

BAYNOTES

Empowering Women since 1881 – Through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy, and Research

**Kicking off another year!****AAUW GREEN BAY AREA BRANCH
“AUTUMN CELEBRATION”****Kicking Off Another Year with Friends and Exciting Programs****Monday, September 16****Village Grille 801 Hoffman Road Allouez****5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:20 pm Program****Come at 5:30 to reconnect with old friends and get to know our new members****Our program will feature a preview of 2024/2025 Branch Programs and a look at Interest Groups****Our fall meeting is the time to invite prospective members and those who are interested in learning more about our Branch and AAUW****Dinner cost is \$22.00 – includes your choice of dinner, coffee/soda, tax and tip****Meal Choices will be:**

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Be sure to make your dinner reservation with the attached form (on page 11) and turn in by **Friday, September 13.**

GREEN BAY AREA AAUW BRANCH MEETINGS 2024-2025

Mon, Sept 16 – Fall Get-Together - Dinner, fall preview of programs and interest groups.
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Rd. Allouez

Mon, Oct. 11– School Boards: Battleground for Education Culture Wars

Speaker: Denise Gaumer Hutchison
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Rd. Allouez

Mon, Nov 18 – Gender Identity

Speaker: Annette Grunseth
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Rd. Allouez

Sat, Dec 7 – December Celebration/Luncheon

Place to be announced

Mon, Jan 20 – Movie Night

Dinner and a movie – Sandy Melroy's

Mon, Feb 17 – Ageism: Stereotype and impact of age on women in society, health care, workplace

Speaker: Dr. Laura Nelson
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Rd. Allouez

Mon, March 17 – Women Nontraditional Careers

Speaker: Maureen Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Green Bay Packers
Village Grille 801 Hoffman Rd. Allouez

Mon, April 15 (note date change) –

Identity Theft – Protect yourself

Speaker: Craig Suhrke, Chase Bank
Village Grille 801 Hoffman R. Allouez

Sat, May 3 – Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Place to be announced

Mon, June 16 – Cocktails and Conversation

Program planning for 2025-26

Mon, July 21 – Summer Picnic



AAUW DISTRICT 5 MEETING

**Saturday, October 5, 2024
St John's Lutheran Church
2700 Babcock Rd, Green Bay, 54313
12:00 – 2:30 pm**

Finance and Membership VPs are encouraged to attend. All others are welcome to attend. Please pack a lunch for yourself. Debbie Roder, District 5 Coordinator, will provide dessert and beverages. Hope to see you there.

President's Message

Dear friends,

So good to be back together again starting an exciting new year of fun and learning.

As we dive into the whirlwind of this fall's election season, the emotional rollercoaster can feel like riding a tilt-a-whirl operated by caffeinated hamsters.

The best advice I've heard recently is to make time for relaxation and self-care. It's not something we usually associate with an election year, where the frenzy of debates, arguments, and even moments of joyful celebration often take center stage. The wide range of emotions we experience during this time, especially in the company of friends and family, can be exhausting. So, while you're busy "***doing something***", don't forget to prioritize relaxation whether it's going for a walk or simply pausing to breathe; especially when Uncle Fester starts another political rant.

And let's give a shout-out to poll workers—those heroes who make sure the tilt-a-whirl doesn't spin off the rails. Stay calm, and remember: sanity first, politics second!

Peace and joy,
Terri



DEI COMMITTEE AND STUDY GROUP

October 8, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

We have invited the League of Women Voters to join us for our DEI meetings and book discussion. If you have friends that are interested in diversity, equity, and inclusion, please invite them to attend as well. Please ask them to contact Terri so she can make sure they are added to the distribution list for receiving the Zoom link. We'd love to take some field trips this year to points of interest as we reflect on DEI issues. Bring your ideas for where we should go!



We will be reading *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee this year. We'll discuss the introduction and the first two chapters at our first meeting.

Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy--and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a common root problem: racism. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?

McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm - the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. Along the way, she meets white people who confide in her about losing their homes, their dreams, and their shot at better jobs to the toxic mix of American racism and greed. This is the story of how public goods in this country--from parks and pools to functioning schools--have become private luxuries; of how unions collapsed, wages stagnated, and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world's advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare.

But in unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: gains that come when people come together across race, to accomplish what we simply can't do on our own.

McGhee marshals economic and sociological research to paint a story of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves. With startling empathy, this heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.



AAUW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Sara Ramaker

Often, we are so absorbed in what local and state AAUWs are accomplishing, we forget what our national organization is doing. The AAUW Fellowship Program is one of the amazing things that our dues support. Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. The AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. The Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. International Fellowships have been in existence since 1917. The program provides support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career.

In the 2023-2024 award year, AAUW provided more than \$6 million in funding to 285 fellows and grantees. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. In the 2022-2023 academic year, more than \$6 million was awarded in fellowships and grants to more than 320 women and community projects.

A list of all those receiving fellowships and grants since 2008 can be found at:
https://www.aauw.org/fellowships_directory/#ayr2022-23%26staWisconsin

Three women studying at the University of Wisconsin listed in 2022-2023 recipients are: Jess Waggoner - post doctoral Disability Studies; Carole Alberca Doto - post doctoral Neuroepigenetics; and Rachel Banda - M.A. Education Curriculum and Instruction. When you are selling AAUW membership to family and friends, please remember to tell them of the many ways AAUW is helping women and girls around the world.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

New Interest Group forming!! "Let's Get Out the Vote!!"

Taking her inspiration from Michele Obama's speech at the DNC, Dotty wants to "do something!" and has come up with some great ideas to Get Out the Vote.

From neighborhood home groups to gathering for cocktails and conversation monthly to meeting people at community locations, please consider joining this new interest group. After the election, topics that could be discussed include how to stay informed, how to contact elected representatives, and how to run for office. Contact Dotty Juengst at, mdjuengst@aol.com, for more information.



SOUP AND SIGNING EVENT

** Per invitation from Geneva Lake Branch **
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Soups of 8 local restaurants and books of 8 local authors. See page 10 below for more details. *(Please note, Geneva Lake Branch needs forms by September 4th)*



ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

Thursday, September 12th
Woodwalk Gallery in Egg Harbor
6746 County Road G, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

We will be visiting the Woodwalk Gallery in Egg Harbor. Afterwards we will go to Casey's BBQ & Smokehouse for lunch (7855 Hwy 42 in Egg Harbor). We will meet at the Neville Museum parking lot to carpool at 9:00am as the Gallery opens at 10:00.

Woodwalk Gallery is known for its extensive collection of a wide range of work from nearly 100 emerging and established artists and makers. The featured artist at that time is Tom Linden, a painter of landscapes in oils and watercolor.

Please RSVP to Mary Woodbridge, miwiw@new.rr.com, or Carolyn Reedy, ccreedy03@yahoo.com

Looking Ahead: Art Programs for 2024-2025 *(Details to follow monthly)*

October 10: Oneida Museum and lunch TBD (Carolyn)

November 14: Art DVD from Great Courses Central Library (Jill)

December 12: Festival of Trees at the Railroad Museum – Lunch (Carolyn)

January No meeting

February 13: Art Colony at the Neville Museum – lunch

March 13: Blue Door Artworks art studio in DePere – Lunch (Sandy)

April 10: Kohler Design enter in Kohler – Lunch (Mary)

May 15 (third thursday): Articipation Studio Gallery with Darlene Klister in Sturgeon Bay – Lunch (Jill).



June 13: Planning Meeting at Diane’s house

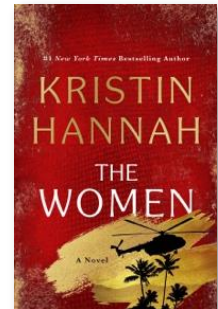
¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Terri Gulyas

Wednesday, September 25 (meets 4th Wednesday of the month) at 5:30 pm at the Green Bay Distillery

Book: The Women by Kristen Hannah

An intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided. Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. *The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.



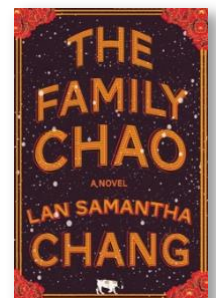
AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

**Monday, September 23 (meets 4th Monday of the month) at 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Joanne Rathburn’s home
1273 Roscoe St. Green Bay**

Book: The Family Chao by Lan Samantha Chang

The residents of Haven, Wisconsin, have dined on the Fine Chao Restaurant’s delicious Americanized Chinese food for thirty-five years, happy to ignore any unsavory whispers about the family owners. But when brash, charismatic, and



tyrannical patriarch Leo Chao is found dead—presumed murdered—his sons discover that they’ve drawn the exacting gaze of the entire town. The ensuing trial brings to light potential motives for all three brothers: Dagou, the restaurant’s reckless head chef; Ming, financially successful but personally tortured; and the youngest, gentle but lost college student James.

STATE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JULY 13TH

The State Board convened on July 13th at Schmeekle Reserve in Stevens Point. The key topics of discussion included building leadership throughout the state and strengthening structural support.

Key Takeaways:

*** IT Support: The IT Coordinator will be developing video tutorials on various tech tools to assist branches. Several branches expressed the need for additional support in developing grants or updating their websites.**

*** Leadership Opportunities: We discussed the importance of engaging and building leadership across the state, as well as effective ways to disseminate information. For the upcoming year, positions available include President-Elect, Leadership Vice President, and Membership Vice President. If you know anyone who would be a strong candidate for these roles, please forward their name to Terri Gulyas, our State Nominations Chair.**

*** Advocacy and Collaboration: Some branches are collaborating with other community organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, local colleges, and other advocacy organizations. The Northwoods branch shared their experience hosting a Juneteenth event. Other branches are encouraged to share their activities that might interest a broader audience, fostering inter-branch collaboration. (See the flyer for the Sip and Sign event sponsored by Geneva Lakes!) Our Green Bay area branch will be on the lookout for STEM activities that other branches are doing.**

*** Convention Participation: We explored strategies to encourage greater participation in our convention, especially from members not currently holding branch offices. We aim to create an inclusive environment that motivates all members to attend and engage.**

*** Optimizing Communication: Enhancing our communication through newsletters, websites, and social media platforms like Facebook was identified as a priority to ensure our messaging is impactful.**



PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Election season is upon us, and we all seek to find answers on issues so we can vote responsibly. The following websites are great places to begin and are helpful for voters:

MyVote.gov

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> is brought to you by the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission. It offers links to register, find your polling place, view your ballot, and more. Candidates are listed on a sample ballot about 45 days prior to an election.

Vote 411.org

<https://www.vote411.org> is a nationwide website where you can view ballot information specific to your address and delve deeper into where your candidates stand on the issues. The site includes details on any upcoming or recorded debates or forums. Candidates are asked a series of questions, and their responses provide valuable insights for voters. If you find that a candidate has not responded, consider reaching out to ask why. When candidates understand that a lack of response isn't helpful to voters, they may be more inclined to participate. The questions asked on the website are also great to use when engaging with candidates directly.





SOUP & SIGNING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Featuring:

SOUPS of

8 LOCAL RESTAURANTS

BOOKS of

8 LOCAL AUTHORS

Books Available for Purchase and Signing



SERVING FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Reservations \$30 per person

Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147



Presented by the AAUW Geneva Lake Branch. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Proceeds from this event will provide STEM college scholarships to young women from Walworth County public high schools and support our mission.

Check payable to AAUW Geneva Lake Branch due with registration by September 4, 2024.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Guest Names: _____

Tickets will be available at the door.

AAUW contact name: _____

Mail this section along with your check of \$30 per attendee to AAUW Geneva Lake Branch, Carla Olson, 610 Settlers Ridge Dr. Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Additional donation amount: _____ Questions contact Diane Thompson (262) 745-8355

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Send reservation form and \$22 check (made out to GB Area AAUW)

Barbara Wilson, 1445 Westmeath Ave., Green Bay, WI 54301

Questions? Call Barbara at 920-619-0930

Yes I will be attending the September 16th Branch Meeting

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

_____ # meals @ \$22 per meal

Meal Choice:

____ Cranberry Almond Salad

____ Grilled Chicken Sandwich

____ BBQ Pork Sandwich

Final Tribute to Maryl Hitchcock

On June 12th we celebrated Maryl Hitchcock, a 72 year AAUW member who passed away this past March 2nd. A few members wore hats as Maryl had for many meetings in years past. Tea was served along with punch and tea sandwiches. Chocolates from Serroogy's, Maryl's favorites, were available to be enjoyed by all. Many members were present at Heritage Hill to celebrate her life and spoke about her knowledge, graciousness, and caring of others. Her daughters Ann and Alison were present along with Maryl's granddaughters Julia and Mirra. A memory table was set up displaying a number of memorabilia from Maryl's past including her mortarboard cap. Sarah Ramaker, Mary Barker, and Janice McCarthy assisted with writing a book of poems with Maryl before she passed. A few of the poems were read for all to hear. Scholarship funds were raised by members in honor of Maryl and will be presented next spring. A special thank you to all who donated!!! We raised \$1,000!!! Main committee members included Jill Lauritsen, Sandy Melroy, and Sara. A special thank you to Karen Wilson who designed the invitation.





Make an Impact!
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Legacy Circle

Leave a Lasting Legacy

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