

BAYNOTES

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MAY ANNUAL MEETING (VIRTUALLY via ZOOM)

Saturday, May 2 11:00 am – 12 noon

Our annual meeting is May 2. It is an important get-together for many reasons: recapping the year, making plans for next year, meeting our Bellin College's scholarship recipient and most important, thanking our past officers and electing our new officers.

We will have the May 2 meeting via Zoom, which is a site that lets us have video meetings for up to 100 people. It is all doable. I know if you can read this email, we should be able to see you at this meeting.

How to join a Zoom Meeting:

Zoom has an app that you can download to your smart phone or computer for free. (The app may encourage you to purchase an upgrade, but you do not need it to be a part of any AAUW meeting.) **I will send you an email with an invitation to join the May 2 meeting.** At the top of the invite is a link that will take you directly to the meeting. The invitation looks like this and I have highlighted the link in red here so you know where it is. It won't be in red on the real invitation.

Sara Ramaker is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Sara Ramaker's Zoom Meeting
Time: Apr 21, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81454877404?pwd=ZXRBTy8vYnIvNmN0TTc4U2xPU2VIZz09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcC8aua596>

When you click on the link, it will ask you to download or launch Zoom. Click on this, you may get a message saying "Waiting for Host to start this meeting." The host gets a notice that you are waiting and will let you join.

If you would like practice or help setting this up, I would be happy to set up practice meetings and help in any way I can. Call me or email anytime.

Election of Branch Officers for 2020-21

Nominated officers for 2020-2021: Due to the pandemic, we did not have a nominating committee this year. Instead the board, is proposing the following candidates:

Co-Presidents: Lindsay Mather and Sara Ramaker

Co-Vice-Presidents - Programs: Linda Birder and (perhaps you?)

Co-Vice-Presidents - Membership: Wendy Schmidt-Janosik and Nancy Anderson

Treasurer: Lisa Ubbelohde

Secretary: Portia George

Note: We need a Co-Vice president for Programs. This job that coordinates the branch meetings and collects program schedules from each group leader (book clubs, art study, wine group, etc.) to prepare AAUW's calendar for the next year. Linda has been doing an excellent job for the last few years. She has this well-organized. Our thought is that she may need more help this year, but also hope that someone would learn from her and accept the position for the following year. Please volunteer. We will keep it fun for you.

Voting procedure: Normally we vote at the annual meeting in May and only those who attend vote. Because our annual meeting will be via Zoom, the board decided that the entire branch will have the opportunity to elect officers via the internet (paper ballots will go to those who do not have internet access.). Voting will be after the meeting to give people the opportunity to nominate people during the meeting. After the Meeting on May 2, you will each receive an email with a link that will send you to a survey monkey webpage for voting. It is very straight forward and is easy to do. As a part of the voting, we have included a short survey to let the board know your evaluation of the meetings. The survey monkey is a secret ballot so you should be free to be very blunt, as I hope you always are. If

you have any trouble with the access to the ballot, contact Lindsay Mather.

BRANCH PROGRAMMING

Linda Birder, VP-Programming

COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION – via ZOOM Thursday, June 18. 5:30 pm

We will share ideas about the next year's programs, speakers and projects.

All members and ideas are welcome.

Planning for branch programs will provide opportunities that we may not have thought of in the past. Living in isolation has its challenges but also provides for self-reflection, learning opportunities, chances to reach out to each other and members of our community through acts of kindness that we hadn't thought of or just really were too busy to act upon. It allows us to engage in various ways and pushes our comfort level with technology and perhaps learning a new skill or developing a new hobby.

This year's platform for branch meetings will reflect our ever changing virus situation. At this point in time presentation of meetings and speakers will begin through ZOOM with both our May luncheon and our annual Cocktail and Conversation meetings. In addition this summer may provide opportunities for further connection through new learning opportunities or just plain fun. We look forward to your suggestions. The sky is the limit.

Please submit to me your program suggestions by **June 1st**, include the title or topic as well as a one to two sentence description. We will send out the list prior to the June 18 meeting for review.

“National” has a framework under which some of our speakers should focus with flexibility in both our choices. In addition, we can establish categories that we choose that do not fall under their guidelines.

The “national” categories are as follows.
Suggestions underneath are not all inclusive and we look forward to your ideas and suggestions.

Education – STEM, Women & student debt, GB School District

Workplace & Economic Equity - Gender Pay Gap, Women & retirement, The Future of Work

Leadership - Implicit Bias Test, Global Connections

Public Policy & Research - COVO (voting). Presentation by an elected official & or meeting with an elected official around an area of focus

Additional topic that do not fall under “national” include but are not limited to:

Social FUN

Water - Local water group

Immigration - Sr. Melanie (Casa Alba), Sr. Agnes (Nicargua).

Women’s Health – journaling, Yoga

Other - Native American Women issues, Women in our community making a difference, Women in the small business world, Thoughts from Fr. Jim Baranyck, Jessie Jack Hopper presentation

JOSHUA Topics - privatizing our local prison, LGBTQ, human trafficking

Diversity – religion, various cultures

In addition we have several interest groups that will be providing direction in how they want to “meet” to provide opportunities this year.

Since our updated directory is not published until September, “chairs” in these various interest groups should personally contact new members through phone or email with some history of the group and upcoming events. New member information may be gotten from Wendy Janosik or Nancy Anderson.

Our branch meetings as well as other gatherings will begin with ZOOM presentations or whatever format the interest groups choose. As the year unfolds we may return to “in-person” gatherings or offer a combination as to meet the comfort and best interest of all of our members.

We are living in historic times. How we handle it will show our strength of character as women and our ability to make the most of an uncontrollable situation. We have our families, neighbors and we

have each other. I hope all of us gain strength from the friendships we have developed in our AAUW branch and continue to reach out and support each other.

Linda Birder, VP Events – lindbird2@gmail.com
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INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

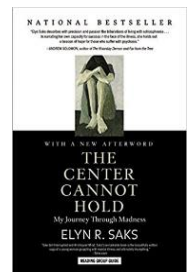
Wednesday, May 20th - Zoom

May’s book is **Center Cannot**

Hold: My Journey Through Madness by Elyn Saks.

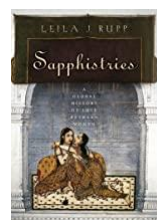
In this engrossing memoir, Saks, a professor of law and psychiatry at the University of Southern California, demonstrates a

novelist's skill of creating character, dialogue and suspense. From her extraordinary perspective as both expert and sufferer (diagnosis: Chronic paranoid schizophrenia with acute exacerbation; prognosis: Grave), Her personal experience of a world in which she is both frightened and frightening is graphically drawn and leads directly to her advocacy of mental patients' civil rights as they confront compulsory medication, civil commitment, the abuse of restraints and the absurdities of the mental care system. She is a strong proponent of talk therapy (While medication had kept me alive, it had been psychoanalysis that helped me find a life worth living). This is heavy reading, but Saks's account will certainly stand out in its field.



June’s book: **Sapphistries: A Global History of Love between Women** by Leila Rupp.

From the ancient poet Sappho to *tombois* in contemporary Indonesia, women throughout history and around the globe have desired, loved, and had sex with



other women. In beautiful prose, **Sapphistries** tells their stories, capturing the multitude of ways that diverse societies have shaped female same-sex sexuality across time and place.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

This group will not be meeting in person or virtually, but continue reading these selected titles

May's selection – **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith.

From the moment she entered the world, Francie needed to be made of stern stuff, for the often harsh life of Williamsburg demanded fortitude, precocity and strength of spirit. Often scorned by neighbors for her family's erratic and eccentric, no one, least of all Francie, could say that the Nolans' life lacked drama. Betty Smith has captured the joys of Francie's neighborhood and artfully caught this sense of exciting life in a novel of childhood.



June's selection – **My Sister, the Serial Killer** by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

Korede is bitter. How could she not be? Her sister, Ayoola, is many things: the favorite child, the beautiful one, possibly sociopathic. And now Ayoola's third boyfriend in a row is dead. Korede's practicality is the sisters' saving grace. She knows the best solutions for cleaning blood, the trunk of her car is big enough for a body and she keeps Ayoola from posting pictures of her dinner to Instagram when she should be mourning her "missing" boyfriend. Not that she gets any credit.



ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

Here are some Free Virtual tours you can take to visit Museums around the world

[The Louvre](#) The World's Largest Art Museum
[Solomon R Guggenheim Museum](#) Art museum

designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

[Van Gogh Museum](#) Dutch art museum dedicated to the works of Vincent Van Gogh and his contemporaries

[Getty Museum](#) Art museum on California housing primarily European paintings, drawings, scripture, etc. and ancient Greek, Roman, and Etruria art

[The Vatican Museum](#) Public art and scripture museums in the Vatican City

[Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum](#) Art museum in Madrid, Spain housing over 1,600 paintings

[Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#) Art museum in New Mexico dedicated to the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe

[British Museum, London](#) Houses a permanent collection of some eight million works, it is among the largest and most comprehensive collections in existence

[National Women's History Museum](#) Researches, collects and exhibits the contributions of women to the social, cultural, economic and political life of our nation in a context of world history

[Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) Largest art museum in the US with a permanent collection of over 2 million works, including classical antiquities, ancient Egyptian artifacts, and paintings and sculptures from nearly all the European masters

WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

By: World Economic Forum, April 16, EcoWatch

The [World Health Organization defines the concept of water scarcity](#) based on the assumption that each person needs between 50 and 100 liters of water per day to meet their primary needs. We know that in most Western countries this percentage is abundantly exceeded.

The average American uses about 340 liters of water each day, and this is calculated as consumption at home only, without considering food consumed. Add to it your morning coffee (140 liters) a banana (80 litres), some grilled chicken

(430 liters) and tomatoes (50 liters) for lunch, some cheese (200 liters), olives (200 liters) and a beer (150 liters) as aperitif, and some rice (250 liters) and broccoli (40 liters) for dinner. Your average daily water consumption has already jumped to 1,900 liters per day.

Not to mention current data on food waste. Every day in the United States, consumers throw out nearly a pound of food each, wasting both food and water. When we throw food away, we also throw away all the water and energy used to produce it.

Now that the whole world is experiencing the effects of a major disaster, we have the opportunity to re-evaluate some of our choices. COVID-19 has transformed everyday life so significantly that the effects are already visible from space, showing us that change is possible and results are tangible. COVID-19 is teaching us (among other things) that our eagerness for creation should not result in the destruction of our planet.

Read more at: <https://www.ecowatch.com/water-crisis-5-lessons-2645724350.html?rebelltitem=6#rebelltitem6>

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Mary Schmidt

Thank you for your generous donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund over the past several years. .

According to the National Office, LAF has received plenty of funding to keep it going for several years and has asked state and local branches to consider contributing to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund.

Greatest Needs Fund 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 and support issues and projects not specifically funded.

Our Green Bay Branch Board has chosen to focus our fundraising efforts to support Greatest Needs Funding.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik & Nancy Anderson

2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your AAUW membership expires on June 30, 2020. You can renew anytime until June 30th.

*Dues are \$85 and can be sent with the attached renewal form identifying any changes in your information to: Jan Davis 1765 Chateau Drive Green Bay 54304.

*Or shortly before May 1st Jan will send you, via email, a national generated invoice. By opening it you can renew online with a credit card.

Please renew by June 15th as Jan would like to complete the books before she leaves the Treasurer position. This will assure that the Membership Directory is complete and accurate.

Condolences to Mary Woodbridge on her father's death at the age of 97 on April 10th.

Past Member Julie Malooly passed away April 1, 2020 in DePere.

DREAMERS & DOERS VOL. II

Dotty Juengst

Dreamers and Doers Volume II. Update

Although we have postponed some events where we were planning to sell our Dreamers and Doers Vol. II books, we can still order copies at the Branch web site (<https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/>).

Our books make great gifts for friends and family. We are also adding to the **Women of**

Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers

facebook page summaries of the women in Vol. II If you "like" us on facebook and then share to your page we can get the word out about our book via social media. As you know all sale proceeds go to support the Branch's local scholarship program.

Ready for Dreamers and Doers Volume III???

I didn't think we were ready to start a volume III book but I didn't think we would be living in this very interesting time. So many activities are no longer on our schedules, I started thinking about what can we do during this time of social distancing. Some of you may be very busy working at home but others may be looking for new projects. Interviewing women over the phone and writing up new profiles for Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers fit our current "safe at home" lifestyle! We have many suggestions for additional women to be included in a Volume III. If you want to help gathering new stories please call Dotty Juengst at 469-1919.

BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

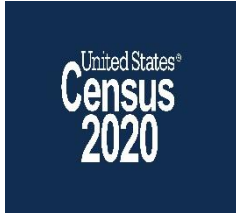
Sara Ramaker

In this time of crisis, it is wonderful to have some things proceed as normal. Having each school choose our scholarship recipient last year was a big change for us. The change was the best for us and our scholarship program. This became particularly true as I consider how we would ever have chosen scholarship recipients this year using our old procedure. As our payments are due April 1, I did check with our contacts at the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and at each of the schools (Bellin College, NWTC and UWGB) concerning our scholarships for this upcoming year. There was one more form to complete, but other than that, all was set. The foundation will send checks in the amount of \$550 for scholarship for each school. The branch's donation will be \$450 each.

Thomas Shefchik from Bellin writes: "Here at Bellin College we are on track with our scholarship timeline. We are currently scoring applications, which is working out nicely, considering the circumstances. If all goes well, we will be awarding students scholarships for the next academic year around the 2nd week of April. Sara, I remember from last year you had planned a luncheon. I'm guessing it that it is either canceled for postponed. Let me know if there is an event this year that we should inform the recipient about." Thomas Shefchik is so good at his job. He always remembers to include us in everything they do for their scholarship recipients. It is too early to know if we will be able to have the meeting in May. I think it is doubtful, but there is always hope. Alicia Van Straten from NWTC writes: "Thank you so much for the continued support of NWTC students, especially during this time of need...". Laura Jarosz from UWGB writes: "Thank you Sara and Ashley (our contact at the Greater Green Bay Foundation). Our Financial Aid office will again select the recipient. Hope everyone is and stays well!"

We received the following thank you note from Thomas Shefchik at Bellin College dated March 31, 2020, which includes: "Your gift supports our mission to prepare healthcare professionals by easing the financial worries of students as we strive to live our vision of being the best health sciences college in Wisconsin. Our students show their dedication to excellence, integrity, community and caring daily, and we are sure you will not be disappointed in your choice to be part of that philosophy." Crystal Harrison, Foundation Director from NWTC, states in her thank you letter: "Your gift means you believe in the vital importance of education. You share our commitment to serve the community and our passion to help students succeed. Together, we are helping our students soar, becoming high-skilled graduates who live purpose-filled lives."

Don't forget to be counted



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

May marks the beginning and end of our branch year. It is a time to thank our board members and officers for all their efforts and to elect and fill the officers and board members for the next year. It is a time to reflect on what we did right and a time to make changes to the things that did not work as well. Once again, through circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to offer all the branch and group meetings we had planned. With weather, we learned in certain months to plan alternative dates, but a pandemic? Well, we will figure it out.

I do not want the pandemic to overshadow the many wonderful things we have done this year. We have had programs on the "Art of Healing," childhood trauma and how it affects children's growth and mental health, Puerto Rico – political change and recovery, and a panel discussing human trafficking in our community. Under Dotty Juengst leadership our branch published its second volume of Dreamers and Doers! I hope you have all had a chance to purchase a copy and read it. The book is not only a wonderful fundraiser for our scholarship program, but is an important part of AAUW's mission of making sure that our history has "herstory", too. Unfortunately, we had to delay our book release party at the Northland Ballroom in April. As soon as we can we are going to celebrate the book and the women featured in it. LWVGGB and AAUW Green Bay Area Branch still hope to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and women's voting rights this year by inviting Helen Bannon to portray Jessie Jack Hooper. Bev Braun is saving the lovely framed suffragette poster for this meeting. She will

continue to sell postcards and we will have the giveaway at a future date.

We are definitely living in interesting times. AAUW and its mission is still needed. Your dues support women in so many ways. AAUW will keep women's issues before our policymakers at the national and state level. Locally, we need the "contact," the stimulation, and the knowledge that this world is going to continue. Change is inevitable, and we will adapt accordingly. We will find a safe way to do it all. As Pooh said, "A grand adventure is about to begin."

One last thought, I worried that our older members living alone might feel very isolated. What I learned at the board meeting is that our younger members are struggling just as much if not more. Working from home sounds nice, but it is more difficult - making it more stressful - and just as isolating. Suggestion: reach out to a member by phone, email, message, Facebook, etc. We need to remind each other how much we enjoy each other. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy! Looking forward to "seeing" you all at the May 2 meeting.

National AAUW Elections – Your vote

Those of you with email should have received a link from AAUW asking you to vote in the spring election April 8. There are four women running for four positions so you may be thinking. "I do not have to vote." That would be wrong. In order for these women to serve on the board they have to receive not only a majority vote, but that vote has to equal a certain percent of the membership. It takes no time to vote. The link takes you straight to the AAUW voting site. Your personal number and pin to vote are already there. Make your vote and hit, review and then, it will ask you if you are done and tap yes and that is it - very quick and very simple. I took the time to look at the information each of them submitted for this election. They are very

impressive and amazing women. It was interesting to read of their goals for AAUW. Clearly, these women will bring amazing talent and experience to AAUW. You have until May 17 to vote on line, but please vote today! To vote go to:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

If you do not find the email and need to request your number and pin number, contact AAUW: Connect at connect@aauw.org or 800.326.2289.

AAUW National has a new website at aauw.org.

The site is the result of many months of hard work and close collaboration with design experts. It is intended to get you the information you need quickly. Take some time to look around and peruse the striking images, at-a-glance stats and inspiring stories about the world-changing women AAUW supports.



AAUW’s Five-Star National Recognition Program rewards affiliates (states, branches and other organizations) for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization’s mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. The program will run from July 2019 through June 2021.

This page contains the five categories, and their components, for branches.

Programs (All required to get a star):

*Host 3-5 strategic plan- related programs (e.g., Forum on economic security, Work Smart Online Training Day, Operation Equity: Reading for Results participation, panel on women and leadership) in FY20

*Representative(s) from the branch complete the community resource mapping exercise

Advancement (2 required to get a star):

- *Raise a gift equal to \$30 per member for the greatest needs fund
- *Shift focus in branch giving from fellowships and grants/LAF to greatest needs or strategic plan focus areas by 50%
- *Retain 90% or more of your branch membership and submit annual dues by September 30
- *Increase the Legacy Circle Members in your state by 10%

Communications & External Relations (Required to get a star):

*All existing websites and social media presences include an Economic Security Focus and Work Smart Online. Note: Monthly posts are required for social media; Work Smart Online must be included on the website home page.

Public Policy & Research (All required to get a star):

- *Conduct an annual meeting with U.S. Representative(s) and/or state legislators around a strategic plan area of focus (a meeting with their staff also fulfills this objective)
- *An alternative elected official is acceptable if circumstances warrant
- *Ensure a branch public policy chair is appointed who collaborates with the state public policy chair
- *Host at least one public event where Action Network sign-ups are collected.

Governance & Sustainability (All required to get a star):

- *Align planning with state and AAUW national strategic plans
- *Branch board institutes a succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in the future leadership.

AAUW and COVID-19

For over 140 years, AAUW has been fighting for financial security for women by advocating for and

supporting educational opportunities, equal pay, equal health care and fighting sexual discrimination in the workplace. COVID-19 creates tremendous upheaval for women and their families. AAUW executive, Kimberly Church reminds us of the following:

“Consider:

- Close to 30 percent of working Americans have no sick leave and have to choose between a paycheck and potentially losing their job or risking exposure to infection.
- Women comprise more than 70 percent of the healthcare industry, including more than 85 percent of nurses. They are on the frontlines, putting themselves and their families at risk to care for others.
- More than 10 million Americans have already filed for unemployment due to the outbreak – and women may well be the majority. The female labor force accounts for a large proportion of service jobs: more than 80 percent of waitstaff, 65 percent of retail cashiers and 65 percent of hotel and hospitality workers. These fields are among those most likely to face furloughs and layoffs.
- Part-time workers and hourly wage workers will face job loss, hourly wage loss and will need reskilling and retraining as we move beyond the immediate pandemic crisis.
- Education is being upended, exacerbating existing education gaps for lower-income and students of color.
- Women in college and graduate schools will be entering one of the worse economies in modern history, while still holding two-thirds of the nation’s \$1.3 trillion of student debt.
- Retirement and other savings have been hard hit. Already, retired women are twice as likely as men to live at or below the poverty level. As the economy falters, retired women’s ability to pay monthly bills and survive will be at risk.

The issues we’ve long been fighting for are urgent, and our efforts are needed now more than ever. ... These are trying times for everyone: for us as individuals, for our families and friends and for our

fellow AAUW members...We’re all in this together. And together, we can make a difference.”

Catching up with our members

As we aren’t able to gather and be with each other, we asked you to send us your stories and what you have been up to.

From Jill Lauritsen: I’m doing very well. I’m called off a lot or placed on call-meaning I get paid \$2.50/hr to sit at home which is what I am doing anyways. After 3 hours I call in to see if I’m working, called off or remain on call.

I haven’t had to work directly with any COVID-19 + cases. Many negative who sure look and sound like they could be positive. I always have a mask on-with loops and a clear face shield. Breathing your own breath for so many hours isn’t good nor breathing in CO2 for that many hours. I hate to see what will be the medical issues with the health care workers in years to come who had to wear their N95s 13-14 hours a day and then come back and do it all over. Everyone gets screened coming into the hospital with questions on how you’re feeling and your temperature taken on your forehead. My nursing shoes are always left at the hospital so that hasn’t changed. I do wash my uniform as soon as I get home in hot water. I’ve never washed dark clothes in hot water before- lol I leave my coat, gloves and cloth mask (thanks Mary Schmidt)in the garage overnight. I’m getting out of work more on time as the hospital doesn’t have all the difficult surgicals/patients. Before I leave I wipe down my shield and place it in the paper bag we’ve been given. The yellow face mask is turned inward and also placed in a paper bag and kept for one week unless visibility dirty. I’m lucky to live by myself because I don’t have to sanitize everything all the time. As with most people I’ve gained some weight, trying to take walks but it’s so cold and windy still.

I've gone through some piles and found things I've been missing but knew they were in the house. My excitement on the 10th was a dog bit by a neighbors dog. I was treating some of the neighbors to grilled brats and Sheboygan hard rolls (Woodman's carry them). Had to go to the ER for the puncture that wouldn't stop bleeding, get a tetanus shot and antibiotics for 10 days. Healing up nicely, I'll have a scar as they don't suture up bites. They want them to drain which it did for 8 days. I went through lots of tape and gauze.

From **Judy Johnson** - With good weather comes gardening at our house. Don't know what I would have done without the sun! Miss friends, but Zoom meetings and driveway coffee are great. Watching the birds fight over the birdhouses in the yard has been entertaining. Sewing masks, but ran out of elastic so that is on hold. - Stay safe!

From **Sunshine Tourtillott** - Since I am still being included in the email list I thought I would share my story. I have been working with the Boys and Girls club in after school programming since graduation in December. Because I work with kids I have been out of work for over a month now. The organization cares greatly about their staff and has been trying to keep me employed. So because I am home I have been focused on starting my freelance photography business. I have registered with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and am officially a Sole Proprietor in the arts. I have started my website, create analytical data, linked all my social media accounts and am considering starting a Facebook business group to generate more profit from home. So I am working on marketing, research, and finishing some work for Voyageur Magazine and the Brown County Historical Society. June's Voyageur issue has a good amount of my work featured and future issues will have my work with Hazel-wood. I actually got to leave the house yesterday that was so great! I hope everyone is well and creating work to stay busy and am grateful to you for included me. - With love Sunshine

From **Wendy Schroeder** - Hope you and your family are safe and healthy. I had a few thoughts to add to the next Baynotes. One is for support for our health care professionals. I have 4 immediate family members in health care. My husband is working in urgent care for Aurora in DePere and Manitowoc. He found out the ER overflow facility was dismantled since outbreak is not as large as originally expected, so his risk of exposure is greatly reduced.

My daughter-in-law is head of nursing for the facility designated as the COVID center for Wichita KS since they can isolate wings easily. My daughter is a rheumatologist who may get deployed to work with hospital patients if the need arises. My son-in-law is an internal medicine hospitalist who is expected to work in their hospital's COVID unit. Some healthcare systems have urged people to place either blue or white ribbons around trees or blue porch lights. Thanks to those businesses and people who are supporting health care workers with needed meals and safe places to rest. Prayers are always welcome. I'm sure I'm not the only member with intimately family involved in health care.

Also a friendly reminder that EVERYONE should wear protective masks when going out in public and limit being in public except for essential needs. Yes, most of our masks will not prevent us from being infected, but will reduce people who may be carriers but are asymptomatic from spreading the virus. If everyone wears a mask, then all of us are protected. This is a great example of implementing the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

I would also second Sara's appeal to help out these folks whose services we use on a regular basis like hair dressers. Also trying to do carry out at least once a week from our local restaurants.

From **Dotty Juengst** - Fred and I came home a week early from our vacation on March 16. Our daughter told us "Don't come to see me in Los Angeles" because of the news about Covid-19. We self quarantined when we got home as we had traveled on a full airplane and went through 3 very

busy airports. We never got sick so we were grateful for her advice. About a week after we arrived home the governor ordered the "Safe at Home" practices.

Like almost everyone, who can in Green Bay, we have been staying at home. We ordered prescriptions and groceries for pick and taken walks in our neighborhood. Sometime we go the Baird Creek Park to walk on the trail by our house. I have also started some projects on my "to do list". About 50 years ago (not a typo), I started a crewel embroidery double bedspread kit. I had finished about 3/4 of one side panel. I work on this about an hour most days. I am almost finished with the last quarter of the side panel. I have the other side and top to do. It is a big project that I hope **not** to finish before we can go out again! Another project is reviewing and recording excerpts from my mother-in-law's letters to us. They date back to when we were dating in college. She wrote a letter almost every week. It is delight to read these as they are about her family life and the lives of Fred's siblings.

When I read these letters I realize how important they are as an original resource to history. I am glad that our branch is starting this story project in these historic times.

From **Lisa Ubbelohde** - When the Covid19 safer at home edict hit, it felt like running into a brick wall after having gradually accelerated from 0 to about 55 mph over the previous three months. By March 17, I was emerging from not being able to walk, following ankle surgery, to being back behind the wheel of my car and attending out patient therapy and land and water classes at the YWCA. I was making plans to return to work. Then the world stopped. This unprecedented isolation is difficult to handle, especially if you live alone . As many of you have done, I have tried to catch up on reading, both recreational and educational. On March 9, I was fortunate to attend an event at the Weidner to hear Doris Kearns Goodwin speak; I then went to The Lion's Mouth, and picked up one of her books. After seeing an interview of Jon Meacham who just released a book, The Hope of Glory, based on the words of Jesus from the cross, I got it for some Holy Week reading. I pulled off the shelf one of

those books you always want to get around to reading or rereading. My choice was A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold, and as it turns out, very fitting for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. And of course we should all be reading Dreamers and Doers, Volume II published by our branch, the public release of which sadly had to be delayed.

I am thankful that I can drive and get out of the house. Almost every day I have found a pleasant place to walk and pursue my love of bird watching. One hidden gem I discovered is Baird Parkway Ski and Nature Trail. White pelicans are back at the De Pere dam and mergansers are migrating through by the hundreds. I also watch online three peregrine falcon nests located on WE Energy sites. The eggs should be hatching in late April/early May.

I have heard that decluttering, Spring cleaning, and actual cooking and baking have become popular activities. I have done some of this. With going back to work as a pastor now pushed back until at least June, I have no excuse not to tackle more of these tasks.

Doing more online (including watching church services) and with communication technology has been another major development for me. I have actually "Zoomed" with colleagues and I joined "Snap Chat" to be more in touch with family. I registered for Twitter, but dropped that quickly. I also have enjoyed sending postcards that I collected over the years to friends and family.

Until we meet again.... be safe, be well!

From **Terri Gulyas** - -Our Adelante book group met via Zoom (thanks Sara for facilitating that!) – so good to see everyone's faces again!

-One positive about being quarantined was that we were able to connect with our kids (who all live in the metro DC area) via an app called House Party. We played a game similar to Pictionary and were able to chat as if we were in each other's homes.
-We've gotten projects done around the house that we've been putting off so that always feels good.
-Using Rosetta Stone via Brown County library to learn Spanish
-Going through pictures and labeling as recommended by historian/genealogist at Brown County library

-Virtual travel “google virtual travel during coronavirus” and you’ll get a plethora of ideas
-Have attended church and meetings via Zoom so that’s been great to maintain connections and keep moving forward.
-Reading, doing puzzles, catching up on Netflix, planning future house projects, and figuring out where we will visit once we are able to hit the road again.
-I may take up knitting and crocheting again – haven’t done it for years!

I hope everyone else is staying healthy and whole during these times. I sure makes you appreciate all we have when given the time to reflect.

From **Laura Fisher-Bonvallet** - Studio time for me has morphed into making masks for family and friends. My niece, a nurse, needed some masks that she could wear over an N95. I found a design that met her needs perfectly...tight around the cheeks, as well as under the chin, with a pocket for a filter and wire across bridge of nose. From the very little cotton that I had in the studio, I fashioned about 30 masks. I’m now turning my attention to making a silk dress and coordinating handwoven coat for my nephew’s rescheduled wedding. I’ve enrolled in some online dog training courses as Keeva and I pursue more proficiency in agility and obedience. We are making progress and she also enjoys the warmer weather to explore the woods and hunting. We do miss our weekly visits to the cancer center and training classes, but hopefully we’ll be back in the swing of things in June. All in all...things are going well, and I’ve saved a lot of \$ on makeup!

From **Carol Pearson** - As for what I've been doing at home: I've been trying lots of new recipes, sewing masks for family and friends (I've made 50+), doing some spring cleaning, and staying in contact with family & friends via zoom, FaceTime and lots of phone calls. A side mission is to be on the lookout for good science and other curriculum resources for my granddaughter and friends children to pass on to them.