

## BAYNOTES

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

### President's Message

*Dear Friends,*

*As we begin this new chapter in our nation's history with the inauguration of President Trump, it is especially important that we remember and uphold the enduring message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King's vision of equality, justice, and nonviolent action continues to illuminate the path forward, even when the road seems uncertain.*

*His call for unity and compassion reminds us that progress is only possible when we see one another's humanity and recognize our common dreams. In moments of discord, his words encourage us to seek peaceful dialogue, stand against injustice, and serve our communities with dignity and respect.*

*For us as women, Dr. King's legacy underscores the power in our collective voice and the significance of every individual story. Whether we mentor each other, support local initiatives, or simply offer a hand to someone in need, we can carry forward the spirit of hope and inclusivity that Dr. King championed. Our resolve to advocate for fairness and respect for all people—regardless of background, belief, or circumstance—honors his dream and strengthens our own community bonds.*

*May we draw inspiration from Dr. King's unwavering faith in humanity's potential for good. Let his words continue to guide us as we strive to foster a society where every person's rights and contributions are fully recognized. Though times may feel divisive, we can remain steadfast, remembering that lasting change begins with the conviction and kindness each of us brings to everyday life.*

*In solidarity and service,*

*Terri*



**Quick Look  
February  
Dates**

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April 25 -26	AAUW Wisconsin Convention
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**AAUW Proposed Annual Dues Change & Rationale**

The AAUW Board of Directors will consider an increase in AAUW individual member dues at their upcoming February 2025 meeting. The proposed increase is \$5 each year for the next 5 years, starting April 1, 2025.

The individual member dues rate is currently \$72. The proposed annual increase of \$5 would mean the following annual dues rates over the next 5 years:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dues Rate</u>
April 1, 2025	\$77
April 1, 2026	\$82
April 1, 2027	\$87
April 1, 2028	\$92
April 1, 2029	\$97

Dues cover about 15% of AAUW’s budget and do not cover the cost of member support. Consistently raising dues will cover more costs of member support and help offset increases in costs due to inflation. AAUW’s costs rise each year, yet dues do not automatically increase without the board’s directive. In keeping with AAUW’s commitment to financial sustainability and the financial health of the national office, regular dues increases are necessary.

AAUW did not increase dues in FY 2025 and the board is now considering a 5-year plan to increase individual member dues at \$5 annually.

AAUW members are welcome to provide feedback to the board. Please submit your comments by Wednesday, January 29 at 5:00 pm ET

Click on link here for more information:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/membership-dues-change-talking-points/>



# February AAUW Branch Meeting

Monday, February 17, 2025

Village Grille (801 Hoffman Road, Allouez)

5:30 pm social time 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.

Program - Women and Aging

Speaker: Dr. Laura Nelson - former Prevea Health Vice President and Chief Medical Officer - Northern Division, and now President and CEO of the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Dr, Nelson will speak about the stereotype and impact of age on women in society, health care and the workplace.

How does this hold us back from opportunities and being treated differently?

How does our community react to ageism in awareness and legislation?



# INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

## AAUW-WI Convention 2025 Highlights

The 104<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin State Convention will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel La Crosse – Onalaska, April 25-26. Reduced guest room rates have been negotiated at \$104 plus tax (\$118.04 total) per night.

- **Optional Tour**

On Friday morning, an optional guided tour of Mary of the Angels Chapel at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in 1878, will be offered to those who arrive early. The church is Romanesque style, with Corinthian pillars and Bavarian stained glass windows. Altars are constructed of Italian marble inlaid with Venetian glass and mother of pearl mosaics. There is no charge for the tour.

- **Keynote Speakers**

Keynote speaker Amanda Goodenough, an educator and consultant, works to elevate historically marginalized voices and advance racial justice. She is currently Lead Executive Officer and Founder of Goodenough Consulting, LLC.

Prior to assuming that position, she worked for 17 years as the Director of the Research and Resource Center for Campus Climate at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Amanda serves on the boards of numerous organizations focused on justice, equity, decolonization, and interconnectedness. Her honors include the Social Justice Achievement Award for the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women (2010) and the La Crosse Area Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award (2021). The title of Amanda's convention presentation is "Welcome to the Struggle . . ."

Lynda Drews of Green Bay is the author of *The Maid and the Socialite: The Brave Women Behind Green Bay's Scandalous Minahan Trials*. Her keynote, "Uncovering the Lost Histories of Women," will discuss the true story behind the book. The historical nonfiction, written in the victims' voices, discusses the truth about the women's abuser, a famous Green Bay surgeon. *Midwest Book Review* says, Lynda's book is "written with the drama of fiction and the compelling research of fact." She also wrote *Run at Destruction: A True Fatal Love Triangle* and *Circle of Innocence*. Lynda will have books available for signing.

- **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent sessions will feature topics such as the differently abled, artificial intelligence, big money and politics, the Holocaust, reproductive health, and local African American history.

- **Convention Activities**

Traditional convention activities, such as tri-board displays from each branch and a fundraising silent auction, will be included. Branches are encouraged to donate baskets for the auction. The Friday evening "Sweet Suite" will again be offered.

For more information or to receive a copy of this article as an email attachment, please contact Jan Eriksen, La Crosse Branch at, [jperiksen@viterbo.edu](mailto:jperiksen@viterbo.edu).

## Art Group- February 2025



**Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 am**

We will be going to the Neville Public Museum for the 110<sup>th</sup> Art Colony Art Exhibition. This year the Art Colony is celebrating the art of Amy Eliason who passed away last year. We will meet at the museum at 10:00. Afterward we will go to lunch at The Depot Restaurant across from the museum.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Reedy [ccreeedy03@yahoo.com](mailto:ccreeedy03@yahoo.com) or Mary Woodbridge [miwiwi@new.rr.com](mailto:miwiwi@new.rr.com).



## ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Terri Gulyas

**Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 pm**

**Leader: Sara**

**Book: The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner**

**Where: Green Bay Distillery**



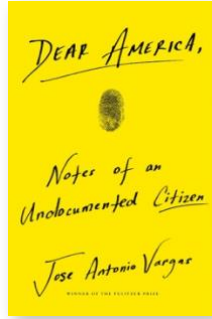
*April 18, 1906: A massive earthquake rocks San Francisco just before daybreak, igniting a devouring inferno. Lives are lost, lives are shattered, but some rise from the ashes forever changed.*

Sophie Whalen is a young Irish immigrant so desperate to get out of a New York tenement that she answers a mail-order bride ad and agrees to marry a man she knows nothing about. San Francisco widower Martin Hocking proves to be as aloof as he is mesmerizingly handsome. Sophie quickly develops deep affection for Kat, Martin's silent five-year-old daughter, but Martin's odd behavior leaves her with the uneasy feeling that something about her newfound situation isn't right. Then one early-spring evening, a stranger at the door sets in motion a transforming chain of events. Sophie discovers hidden ties to two other women. The first, pretty and pregnant, is standing on her doorstep. The second is hundreds of miles away in the American Southwest, grieving the loss of everything she once loved. The fates of these three women intertwine on the eve of the devastating earthquake, thrusting them onto a perilous journey that will test their resiliency and resolve and, ultimately, their belief that love can overcome fear. From the acclaimed author

of “*The Last Year of the War*” and “*As Bright as Heaven*” comes a gripping novel about the bonds of friendship and mother love, and the power of female solidarity.

## **AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

Wendy Schroeder



**Monday, February 24, 3:00 pm**

**Leader: Terri**

**Book: Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Immigrant by Jose Antonio Vargas**

**Where: Joanne Rathburn's home, 1273 Roscoe St, Green Bay, WI 54304**

*“This is not a book about the politics of immigration. This book—at its core—is not about immigration at all. This book is about homelessness, not in a traditional sense, but in the unsettled, unmoored psychological state that undocumented immigrants like myself find ourselves in. This book is about lying and being forced to lie to get by; about passing as an American and as a contributing citizen; about families, keeping them together, and having to make new ones when you can’t. This book is about constantly hiding from the government and, in the process, hiding from ourselves. This book is about what it means to not have a home.*

*After 25 years of living illegally in a country that does not consider me one of its own, this book is the closest thing I have to freedom.”*

**— Jose Antonio Vargas**

## **DEI AAUW and LWV Study Group**

Dotty Juengst and Terri Gulyas (DEI Committee Co-Chairs)

**Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM via zoom**

Book: *The Sum of Us* (Discussion topics in Chapters 7)

(To get the Zoom link, email Terri Gulyas at [tsgulyas@gmail.com](mailto:tsgulyas@gmail.com))

Chapter 7, Living Apart: No governments in modern history save South Africa's apartheid and Nazi Germany, have segregated as well as America has. All segregation is the result of public policy past and present.

Everyone is welcome even if you didn't read the chapters or come to other meetings. We discuss how our experiences reflect these topics. Please bring any relevant current news articles to discuss.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy February AAUW members!

The good news this month is we are halfway through winter! We can almost see spring (if we squint our eyes a bit!). 🙄🙄

We had a wonderful meeting last month movie night viewing, *“The Six Triple Eight”* - a powerful message about perseverance under adversity! The evening was wonderful - thanks to Sandy Melroy's hospitality and great company!



Speaking of great company - do you have friends who would enjoy the company of our AAUW members and the programs we offer? Please invite them to come as a guest and perhaps they will choose to join us - like my friend Claire did! Take a moment and think about who might like our group and invite them to come to one of our meetings or groups. Joining is easy- I have attached a membership application (on page 8) or it can be found on our website <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/files/2016/09/24-25-Member-application.pdf>.

Enjoy February - Happy Valentines Day!

Sue May

If you know someone who may be interested in joining AAUW-Green Bay area, please invite them to one of our meetings or interest groups. We would love to meet them! For more information reach out to [aauwgb@gmail.com](mailto:aauwgb@gmail.com). For information about joining Green Bay Area AAUW - please check the website at: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/join/>



# 2024-2025 Membership



\_\_\_\_\_ **new application** \_\_\_\_\_ **renewal**

- \$98** (National \$72, state \$13, and local membership \$13)  
[\$72 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**

**Member Information:**

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Employer Occupation

**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.

Retired from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Transferring membership; I previously was a member of AAUW branch: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RESEARCH</b>	<b>STEM EDUCATION</b>	<b>PUBLIC POLICY</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL FUNDING</b>
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.





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Legacy Circle

Leave a Lasting Legacy

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