

BAYNOTES

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Branch Website: greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net

MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 18 (not our usual Monday)

Resurrection Catholic Church 333 Hilltop Dr. Green Bay

5:30 pm – light supper 6:00 – 7:00 pm – program

You will be able to make your own sandwich and enjoy a piece of anniversary cake



CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT – WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE

with Jessie Jack Hooper,

a prominent leader in Oshkosh’s women’s clubs.

Hear about her important work for women’s suffrage in Wisconsin

A joint presentation of the Green Bay Branch of AAUW and the League of Women Voters

Meet “**Jessie Jack Hooper**”. During 1911-12, Jessie Jack Hooper was deeply involved in Wisconsin’s women’s suffrage referendum campaign. This state referendum gave male voters the opportunity to give Wisconsin women the vote, but they did not. Thus, began the more than seven-year intensive effort by Jessie, as chief suffrage lobbyist in Madison, to push the state legislature to ratify the 19th Amendment. In June, 1919, Wisconsin became the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment. When Tennessee, the 39th state, ratified it in August 1920, the 19th Amendment became the law in the U.S.

*Helen Bannan, Associate Professor Emerita of History and Women's Studies at UW Oshkosh, began her research for a biography of Jessie Jack Hooper (1864-1935) in 2005. She took her first sabbatical after 30 years of teaching Women's Studies and Women's History in state universities in four different states. She got so wrapped up in research that she retired early to continue it. Since 2008 Bannan has been portraying Hooper to groups throughout Wisconsin.



Please invite a friend or three. NOTE: This joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th (Not the usual fourth Monday of the month.) If you have a conflict on the 18th and want to see the portrayal, Helen Bannan will be presenting a similar program for AAUW Fox Valley on March 19th at the Appleton Public Library

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

Thursday, March 19 10:00 am

NWTC Artisan Center

2740 W. Mason St. Green Bay

Sandy Melroy will lead a tour of the facility and mission of the Center. www.nwtc.edu/about-nwtc/places/artisan-center. Lunch on your own if you wish. Please RSVP to Sandy (920-227-8038) or silksensations@new.rr.com no later than Monday, March 16.

On Thursday, February

20th the Art Group toured **The Legacy Continues** exhibit by the Green Bay Art Colony at the Neville Museum. This juried art show included pieces by members Sandy Melroy, Karen Wieske and Laura Fisher-Bonvallet.



Every year since 1927 an exhibit of the Colony members' current artwork has been exhibited at the Neville Public Museum.



DREAMERS & DOERS EVENT

Celebrate the release of Dreamer & Doers of Northeast Wisconsin Vol. II

Thursday, April 23 at the Hotel Northland, Crystal Ballroom 5:30 pm – 7:30pm

Mark your calendars – more details next month.

This is also a major fundraiser for our scholarship program.



AAUW Board Meeting

Monday, March 2 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Dr.

Let Sara know if you can attend – 366-0910

¡ADELANTE! & AFTERNOON BOOK GROUPS JOINT MEETING

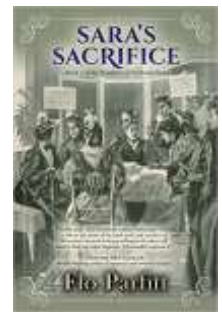
Wednesday, March 25 6:30 pm

Green Bay Distillery 835 Mike McCarthy Way

Book: Sara's Sacrifice by Flo Parfitt

Author Flo Parfitt will join us for our evening discussion.

For Sara Dewberry, life in the early 1900's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with her husband and children is comfortable and pleasant. But an injustice gnaws at Sara's heart and she becomes interested in the suffragette movement. Her husband is vehemently opposed to the movement and so the deceit begins as Sara enters the underground suffragette movement. Her husband discovers her secret and banishes her from home and children. Sara sets out to change the world and travels from Milwaukee to the halls of justice in Washington DC to the deep south where they experience first-hand the plight of blacks. They endure adversity and disease, lobby politicians, influence preachers, join militants, encounter hostility and campaigned diligently to recruit more women and somehow change the world.



Author Flo Parfitt is a native of Wisconsin living in the Green Bay area. She has been a lifelong student and writer. This is her first book. Since the feminist movement of the 70's Ms Parfitt has championed women's rights as well as those of children and minorities. She has spent years defending and uplifting the lives of abused and neglected children. She served 10 years as a CASA volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik and Nancy Anderson

New Members

Welcome New Member

Julie Lindley

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BA – University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

PsyD – Illinois School of Professional Psychology

We have added six members this year. If you know someone who might be interested in joining please invite them to an upcoming event. Membership signup sheets will be available for them or you can direct them to our webpage.

Condolences to Bev Braun on the passing of her sister Debra Braun unexpectedly on February 2.

Has anyone heard from....

We have such wonderful programs available each month. We are truly grateful to our outstanding members who organize these events and make them both informative and enjoyable. These gatherings are consistently attended by about half of our membership. Every member is important and adds to the richness of this organization. Although we haven't seen some of you recently you are thought of by your fellow AAUW members. There is a great deal going on this spring in AAUW and we want to stay in contact. We will be doing a "reach out" to check in and update you about what is happening either by phone or email.

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 exercise the right to more privacy.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Mary Schmidt

LAF AND "GREATEST NEEDS FUNDING"

Thank you for your generous donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund over the past several years. The Green Bay Branch has always been one of the leading branch contributors to this great program.

According to the National Office, LAF has received plenty of funding to keep it going for several years and have asked state and local branches to consider contributing to many of the other programs within the Association. They are asking us to designate our donations to AAUW as Greatest Needs Funding.

The reason Greatest Needs funding is so important is that it enables AAUW to respond quickly and effectively to current gender equity issues as they develop. The funds would be available at the ready for immediate use. As an example, during #Metoo AAUW was not able to be as visible with advocacy or programs because much of the funding was designated to specific needs and they did not have funds available to support this initiative.

Through Greatest Needs Funding AAUW will continue to offer fellowships and grants, fund communications, support their advocacy team On Capitol Hill and help branches and states with their local advocacy efforts.

With this in mind our Green Bay Branch Board has chosen to focus our fundraising efforts to support Local Needs Funding instead of specifically designating our monies to LAF. Starting with the May meeting/luncheon we will pass the hat to raise funds for this new initiative. I hope you will continue your generous donations to support AAUW programs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

Opportunities for Officer and Chair Person

Positions for 2020-2021: Once again I ask all of you to consider taking a more active role in AAUW. I can tell you that it has many rewards. It is a good time to ask yourself, what do I want from AAUW and how can I help to push the branch in that direction. You are all smart capable women who have so much to offer. Please do not be shy. Please contact me to discuss how we can work towards the activities that inspire you.

February Branch Meeting: Our program, Human Trafficking Panel: An Update on Human Trafficking in our area was well attended despite the bad weather. Special thanks to Lindsay Mathers for organizing the speakers and for taking over my duties in my absence from illness. I was sorry to miss it, because I was anxious to hear how things have changed in the four years since AAUW offered our first program on the topic. I heard from many attendees that it was a very excellent program and that those in attendance learned a lot about the issues. Thank you to Sue Hendricks and Linda Birder and anyone else who assisted or contributed to the refreshments. Special thanks to all who braved the weather and attended the meeting.

Update on Eileen Littig's film on Alzheimer

I am delighted to tell you that Eileen's film about three Wisconsin women in the Wisconsin Alzheimer Project, now called "Determined," has been accepted to the Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison. Needless to say, they are thrilled to have been accepted. This is quite an honor and will be its first premier. This, however, means the film must be complete. It must be sent to a lab where it will be mastered, a colorist will work on it and music will be added. All this work has to be paid for and completed before April. Funds to pay for this additional work are still necessary. If any of you are interested and able to donate to this worth cause, please send checks, made payable to Center for

Independent Documentary, to Eileen Littig, 721 S. Quincy, Green Bay, WI 54301.

On another note, Melissa Littig Godoy, Eileen and David's daughter, who was the shooter and editor on "Determined," was line producer for the documentary, "American Factor." This documentary chronicled what happened to workers when a Chinese billionaire purchased a manufacturing plant in the U.S. Midwest. "American Factory" won the Academy Award for the Best documentary recently. Needless to say, all are thrilled!

WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Last minute Nygren PFAS legislation amendment takes criticism

Marinette citizens and SOH2O, the group fighting for PFAS legislation to protect people from chemicals that have been linked to cancer, thyroid disease, and birth defects are asking for your help.

Please urge your senator to oppose the amendment. And if the Senate approves the amendment, urge the Governor to veto SB-559

STATEMENT FROM SENATOR HANSEN on this amendment to SB-599

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FAILS TO PROTECT FAMILIES FROM PFAS

"The amendment approved by Assembly Republicans last night (Friday February 21) does nothing to help my constituents in the Town of Peshtigo and Marinette area who have been poisoned by the actions of JCI/Tyco. It could be argued that if this amendment were to become law it would make it more difficult to protect my constituents and Wisconsin families from toxic PFAS compounds.

"In what appears to be an attempt to fool less informed residents, many of the actions the

amendment calls for can already be taken by DNR and the department does not need permission to ask Governor Evers to include funding to address PFAS in his upcoming budget.

“The amendment also appears to shift attention away from holding industrial polluters accountable, by giving DNR authority to seek cost recovery from local fire departments and communities when fire foams with PFAS are used to protect life and property. This is a complete turnaround from the compromise that sought to hold local taxpayers harmless for the costs of cleanup.

“Finally, in what appears to be another giveaway to WMC and the American Chemistry Council, the amendment sets up an alternative process for making recommendations for PFAS levels in ground and drinking water that will likely include input from long-time Republican mega-donors WMC, the WI Paper Council and the American Chemistry Council.

This is something that these corporate front groups have been arguing for since Governor Evers was elected and DHS released its recommendation of 20 ppt.”

Note: According to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign WMC has spent \$18.4 million on issue ads targeting Democratic candidates and in support of Republican candidates between 2006 and 2016

Oppose AB 794 which would allow polluters to submit their own pseudo science into the development of groundwater standards. Urge assembly representatives to oppose it.

Currently, the Department of Health Services is closed off from any outside influence to determine proper standards for groundwater to maintain public health. They send recommendations for groundwater based off of sound, unbiased science, to the DNR who then receives public input. AB 794 is an American Chemistry Council and industry lobbying bill that would taint that process by

allowing a period of time where polluters could submit their own scientific data to what's meant to be an isolated process that is not influenced by those with conflicts of interest.

Here's where you can find your assembly rep's contact information:

<https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?sen=1&single=y>

What Are PFAS And Why Are They A Problem? An Introduction To The 'Forever Chemicals' That Are Found In The Environment Across Wisconsin Christy Remucal, UW-Madison, Jan. 14 Read the article at: [What Are PFAS And Why Are They A Problem?](#)



Go to www.gbfilmfestival.org to see films showing March 6-7th. Films shown in the St. Norbert Theaters.

Enjoy Arti Gras



Arti Gras 2020 will be 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.