

BAYNOTES

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FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING Monday, February 17



Resurrection Church
333 Hilltop Dr. Green Bay
5:30 – 6:00 light supper
6:00 – 7:00 presentation

Human Trafficking Panel: an Update **Speakers: Dawn Spang, Detective Craig Pakkala, Kim Hardtke**

While it may seem like a problem that only affects big cities or foreign countries, human trafficking is a very real problem that affects every community, including Northeast Wisconsin.

During this presentation, a group of multi-disciplinary partners will discuss the realities versus the myths of human trafficking, how service providers and law enforcement are working to support survivors and how our state and local communities are working together to hold perpetrators accountable.

Our panel will include -

***Dawn Spang**, Outreach Coordinator with Eye Heart World, an organization that supports and advocates for survivors of human trafficking.

***Detective Craig Pakkala**, who specializes in human trafficking investigations for the Green Bay Police Department

***Kimberly Hardtke**, an Assistant District Attorney and Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor for the Brown County District Attorney's Office.

Branch Board Meeting
Monday February 3, 2020
Sara Ramaker's home – 2545 Oakwood Ave. GB
5:30 pm
Call or email to let her know you are coming –
336-0910 or Ramaker.sara@gmail.com
All members are welcome

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

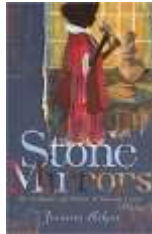
Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, February 19 5:30 pm

Green Bay Distillery, 835 Mike McCarthy Way,

Book: Stone Mirrors: the Sculpture and Silence of Edmonia Lewis by Jeannine Atkins

Edmonia Lewis was a sculptor of African American and Native American descent who worked in the post—Civil War era. While at Oberlin College in Ohio, she was accused of poisoning two girls but was found innocent. However, she was asked not to return the following semester. Also in college, Edmonia survived a violent attack, during which she was raped and beaten—an event that plagued her for the rest of her life. After leaving Oberlin, she moved to Boston, where she was able to learn to sculpt with a local artist. Eventually, she found her way to Rome, and some of her work was displayed at the World's Fair in Philadelphia in 1876. Her pieces are still part of the collections at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC. Written in verse, this biographical novel imagines the events in Lewis's life with short, swift-moving chapters that flow smoothly from one episode to another.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, February 24 3:00 pm

at the Lion's Mouth Bookstore 401 N. Washington St. Green Bay

Book: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? With incredible empathy, intelligence and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice and compassion and doesn't offer easy answers.



NOTE: On Wednesday March 18th both book groups will meet to discuss Sara's Sacrifice by Flo Parfitt. The author will be present for discussion.

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

Thursday, February 20 10:00 am

Neville Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303

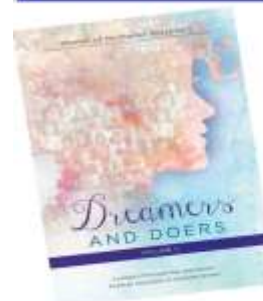
We will tour the Art Colony Exhibit, "The Legacy Continues". Art Colony members Deile Smith and Sandy Melroy will be our docents.

Lunch on own is optional.

Please **RSVP Sandy** no later than Monday, February 17. silksensations@new.rr.com. 920.227.8038 c.

DREAMERS & DOERS

Dotty Juengst



**THURSDAY
APRIL 23**
IN THE EVENING

**Hotel
Northland**
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Stay tuned for
more details!

Inclusion to Fellow
American Association of University Women

WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Heavy road salt use in winter is a growing problem, scientists say by Kyle Bagenstose, USA TODAY Network, Jan. 24

While Americans may dream of a white Christmas, living with snow the rest of the season is driving a nightmare salt habit.

Each year, Americans spread more than 48 billion pounds of salt on roadways to ward off the effects of winter weather. But it comes at a cost: De-icing salt degrades roads and bridges, contaminates drinking water and harms the environment, according to a slate of scientists expressing growing alarm.

“The issue of road salt has been out in front of us for decades but has received very little attention until the past five years,” said Rick Relyea, a biological scientist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute near Albany, New York. “Then we see, my goodness, it is everywhere, and it is a growing problem.” It’s a problem that’s growing exponentially.

Read more at:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/12/24/winter-weather-road-salt-use-problems/2741286001/>

MOVIE GROUP

Bev Braun

The January movie night featured THE WIFE starring Meryl Streep. Sandy Melroy graciously opened her home to 25 members. Sue Hendricks again wowed us with a delicious pasta dish for the main entree. The meal was rounded out with great donations brought by the members. The weather worked in our favor. Thank you to everyone.

BRANCH COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

The importance of your name tags or getting to know you ☺

This year 5 women joined our organization – **Lois Lemke, Deile Gail-Lynn Smith, Charmaine Rimple, Karen Wieske, and Patricia Richardson. Welcome! Welcome!! Welcome!!!**

Charmaine and Karen attended Movie Night and were introduced to others. It was a reminder how helpful having name tags are for members. It is good to put a face with a name.

Membership forms

There will be membership forms at the reception table for our next event so bring a guest who is interested in finding out more about AAUW.

New Branch Members

Lois M. Lemke

UWGB - Business Marketing BS Fine Arts

UWGB – Organizational Dev MS

Occupation – Retired teacher, consultant

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Sara Ramaker

Opportunity to participate further as an Officer and Chair Person Positions for 2020-2021 Need for a Nominating Committee – President Resigning

May is really around the corner and we need to start planning for leadership positions for next year. I have been President for too long and it is time I step down. We need fresh ideas and perhaps a new focus. I have enjoyed serving as president. I have learned so much and enjoyed getting to know all of you better. I am not going to just drop the job on someone, but would work closely to assist in any way I can. I am not leaving AAUW just the presidency. I know there are many members who would do a better job than I can at this time. The truth is personal issues have arisen that make it impossible for me to continue as the AAUW spokesperson. We will need to create a nominating committee. I hope to get three volunteers. This is a short specific project. Every one of you would be an excellent. Please contact me by phone or email to volunteer.

January Branch Meeting: Our January meeting was an absolutely delightful get-together. Special thank you to Bev Braun who organized the meeting, to Sue Hendricks who prepared the main dish, to Sandy Melroy who opened her lovely home to all of us and to all who brought food for our annual dinner and a film. Thank you to all who voted for it in September! Sandy, thank you for your gracious hospitality. Please thank, Roger, for his wonderful sound system assistance. Thank you to all members who attended and added to a special evening.

Our February meeting was organized by Lindsay Mather. The last time we dealt with sex trafficking was several years ago. At that time, we knew green Bay had a problem, but had few resources to address the problem. I believe. You will find quite a difference. Much progress has been made, but much needs to be done. We will have three local

speakers who are giving up their time to talk to us. I had the fortunate to spend an evening talking to Dawn Spang shortly after she was hired as the first counselor for Eye Heart World. I was super impressed with her knowledge and efforts. This organization has grown and now has Rose Home, a safe house for victims of trafficking. I am looking forward to seeing her again as well as well as Detective Craig Pakkala and Assistant District Attorney Kimberly Hardtke. This would be an excellent program to invite friends and family. This is an important topic and I would like to have a good turnout. See you there.

RESULTS OF DECEMBER PROGRAM SURVEY

Sara Ramaker

We are always looking for feedback so we asked those attending the December meeting to complete a survey. Thank you to the eight members who completed a survey. I should have sent it out in the last BayNotes for those who could not attend. We would love to hear what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong. Obviously, eight is a small sample of the membership. Please take the time to let us know your thoughts. The more we receive the greater the accuracy. The surveys indicated the following:

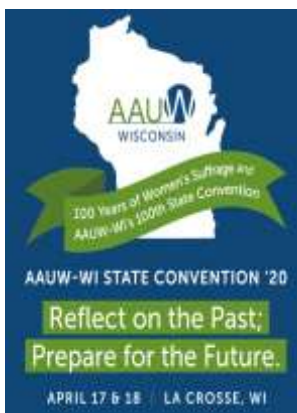
1. Members love the variety of programs – at the monthly branch meetings, the book groups, art group and wine study group. All were mentioned with enthusiasm. No one criticized our program content. One person commented that she liked the way we chose our monthly branch meetings. One person commented that she likes being at Resurrection Church. Another mentioned she liked the field.

2. One major criticism: we need more outreach and more publicity about our programs. We need to appeal to more diverse women,

especially younger women. We need to plan more fundraising to support AAUW's goals, as well as our local scholarships. How do we keep members informed of branch activities without making our branch meetings too long? One major concern is that we need more mentoring when people take on new responsibilities.

3. Several ideas about how to support AAUW's national policies included: 1) Providing more information about local and state legislations that relates to AAUW and how to get involved in supporting the legislation. 2) a program on children and adult literacy. 3) Discuss AAUW's research, especially how it relates to equal pay. 4) Ask Dean Hoegger from Clean Water Action Council to present on PFAS, a chemical compound found in many household items that has been shown to cause serious health risks to humans. (Note: PFAS (also called "forever chemicals" because they never dissipate) are in firefighting foam. Wisconsin recently passed legislation limiting the use of firefighting foam. It is not clear the governor will sign it, because it does not address do enough in addressing the PFAS issues. Today's paper announced a bipartisan bill addressing including many programs to begin dealing with this critical water issue.) 5) With elections, some activity to support get out the vote.

I would love ideas on what process we could use to try to effect some of the changes. I would be happy to meet with anyone who has ideas on addressing some of these issues



Fox Valley's 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration

AAUW Appleton has worked with several other women's groups to create wonderful programs to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. They have spent over a year organizing eight programs, mostly one a month through November. February has two programs.

February 18, 2020 - The Equal Rights Amendment. Speaker Jessica Neuwirth, Co-president of the ERA Coalition will speak at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers The Fox Club 2400 Casaloma Drive, Appleton 4:30 -6:00 p.m. FREE

February 18, 2020 – The Equal Rights Amendment - Fireside Chat. Speaker Jessica Neuwirth, Co-president of the ERA Coalition will speak at Pullman's at Trolley Square 619 S. Olde Oneida, Appleton 11:30 -1:00 p.m. cost \$15.00-20.00

More information about these programs and others can be found at HerVoiceHerVoteOurVictory.com

Request from Sandy Melroy **Arti Gras**



Arti Gras 2020 will be February 29 & March 1 at, the KI Convention Center, downtown GB from 10 am – 5:00 pm.

This is a wonderful way to see and buy fine art from over 100 artists, enjoy performances from a variety of local dance and vocal entertainers, and support the non-profit organizations who display in the cultural corner booths.

We need VOLUNTEERS to help with several parts of this fabulous community event

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3126635/false#/invitation>

We all know the importance of the arts in our community – and I appreciate your interest in what is definitely a passion of mine!

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PASSED IN VIRGINIA

The Equal Rights Amendment was first proposed in U.S. in 1923 and was reintroduced every year until it passed in 1972. Representative Shirley Chisholm in her well-known speech urging Congress to pass the Equal Rights Amendment said the ERA “represents one of the most clear-cut opportunities we are likely to have to declare our faith in the principles that shaped our Constitution.” This month Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA. Unfortunately, that does not mean it is an amendment, yet. When Congress passed the ERA, attached to it was a 1977 deadline. Later the deadline was extended to 1982. In 1982, 35 states had ratified the ERA. Three more states needed to ratify it for it to become a part of the Constitution. This raises all sorts of legal questions. Congress has never put a deadline on any other proposed amendment so there is some question if Congress has the authority to create a deadline. AAUW is one organization that is lobbying Congress to extend the deadline.

The irony is that a majority of Americans believe that women already have equal rights with men. Through various laws and court decisions women have received more and more equal rights. These rights are illusory, however, because they can easily be taken away by legislation. In fact, that is what happened in Wisconsin with the Equal Pay Act. Under former Governor Walker, the Wisconsin Equal Pay Act was repealed. (Wisconsin Congressman Glenn Grothman led the repeal, stating the lack of equal pay was due to women not having the same goals as men. They are not as dedicated to their jobs, because of their child center values. He believes the pay gap is not due to discrimination, but rather “money is more important to men...because they expect to be the breadwinner someday.” He said this despite the fact that at that time in over half of Wisconsin families, a woman was the sole bread winner.)

Much has changed since its passage in 1972. At that time some of the arguments against the ERA were: 1) There would no longer be separate toilet facilities; 2) it would open the door for gays to marry; and 3) It would undermine the marriage institution. These arguments seem no longer valid. Yet, we still do not have it. AAUW has an excellent article about the Equal Rights Amendment and its history at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/equal-rights-amendment/>

The passage of the ERA in Virginia does not change anything immediately. It is, however, a joyful event for the rights of women which in our present political scene seems lacking. LET US REJOICE!

STATE AAUW CONVENTION IN LA CROSSE

The La Crosse Branch is looking forward to welcoming you to our city in April! The 2020 AAUW-Wisconsin Convention theme is “Reflect on the Past; Prepare for the Future,” celebrating 100 years of women’s suffrage and AAUW-WI’s 100th state convention. April 17 and 18 are the dates and the location is the Radisson Hotel downtown, on the Mississippi river front. We’ve negotiated the rate of \$110 per night (plus tax) for guest rooms. Rooms may be reserved at that rate up to three days before and after the convention, providing space is available.

The convention planning committee has been busy arranging speakers and activities. We’ll be expecting a visit from suffragists Carrie Chapman Catt and Jessie Jack Hooper. A panel of university students who the state and our branches supported to attend NCCWSL will discuss their experiences. Other speakers include Sara Finger, founder and director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health, and Carlene Bechen, fair maps organizer at Wisconsin Voices.

Please plan to attend the AAUW-WI 2020 Convention!