



GREEN BAY (WI)
BRANCH



October 2024

BAYNOTES

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

Branch Website: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net>

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AAUW GREEN BAY AREA BRANCH

Joint October Meeting (DEI):

AAUW Green Bay Area and LWV of Greater Green Bay

Monday, October 21, 2024

Speaker: Denise Gaumer Hutchison

Village Grille - 801 Hoffman Rd. - Allouez

5:30 pm Social - 6:00 pm Program

For those of you who would like dinner before the meeting we will meet at 4:30 and order off the menu. Village Grille offers us the use of their back room free of charge so please consider supporting them by joining us for dinner.

School Boards: Battleground for Education Culture Wars

Speaker: Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Wisconsin Women's Council, Chair and LWV, Board Member

In Wisconsin, we have seen school boards, and candidates for school boards, talk about policies that lead to book banning, curriculum censorship, and unsafe schools for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Denise Gaumer Hutchison will present up to date information on these culture wars in our area. Before the meeting you may want to view the AAUW webinar on Culture Wars and School Boards at this link: [School Boards: Battleground for Education Culture Wars](#)

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.



¡Estamos aquí! (We are here!)

President's Message

***Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
September 15 - October 15, 2024***



Tribute:

“Dolores Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist, best known for her work advocating for the rights of farmworkers. Born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico, Huerta grew up in a working-class family. After witnessing the hardships faced by agricultural laborers, she co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) with César Chávez in 1962, which later became the United Farm Workers (UFW).

Huerta played a crucial role in organizing strikes, boycotts, and campaigns to improve wages and working conditions for farmworkers. She was instrumental in the successful Delano grape strike of 1965, a major victory for labor rights. Her slogan, "Sí, se puede" ("Yes, we can"), became a rallying cry for social justice movements across the country.

Throughout her career, Huerta faced gender discrimination and hostility, but she remained committed to her cause. In addition to her labor activism, she has championed women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and environmental justice. In recognition of her lifelong work, Huerta received numerous awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. She remains an enduring symbol of activism and empowerment.”

The above paragraph was constructed by ChatGPT (<https://chatgpt.com>), a website accessible to all. I used this prompt: “Please give me a 200-word synopsis of the life of Dolores Huerta”. The above paragraph is what it gave me. Isn't that amazing?! I've been researching Dr. Huerta to come up with a nod to Hispanic Heritage month and wanted to share my continuing awe of technology.

We are here! Yes we can!

Terri

- For more information on Dr. Huerta, visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolores_Huerta
- For more community events celebrating our Hispanic Heritage, visit <https://www.uwgb.edu/student-engagement/events/monthly-events/hispanic-latinx-heritage-month/>

Summary of September Board Minutes by Sara Ramaker, secretary

The AAUW Green Bay Branch Board met on September 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Grill. Present were Terri Gulyas, Sue May, Nancy Anderson, Lisa Ubbelohde, Barb Wilson, Dotty Juengst.

- 1. Please consider joining Barb for the De Pere Health Dept and Mulva Program: “Join or Die” on Thursday, September 26th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The film “Join or Die” will be shown on the Samsung Oynx screen (one of three in the country). The film explores the decline of American community involvement and how we can reverse the trend. After the film, a Joining Fair will provide a chance for community members to learn about various organizations to best match their interests and talents with local community groups. The goal is to create stronger connections within the community. The Branch will be represented by Barb Wilson who will have a table and distribute membership information.
- 2. Take a look at our updated Branch website:** Sue May has been very busy updating the branch website and adding to the Dreamers and Doers Facebook page. We now have an email address which Sue is monitoring for us.
- 3. Membership: If you have belonged to AAUW from 1974 or earlier, please let Sue May know. You may be entitled to an Honorary Life Membership.**
- 4. Free National Memberships:** The branch has been awarded three free national memberships to use. By board consensus: one will be offered to Kristen Johnson, Judy Johnson’s daughter who recently relocated to Green Bay; one will be offered to Laura Wagner, UWGB professor; and one will be a drawing at the September branch meeting. [Note: at the September by consensus, in lieu of a drawing, the remaining membership will be given to Drew Coopman who has been a valued member and whose family faces the difficulties of having a premature child.]
- 5. Finance report:** As of August 2024, the branch checking is \$3694.08 and savings are \$1004.81, plus \$8000 in a 7-month CD at 4.5%.
- 6. Greater Needs Fund:** Members are asked to contribute items for the silent auctions at the December and may luncheons. Mary Schmidt is the contact for the auction. In addition, if you donate directly to the AAUW Greater Needs Fund, please be sure and identify your Green Bay Branch so it is added to our totals. We hope to raise \$1000 annually for this necessary program.
 - **The next board meeting will be October 14, 2024 at the Village Grill from 1:30 to 3:30. All members are invited to join us for all or any of it.**

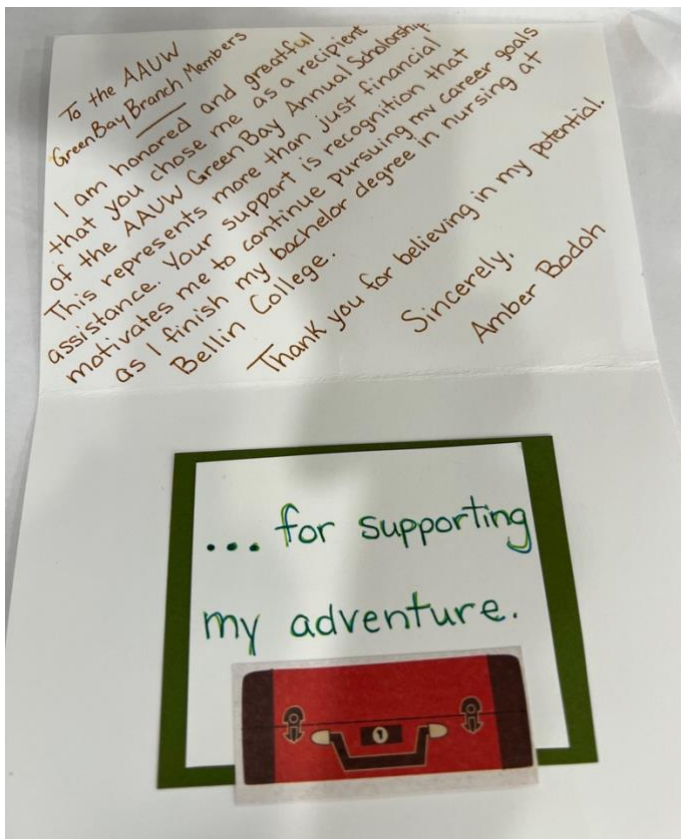
Scholarship Report by Sara Ramaker

- 1. Bellin College Dinner:** Carol DeGroot and I attended the Bellin Scholarship Award Celebration on Tuesday, September 18 at The Marq. Once again, it was a delightful affair. We were not only able to meet and talk to our scholarship recipient Amanda Brodoh, but also had three other students at our table. We had a lively discussion about the school and the variety of

programs available in “nursing”. I was impressed with their comments regarding the present situation for nurses. Most had experience working in hospitals or other medical facilities. They described how the shortages during COVID were real and seriously harmed patients and staff. They felt nurses had found that in speaking up for patients needs, they learned to speak for their own. All were excited about the opportunities offered at Bellin College and for becoming a part of a healthy, healthcare system. We were impressed by the confidence the students had in Bellin College. The work was hard, but they were going to be well prepare for their work ahead. It was reported that clinics, hospitals, etc. who are seeking medical staff will often look to Bellin graduates first, because they too are confident they will be competent. I was amazed that one of the students coached not only a 6th grade volleyball team, but also several club volleyball teams. The great variety in the work they were pursuing was amazing. We left with such hope for the future with such amazing young women as leaders.

I invited Amanda to join us for at least one meeting and she was very interested. Her passion is public health, housing for those without shelter and help for the poor. I will follow-up with her and see if we cannot get a date for her to speak to all of us. Amber Bodoh sent the branch a lovely handmade card, stating:

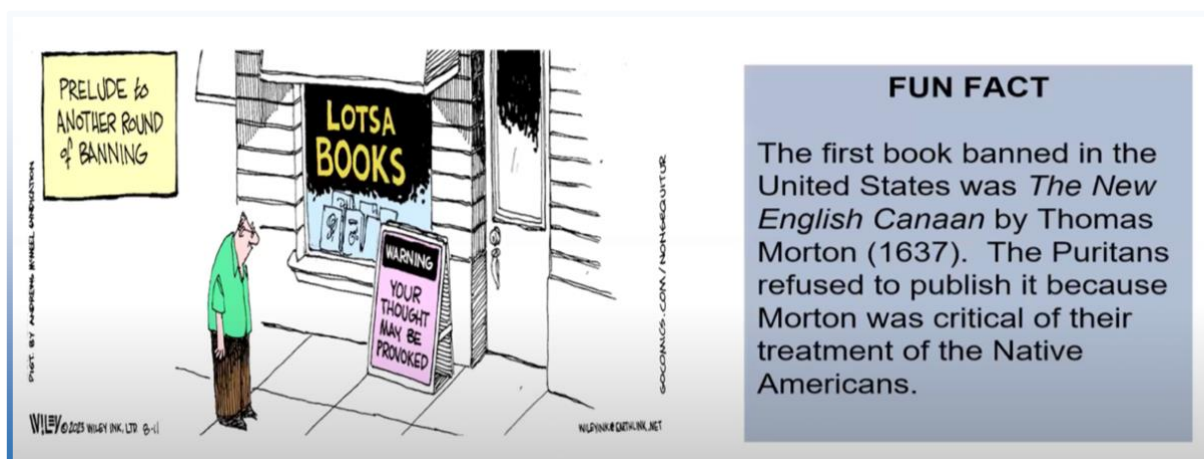
"To the AAUW Green Bay Branch Members: I am honored and grateful that you chose me as a recipient of the AAUW Green Bay Annual Scholarship. This represents more than just financial assistance. Your support is recognition that motivates me to continue pursuing my career goals as I finish my bachelor degree in nursing at Bellin College. Thank you for believing in my potential. Sincerely, Amber Bodoh."



NWTC donor night is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at NWTC. UWGB 2024 Scholarship Reception will be Wednesday, October 16th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Please contact Sara Ramaker if you would like to join her for either or both of these receptions. I hope to meet our scholarship recipient at each of these events.

Fun Fact!

Book banning from a long time ago:



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Terri Gulyas

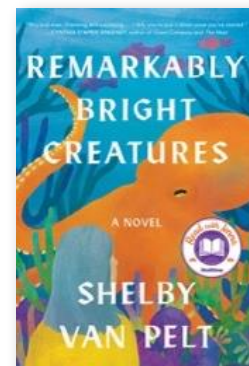
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Book: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Leader: Barbera Wilson

5:30 PM at Green Bay Distillery

“Remarkably Bright Creatures”, is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.



After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. Shelby Van Pelt's **debut novel** is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP (DEI)

Wendy Schroeder

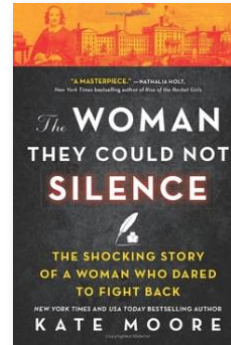
Monday, October 28, 2024, 3:00 PM

Joanne Rathburn's home, 1273 Roscoe St. Green Bay

Book: The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore

(Available: Hardcover, Paperback, e-Book, Audio book)

Leader: Wendy Schroeder



Summary: 1860 - As the clash between the states rolls slowly to a boil, Elizabeth Packard, housewife and mother of six, is facing her own battle. The enemy sits across the table and sleeps in the next room. Her husband of twenty-one years is plotting against her because he feels increasingly threatened by Elizabeth's intellect, independence, and unwillingness to stifle her own thoughts. So Theophilus makes a plan to put his wife back in her place. One summer morning, he has her committed to an insane asylum. The horrific conditions inside the Illinois State Hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois, are overseen by Dr. Andrew McFarland, a man who will prove to be even more dangerous to Elizabeth than her traitorous husband. But most disturbing is that Elizabeth is not the only sane woman confined to the institution. There are many rational women on her ward who tell the same story: they've been committed not because they need medical treatment, but to keep them in line - conveniently labeled "crazy" so their voices are ignored. No one is willing to fight for their freedom and, disenfranchised both by gender and the stigma of their supposed madness, they cannot possibly fight for themselves. But Elizabeth is about to discover that the merit of losing everything is that you then have nothing to lose...

DEI COMMITTEE AND STUDY GROUP (DEI)

October 8, 6:30 pm, via Zoom (Terri will send out Zoom link)

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 continue reading and discussing chapters 3, 4, and 5 from *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee.



ART STUDY GROUP (DEI)

Carolyn Reedy & Mary Woodbridge

Thursday, October 10

Oneida Nation Museum

W 892 Cty Hwy EE, DePere WI 54115

Admission is Adults \$4.00 and Seniors \$2.00.



We will be visiting the Oneida Nation Museum. The mission of the Oneida Nation Museum is to provide accurate information about the Oneida and Iroquois history and nationhood. This is accomplished by developing, preserving, and expanding resources and collections, and by providing exhibits and other educational programming.

After our visit to the museum, we are going to the “Cruise In Family Restaurant” in Seymour. (1027 Orchard Road Seymour 54165.)

We will meet at Carolyn Reedy’s home at 9:30am to carpool. (516 E. Eagle Terrace, Green Bay 54313.

Please RSVP to Mary Woodbridge (miwiw@new.rr.com) or Carolyn (ccreedy03@yahoo.com).

We would also like to recommend the Woodland Indian Art Show & Market at the Oneida Hotel (2040 Airport Dr. Green Bay 54313) November 1- 2. The theme this year is: “Spirit of our Ancestors”.

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.



CLEAN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

Carol Pearson

Shrink your carbon footprint by taking advantage of President Biden's Affordable Clean Energy Plan!

Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) - **Available now!**

Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) - **Coming soon!**

Benefits of upgrading your home

Reduce your energy bill

Increase your home's comfort

Improve your home's value

Shrink your carbon footprint and help the environment!

Learn more about home energy-savings through the U.S. Department of Energy.

1. Watch [this video](#) for an easy introduction to the nation-wide Home Energy Rebates programs.
2. [Get back to the basics](#) and learn the difference between tax credits and rebates.
3. Go to energy.gov/save for more information on the above, general energy-saving tips, and even directions for getting tax credits on new/old electric vehicles.

Art to inspire you to “Get Out the Vote”



Atelier Susi’s *Evanescence* sculpture on display at the Wiedner Center was inspired during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the world stopped and everything we took for granted started to disappear. The work encourages people to consider the world around them as a space of transience and fragility.

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.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Five Star Resources and FY25

Working toward Five Star status will continue to be a goal this year. The updated FY25 Five Star Program Criteria, covering branch activities from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, serves as a framework for branch success. Every branch has the opportunity to earn a star in one or more categories. The [Five Star Program Page\(link\)](#) has been updated to show the criteria required to achieve stars this year. Additionally, the Five Star Program page now includes a Frequently Asked Questions section to address common inquiries. We will continue to update these resources throughout the year based on leader feedback.

Branch/State Scholarship Programs and Title IX Restrictions

Some branches and states who award scholarships and other awards for women and girls through federally funded colleges, universities, and/or public schools may be experiencing challenges/roadblocks in their ability to do so because of Title IX restrictions. This is happening more frequently and is based on Department of Education guidelines which you can read more about [here](#).



Make an Impact!
Join AAUW
Legacy Circle

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Contact: Lucy Harvey lois3545@aol.com; Bonnie Diehl bdiehl81@gmail.com

Use this link to visit the Legacy Circle website:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/support-aauw/leave-a-legacy/>

2024-2025 Membership



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___ new application ___ renewal

- \$98** (National \$72, state \$13, and local membership \$13)
[\$69 is a tax deductible donation to a 501(c) 3 organization.]
- My check is enclosed for one year of membership, payable to **AAUW Green Bay**.
- I have renewed my membership online at AAUW.org date: _____
- Student dues of **\$18.81** enclosed

Mail to treasurer: Lisa Ubbelohde 417 Harvard St. Green Bay, WI 54303

You can also **renew** membership online at AAUW.org, links will also come via email

Member Information: _____ **no changes to previous information**

_____ First Middle Last

_____ Address City State Zip

_____ Home telephone Cell phone Work phone

_____ Email

_____ 1st Degree College/University

_____ 2nd Degree College/Univ

_____ Employer Occupation

Retired from _____

_____ Transferring membership; I previously was a member of this branch _____

Our Vision is Simple

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Our Mission is Sound

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

AAUW Empowers Women

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

RESEARCH	STEM EDUCATION	PUBLIC POLICY	EDUCATIONAL FUNDING
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Analyzing gender equity issues in education and the workplace.

Leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, tech, engineering, and mathematics.

Advocating for policies that advance equity for women and girls.

We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women.