

## BAYNOTES

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Branch Website: [greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net](http://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net)

### COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION

Program planning for 2021-22

Monday, June 21 5:30 pm

Sandy Melroy's house 1931 Rainbow Dr. De Pere  
or participate via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87821274952?pwd=SU9lUmITWDI5Z3NmTVppUSswb1didz09>



Boxed lunches can be ordered (see attached order form in the email)  
or you can bring your own meal. Deadline to order June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Beverages will be provide

We will have the chance to socialize.  
Then discuss and decide on branch programs for 2021-22.  
Bring your ideas and suggestions.  
**If you cannot attend, but have program ideas email them to  
Barbara Wilson at [bannwilson315@gmail.com](mailto:bannwilson315@gmail.com) by June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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### Wednesday, June 30 5:30 pm Branch Social Get-Together

Whitney Park on VanBuren St. across from The Attic. Green Bay. (we will meet across from Jill's townhouse)

We have had a long year of not getting together face to face. Bring your own food, drink and chair. Picnic tables should be available as well. There are several smaller restaurants in the area to pick up something to eat.



**Wednesday, August 18 6:00-8:00 pm Ledgestone Vineyards** 6381 Hwy 57.  
Greenleaf.

An evening of jazz music outside, a glass of wine and great friends. Some food is sold on the premises. See you there. 920-532-4384 for questions (winery phone number)



## INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

Please have your program dates and subjects to Barbara Wilson by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ART STUDY GROUP

**Carolyn Reedy and Mary Woodbridge**

We would like to invite everyone who is interested in the AAUW Art Group to a brunch on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Diane Malueg and Maryl Hitchcock have graciously offered to host the event at Diane's home ( 1115 Fox River Drive, De Pere 54115).

Please bring your ideas and suggestions for programs or "field trips" in this coming year. RSVP to Carolyn at [ccreeedy03@yahoo.com](mailto:ccreeedy03@yahoo.com) or 920-496-9169.

### ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

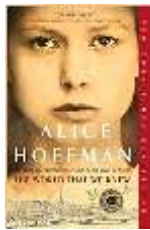
**Wednesday, June 16 6:30 pm via Zoom**

**The World That We Knew** by

Alice Hoffman

Takes place in 1941, during humanity's darkest hour and follows three unforgettable young women who must act with courage and love to survive.

**After our discussion we will create our list of selections for the upcoming year. Bring your title ideas to this meeting.**



**Wednesday, July 21 6:30 pm**

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas

A 2017 young adult novel that was expanded from a short story Thomas wrote in college in reaction to the police shooting of Oscar Grant.

**Wednesday, August 18 6:30 pm**

**The Farm** by Joanne Ramos

Jane, an immigrant from the Philippines, is in desperate search of a better future when she commits to being a "host" at Golden Oaks – or the Farm, as residents call it. But now pregnant, fragile, consumed with worry for her family, Jane is determined to reconnect with her life outside.

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

**Monday, June 28 3:00 pm via Zoom**

Book: **Dreaming in Cuban** by Cristina Garcia

A moving story of three

generations of women whose ties

Cuba simultaneously draw them

closer together, while forcing

them apart. Haunted by family

secrets and longing for the

comforts of home, each of the women struggles to come to terms with her true identity.



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**Monday, July 29 3:00 pm via Zoom**

**Stuck in Manistique** by Denis Cuesta

The Upper Peninsula is Manistique, Michigan.

Mark had never heard of the city before the death of his estranged aunt, but as sole beneficiary, he

travels there to settle her affairs. Dr. Emily Davis drives north, days after graduating medical school

and collides with a deer. Stranded for the night,

Emily is directed to a nearby B&B, one that Mark's aunt, an international aid doctor, ran in retirement.

A one-night stay turns into another, more guests arrive and adventure ensues.

**Monday, August 23 3:00 pm via Zoom**

**The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah

A desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of Alaska only to find that their unpredictable environment is less threatening than the erratic behavior found in human nature.

## LET'S GO GEOCACHING

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 PM**

We will venture out to find a few geocaches and enjoy a short hike through Hidden Valley Park in Ashwaubenon.

Meet at Barbara Wilson's home – 1445 Westmeath Ave. .Download the free Geocaching App if you'd like to participate in this hunt. RSVP to [bannwilson315@gmail.com](mailto:bannwilson315@gmail.com) or 920-619-0930.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

**Lisa Ubbelhode**

**To plan for 2021-22 budget please send Lisa money your group or program will need to operate by August 15.**

**May 17, 2021**

Checking - \$5,361.93 Savings - \$7,970.84

An audit of the books was completed with Mary Schmidt, Lisa Ubbelhode and Jan Davis in the Fall of 2020.

Membership in 2020-21 was 47 active paid members and 4 Honorary Life members

### **BOARD MEETING**

Board meetings have been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month to allow timely distribution of the BayNotes.

The Board passed a motion to purchase a Zoom account for the branch for a year.

Next meeting is Thurs. August 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss next year's budget.

## **DREAMERS AND DOERS**

**Dotty Juengst**

We have set the date **Thursday, October 14 at the Hotel Northland for our Dreamers and Doers Gala.**

Please mark your calendars for a **Gala Planning Meeting on Tuesday June 29, at 5:00 PM** at Dotty Juengst's house.

We will review what was planned for our 2020 event and discuss what needs to change and what can stay the same. We will set timelines for PR and invitations, event program, menu, social media opportunities, and other items.

Please contact me with any questions.

Looking forward to working with you again!! Dotty Juengst 469-1919

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Mary Schmidt**

Reminder: Dues can be paid on line or send your check and form to Lisa Ubbelohde, 417 Harvard St. Green Bay, WI 54303.

Membership form is attached to this email.

Congratulations to Jill Lauritsen on her retirement from nursing. On to healing and playing golf.

Congratulations to Mary Schmidt and her daughter Katie who got married in Oregon in May. Mary got to spend the month out there with her.

### **Update from Sara Ramaker**

I thought I would give an update on my husband's health. The last three weeks have been quite an emotional roller coaster ride. The diagnosis changed several times. At one point we thought we were going to lose him. At another we were advised to consider a feeding tube and hospice. We were told if he did come out of the coma like state, he may not be able to do anything or he might have no mind. Over the following weekend, he made a slight improvement. He got a new neuro doctor with a new diagnosis. Now it was all wait and see. He made slight improvements for the rest of the week. This last week, however, each day he made great strides – absolutely amazing. Last Friday, at noon they informed us they were moving him out of the hospital at 3:00 p.m. Up to this point he had sat in a chair once. He had never been in a wheelchair, but that is how he would be transported. All went smoothly. When he got to Odd Fellows Rehab Unit, he stood up and walked! For the first time, he fed himself! As for his mind, more and more is coming back. He started reading his Economist!! Yet, he fully admits some things he cannot process. It is clear he is very weak from being on his back for most of three weeks. I have no idea what the next few days and weeks hold for him, but I have faith in his strong stubborn Dutch genes winning out in the end.

## **CLEAN WATER**

Carol Pearson

### **EPA restoring state and tribal power to protect waterways** Matthew Daly, Associated Press, May 27

In the latest reversal of a Trump-era policy, the Biden administration's Environmental Protection Agency is restoring a rule that grants states and Native American tribes authority to block pipelines and other energy projects that can pollute rivers, streams and other waterways.

A provision of the Clean Water Act gives states and tribes power to block federal projects that could harm lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands within their borders. But the Trump administration curtailed that review power after complaints from Republican members of Congress and the fossil fuel industry that state officials had used the permitting process to stop new energy projects.

Read more at: <https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-business-environment-and-nature-government-and-politics-fae51ab8e9fe522210515362d13865e0>

## **PAST PRESIDENT NOTE**

**Sara Ramaker**

I am sorry I was unable to attend the Spring Annual Meeting to formally pass the "gavel." I thank those who took over for me. Knowing you well, I knew it would all go smoothly. In a way, the situation is typical of this pandemic - one's plans do not turn out the way one had imagined. Yet, it is also typical that plans can be successful in a different way. I thank you all for ensuring that the branch's leadership was successfully passed to new leaders. I thank all the members who have accepted the leadership roles. I hope all of the other members are willing to work and support them as you have for me. I look forward to many hugs soon. See Sara's address at the annual meeting at the end of this newsletter.

## **RESULTS OF AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION**

Sara Ramaker

**The results of the AAUW 2021 election are as follow:**

- Julia Brown has been re-elected to serve as board chair for three more years.
- Malinda Gaul was re-elected as board vice chair, and Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino will also retain their board seats. All are three-year terms.
- AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters.
- The ballot initiative to eliminate the membership requirement got 63% of the vote, which was just below the two-thirds majority needed to enact a bylaw change.

22.85% of the members bothered to vote (8% of national members and 28.67 % of branch members). I hoped that members of an organization that wants to advance a political agenda would vote. I am super disappointed that the members did not choose to eliminate the membership requirement, because it is harmful to AAUW's success in so many ways. Still the voting members have spoken.

Julia Brown has this to say about the election results: "I'm honored and humbled to have been re-elected to serve as your board chair for another three years. AAUW's national board and staff were disappointed that the ballot initiative to remove the membership requirement did not receive the required supermajority to enact a bylaw change. But we are heartened that 63% of our members voted in favor of this measure—a significantly higher number than we saw in previous votes. It's clear that momentum is shifting toward a more inclusive membership, and we will raise this issue for a vote again in future years. While we have many voices, I know we all share the same commitment to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, and our vision of achieving equity for all. More than ever, we must embrace our values and continue to strive towards diversity, equity and inclusion; it's a journey that will never end."

## Woman in History - Susan La Fleshe Picotte (1865-1915) – Part I

Susan La Fleshe is particularly interesting to AAUW, because she is considered the first person to receive for professional education in the United States.

Susan La Flesche Picotte was a Native American doctor and reformer in the late 19th century. She is widely acknowledged as one of the first Native Americans to earn a medical degree. She campaigned for public health and for the formal, legal allotment of land to members of the Omaha tribe.



La Fleshe was born on the Omaha Reservation in eastern Nebraska to parents with European and Omaha ancestry. Her father was educated as a young man and returned to the reservation. He was adopted by Chief Elk and became the chief of the Omaha. He sought to help his people through encouraging some assimilation and particularly through land allotment. Her mother was the daughter of a white army surgeon stationed at Fort Atkinson and a woman of Omaha/Otoe/Iowa heritage. Unlike her siblings, Susan was not given an Indian name and was forbidden the Omaha facial tattoos.

La Fleshe began her education on the reservation, but then was sent to a New Jersey school. She eventually went to Hampton University in Virginia, a black college that became a destination for Native Americans, too. She graduated salutatorian and was encouraged to return to a “womanly” career, but she applied and was accepted to medical school at Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania. Established in 1850, it was one of the few medical schools that that accepted women. Women were often healers in the Omaha tribe, but white Victorian women were never encouraged to go to medical school.

La Fleshe could not afford medical school, but she had a Massachusetts friend (whom she had nursed back to health) with contacts. She received funds from the Connecticut Indian Association, a local

auxiliary for the Women’s National Indian Association (WNIA). WNIA sought to “civilize” the Indians by encouraging Victorian values of domesticity among Indian women and sponsored “matrons” whose task was to teach Native American women “cleanliness” and “godliness.” In writing to the Connecticut Indian Association, La Fleshe had described her desire to enter the homes of her people as a physician and teach them hygiene as well as curing their ills, totally in line with the Victorian virtues of domesticity which the Association wanted to encourage. The Association paid for school expenses, housing, books and supplies. *La Fleshe is considered the first person to receive aid for professional education in the United States.* The Association

requested that she remain single during medical school and for several years after her graduation, in order to focus on her practice.

After her second year of medical school, La Fleshe had to return home to her family, because many of whom had fallen ill due to a measles outbreak. Measles could be a serious disease for children and adults. During the rest of her schooling, she would write letters home giving medical advice. La Fleshe graduated valedictorian in 1889. She was a doctor, but as a Native American she was not a citizen and could not vote. More to Follow in future BayNotes.

### DID YOU KNOW.....?

#### Carol Pearson

Did you know who developed the long-life nickel hydrogen battery? **Olga Gonzalez-Sanabria** was born in Puerto Rico and holds a BS and MS in chemical engineering. In 1979, she joined NASA and currently serves as



Director of Engineering at NASA's Glenn Research Center, Ohio.

Olga is best known for her role in developing long-life nickel hydrogen batteries that help enable the International Space Station power system. Since the ISS was launched in November 1988 it has relied on some 33,000 solar cells to generate up to 120 kilowatts of power. The cells support a permanent crew of six astronauts and enables them to live, work, and conduct experiments.

The ISS is 220 miles from Earth and rotates every 90 minutes. For a third of this time, it has no direct sunlight. Olga's long-life, high power batteries deliver continuous power to the ISS when sunlight is not accessible.

The ISS has contributed to global water purification programs, improved eye surgery, pioneered new breast cancer detection technology, and enabled the world to better monitor climate change. All of this, in part at least, is thanks to Olga's invention, keeping the ISS powered.

**U.S. Mint to feature women on series of quarters beginning in 2022**

More women than ever are about to create change by appearing on American coinage. Poet **Maya Angelou** and Astronaut **Sally Ride** are two of 20 women who will be honored by the U.S. Mint by featuring them on the "tails side" of a series of quarters starting next year. *Microsoft News/CBS News, May 15, 2021*. The Mint invites the public to submit recommendations at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov)

**Elected Board Members 2020-2021**

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| President .....        | Lindsay Mather |
| Co-Program VP .....    | Barbara Wilson |
|                        | Carol Pearson  |
| Co-Membership VP ..... | Mary Schmidt   |
|                        | Thao Coopman   |
| Financial VP .....     | Lisa Ubbelhode |
| Secretary .....        | Portia Tuttle  |

**ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE BRANCH**

**Sara Ramaker**

Well, it has been a grand adventure being President of this branch all these years. It has been particularly challenging this last year. I can't thank you enough for this opportunity. I have had wonderful experiences, met interesting and fun people, learned so many new things on a variety of subjects and most of all, had the opportunity to get to know all of you so much better. The more I know of you the more I admire and respect you. You have been so kind and supportive in so many ways. This has made all of the challenges so much easier and more rewarding. For this I am very grateful. Thank you to each of you who have attended our events and helped in many big and small ways to make this a lively, interesting and fun year. A special thank you to the people who organized one or more of the branch meetings: 1) Mary Schmidt arranged for Dr. Julie Mead who gave a very interesting program on, "How Privatization of Schools Opens the Doors for Discrimination;" 2) To Barb Wilson, Lindsay Mather and the Board for putting together our December holiday party and to all who attended and contributed to the fun; 3) To Bev Braun for choosing a great movie for our movie night and allowing other members to borrow the DVD when, due to technical errors on my part, we were not able to view it together; and 4) To Lindsay Mather for the very excellent speakers who presented a fascinating program on policing and racial issues in Green Bay. As my grandmother often said, "Many hands make light work."

A very special thank you to each member of the Board who has given so freely of their time and have given me the much-needed inspiration. At this time, I wish I could give every board member a flower, a thank you note and a hug. Our board consists of the five elected positions and group leaders. They do the bulk of the work that keeps this organization lively and active. Thank you for coming to another Zoom meeting every month. Our Board this past year has included:

Elected Officers:

Linda Birder – Vice-President - Program

Lisa Ubbelohde – treasurer  
Portia Georgia – Secretary  
Membership VP- Wendy Schmidt-Janosik and  
Nancy Anderson and Lisa Ubbelohde who put  
together and distributed our membership booklet.

Board Members:

Greatest Needs Fund: Mary Schmidt  
Hospitality: Sue Hendricks and Linda Birder  
BayNotes: Barb Wilson  
Scholarship: Sara Ramaker  
Website: Mary Barker  
Facebook: Portia Georgia  
Dreamers and Doers: Dotty Juengst

Group co-chairs

Adelante! Book club – Mary Barker  
Afternoon Book Club: Wendy Schroeder  
Art Study Group: Carolyn Reedy and Mary  
Woodbridge  
Movie Group: Bev Braun  
Social Events Group: Jill Lauritsen and Nancy  
Anderson  
Clean water issues: Carol Pearson  
Wine Study Group: Maryl Hitchcock and Mary  
Barker

We have much to feel good about this last year. Despite being housebound, we had wonderful branch programs, two monthly book clubs, and two monthly social opportunities: Coffee and Conversations and Whine with Wine. Although the art group was unable to meet, Carolyn and Mary prepared a monthly art article describing art opportunities. Carol Peterson kept us up on water issues with monthly articles, too. Our branch meetings were varied and informative. We continue to focus on many AAUW policy positions. Of course, none of this could happen without your participation. Please take a moment and give yourselves and the Board a round of applause for pushing through this year of pandemic.

In closing, I remember the words of Melinda Gates on what you can do to support women and girls: “What I would tell people is look at your home life, look at your life in the community, look at your time in the workplace and figure out how you want to participate to make sure that women have equality-whether it’s you in your home, or your

kids in your house or what you teach your sons and daughters....Make sure....you live (those values) out in your community...and workplace.” When asked what she wanted as her legacy ,she stated, “I hope that because I walked on this planet, somehow the world got better for women and girls.”

We do not have the wealth of the Gates, but we too can make a difference and we do as members of AAUW. Maybe if you look, you can find a little more time to improve life for women and girls. Together we can do so much more. Thank you!