

BAYNOTES

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AAWW Branch Holiday Lunch

A Special thank you to Jill Lauritsen and the people that put together our holiday lunch.

What a great way to begin the season!

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.

We have \$160 for Scholarships and \$175 for LAF



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Date: Wednesday, December 18

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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

Book: **My Year of Meats** by Ruth Ozeki.

Leader: Sara Ramaker.

Ruth Ozeki's mesmerizing debut novel has captivated readers and reviewers worldwide. When documentarian Jane Takagi-Little finally lands a job producing a Japanese television show that just happens to be sponsored by an American meat-exporting business, she uncovers some unsavory truths about love, fertility, and a dangerous hormone called DES. Soon she will also cross paths with Akiko Ueno, a beleaguered Japanese housewife struggling to escape her overbearing husband. Hailed by *USA Today* as "rare and provocative" and awarded the Kirayama Prize for Literature of the Pacific Rim, *My Year of Meats* is a modern-day take on Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* for fans of Michael Pollan, Margaret Atwood, and Barbara Kingsolver.



ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet & Sandy Melroy

Our Art Group takes a pause in December, but mark your calendars now for **Thursday, January 16th**. The Art Group will meet at the home of Jill Lauritsen, 310 N. Van Buren St. to view the DVD "Sate of the Art" 10:00 am-noon. Sue Hendricks is co-hostess. Please RSVP to Jill no later than January 13. Jill2bz@new.rr.com or 920-227-8030.

DREAMERS & DOER EVENT GROUP

Dotty Juengst

Barnes & Noble Bookfair Dec. 15

Our Branch will host a book fair and gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble bookstore on Oneida St.

Sunday, December 15 from 9 am – 8 pm to benefit the branch.

We will be distributing B&N vouchers that when used at the checkout a percentage of the net sales will be contributed to our Branch. Those funds will be added to our scholarship funds. The voucher can also be used online but you need to pick it up at the store.

A sign-up sheet to volunteer has been distributed.

We need about 10 more volunteers for 2 ½ hour shifts. Please call Dottie Juengst 469-1919 or email (mdjuengst@aol.com) for time slots that need to be filled.

We are very excited to tell you that **you can now order** your copy of Dreamers of Dreamers Volume II by using the attached order form. Just print out the form and mail it with your check to Jan Davis. Her address is on the form.

If you ordered a book already you can stop by Barnes & Noble on Dec. 15 to pick it up.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

No meeting in December.

We will meet on January 27th to discuss **The Moment of Lift** by Melinda Gates

Mark your calendar for our January Branch meeting. Monday, January 20 (snow date Jan. 21) for dinner and a movie

Sandy Melroy's home – 1931 Rainbow Ave
5:30-6:00 pm – Social time and supper
6:15 – 8:30 pm – movie

BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

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Address correction: Judy Crain. In the directory please omit the 9B in her address

Good news Bad news.....

It is so great that we have the chance to all get together at least once a month..... It is such a bummer that we only have a chance to all get together only once a month. In an attempt to keep us current on what is going on in each other's life we wanted to share some updates

Congratulations to:

Sunshine Tourtillott who is graduating from UWGB this December!!!

Megan Hoff, Robyn Lauritsen, Karen Wilson who are each finishing another semester of work toward their graduate degrees!

Love is in the air:

Congratulations to **Portia Georgia** who became engaged to **Thomas Tuttle** in September.

Wishes for a speedy recovery:

Lisa Ubbelohde had ankle surgery.

Jan Davis is scheduled to have knee surgery.

Linda Birder's husband was in the hospital but is home and doing well.

If you have any updates that you want to share about happenings with branch members let us know so we can all stay in touch between meetings. That said, it is important to respect that some members would prefer to more privacy.

FUTURE OF OUR BRANCH

It is that time of year when we reflect on our good fortune and become keenly aware of how good it feels to be of service to others. There is a sense of pride that comes from being part of an organization that has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. AAUW members work together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

AAUW didn't "just happen." The brave and dedicated women who give of their talent and time help to create who we are today. There are so many people behind the scene who contribute to our success. Each of us has the opportunity to be of service for our branch and help grow it for the future.

In May we will be electing officers. This is a "heads up" for all of you to seriously consider a leadership position in the organization. Many of the present people will be resigning their position to allow others to be of service. We encourage you to dream big and discuss taking on a leadership role. Positions that will need to be filled include: Membership chair, Treasurer, Hospitality.

Women currently holding these positions would be glad to discuss the time commitment and expectations with those interested.



WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

White House, CDC feuding over study of toxic chemicals in drinking water

Kyle Bagenstose, USA Today, Nov. 30 - A multimillion-dollar federal study on toxic chemicals in drinking water across the country is facing delays because of a dispute within the Trump Administration, according to several people involved in the study or who have knowledge of the process.

The dispute has implications for more than half a dozen communities where drinking water has been heavily contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Concerns about the chemicals have exploded nationally in recent years, following decades of PFAS use in products including non-stick cookware, water-resistant clothing, food packaging, carpets and military firefighting foams. Scientists say significant delays could limit the effectiveness of the study.

The unregulated chemicals are known to exist at some level in the drinking water of tens of millions of Americans, with one estimate placing the number as high as 110 million. **The chemicals are also the subject of "Dark Waters," a film released in November starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway.**

Read more at [White House, CDC feuding over study of toxic chemicals in drinking water](#)

DREAMERS & DOERS EVENT

Dotty Juengst

Portia has created a Facebook page for Dreamers and Doers Volume II. [AAUW Green Bay Dreamers and Doers Facebook page](#)

If you are on Facebook, please, "Like" and share will all your friends asking them to like the page, too.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Special thanks to all who contributed to our November meeting. David Littig's wonderful program about Puerto Rico was originally going to focus on the recovery after Hurricane Maria, but with all the recent political changes in Puerto Rico, his focus was on the history and the present politics. It was interesting and very much an eye-opener. From the questions by the attendees and the difficulty I had wrapping up the program on time, I know he definitely held everyone's attention. Sue Hendricks once again provided delicious soup and a wonderful dessert. Other members brought many other goodies to eat. We always have such a lovely table and great snacks.

Dotty presented an update on volume II of Dreamers and Doers of Northeastern Wisconsin. I just get so excited about our new book!

Bev Braun continued her fundraising with the wonderful 19th Amendment picture. Please supporting her efforts.

I was happy to see some of our new members attending. I hope you felt welcomed. Sometimes we are so excited to see old friends that our new friends feel left out. Please remember to include new faces in all your conversations. For me, it always takes courage to enter a new group, especially if I do not know people. I try to remember that when I see a new face and try to make them free comfortable. Hope you do, too. Attracting someone to join is only half the battle, we must all work to make everyone feel welcomed.

It cannot really be the holidays? Is it the weather, the late Thanksgiving or my age that makes it feel too early to be the end of the calendar year? I know this is a busy time for all of us. It is also a time for giving. When you are planning your annual giving, please remember our Dreamers and Doers book needs support, too. If we can have a successful launch, it will add to our scholarship coffers. Someone asked me if they could give a small

amount, the answer is a resounding “YES!” Every dollar donated to Dreamers and Doers helps our scholarship fund. Remember, the first action of this branch over 90 years ago, was to give a \$50 scholarship to a young woman attending the University of Wisconsin. This was and will continue to be an important mission for the branch.

By the time you read this, our December luncheon will be a memory. I know it will be lovely. It always is. A few thoughts: First, my heart goes out to Mary Schmidt and her son and daughter-in-law. Closing the wonderful restaurant, Ten*et must be so hard. I know what effort was put into creating it and into every meal. We are so sorry. Mary was kind to let us know as soon as she could. Jill Lauritsen, on short notice, was kind to take on the challenge of finding a new place for our luncheon. Jill and her committee also contacted every member. Thank you, Jill and the social committee, who gave us this lovely luncheon. Nothing in this branch happens without the hard work of some member. I want to acknowledge all of you. As a member, you, too can express your thanks. Good effort deserves recognition and nothing is better than a sincere, “Thank you.”.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and may the New Year bring good things to us all. Happy Holidays!!!

NEWS FROM AAUW WISCONSIN/NATIONAL

Sara Ramaker

Neicy Thorson and I attended the district meeting several Saturdays ago and learned many new things to report to all of you. I love and hate the district meetings. I so admire the women who attend and learn so much from each of them and what their branches are doing. AAUW really is doing amazing things all over the state. These meetings are so inspiring! The “hate” part is that I learn about so

many wonderful things that have to be added to my “To Do” list. Here is a few of the things we learned.

1. AAUW WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION:

This is Wisconsin’s 100th state convention and is also the 100th anniversary for the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote. The theme is Reflect on the Past, Prepare for the Future.” Please consider joining in the celebration at the State Convention in LaCrosse, WI April 17-18, 2020 (Note date has changed from previous announcement.)! I am planning on attending and would love to have company. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Second Street S., Harborview Plaza in LaCrosse. Room rates are \$110 a night and the special rate is available three days prior and three daysth post. The hotel can be booked directly. The deadline for registration for the convention is March 31, 2020. More information can be found at: <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/files/2019/11/00-Fall-Badger-Briefs-2019reduced.pdf>

2. NCCWSL

This is **the National Conference for College Student Leaders** AAUW offers every year. College and post college graduates from across the country gather to talk about leadership issues. From what I have heard from attendees, this experience is transformative and inspirational. AAUW Wisconsin is offering three \$500 scholarships to attend. This covers the tuition, room and board. I very much want to nominate someone for this scholarship. But I could use a little help. I promise volunteering will not be a major commitment of time. Please let me know if you could work on this in January with me.

3. AAUW REGIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 18-20, 2020:

In lieu of a national convention, AAUW is opting for regional conventions. Our region’s convention will be held in East Moline, Illinois, June 18-20.

The theme is Remembering the Past, Building the Future. It will be held at the Hyatt Place which is a new hotel overlooking the Mississippi River.

Confirmed speakers are: Kim Churches, Kendra Davis, Lisa Maatz and Denise Lieberman. There will also be pre-convention activities planned for June 17. The location looks beautiful. For more information: <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/files/2019/11/00-Fall-Badger-Briefs-2019reduced.pdf>

4. UPDATE ON WORK SMART: AAUW recently announced: “With a lot of help from members, AAUW hit a major milestone in our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to teach women everywhere to negotiate effectively. As of August 23, we’ve trained 102,656 women to ask for the salary they deserve, either through [Work Smart Online](#) or in-person workshops. Coke has given AAUW the opportunity to apply for yet another \$500,000 grant for this initiative.

The goal of reaching 100,000 women through Work Smart in less than a year was ambitious. But our members delivered — To further expand the program, AAUW National is entering into strategic partnerships with [women.nyc](#), Starbucks Global Academy, the city of Wichita, and many others, 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions have been engaged through our outreach.

I recently received a flyer from AAUW advertising the AAUW Work Smart Program. In it they included the story of one 26-year-old professional who used her training to land a job with a salary \$20,000 more than her initial offer. She felt the greatest strength of the program was to learn specific phrases and practice role playing so that she was comfortable using the words. She learned the delivery is just as important as the words.

When you are selling joining AAUW to your friends, it is good to remember that we are so much more than just our branch activities. AAUW really is changing the world – even if it is one job at a time.

AAUW Wisconsin has a group working to expand this program in Wisconsin.

5. APPLICATIONS—21 Fellowships and Grants Now Open

Do you know any women pursuing postgraduate studies, furthering their careers or working on a program to benefit women and girls? Point them to [our fellowships and grants applications](#). Deadlines run from November to December.

6. AAUW’s Public Policy Initiatives:

1. “To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women. This broad classification includes pay equity and fairness in benefits and compensation; access and advancement in employment; programs that provide women with education, training and support for success in the workforce; and strengthening retirement benefits programs such as Social Security.
2. “vigorous enforcement and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including affirmative Support a strong system of education”. Adequate funding for public education, protection of programs that meet the needs of women and girls including SYEM and vigorous enforcement of Title IX are. Priorities in this initiative.
3. “To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.” healthcare and family planning services. Including expansion of patient’s rights; freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes in homes, schools, workplaces and communities, freedom in the definition of AAUW advocates for action, and expanding voting rights; increased access to quality, affordable family and self and passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.