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AAUW AUTUMN CELEBRATION

Kicking Off Another Year with Friends and Exciting Programs

Monday, September 21 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

Program: The Simple Truth about Pay Equity

Speaker: Dr. Christine Smith

Associate Professor of Psychology, Human Development and Women's and Gender Studies
and chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at UWGB

Professor Smith presents a “wonderful program on pay equity and economic security.” says Sheboygan Branch president, where Smith is an AAUW member. Eliminating the Pay Gap is a prominent and important policy of AAUW's. We are fortunate to have such expertise so close to home.

AAUW 2020-2021 BRANCH PROGRAMS

Until further notice programs are at 6:30 pm and via Zoom

Monday, Oct. 19 – Speaker: Honorable Donald Zuidmulder, Brown County Circuit Court Judge and Joan Brusky, a Brown County Supervisor. “What are Treatment Courts?”

Monday, Nov. 16 – Hopefully - Dr. Julie Mead: How Privatization of Schools Opens the Doors for Discrimination

December – Holiday Party? We will “party”. We just have to figure out the details. Do you know of a special service project we might be able to do at our virtual Holiday gathering, something together while apart?

Monday, Jan. 18 – Movie Night

Monday, Feb. 15 Green Bay leaders discuss local racial and police issues

Monday, March 15 - Jessie Jack Hopper: portrayal by Helen Bannan.

April - Our Dreamers and Doers Gala?

May – Spring luncheon, annual meeting, election of officers

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

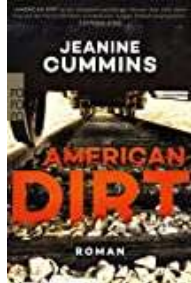
¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker and Sara Ramaker

**Wednesday, September 16 6:30 pm
via Zoom**

Book: American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

American Dirt is about the ordeal of a Mexican woman who had to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the United States with her son.



From the AAUW website: We hear about the gender gap all the time — in pay, in math and science fields, in leadership. But one gender gap we don't hear about as often is the literary gender gap. Female authors are much less likely than male authors to have their books reviewed in major publications like the *New York Times* and *Harper's Magazine*. That's why we created the ¡Adelante!

Book of the Month Club: to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

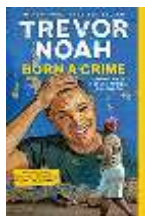
Wendy Schroeder

**Monday, September 28 3:00 pm
via Zoom.**

Book: Born a Crime by Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. His story of growing up a biracial child under apartheid.

Discussion Leader: Dotty Juengst

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal



him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand long struggle. *Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious and fervently religious mother – his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

“Art is the desire of a man to express himself, to record the reactions of his personality to the world he lives in.”

Our world is a bit unusual right now and because of the virus we are unable to get together for our regular art meetings. So, Mary and Carolyn are giving some suggestions of art activities you can enjoy on your own or with a friend.

The weather is beautiful and Fall is a perfect time to get outside and go for a walk or a drive.

The Art of Green Bay 2020 is a wonderful collection of murals, sculptures, art pedestals, etc. throughout the city of Green Bay. There are 29 pieces on the West side and 31 on the East side, including a new mural “Show of Hands” on Monroe Avenue. Go to the Green Bay Public Arts Commission Website for more information on their locations.

The virus has given many new challenges to the Art Galleries and Museums. The Art Institute of Chicago has an interesting video, “Mayor Lightfoot Goes to the Art Institute of Chicago”, It begins by examining Sunday Afternoon on La Grande Jatte by Seurat and then staff talks about art preservation/conservation and presentation with concerns for social distancing. It concludes with

looking at a painting by Malagatasna Ngwenya.
(<https://youtu.be/stkO-X9jb28>)

The Museum of Wisconsin Art is having a Virtual Expert Lecture with Paul Buhle on Comics in Wisconsin in on Thursday, September 17, 2020, 7:00 PM. Buhle is a Madison based retired lecturer and historian and has authored and edited many graphic works about the history of the political left.

MEMBERSHIP

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik and Nancy Anderson

Welcome to new member Thao Coopman

I am a new member. My name is Thao Coopman. I'd like to introduce myself to you. I graduated from UW-Green Bay in May 2018. I majored in Integrated Leadership and Humanistic Studies. After graduation, I returned to my home in Vietnam where I worked for 2 years as a teacher of English and Study Abroad consultant/specialist. I have recently returned to live in Green Bay with my husband, Drew Coopman, who I met during my studies at UW-GB.

What drew me to AAUW is the work of the Green Bay branch. Members support the community – especially women, students locally and nationally. I was an AAUW- La Crosse scholarship recipient. I carry with me a sincere appreciation to AAUW for showing me that there are kind people who work tirelessly to empower students, women, and minority groups. AAUW gave me a big boost of confidence to finish my degree to continue to work toward my dream. AAUW gave me a sense of belonging as an immigrant in America. My host parents, Drs. Robert and Silvana Richardson are members of AAUW- La Crosse Branch; they are the ones who first set examples of passionate activism and philanthropy. They make great impacts on other people's lives through their contribution as AAUW Members. I have participated in many AAUW meetings and events in

La Crosse and gained valuable experiences through meeting many AAUW members.

I would like to make a difference. I would like to be active as a citizen and resident in Green Bay.

With great enthusiasm, I am eager to be part of your organization. Thao Coopman



Jill Lauritsen has become a new grandma and Robin Lauritsen a new aunt. Congratulations to all!



Nora Christina Lauritsen was born August 20, 2020 at 3:55 am. She weighed 7 lbs 2 oz. All are doing well.

SCHOLARSHIPS

From Thomas Shefchik, Vice President of Advancement. Bellin College

An excerpt from his letter to our branch -
“Thank you so much for supporting our bright and talented future healthcare professionals with your gift of scholarship...our students are so very thankful for your belief in them and the financial support you have provided. Your gift has made a real difference for many!”

Thank you from scholarship recipient

Heather
Phillips



DREAMERS & DOERS VOL. II

Dotty Juengst

Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Volume II Report

By June 30, 2020, the branch members completed the writing, editing and publication of *Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Volume II*. In addition, they planned several marketing events to sell the book. Since then we have purchased 481 books and sold more than a 1/3 of the books. We also planned a Gala Celebration to recognize these Dreamers and Doers. Our sales and promotion efforts were stopped by pandemic! In spite of this, income from book sales, donations and Branch designated Dreamers and Doers funds have covered all but about 10% of our project costs. Therefore, all proceeds from our inventory of books will be used to fund our local scholarships. We have also covered the fee to reserve the Northland Hotel for our Gala Celebration which will be held as soon as it is safe to hold large gatherings.

Thank you to all who donated time and money to this project and purchased books. Of course, you can still purchase copies of *Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers* at the branch web page - <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/>

There have been some excellent webinars and videos these past months that are available for viewing – here are some you may like to log on to.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/equity-network/events/>

Local YWCA webinars or videos of past events

<https://www.ywcagreenbay.org/events/stand-against-racism-series/>

<https://www.ywcagreenbay.org/events/stand-against-racism-series/where-we-live-series/>

Sue Hendricks is wondering if someone could store hospitality supplies as she is fixing her basement and has no room. Please contact her at chefsu@new.rr.com to help.

GREATEST NEEDS FUNDING

Mary Schmidt

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

AAUW has now awarded \$4 million in fellowships and grants for the first time. It also has developed International Project Grants that allow International Fellowship alumni to return to their home countries and work in their communities on projects that impact women and girls locally.

A few notable 21st century AAUW fellows include: scholar and humanitarian Tererai Trent, 2001–02 International Fellow and 2017 Alumnae Recognition Awardee; Rachael Rollins, the 1996–1997 AAUW Selected Professions Fellow who in 2018 became the first woman elected district attorney in Boston; and award-winning author and news commentator Melissa Harris Perry, AAUW 2001–02 American Fellow.

AAUW was there in the beginning, helping ensure women had the opportunity to pursue their dreams. And thanks to the long-standing generosity of its members and supporters, its large endowment will continue to support women for generations to come.

In the past our Green Bay Branch has “passed the hat” and conducted other fundraisers to support AAUW in their mission to respond effectively to gender equity issues. In the time of COVID-19 this is not possible. You can still continue your generosity by donating directly to AAUW. Your donations can be sent directly to AAUW at P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. Make checks payable to AAUW for tax-deductible contributions. Also donate online at AAUW.org.

Financial Report – Jan Davis

June 20, 2020

Checkbook balance –\$6531.09

Savings balance - \$7968.28

For a complete breakdown of financials ask Jan Davis for a copy

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Sara Ramaker

SUFFRAGETTE PICTURE FUNDRAISER

It seems like a long time ago when we had regular in person meetings. You'll recall Bev Braun had a lovely framed suffragette picture. She was selling cards as a fundraiser, if you bought cards your name was put into the "hat" for a chance to receive the picture. Originally, we were going to have the drawing and announce the winner at our 19th Amendment 100 Year Anniversary Celebration, but the pandemic changed that. Bev decided the picture has been riding around in her car for long enough and is announcing a winner. All of you who purchased cards are now on pins and needles...Did you win? (drum roll). The winner is LINDA BIRDER! A round of applause for Linda! A bigger round of applause for Bev who has the cleverest fundraising ideas! Thank you, Bev, for supporting our scholarship programs!

BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Co-President: Sara Ramaker & Lindsay Mather
Vice-president programs – Linda Birder
Membership – Wendy Schmidt-Janosik & Nancy Anderson
Treasurer- Lisa Ubbelohde
Secretary – Portia Georgia

BRANCH CHAIRS

Greatest Needs Fund - Mary Schmidt
Dreamers and Doers - Dotty Juengst
BayNotes - Barbara Wilson
Website – Mary Barker
Facebook page - Portia Georgia
Hospitality – Sue Hendricks and Linda Birder

INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS

Adelante Book Group – Mary Barker
Afternoon Book Group – Wendy Schroeder
Art Study – Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge
Social – Jill Lauritsen
Wine Study – Mary Barker & Maryl Hitchcock
STEM – Linda Birder
Water Study – Carol Pearson
Movies – Bev Braun

TWAS THE NIGHT OF THE BRANCH MEETING...BUT NOT

'Twas the night of the branch meeting, when all though the town each board member sadly was wearing a frown.
The speakers were lined up, the snacks all arranged
And now news was out there that made them deranged.

The BayNotes were published by Barb with flair,
Sue and Linda had arranged every detail with care.
Wendy was ready to greet with a smile
And Jan's report showed our money in piles.

When on the news there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my car to see what was the matter.
A virus was lurking we soon all discovered
And more and more bad news was uncovered.

Our book groups, the art group, committees and more
Even the Branch meetings had all shut the door.
More rapid than eagles the germs would all spread
So we stayed home and sat on our couches instead.

But wait. Not to worry...these women are smart.
They learn and they think and they always take heart.
Can't get outside? No problem...no doom.
And one by one all were invited to Zoom!

Sara, Lindsay and others were no longer alone
All met with committees by Ipad and phone.
They figured out virtual backgrounds and such
And did it all without complaining. Well not much.

Sara set the branch Zoom meeting...a first done this way
So we could install our new leaders that day.

So as we go forward let's all take a pause
To realize that still we share one great cause.
From home or from outside we show that we care,
Working together for justice and all that is fair.

Adapted from a poem by Becky O'Connor
Appleton

