



GREEN BAY (WI)
BRANCH

May 2022

BAYNOTES

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

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

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

See attached registration form.

Bring a friend for a fun afternoon

If you'd like to attend and need a ride please call Mary Schmidt at 920-246-2042

GREATER NEEDS FUND RAFFLE

We'll be having another chance to contribute to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund at our May 7th luncheon.

Four "fun" baskets have been donated by members that will surely entice you into taking a chance!

Two tickets for \$5 and five tickets for \$10.....all for support of our sisters everywhere!

The Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new challenges & use gifts (donations) where they are needed most. It is AAUW's top priority.

Last raffle we raised \$230. Let's do it again!

See attached 2022-23 membership renewal form and bring to luncheon.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

Thursday, May 12 10:00 am

Art Field Trip – The Miller Art Museum

107 S. 4th Ave – Sturgeon Bay Free

Lunch TBD4

Afternoon: Edgewood Orchard Galleries –

4140 Peninsula Players Road Fish Creek

All are Welcome – RSVP ASAP

Mary Woodbridge 920-362-8900 or

miwiw@new.rr.com

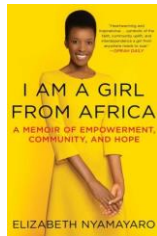
If interested in car pooling meet at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary by 9 am. Enter park, turn right at the fork for first parking lot. Lunch venue will be determined. Masks may be required. See attached flyer.

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker

Wednesday, May 17 5:30 pm
Green Bay Distillery

Book: **I am a Girl From Africa: a Memoir of Empowerment, Community and Hope** by Elizabeth Nyamaya



When severe drought hit her village in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth Nyamaya, then only eight, had no idea that this moment of utter devastation would come to define her life's purpose. Unable to move from hunger and malnourishment, she encountered a United Nations aid worker who gave her a bowl of warm porridge and saved her life—a transformative moment that inspired Elizabeth to dedicate herself to giving back to her community, her continent, and the world.

In the decades that have followed, Elizabeth has been instrumental in creating change and uplifting the lives of others: by fighting global inequalities, advancing social justice for vulnerable communities, and challenging the status quo to accelerate women's rights around the world. She has served as a senior advisor at the United Nations.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, May 23 3:00pm
Lion's Mouth Bookstore

Book: **Having and Being Had** by Eula Biss



Biss offers an uncommonly immersive and deeply revealing new portrait of work and luxury, of accumulation and consumption, of the value of time and how we spend it. Ranging from IKEA to Beyoncé to Pokemon, Biss asks, of both herself and her class, "In what have we invested?"

CLEAN WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Combined sewage systems could keep overflowing as Wisconsin sees more and more rain by Jonah Beleckis, WPR, April 17

Joel Brammeier likes to think of water infrastructure as the "circulatory system of a thriving community." It's buried and unseen but so vital and interwoven to a functioning body.

There are consequences when that system reaches its limits. Consider how sewage systems can hold up with increasing levels of rain over time. Specifically, the overflowing of older infrastructure that collects both wastewater and stormwater.

Brammeier said sewage overflowing into lakes or rivers means people can't swim there or there might be a drinking-water advisory. Not being able to take a boat out on these waters could hurt local recreation and, in turn, the local economy.

But in the long term and "maybe the biggest challenge in the Great Lakes right now," Brammeier said, is that the overflows can lead to nutrient pollution that feeds "massive algae blooms."

Read more at: <https://www.wpr.org/combined-sewage-systems-could-keep-overflowing-wisconsin-sees-more-and-more-rain>

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

Social Media Coordinators: Thao & Drew Coopman

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Schmidt

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.

SCHOLARSHIP

Sara Ramaker

Our annual \$1000 Dreamers and Doers scholarship has been sent to UWGB, NWTC and Bellin College. I reached out to Alicia, my contact at NWTC to invite Rebecca Adams, our 2021-2022 scholarship recipient, and learned good and bad news. The very good news is that Becky graduated in December. The bad news is that Alicia has lost track of her. You have all seen Becky's very nice thank you note and know how much the scholarship help her complete her education. I think we can all enjoy a feeling of success for our scholarship program and Becky.

As a reminder, the \$1000 is funded \$550 from our investment with the Greater Green Bay Foundation and \$450 from our Branch fundraising. Lately, most of the fundraising has been through selling our book, Dreamers and Doers, Women of Northeastern Wisconsin, Vol. II. We still have books to sell. At this point, every book we sell is totally profit. If the book is sold through the Neville, Botanical Garden, Lion's Mouth Bookstore, they receive a portion of the profits. The exhibit "Herstory" at the Neville and the placement of the book in a prominent place with other women's history items has helped our sales. (Thank you to Carol Reedy who volunteers in the Neville shop.). Anything you can think of to increase sales of the book, please do or let me know.

Finally, it is time for us to think of some new and creative way to raise money for our scholarship funding. This has always been a high priority of this branch and AAUW so it is probably time to start working on a new project. If anyone would like to work with me, I could use some ideas and help. We will try to keep it simple so that it can be fun and profitable. Please call or email Sara Ramaker, 920-432-8249 or ramaker.sara@gmail.com.

Wisconsin AAUW State Convention

Recap from Mary Schmidt

Erika Sanders, Director of Program Services for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC), presented at two of the Breakout sessions. Ms. Sanders has been employed with MMFHC since 1998. She supervises its statewide Outreach and Education Program, ensuring that comprehensive information about fair housing rights is available to residents of Wisconsin. She designs outreach campaigns that support Wisconsin communities' efforts to combat illegal housing discrimination and to create and maintain racially and economically integrated housing patterns. The first session was Combatting Illegal Housing Discrimination and Enforcing Fair Housing in Wisconsin. This was a brief but enlightening overview of Wisconsin's Housing Laws. Ms. Sanders discussed what the laws are and how landlords find ways to circumvent them. The second session focused on disabilities and housing discrimination. Again, there are many ways to get around the laws and it is her agency's charge to help people who feel they are being discriminated against.

Ms. Sanders conducts presentations directly to housing consumers, social service agencies, community groups and faith-based organizations, and provides fair housing training to owners and managers of rental housing.

Thanks to Jill and Sara for putting together our branch basket for the convention raffle. There were 10 bids and the basket went for \$115.



LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

Carol Pearson

Did you know Milly Zantow invented the system for identify different types of plastic?

When you look at the bottom of a plastic container before recycling it, do you ever wonder who created that ubiquitous system of triangles and numbers? Milly Zantow, a little-known woman from south central Wisconsin had a vision, set out to make a difference in the world, and did. Although many have never even heard of her, she is one of the most important people in the recycling community. Milly developed the system of numbered triangle symbols on the bottom of plastic containers that is now used worldwide to identify and separate the seven different types of plastic for recycling.

Raised to reuse and recycle, Milly was always sensitive to waste. Zantow got involved with the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in Baraboo in the 1970s and was the organization's first volunteer administrator. On an ICF trip to Japan in 1978, she was impressed by their system of recycling after watching people set out sorted waste materials every day. Back home, she was surprised to hear that a rural Sauk County, Wisconsin garbage dump was to be closed early because it was filling up so fast. Milly went to the dump and sat and watched as people dropped off their garbage. One thing she noted was that a majority of what she saw was made of plastic. She believed that something had to be done. She contacted a local milk jug manufacturer and came to an exciting conclusion – that the plastic could be ground down and reused.

She did a lot of research, figured out how to identify different kinds of plastic, and convinced a local manufacturer to use recycled plastic when making new products. In 1979, she and her friend Jenny Ehl started a recycling collection center in Sauk County, E-Z Recycling, which handled more than 200,000 pounds of materials in its first full year." In addition to the hard physical work of processing recyclable materials at their center, they spoke to schools and community groups, explaining the benefits of recycling and helping people set up their own local programs. They even inspired one of their volunteers, Liz Nevers, to go back to school and earn a master's degree in recycling and solid waste management!

Zantow helped write Wisconsin's first mandatory state recycling law, which was passed in 1990. Milly died in 2014, leaving an inspiring legacy that includes her well-known saying, "Waste is not waste until it is wasted." She was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in April 2017. A memorial to her is constructed of recycled materials in Harvest Park, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

AAUW National Election: Voting Is Open

Please take a moment to vote in the [AAUW National Election](#). For this vote, members are asked to elect members to the national AAUW Board of Directors and vote on changes to the bylaws that would streamline the nominations process and ballot administration. If you can't access our initial email with your member number and PIN, please stay tuned for additional outreach. Or you can reference your account in the Community Hub. Online voting ends on May 16 at 5 p.m. ET.

AAUW Empower Spring Series: Get Money Smart!

The 2022 AAUW Empower leadership series focuses on giving women tools and tactics to build their personal financial security. The next session will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5 p.m. ET, and features Daphne A. Wright, a financial planner and personal economics life coach. It will cover strategies for approaching investments and retirement planning. [Register now](#). Please share with your networks!

BIRD CITY PROJECTS FUNDED BY BIG BAY BIRDATHON

Linda Birder

Our Branch members may be interested to know about the Big Bay Birdathon Friday May 11 – Saturday May 12

A 24 hour competition where teams of 2-4 people compete against each other to try and find as many wild species of bird as possible.

Registration cost \$10/person and all proceeds stay local to help with conservation projects in the community.