2.1 million to defend it.); 5) 48 county boards have passed resolutions supporting an independent commission; 6) In the 8 counties that have had this measure on the ballot, 72% of the voters supported fair maps (63% Republican and 70% independent). (The latest county to have the issue on the ballot is Vernon County, a very Republican county. The fair maps

proposition passed by more than 70%.); and 7) it results in extreme candidates on both sides which has made it difficult, if not impossible to compromise and created the gridlock we face in the state and national legislatures. It is not healthy for anyone except the political parties. We have problems that need solutions and the best solutions are bipartisan ones. Our system works better if there is compromise. Gerrymandering makes this difficult if not impossible.

Please show your respect for our democratic system. Please support SB 288 or if an Assembly person, AB 303) which creates a process, independent of the parties, to create our senate district, assembly and Congressional maps. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and all you do for Wisconsin."



The Art Study Group visited the "Art of Table Setting" exhibit at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc. **Member Jill Lauritsen** had a table setting in the exhibit "Christmas with Spode." She had signed up in a lottery and was chosen.

Spode is an English brand of pottery produced by the company of the same name. Josiah Spode in 1770 perfected two extremely important techniques, transfer printing in underglaze and creating a formula for fine bone china.

Slovenia Trip – Slovenian Artist, Ivana Kobilca

Sara Ramaker

Some of you have asked me about my recent trip. I did have a lovely trip and particularly loved Slovenia. Slovenia was under Austrian Hungary rule for over 300 years. It was very briefly an independent country after World War I but was taken over and split up between Austria and Italy prior to World War II. After that war, it was a part of Yugoslavia until 1991 when it broke away and formed as a country. There was a ten-day war, but the world was able to help negotiate a settlement with Serbia and it has remained a democratic, independent country. I loved its capitol, Ljubljana, because it is a lovely old city that fortunately avoided the destruction that the wars caused many other cities. I went to a number of the museums.

One of the highlights was the Slovenia's impressionist artists. I was particularly impressed with the female artist of the period, Ivana Kobilca (1861-1926), "one of

Slovenia's best artists." She is considered to be a "realist" with her best works done in 1880's when she was living abroad. She worked mostly in oil paintings and is known for



portraits and pictures of people in everyday urban and rural lives. To show how much the country respected her work, when Slovenia became independent from

Yugoslavia in 1991, her work was placed on one of the banknotes. It remained banknote until Slovenia adopted the Euro. One of paintings is also featured cover of the brochure for National Gallery of



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Slovenia. Clearly, given the time and place - a woman succeeding in the art world at the turn of the century – Ivana Kobilca was an extraordinary woman and artist.

You Biased against Women Leaders?

AAUW has collaborated with Project Implicit and Harvard University researchers to create a test that looks at the mental associations we make between gender and a variety of concepts, many of which affect our beliefs about [women in positions of leadership](https://www.aauw.org/article/implicit-association-test/).

[Click here to take the test](https://www.aauw.org/article/implicit-association-test/)

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32 Specialty Stores 2 Days 1 Great Cause

PEO Gallerie of Shoppes

Friday, November 1st 4:00 -8:00 pm

Saturday, November 2nd 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$5.00 admission at door.

KI Convention Center Green Bay

For more information go to

GallerieofShoppes.com

November Branch Calendar

Nov. 4 – Board Meeting

Nov. 12 – Dreamers & Doer Planning Meeting

Nov. 18– Branch Meeting

Nov. 20 – Adelante Book Group

Nov. 21 – Art Study Group

Nov. 25 – Afternoon Book Group

Dec. 7 – Holiday Luncheon