

BAYNOTES

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AAWW Branch Holiday Zoom Get Together

Monday, December 21st

6:30 pm Via Zoom



Join us for some holiday fun this Monday evening
as we enjoy some holiday cheer and each other's company.

*Wear your ugly sweater – there will be a prize for the winner



*Join in the merrymaking of a Holiday Participation story

*Bring a favorite Holiday decoration and tell us about its special meaning



*We'll close out the evening singing Jingle Bells – everyone bring bells to jingle.



Prize =



Also: We will have a drawing for two door prizes arranged by Mary Schmidt

During the meeting, sip and enjoy your favorite beverage and snack.

Here is the recipe for seasonal favorite Tom & Jerry

- 1 dozen large eggs separated
- 2 lbs powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon allspice (optional)
- ½ teaspoon ginger



Beat the egg whites adding 1 ½ lbs powdered sugar and ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar. Beat until very stiff.
In a separate bowl beat egg yolks adding ½ lbs powdered sugar, cinnamon and ginger. Beat until very stiff.
Fold yolk mixture into the egg white mixture.

Put 2 tablespoons of the mix in a cup. Add 1 oz rum and 1oz brandy.

Fill cup with hot water and sprinkle with nutmeg.



Mark your calendar for our January Branch meeting. Monday, January 18

Watch a movie together and discuss via Zoom.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

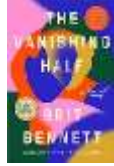
Date: Wednesday, December 16

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Book: **Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett

The Vanishing Half is about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.



SOCIAL GROUP

Sara Ramaker

You can come and go as you need to, but know they will always last only an hour. If people want to continue, I can always change to a new host who can keep the conversations going. These are entirely unscripted talking sessions -just a chance to "see" each other and socialize. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Wine and Whine Thursday, December 10th

6:30- 7:30 p.m.

Coffee and Conversations, Monday, December 14

9:00-10:00 a.m.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

No meeting in December.

We will meet on January 25 via Zoom to discuss

Dead Wake by Erik Larson



ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

"I don't want the Christmas season to end because it is the only time I can legitimately indulge in one particular addiction: Glitter" Elaine James, Paris in Love

Christmas has arrived in many area museums.

Locally the **Neville Public Museum** has "**Holiday Memories of Downtown Green Bay**", featuring the animated figures from H.C. Prange's department store. It runs from November 21, 2020 - January 10, 2021.

Heritage Hill presents "**Holiday Luminaries at the Hill**" on December 11, 2020 or December 12, 2020 from 5:00 TO 9:00 pm. See the sights and sounds of the holidays as you stroll through the park and the many decorated buildings. (There is a cost of \$10 per person and reservations are required.)

In the Christmas spirit you can also visit the National Railroad Museum for its "**Festival of Trees**" Each tree is decorated with its own unique theme. It runs from November 19, 2020 to January 10, 2021. (Cost is \$5.)

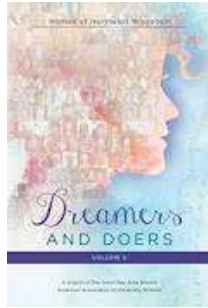
The **Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh** presents **Nutcracker in the Castle** from November 20, 2020 – January 11, 2021. This season it is a self-guided tour through the settings of the Nutcracker story.

The Rahr-West Art Museum presents "**Christmas in the Mansion**" from November 27, 2020 – January 10, 2021.

If you're traveling to Door County the **Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay** has "**Merry-Time Festival of Trees**" from November 14, 2020 -January 3, 2021. Each tree is decorated by a local business and you could even win one in their raffle.

Women of Northeast Wisconsin: Dreamers and Doers, Volume II.

What a great gift idea. Volume II features the lives of significant historical and contemporary women of Northeast Wisconsin. Profiles celebrate their achievements, leadership and unique talents that have effected change, inspired us and enriched life in our community.



Attached to this email is an order form.



BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Nancy Anderson

New Address:

Robyn Lauritsen
450 N. Wisconsin St.
De Pere, WI 54115

Note from Bev Braun:

I spoke to Angie Shobe recently. She likes her new place but hasn't met anyone to call her friends. (Everyone has their cliques and they eat in their rooms.) She would love phone calls and cards or letters. She was going to check on the restrictions for visitors. (At the moment her son is her only visitor. Her daughter lives in Oregon. When travel is allowed, she plans to visit.) Angie's new address is 279 E. St. Joseph St. Green Bay, WI 54301

We were notified that 2 former members have died: Carolyn Mangold and Virginia Krueger.

AAUW Face Mask

Sara will be sending in an order for AAUW face masks for anyone wanting one from the branch. The cost is \$9.00 each. Send a check to Sara Ramaker at 2545 Oakwood Ave. Green Bay, WI 54301 by Monday, December 14th.

Express your AAUW identity while keeping yourself and others safe! Made of 100% reusable cotton, 4 layers, 125 GSM. For non-medical use. Binding & Ear loops: 95% cotton, 5% spandex. One size fits most. Measures 5" x 7"



CLEAN WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

How Biden's Climate Goals Could Play A Big Role In Shaping Wisconsin's Energy Future **By Danielle Kaeding, November 30, WPS**

Former Vice President Joe Biden proposed the most plan for combating climate change of any presidential candidate during his campaign. Now that he's president-elect, those engaged in the push for climate action will be watching for whether, and how, those plans might come to fruition.

Some of Biden's proposals, like a \$2 trillion plan to lower emissions and transition to clean energy, are likely to hinge on bipartisan support from congressional lawmakers. Biden also plans to take a number of executive actions to address climate change and promote a clean energy transition, orders that activists, researchers and utilities say could play a role in Wisconsin's energy transformation.

Read more at: <https://www.wpr.org/how-bidens-climate-goals-could-play-big-role-shaping-wisconsins-energy-future>

Sandhill crane comeback is a source of wonder

By Paul Smith, November 25, MJS

Sandhill cranes are native to Wisconsin but were nearly wiped out by unregulated, excessive hunting as well as habitat loss in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

In fact, Aldo Leopold, the famed UW-Madison professor and author of "A Sand County Almanac," believed sandhills would go extinct.

To read more, visit: <https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/columnists/paul-smith/2020/11/25/sandhill-cranes-now-thrive-wisconsin-after-nearly-being-wiped-out/6403677002/>

AAUW Webinar Announcement **Thursday, December 10, 2020 4p.m ET via zoom**

Working Together to Build a Diverse and Inclusive AAUW

The new diversity, equity and inclusion resources are ready for AAUW members. Join Dr. Lisette Garcia, the Inclusion & Equity Committee chair and Sheila Amo, the Inclusion & Equity Committee staff liaison to learn how to best use these resources and hear what's on the horizon for inclusion and equity at AAUW. Go to AAUW website to register.

TREASURER REPORT

Lisa Ubbelohde

October 31- checking balance was \$6,621.93
November 30- checking balance is \$6,656.93
Only activity was \$35 deposit for Dreamers and Doers books

Savings Account balance as of Nov. 30, is \$7,969.28

Total cash- \$14,626.21



JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 pm via zoom

All members are welcome to participate in board meetings at any time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

It cannot really be December? November just went too quickly for me. So many things I wanted to finish, are not? Being a political junkie, these are very "interesting times".

I know this year will be a very different holiday than those in the past. I encourage all of you to reach out to AAUW members, friends and acquaintances that you know will be alone and may need more support at this time. A phone call, a text, an email just to let them know someone else cares. Maybe they will suggest a need you can fulfill. The holidays can be hard on people in the best of times and these are clearly not. I just heard a psychologist say that being generous to others makes us feel good. This sounds like a win-win to me.

This is also a time for giving. When you are planning your annual giving, please remember our Dreamers and Doers Vol II makes an excellent gift. You give a thoughtful gift and contribute directly to our scholarship fund. Also, by giving this book to more people, we are bringing the "Herstory" to history. 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 our branch's most important mission. The order form is a part of the BayNotes.

You might also consider a contribution to the AAUW's Greatest Need Fund. This fund can be used to support all of the AAUW policies and programs. It is used for any emergency. For example, if there is new legislation being rushed through the legislature, AAUW has the funding to respond to it immediately. This pandemic has

certainly hurt women and has set some of the workplace advances backwards. We need AAUW more than ever this year.

I am hopeful with all the new vaccines that 2021 will be very different than 2020. I do not believe there will be a day when it is “over.” But I have hope that our lives will evolve to a new normal when we can get-together and have normal” in-person meetings and socialize again. I hope you have all stayed healthy. I hope whatever plans you have for the holidays will keep you safe and healthy. I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday. As a friend told me, “Stay positive and test negative.” Happy Safe Holidays! Happy New Year!

FAIR MAPS/ END GERRYMANDERING

Sara Ramaker

1. Brown County Referendum: I am on two committees: LWVGGB Fair Elections Team and the CD8 Fair Maps Committee. Good news: in Brown County, the referendum requesting a nonpartisan commission to create the state's districting maps won by 72%!

Brown County is not alone. Ten other counties and the cities of Barron, Land O' Lakes and Racine had similar referendums on the Nov. 3 ballot. The referendum passed in all of the following counties by a supermajority: Adams 65%, Bayfield 77%, Crawford 70%, Door 73.6%, Dunn 64%, Iowa 73%, Jefferson 58%, Rusk 57%, Kenosha 72% and Waushara 64%. The referendums passed in the city elections as follows: Barron 71%, Land O' Lakes 76% and Racine 66%. Similar referendums have been passed in seventeen other counties and over a dozen municipalities with 72%, or greater, of the vote. 53 out of 72 counties, representing 75% of Wisconsin citizens, have endorsed nonpartisan commissions.

The results of these elections are clear. The Wisconsin legislature should immediately create an

independent, nonpartisan commission. The citizens have clearly spoken and deserve to have Wisconsin's next districting maps be drawn by a nonpartisan commission. Now is the time we must demand of our legislators pass this legislation immediately. Please write your state legislator and tell them you do not want maps drawn in secret. You want then to create a nonpartisan commission to draw the maps.

2. Proposed New Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule: THANK YOU to all who presented letters to the Supreme Court asking it to reject the proposed new rule. On November 30, the Fair Maps organization submitted 2000 letters and 650 pages of comments from people all over Wisconsin. This is an amazing outpouring of support.

For those who missed my email on the subject. The Fair Maps issue got more complicated, because of a proposed new Supreme Court rule. A new rule proposed by Scott Jensen and the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (the same group that sued the state on the “safe at Home” and masking). Presently all cases involving districting proceed through the court system in the usual manner with the normal court rules. This rule significantly changes court review. The proposed rule requires any dispute on districting would go straight to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and allows for only two parties: the Democratic Party and Republican Party. Proponents for fair maps are against the proposed rule, because it would shorten the process, allow for no fact-finding by lower courts and exclude any input from citizens or non-profit groups. It will eliminate transparency in the redistricting process. Simply, the proposed rule does not provide a fair set of rules for everyone to play by, or an inclusive legal process that will ensure the Court has the necessary facts and viewpoints it needs to conduct an appropriate legal review. Scott Jensen submitted this rule many years ago and the Supreme Court took over a year to hold hearings, study and understand the proposed rule. The court rejected it. Ironically, the conservatives on the court (The present Supreme Court Chief Justice Pat

Roggensack was one of those conservatives.) opposed this rule. The Court rejected the rule as not workable. This time, however, the rule was proposed in July and the court seems to be rushing it through the normal rulemaking process.

RECAP OF NOVEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM

Sara Ramaker

November Branch Meeting: Special thanks to Mary Schmidt for finalizing the November presentation by Dr. Julie Mead, a professor and Dean in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on “How Privatization of Schools Opens the Doors for Discrimination.” Thank you to all who took the time to attend the meeting. I thought Dr. Mead was charming, as well as knowledgeable. What struck me the most from the presentation was how little I know about the voucher programs, and discrimination in the schools. I always assumed that any private school receiving any state funding had to abide by the U.S. and state anti-discrimination laws. Most of the time private schools are exempt from these laws. With vouchers, the legislatures can put in any controls they want. Few voucher systems include anti-discrimination requirements. (In Wisconsin, there can be no discrimination based on religion.) While there are a host of federal laws and regulations that public schools have to abide by, private schools are generally totally exempt. One has to say “generally” because the discrimination and voucher laws are so patchwork that one has to look at the particular piece of legislation to know if it is applicable to a particular private school. Thus, private schools can turn away handicapped, minority and LGBTQ+ children and they are not “discriminating” under any of our laws. Yet, we are giving taxpayer moneys to these private schools. The result is the voucher private schools have fewer handicapped and English as a second language learners and tend to be very homogenous, as

compared to public schools. When asked if voucher schools are providing a better education, I was impressed with how carefully Dr. Mead approached this question. She made it very clear that it is important to measure “apples to apples”, and that is what they have done. In Milwaukee, which began vouchers in 1990 and is the oldest voucher system in the state, the voucher schools have not proved to have provided a better education than the public schools. (Here is another complication: Wisconsin has several different voucher programs with differing requirements.) The good news? Wisconsin has people like Dr. Mead who is studying this very complicated situation and is also willing to take time to tell us what she knows. I hope other attendees agree with me that this was a very interesting program and a well spent hour.

NEWS FROM AAUW WISCONSIN

AAUW- WI VIRTUAL CONVENTION

Friday April 23, 2021 (7-9)

Welcome, and presentation of Conversations between suffragists Carrie Chapman Catt and Jessie Jack Hooper

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:30 – 10:45 Business meeting

11 – 12 Featured Speaker: Rep Sheilia Stubbs

12:10 – 2:00 Breakout sessions

2:00 – 3:00 Jessica Michna presents “Women Who Dared”

Have you ever wondered what the AAUW Wisconsin State Convention was like, but didn’t want to travel, or couldn’t afford the expense?

This is your year to experience the convention without the travel or expense. While a Zoom convention won’t be quite the same, it will give you a taste of what an in-person convention is like.

Save the dates, and plan on joining via Zoom for all or parts of the convention. There are some interesting speakers already booked, and plans continue to be firmed up for our virtual convention.