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## President's Message

### Spring's Little Pep Talk

Hey there, friends—wake up, come on!  
 The frost is going, going, gone!  
 Shake off that dirt, it's time to rise,  
 Stretch those leaves toward sunny skies!

The robins chirp, "Get with the show!"  
 While tulips pop up, row by row.  
 Daffodils throw a yellow bash,  
 And bees arrive with pollen stash.

Grass throws a party, growing wild,  
 The breeze is playful, fresh, and mild.  
 Even the worms get in the groove—  
 Aerating soil with every move!

Spring's got jokes, and hope's the punch,  
 Promising blooms and picnic lunch.  
 So shed that coat, kick off those shoes—  
 It's time to chase away the blues!

Because if tulips can brave the chill,  
 You, my friends, can find your thrill.  
 Hope's not shy, it sings, it zings—  
 Get ready now—**here comes spring!** 🌸 🌻

Have a happy spring!

Terri

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## AAUW GB board meeting - all are welcome!

Our next board meeting is on Monday, April 7 at 1:30-3:00 pm at the Village Grill. We will be discussing programming for the upcoming year and elections for AAUW GB board members. If you are interested in learning more about any office or just are curious about how the board operates, please join us!

### April AAUW Branch Meeting



Monday, April 14, 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.

- REMINDER: this is the 2nd Monday of the month due to the NFL draft -

Program: *"Keeping your banking safe"*

Speaker: Aubrey Abrahamson, assistant branch manager at North Shore Bank.

Aubrey will address different types of scams we may experience via text, email, and phone. She will explain what to do if you get one. Check fraud will be covered and how to protect your assets. Aubrey will share great do's and don'ts to ensure your financial security.

### ( March AAUW Branch Meeting Recap )

Great turnout for our St Patrick's Day meeting at the Village Grill. Corn beef and cabbage was had by many. Guest speaker, Maureen Smith, joined us for the meal and spoke to our group. Packers, NFL Draft, Stockholders meetings were some of the topics she covered. Her youngest son a Packer fan, insisted she take the job. This got many laughs. Maureen likes us so much she plans on joining our branch!!!



## **Program Planning for 2025-2026**

Barbara Wilson

The March Board meeting held recently, is suggesting that program ideas for the 2025-2026 year be submitted for consideration. Please submit your thoughts by April 18<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Wilson. The ideas will then be listed in the May newsletter so membership can review and consider which programs they would like for the next year. In June at the Cocktails and Conversation meeting we will then present these programs and others suggested that evening, decide and assign dates for the 2025-2026 program year. If you have a program idea, include a possible speaker for the presentation.

Barbara Wilson at: [bannwilson315@gmail.com](mailto:bannwilson315@gmail.com)

Thank you

## **Membership**

Sue May

### April newsletter membership news



It's finally April and that's no fooling!

We are so fortunate to have great speakers for our programs this year! Last month we welcomed "Women in Non-traditional careers" presenter Maureen Smith-CFO, Green Bay Packers. Thank you to Maureen, and Jill for inviting Maureen to join us! April's speaker is Aubrey Abrahamson, assistant branch manager at North Shore Bank. She will be joining us on Monday, April 14 to discuss banking safety practices. And speaking of joining - if you have a friend who may be interested in this topic or one of our groups - please invite them to come as a guest. We'd love to meet them! And we'd love to have a guest become a member! Joining is easy - I have attached a membership application at the bottom of this newsletter or it can be found on our website: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/files/2025/03/2025-26-Member-application.pdf>

Enjoy the warm weather that's on its way and get ready for the NFL Draft!!



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/>

## **Additional information on Membership: Membership Renewals**

Lisa Ubbelohde

AAUW National office has begun to send out renewal notices, even for those whose membership is current to June 30, 2025 (which is those who pay through our branch by check). If you gave me your check last year, you may continue to do so and I will renew your membership for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. I will collect in May and June. AAUW now operates renewals on what they call a "rolling renewal". If you renew online by credit card, which is OK, your membership will be noted as starting when the payment is received and that will be your renewal date next year. (This is true for new memberships received during the year also) I believe you can pay the entire amount for national, state, and local branch dues and they will eventually credit our branch account with your dues, or you may pay our branch dues directly to me. Thank you for your continued support of AAUW and our branch.

## **INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS**

### **AAUW DEI Study Group**

*\*\*\* No meeting in April. Next meeting will be on May 13 \*\*\**

### **Art Study Group**

Carolyn Reedy/Mary Woodbridge

**Thursday, April 10**

On April 10 we are going to the Kohler Design Center. The building was originally used as a recreation hall for the residents of the Village of Kohler. Today it is a showcase for the Kohler family businesses and museum. Admission is free. <https://www.kohlerwisconsin.com/explore-more/activities-and-events/kohler-design-center> (Kohler Design Center: 101 Upper Rd. Kohler, WI 53044, 920-457-3699).

After the visit we will go to lunch at The Horse & Plow at the American Club. (419 Highland Dr, Kohler WI 53044, 920-451-2178). Menu at: [kohlerwisconsin.com](http://kohlerwisconsin.com)

We will meet at the Park & Ride parking lot off of GV at 9:00 am to carpool.

Please RSVP to Mary Woodbridge at: [miwiwi@new.rr.com](mailto:miwiwi@new.rr.com) or Carolyn Reedy at: [ccreedy03@yahoo.com](mailto:ccreedy03@yahoo.com)



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## ( Art Group Highlights from March )

The art group went to Blue Door Artworks located in De Pere. Artists Suzy Pfeifer and Jane Hostetler talked about their careers and different mediums they use. Mary's 2 daughters joined us and Sue brought a guest. A few of us made purchases!!

We all enjoyed lunch at Delights Bakery and Café. Marilyn was able to meet us there.



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## Clean Water Action Council's Banquet and 40th Anniversary Celebration

Carol Pearson

Thursday, April 17, 5:00-8:00  
Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St., Green Bay  
Event info: <https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/events/>



What is CWAC of Northeast Wisconsin:  
<https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/about/>

Dine on mostly organic and locally sourced gluten-free food with a vegan choice, place your bids on art and unique gift certificates, and enjoy the performance of musician and story teller Tom Neilson.

Tom Neilson is known locally as the Bard Insurgent. His travels are reflected in his songs, intertwined with farm roots and a fervent commitment to social justice, as he writes about historical and current events. He has been at the forefront in helping communities organize against water privatization, mountain top removal, nuclear energy, incinerators, GMOs, fracking, & toxic waste.

Dinner choices are gluten free, and mostly locally sourced and organically grown. Choose a roast beef or a vegan roasted portabella mushroom with Marsala sauce. Both include mashed potatoes, roasted root vegetables, salad, gluten free dessert, and coffee. Tables can be reserved for parties of six-eight. Tickets are \$30/person using the order form at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clean-water-action-council-annual-banquet-and-fundraiser-tickets-1246360711439>. Ticket sales end on Apr 15, 2025.



### *Green Bay Area AAUW Spring Celebration- Saturday May 3, 11-2pm*

Please join us for our annual spring celebration- honoring scholarship recipients, thanking current officers and welcoming new leadership. Lunch will be at the Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St in the Garden Room. Please have your reservation in by Saturday, April 26. The cost is \$25 and checks can be mailed to: Sue May, 1261 Valley View, Green Bay, WI, 54304, or paid in person at the April AAUW meeting.

[\(see registration flyer below on page 11 for more information\)](#)

Questions, please email [suemay07@gmail.com](mailto:suemay07@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!





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## Afternoon Book Group

Wendy Schroeder

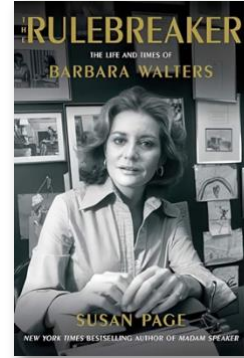
Monday, April 28, 2025, 3:00 pm

Book: The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters

by Susan Page

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

Leader: Marilyn Rabideau



Summary: Barbara Walters was a force from the time TV was exploding on the American scene in the 1960s to its waning dominance in a new world of competition from streaming services and social media half a century later. She was not just a groundbreaker for women (Oprah announced when she was seventeen that she wanted to be Barbara Walters), but also expanded the big TV interview and then dominated the genre. By the end of her career, she had interviewed more of the famous and infamous, from presidents to movie stars to criminals to despots, than any other journalist in history. Then at sixty-seven, past the age of many female broadcasters found themselves involuntarily retired, she pioneered a new form of talk TV called The View. She is on the short list of those who have left the biggest imprints on television news and on our culture, male or female. So, who was the woman behind the legacy? In *The Rulebreaker*, Susan Page conducts 150 interviews and extensive archival research to discover that Walters was driven to keep herself and her family afloat after her mercurial and famous impresario father attempted suicide. But she never lost the fear of an impending catastrophe, which is what led her to ask for things no woman had ever asked for before, to ignore the rules of misogynistic culture, to outcompete her most ferocious competitors, and to protect her complicated marriages and love life from scrutiny. Page breaks news on every front—from the daring things Walters did to become the woman who reinvented the TV interview to the secrets she kept until her death. This is the “stunning” (Norah O’Donnell), “brilliantly written” (Andrea Mitchell) account of the woman who knew she had to break all the rules so she could break all the rules about what viewers deserved to know.

## ¡Adelante! Book Group

Terri Gulyas

*\*\*\* No meeting this month. Next meeting will be May 28th. Book TBD. \*\**





## **AAUW-WI Convention 2025 Highlights**

AAUW-WI Convention 2025 is just around the corner! *“Forward AAUW: Bridges to the Future”*, will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel, La Crosse/Onalaska, April 25-26. **EVERYONE IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION – NOT JUST OFFICERS.** Please join us! It’s an excellent way to meet members from throughout the state and hear about current issues in women’s rights, public policy, and other important subjects. For more information on daily presentations and activities, to register, and to reserve a hotel room, please go to <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/convention/>

- *Below are additional notes after going to the link above to review entire program information. -*

### **OPTIONAL FRIDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES**

**9:00am – 10:00 am:** You are invited to tour Mary of the Angels Chapel, a La Crosse historic landmark, located at the St. Rose Convent motherhouse for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). FSPA is a religious order of women founded in 1863. The sisters started hospitals, educated teachers, and remain active in prayer, adoration and goodness for the world. The chapel is noted as one of the most authentic German Teutonic Romanesque buildings of the world with Corinthian pillars and Bavarian stained-glass windows. Altars are constructed of Italian marble inlaid with Venetian glass and mother of pearl mosaics. Free will donations are appreciated. *Tour is expected to last about 60 minutes and there is an opportunity for questions following the tour.* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Bmsux5jTns>

**11:00am – 12:00pm:** *Decoding the Driftless*, a documentary film, to be shown at Stoney Creek Hotel. Join scientists and seasoned local guides on an adventure through the air, across rugged landscapes, on and under the water, through a secret underworld, and across time itself as they explore and decipher ancient clues of the archaeology, paleontology, geology, and biology of the Driftless Region. With its captivating scenic beauty, this exceptionally rare, scenic, and fascinating landscape known as the Driftless Area is the only “island driftless region” in the world.

#### **• 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

- A third keynote speaker has recently been announced: Meghan Kissell, Senior Director of Policy and Member Advocacy at AAUW National. Meghan’s presentation is titled, “National AAUW Public Policy.” Meghan has more than 20 years of nonprofit policy and issue developing and implementing targeted social impact strategies designed to engage key stakeholders and policy makers to advocate for positive policy outcomes. Prior to joining AAUW, Meghan led efforts to expand LGBTQ equality in the Deep South with the Human Rights Campaign. She also worked for the Conservation Lands Foundation, organizing local and national campaigns resulting in the successful protection of more than five million acres of public land. Immediately following Meghan’s presentation Barbara Peterson, AAUW-WI Public Policy Co-Chair, will discuss public policy at the state level.

- **Concurrent Breakout 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.

## SILENT AUCTION

A Silent Auction Gallery of baskets and other donations will be posted here: <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/convention/>, in early April, for all to see! Please use the “**SILENT AUCTION FORM**” button in this section on the website to submit your entry. **Submit your form by March 29** to ensure your basket information and photo will be posted in the Silent Auction Gallery. The donated items will benefit AAUW’s Greatest Needs Fund. **Bidding will take place only at the convention**, and once the item is won, the winner will take the item home from the convention. You can pay by either credit card or check.

For the first time this year, AAUW Wisconsin is inviting non-members to attend the convention. So please bring along a daughter, granddaughter, sister, friend, or colleague. The cost of attendance is the same as for members and non-members can register in the same way that members do at <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/convention/>. Convention registration must be done online. Payment can be made on the website, with no service fee, using a credit or debit card, Apply Pay, or Google Pay. Alternatively, registrants may pay by sending a check via USPS. The deadline to register without a late charge is March 24.

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

## Nominations Report

President: Terri Gulyas/ Co-Pres or Pres -Elect *open*

Secretary: Sara Ramaker/ sec board or sec meetings - *open*

VP Membership: Sue May/ co VP membership - *open*

VP Programs: Wendy Smith-Janosek/ co VP programs - *open*

Co-VP Finance: Lisa Ubbelohde/Claire Asbury

Please consider volunteering to be a co-officer to gain experience and provide support for our hard-working board members. It's a great way to learn about the role and the organization!

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**BTW,**



**Not sure when, but it is coming!**



# GREEN BAY AREA AAUW SPRING CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025  
11:00 – 2:00 PM  
ROCKGARDEN  
1951 BOND ST. GREEN BAY



## LET'S CELEBRATE SPRING!!!

It's time for our annual Spring celebration. We will be honoring scholarship recipients, thanking out-going officers and welcoming our new leadership. Lunch will be in the Garden Room with a separate entrance right off the parking lot. No long hallways to maneuver!!! Look for the AAUW signs.

We will order at the restaurant from the following menu items:

*Wild Berry Chicken Salad; 1951 West Burger; Tuscan Chicken Sandwich; Rubeen* includes coffee, tea and soda. Cash bar available

**Deadline for registration is Saturday, April 26.** Please send reservation form and **\$25.00** check (made out to Green Bay Area AAUW), to Susan May, 1261 Valley View Rd, Green Bay, 54304

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# 2025-2026 Membership



**GREEN BAY (WI)  
BRANCH**

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

- \$100** (National \$74, state \$13, and local membership \$13)  
[\$74 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:**

First	Last		
( _____ check if no changes to your information)			
Address	City	State	Zip
Home telephone	Cell phone	Work phone	
Email			
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	College/University		
2nd Degree	College/University		
3rd Degree	College/University		
Employer	Occupation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired from _____			

**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.

\_\_\_\_ 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>
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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.