



GREEN BAY (WI)
BRANCH

April 2022

BAYNOTES

Empowering Women since 1881 – Through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research
Branch Website: greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net

Branch Meeting
Monday, April 18 6:00 pm

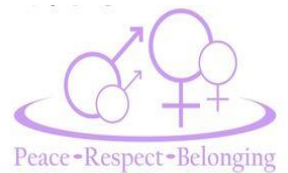
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Road Allouez

Dinner off the menu at 5:00 pm

RSVP to Barbara (619-0930) if coming to dinner

Program: Wise Women Gathering Place
Speaker: Brenda John, Communication Outreach Specialist

Wise Women Gathering Place is committed to peace, respect, and belonging through skill building, sharing of resources and caring support for our community. Come learn about this valuable service in our community.



We work to accomplish our mission with unique, responsive programming for community restoration, growth through skill-building, individual and confidential supportive advocacy, and by courageously going deep within to find change, healing the whole self, and coming together of community.

Spring Luncheon /Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Rock Garden/1951 Garden Room 1951 Bond St.

11:30 Social; 11:45 Announcements and lunch orders taken;

12:30 Lunch served, 1:00 Program

Raffle for Greater Needs Fund



Guest speaker: Kathryn Gahl – Award winning poet and writer

Her multi-genre writing, deeply rooted in everyday life, combines a certain human pathos with quick wit and smile-worthy lines. Her works appear in three anthologies and over fifty journals, with awards from Glimmer Train, Margie, Chautauqua, Rosebud, The Mill, Talking Writing, The Hal Prize, New Millennium Writings, and Wisconsin People & Ideas. In 2019 The Council of Wisconsin Writers awarded her the Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award. An avid ballroom dancer, she believes in the power of red lipstick, deep sleep and compassion

Menu selections:

Wild Berry Chicken Salad; Ruben Sandwich; West Coast Club Wrap, or Tuscan Chicken Panini.

All entrees include a choice of one side. **Menu orders will be taken at the restaurant.**

Send reservation form and check \$25.00/per lunch (made out to GB Area AAUW) by May 4th to: Mary Schmidt, Spring Luncheon, 2410 Bittersweet Ave Green Bay, WI 54301

Name(s) _____

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

Thursday, April 14 10:00 am
Brown County Central Library
Study Room C (second floor)

We will watch 2 art documentaries WQED Visible and Sculpting the Wind: Alexa King and the making of the Barbero Memorial Sculpture. All are welcome to join us.

WQED Visible: Five visual artists from Western Pennsylvania show their work and share stories of the rewards and challenges of being a woman in their field. Featured:

Gloria Stoll Karn-1940s pulp fiction art; Alisha B. Wormsley-interdisciplinary work examines gender, race, class, and time; Lori Hepner-digital artist focused on light painting and photography; JoAnne Bates- abstract print artist; Dee Briggs-sculptor.

Sculpting the Wind: After the death of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, his owners chose the noted sculptor Alexa King to create one of the most widely recognized and respected equine memorials.

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker

Wednesday, April 20 5:30 pm
Green Bay Distillery

Book: Orphan Collector: a Heroic Novel of Survival During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic by Ellen Marie Wiseman

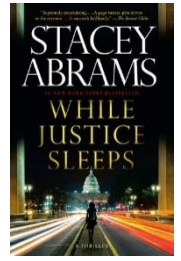
Leader: Terri Gulyas Wiseman weaves the stories of two very different women into a page-turning novel as suspenseful as it is poignant, set amid one of history's deadliest pandemics.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, April 25 3:00pm
Lion's Mouth Bookstore
zoom option available
Leader: Joanne Rathburn



Book: While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams

A gripping thriller set within the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court—where a young law clerk finds herself embroiled in a shocking mystery plotted by one of the most preeminent judges in America.

CLEAN WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Follow up to the March branch meeting on Zero Waste Management. Here is the link to the Clean Water Action Council's newsletter on the topic: https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/newsletter/archives/2021/CWAC_SPRING_2021%20website.pdf. It includes articles on living a more zero waste lifestyle and several on composting including one on recycling shredded paper. These were topics of great interest by members.

For those who would like more about composting, here is the link to a workshop being offered:

Food Waste Composting Is Easy Workshop
April 26, 5:00 PM, A307 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB. Composters will be available.

CWAC will provide instruction and tips for composting food waste and invite participants to share their knowledge. Composters will be available for \$60 and can fit in a compact car.

If the weather is pleasant, we will meet in the University Union patio visible from the visitor parking area.

Registration is requested by sending an email with "compost workshop" in the subject line to contact@cleanwateractioncouncil.org.

Finally, members were interested in attending Clean Water Action Council's annual fundraising banquet on May 5th to hear John Bates, renowned

Wisconsin naturalist and author of Wisconsin's Wild. Cost is \$25 per person. Here is the link to information on the banquet:

<https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/events/>.

I can reserve space so we can be seated together or at tables next to each other. You can purchase tickets from me or online. If you purchase online, let me know so I reserve enough seats. My email is pearson_einstein@yahoo.com. If you are unable to attend the banquet but wish to support the organization's mission, you can do so using the donate button at <https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/>.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lindsay Mather

We need to fill some positions on our Branch Board for the coming year. Please consider how you can be a part of our Branch and make a contribution to our success.

I would be happy to talk with you about an open position or sharing a position. Members in past positions will mentor you. This is your organization, it's important you are a part of it.

Open positions are:

Co-president (with Lindsay Mather)

VP-Membership

Secretary

Scholarship

Public Policy

I am very glad to announce and want to thank the following members who have agreed to continue

Co-President: Lindsay Mather

Co-VP-Membership: Barbara Wilson & Carol Pearson

Treasurer: Lisa Ubbelohde

BayNotes Editor: Barbara Wilson

Greatest Needs: Nancy Anderson

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Dotty Juengst

Dreamers & Doers: Dotty Juengst

Art Study: Mary Woodbridge & Carolyn Reedy

Afternoon Book Group: Wendy Schroeder

Adelante Book Group: Mary Barker

Clean Water Study: Carol Pearson

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Schmidt

Address change:

Barb Jenkins

1700 18th Street, Apt. #102

Manitowoc, WI 54220

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your AAUW membership expires on June 30, 2022. Please renew as soon as you are able, by July 1st, if possible. However, you can renew anytime.

* National dues have increased by five dollars to \$67, (of which, \$64 will be tax deductible, I believe). State dues are \$13 and branch dues are \$13 for a **total due of \$93**.

You can renew online with a credit card at AAUW.org, or you may send a check with the attached renewal form identifying any changes in your information to: Lisa Ubbelohde 417 Harvard St. Green Bay, WI 54303. When you renew online, the entire amount is paid and national AAUW sends the branch the local dues. An email will be sent, via a national generated invoice, to all who have not renewed by June 10th.

If there is any change in your information which goes into the branch directory, please send that information also to me. This will assure that the Membership Directory is complete and accurate. I will make updates in the national data system. Note: If you have a name change, only you can make this change in the national system.

Over the last three years, we went from 50 members in 2019 to 48 in 2021. This is a small loss considering the challenge of our last two years with Covid 19. We were at a high of 57 in 2020. I hope we can build up our branch by inviting friends to join us and to support the mission of AAUW. We look forward to a year ahead of gathering once more in person for programs and friendship.

TREASURER REPORT

Lisa Ubbelohde

Checking balance as of March 30 is \$6,679.20

\$1350 will go to scholarships

Savings balance as of February 28 is \$7972.64

Will meet to discuss Dreamer & Doer funds

Your AAUW Dues Change the World and are a Great Investment in our World

Sara Ramaker

With everything else going up, we should not be surprised that AAUW is raising its national dues. The good news is neither the state nor the branch will be raising their dues. The national dues are \$62 and the state and branch are each \$13.00 for a total of \$93. It is good to remember all that our dues accomplish.

Of the \$62, a large portion is tax deductible as a charitable deduction. The smaller sum is not tax deductible, because it supports AAUW's Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. This is how AAUW was key in passing Title IX which opened many doors to women and girls and has changed U.S. sports forever. When you cheer our female athletes at the Olympics, you can thank AAUW.

Annual dues account for 13% of the AAUW budget. (The rest of the budget is met with donations and corporate and foundation funding.) Your dues allow AAUW to lead in advancing equity for women and girls through groundbreaking research, programs (such as salary negotiations workshops, campus leadership programs, etc.), advocacy and grants and fellowships. *Remember it was AAUW's first sponsored study that proved advanced education was not hazardous to a women's health. It was AAUW's scholarship that allowed Marie Curie to purchase the radium that led to her being the only woman who received two Nobel Prizes, one in physics and one in chemistry.* These are only a few of the things AAUW has done that changed the world for women. AAUW has continued to sponsor many important studies. A more recent study showed that women carry two-thirds of the student debt. That study is more significant when one considers the gender pay gap. Through AAUW's

efforts more women than men graduate from college. But more work needs to be done. Women hold only 38% of the tenured faculty positions and of course, we have the pay gap.

While women have made advances, the last few years have made it abundantly clear: a) how very unsafe the world is for women; b) how easily the rights we have fought so hard for can be erased with a single stroke; and c) how vulnerable women's advances are when confronted with a pandemic. More than ever women must band together and stand up for what is rightfully ours. AAUW has been pushing this agenda for over 100 years. It has the tools and experience to effectuate change. Your dues help to improve the personal and economic safety of all women. Pretty good investment in my book.

Local dues are better investment. Look what we receive for \$13 a year. We have at least six branch meetings that present programs that stimulate and educate. We have at least three social events which present an opportunity to engage with interesting, fun and entertaining women. We have an art group that explores art in the community and beyond. We have two book reading groups. We have the opportunity to learn about the politics, the environment, education, the entertainment opportunities in our community and state, to name a few topics. This is a deal. The best part of AAUW for me has always been the amazing women I have met. I never stop learning from them. I marvel at their accomplishments and their talents continue to awe me.

The state dues open our world to amazing women around the state. It keeps us informed of what is going on in the state. It offers a yearly opportunity to attend a convention that presents interesting speakers and topics and offers a chance to meet and learn from women who are accomplishing wonderful things throughout this state.

Alice Walker once said, "Activism is my rent for living on this earth." AAUW is my activism and \$8 a month in "rent" for what AAUW gives back to the world and me seems pretty reasonable to me. I hope you all agree, because I want to continue to work with, learn from and enjoy your companionship for many years to come.

HOW TO SUPPORT AAUW

Sara Ramaker

We all can support the branch even if we do not have the time to serve as an officer. Here are a few suggestions that can be done quickly:

1. Read the BayNotes.
2. If you are on Facebook, "like" and "follow". AAUW Green Bay Branch's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWGreenBay> and the Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/dreamersanddoersNEWI>

Sharing the page to your own page gives us more exposure. Also, if you have something to share, be sure and forward it to member Thao Coopman who can upload it to our accounts.

3. Attend as many branch and other meetings you can.
4. Give feedback to the officers and members.
5. Be positive about AAUW.
6. Mentor a new member. Remind potential members that by joining they support an organization that has been advocating for women for over 100 years.

VIEWING ENTERTAINMENT

Beverly Braun

The following list has stories about women that will be on TV in April:

---**Series: "The First Lady"** begins April 17, Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m., on Showtime. The first three women are Eleanor Roosevelt (Gillian Anderson); Betty Ford (Michelle Pfeiffer); and Michelle Obama (Viola Davis).I

---**Series: "Gaslit"** begins April 24, Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., on Starz. Julia Roberts performs as the real life Martha Mitchell, wife of the former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell. She is credited with being the whistle blower of the Watergate affair.

---Every Thursday on HBOMAX a new series "**Julia**" shows the influence Julia Child had on public television and the world of food.

DETERMINED to air April 6 on PBS

Eileen Littig has Great News! Her film, "Determined", co-produced with Therese Barry-Tanner and directed by her daughter Melissa Godoy, will be shown on PBS. NOVA on April 6 at 8:00p.m.! In addition, there was a beautiful article about the film in the Green Bay Press Gazette, March 13th.

The documentary is powerful as we follow the journey of three women at high risk for Alzheimer's Disease.


A SPECIAL SCREENING OF DETERMINED

Also you are invited to a free Community Screening of Determined, an award-winning film on Alzheimer's disease on April 25th

Monday, April 25th, 2022 | 5:00 PM
Weidner Center For the Performing Arts;
Cofrin Family Hall and Grand Foyer
2420 Nicolet Dr, Green Bay, WI 54311

Cocktails and appetizers 5:00-6:30 PM
Live painting by artist Angela Shelstad and Live Music
Screening 6:30-7:45 PM

Live Q & A to follow with production team & guests

 **The screening is free, but registration is required:** Call (920) 662-7500 or register below.

Please RSVP by April 15th
RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S)
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STATE AAUW CONVENTION VIRTUAL

Please take advantage of the virtual AAUW-WI State Convention “**Celebrating Breaking Barriers**” on April 22-23. It is free! There is no travel! The Programs look great!

Convention Schedule Friday, 4/22

*6:15-6:45 PM District Meetings

*7:00 – 9:00 PM Opening

Welcome -State President

Joan Schneider

Poem from Dasha Kelly

Hamilton , Wisconsin Poet Laureate

Keynote Address—Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO & 40th Anniversary Video

*9:15 – 10:00 PM Hosted Hospitality Rooms



Saturday, 4/23

*9:30 – 10:45 AM Business Meeting & Installation of Officers

*11:00 AM – Noon Keynote– Renee Gralewicz

*Noon – 12:25 Lunch Break

*12:30 – 1:10 PM Breakout Session 1 (4 choices)

*1:20 – 2:00 PM Breakout Session 2 (4 choices)

*2:10 – 2:50 PM Breakout Session 3 (4 choices)

*3:00 – 3:20 PM Closing – Dr. Susan McFadden

*3:20 – 3:25 PM Final Message of the Day

Quick & Easy Registration Opens Soon!
Watch for an email sent directly to you!

Green Bay Area Branch Basket for Raffle prepared by Sara Ramaker and Jill Lauritsen. Thank you

Items:

Seroogy's candy & gift certificate \$30

Museum Admittance & Mug: \$50

Attic Coffee & Books \$5

Packer Picnic supplies \$30

Books on local Women \$40

Captain's Walk Winery Winetasting and Lounge Party for 12 \$108

Wildlife Sanctuary Corn -\$2,

10 tickets to Bay Beach Amusement rides - \$2

Total Value: \$170



Support Local Women Artists

Sara Ramaker

I love the yearly Art Colony exhibit at the Neville for many reasons. Seeing the talent of 1 local artists never ceases to awe and inspire me. I reminds me how important art is in my life and that I do not have to go far to enjoy it. I love that it has a been annual event for 115 years. The Art Colony had its first show in the original library to raise funds to create what ultimately became the Neville Museum. I love that it is juried show. I love that it is all women. This year AAUW was well represented by two members, Sandra Melroy and Laura Fisher-Bonvallet. Here are a few of their entries in the exhibit.



Art is another career that is very male dominated. Since evaluating art is subjective and it was always men defining and choosing the art, they could easily say women's work was not good enough. It is amazing there are any women in art history. It is still harder for women to be accepted as artists in the professional art world. Some time ago member Linda Birder introduced me to the Gorilla Girls. She gave me a coffee mug which says, “Do women have to be naked to get into the Met. Museum? Less than 4% of the artist in the Modern Art Sections are women, but 76% of the nudes are female.” These statistics are 20 years old. I hope that has changed, but AAUW reports that only one-third of the artists represented by commercial galleries are women and women working in the art world are paid on average 74 cents to every dollar paid to men. This is one reason AAUW hosts an art contest every year for women artists to have a place to show their work.

You can see the winner at the AAUW website:
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest/> We can help by supporting our local women artists.

“Herstory” Exhibit at the Neville Public Museum

From now until November 6 the Neville has an exhibit entitled, ”Herstory”. It explores the changing roles of women through stories, artifacts, photographs from 1900 to the present. It is an interesting and entertaining exhibit and well worth a trip to the museum. I was delighted to see that one of our past members and a *Dreamer and Doer - Vol II*, Patricia Finder-Stone, is featured. While we who knew Pat know she contributed to our community in so many ways that could be featured in this exhibit, the curators chose to focus on here experience as an Air Force nurse during the Korean War. In keeping with Pat’s indomitable spirit, she remained in the reserves until 1960 when she had to pass a physical. When the physician learned she had three children at home, he refused to pass her. After all, it was the norm that women who had children were expected to quit working. Not surprisingly, Pat did not ascribe to that philosophy and appealed the physician’s decision. Her appeal was unfortunately denied. I did learn something new about Pat. Apparently, Pat only agreed to Mark’s offer of marriage if he would never object to her continuing to work even when they had children.