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June 2025 BayNotes President's Message

Happy summer friends!

Let's enjoy the sunshine while we can! In June, we'll meet at Sandy Melroy's house in for our **Cocktails and Conversations** program planning soiree. Wendy Schmidt-Janosik, our new Programs VP, will guide us in our choices. Please take time to review National's priorities for the coming year <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/files/2025/05/Strategic-Plan-1-Pager.pdf>, which will include an emphasis on public policy. Keep your ears to the ground for news about the impact of the new administration's policy decisions and how they impact on women and education. https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/files/2025/05/AAUW_First_100_Days_Fact_Sheet.pdf

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In July, our **Summer Gathering** will be at Judy Johnson's house to see her lovely gardens and catch up on all our travels and summer fun. Thanks once again to Sandy and Judy for their generous hospitality!

Upcoming in July	
21	Green Bay Area Branch Summer Get Together

Our Board will continue to meet over the summer to review the new criteria for the 5 Star Program for FY26 and evaluate where we stand with meeting those criteria, always striving for 5 stars. Here's a link for more information <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/5-star-program/#FY26-Criteria> They really do provide a map for us as we strive to make a difference in our community and our world, especially in education for women. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. We meet on the first Monday of the month (June 2, July 7, and August 4) from 1:30-3:00 at the Village Grille.

Have a wonderful summer everyone! See you around the campfire!

Terri

"There is no limit as to what we, as women, can accomplish."

- Michelle Obama

May Annual Membership Meeting recap

- held on May 3, 2025

Location: The Rock Garden

Attending: Officers: Vice-President-Membership: Sue May, Co-Vice-Presidents Programs: Barb Wilson, Carol Pearson, Treasurer: Lisa Ubbelohde, Secretary: Sara Ramaker and 12 other members. President Teresa Gulyas was out of town.

I. Call to Order: Sara Ramaker called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to our annual meeting.

II. Outgoing Officers: Sara Ramaker introduced and thanked each outgoing officer and board member and presented each a flower. A special shout out went to Les Gulyas for all his work in creating our wonderful monthly BayNotes.

III. Election of Officers: Sara Ramaker gave the report of the Nominating Committee which proposed the following slate of officers:

President: Terri Gulyas

VP Programs: Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

VP Membership: Sue May

Treasurer: Lisa Ubbelohde and Claire Asbury

Secretary: Sara Ramaker

There being no discussion and no nominations from the floor, Dotty Juengst moved, Mary Schmidt seconded, to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and that the proposed officers be voted upon together. Motion passed. Thereby, Eileen Littig moved, Sue May seconded, that the proposed slate of officers be elected for the 2025-2026 year. Motion passed.

IV. Membership Pledge to Support Officers: All members joined Lisa Ubbelohde in the pledge to support the officers in the following year.

Lunch was then served.

V. Presentation of Reports:

A. Scholarship: Sara Ramaker reported that UWGB did not award the scholarship last year because the student did not attend. This year there will be three AAUW Dreamers and Doers scholarships at UWGB: Two for \$1125 -representing last year's and this year's regular scholarships and the one-time Mary Louise "Maryl" Hitchcock Scholarship for \$1500. Sara Ramaker read the presentation that will accompany the scholarship describing Maryl's many accomplishments.

B. AAUW Annual Elections and Proposed Bylaw Changes: Sara Ramaker reminded everyone to vote in the AAUW elections, because without a quorum there is not election. The simple

procedures were again presented. While Sara was speaking, Mary Schmidt stated that she had just voted to prove it was just that easy. The copies of the procedures for voting were distributed.

C. Branch Website: Our branch website has not been updated in some time. Sue May reported that she has studied and worked with the state board member who helped a lot. She encouraged all to look at it. In addition she added an information email address and she was excited to say she has had one person interested in joining us! Hopefully, the updates in the website will continue to draw new people to our membership.

D. Program Review: Barb Wilson recounted the branch programs that were offered last year. The diversity of topics and presenters was amazing. She thanked everyone who had contributed by identifying and contacting speakers and following through with an introduction and thank you. Barb reminded us to think of topics and speakers for the Conversation and Cocktails to be held in June.

E. Five Star Program: Sara Ramaker was happy to report that Terri has submitted the paperwork for the annual Five Star Program. The board feels we have a very good chance of receiving five stars. Much of our success is due to the diversity of programs that are in line with AAUW policies and the boards efforts to meet the requirements for the programs.

F. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Ubbelohde provided report.

G. Convention Report: Lisa Ubbelohde reported on the AAUW WI Convention held April 25-26 in La Crosse. She was impressed with the presentations and presented and distributed interesting information.

VI. Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Eileen Littig. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

AAUW GB board meeting - all are welcome!

Our next board meeting is on Monday, June 2 at 1:30-3:00 pm at the Village Grill. All are welcome! Please let Terri Gulyas know if you plan to attend. We will be discussing goals and programming for the upcoming year. If you are interested in learning more about any office or just are curious about how the board operates, please join us!



Membership

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. For information about joining Green Bay Area AAUW - please check the website at: <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/join/>

Membership Dues Renewals

Lisa Ubbelohde

Most members' renewal of membership will come due at the end of June. Lisa will be glad to receive your check in the amount of \$100, which covers national, state and branch dues. The entire amount of national dues (\$74) is tax deductible. A renewal form is attached to this newsletter. If your due date is other than June 30, your membership will be extended one year from that date. If you renew online, please be sure to indicate that you want branch dues to also be paid. AAUW will send the \$13 on to us.

June AAUW Branch Meeting and Cocktails & Conversation

Monday, June 16, 2025, at Sandy Melroy's house, 1931 Rainbow Dr. De Pere. 5:30 pm, Social. 6:00 pm, Program planning for 2025-2026. Ideas will be discussed, then decided upon. If you cannot attend, but have program ideas, email them to Wendy Schmidt-Janosik at, wjanosik51@gmail.com by June 13th. Or call at 920-988-3928. Wendy Schmidt-Janosik will be the Program VP for the 2025-2026 year.



Scholarship News

Sara Ramaker



September Scholarship Report

I have good news and bad news. The bad/sad news is our last year's scholarship recipient at UWGB never enrolled in school. For whatever reason the school does not turn around and award it to a different student who is enrolled. The good news is UWGB has \$1200 and we sent them our regular \$1000 plus the \$1500 scholarship honoring Maryl Hitchcock. As a result Drum roll.... *AAUW Green Bay Branch will be awarding three scholarships this year: 2 Dreamer and Doers scholarships for \$1125 and the scholarship honoring Maryl Hitchcock for \$1500.* I am excited and proud for our branch to be fostering university education especially at this time.

The branch also sent in the regular (\$1000) scholarships for NWTC and Bellin College. None of the colleges have awarded scholarships at this time.

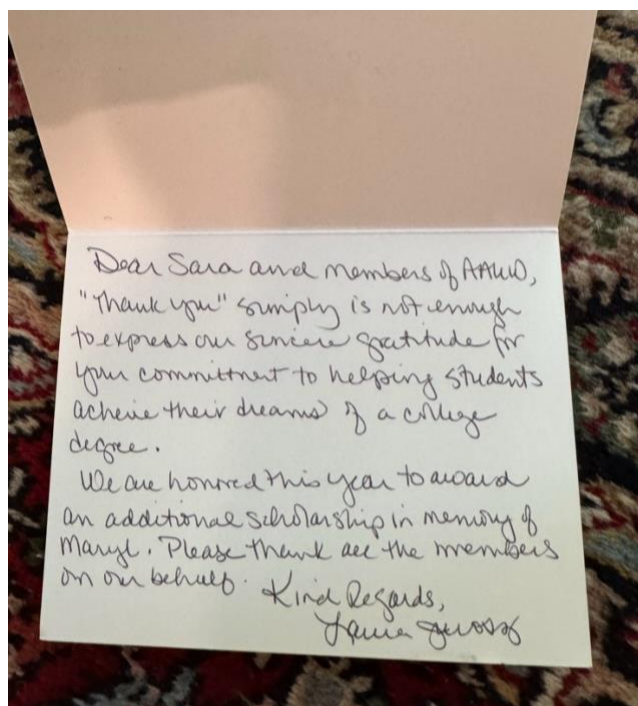
Scholarship in Honor of Mary Louise “Maryl” Hitchcock (1923-2024)

For those of you who donated to the scholarship to honor Maryl Hitchcock either directly to the one-year scholarship or to our Doers and Dreamers Scholarship Fund at the Greater Green Bay Foundation, on behalf of the branch I thank you. Because of your generosity there will be a one-time scholarship at UWGB for \$1500 in Maryl Hitchcock's name. Maryl valued education and I know she would be very honored with this scholarship in her name. So that the student will know who is being honored, the following will be given to the student.

Scholarship in Honor of Mary Louise “Maryl” Hitchcock (1923-2024)

In recognition of her many contributions as a seventy-three-year member of AAUW, AAUW-Green Bay Branch honors “Maryl” - Mary Louise Hitchcock with this one-year scholarship to UWGB. Always a strong supporter of education and recognizing her need for continued learning, Maryl loved the wealth of experiences AAUW offered her. It opened her mind and heart to many new studies and people. Maryl graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BS degree in Home Economics and a minor in chemistry which led to a civil service job at Fort Sheridan, Illinois as a chemist testing food for military use during World War II. When the war ended, she became a serologist testing all the returning veterans. In 1947, she married Robert Hitchcock and they returned to the University of Wisconsin where Maryl completed her MS in Home Economics. Maryl and Robert moved to Green Bay and raised three children. With the children in school, Maryl enjoyed a variety of jobs, including: working with at home students with physical and emotional handicaps, serving “under cover” for H. C. Prange's researching competitors' fur coats, and “secretly” teaching at Green Bay Public Schools' first school for unwed mothers. She even was Green Bay's “Julia Child,” with her own TV cooking show. Yet, Maryl's passion was education and she returned to full time teaching at Southwest High School where students affectionately called her “Ma Hitchcock.” Students took her home economics classes for an “easy grade”, but found them challenging and sometimes life changing. Maryl was the first female teacher at the school to be honored with “Teacher of the Year”. As she aged, she constantly challenged people's negative attitudes about aging. While temporarily staying at a local nursing home, she demanded that the administration improve the quality of the food. She was delighted to be invited to speak on these aging issues to the students at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She charmed them and was invited back for many years. Her love of learning also led Maryl to befriend and charm people all her life. A typical story is the young woman who often brought her meals in the last year of Maryl's life. They had met while waiting in a doctor's office and she just kept visiting Maryl. This is only a glimpse of some of the amazing things Maryl did in 100 years of life. She would love this honor and would hope that this scholarship inspires another to live an amazing life.

"A lovely thank you note from UWGB!":



INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

Art Notes June 2025

Carolyn Reedy/Mary Woodbridge

The art group will be meeting on Thursday, June 12 at 10:00am for a Planning Brunch. It will be hosted by Diann Malueg at her home, 1115 Fox River Drive, De Pere 55115. (920-336-7422). Please come prepared with your ideas on programs or field trips you would like to suggest or help plan for the upcoming 2025-2026 year.

We want to thank everyone who helped with our programs this past year and all who attended to make it such an interesting and enjoyable year. RSVP to Mary Woodbridge 920-362-8900, miwiw@new.rr.com, or Carolyn Reedy at 920-496-9169, ccreedy03@yahoo.com.

- RECAP: May 15th, Art Study trip to ARTicipation -

The Art Group's recent trip to the ARTicipation Studio in Sturgeon Bay was a delightful excursion, where members of our group had the privilege of engaging in various artistic activities led by the talented artist, Darlene Klister. Darlene welcomed us with an insightful demonstration on the use of gold foil in art. She introduced an intriguing

exercise where we did “soul drawings”, where we did free drawings with our eyes closed, embracing the spontaneity of the moment and cultivating a deeper connection to our creative instincts. Following the free draw, we were guided to create drawings inspired by our initial sketches. Darlene showcased a collection of her artworks, which included unique pieces of copper art, vibrant paintings, and intricate jewelry. Each piece reflected her exceptional skill and artistic vision. Many members seized the opportunity to purchase beautiful creations from the art studio, either to cherish as personal keepsakes or to present as thoughtful gifts to loved ones. Photos: Terri and Barb were fascinated when Darlene showed us with her gold foil technique. Mary, Sara, and Carolyn were particularly engrossed in the creative process, channeling their artistic flair into captivating pieces. Barb, Mary, and Sara admired the piece of art in front of ARTicipation, featuring this year’s themed art for Sturgeon Bay – Sailboats. Thanks to Jill for taking the photos!

After our visit to the gallery, we went to lunch at the Get Real Café and enjoyed their inclusive environment with the Pride motif at the entry and the COEXIST mural in the kitchen. The food was creative and delicious. We enjoyed the camaraderie and look forward to the next ARTventure!



The trip to Sturgeon Bay and the visit to ARTicipation were enriching experiences that fostered creativity and artistic expression amongst our group. Darlene Klister's guidance and the collaborative atmosphere made this excursion memorable for all involved.



Afternoon Book Group

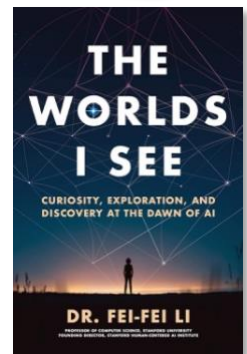
Wendy Schroeder

Monday, June 23, 3:00 pm

Book: The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration and Discovery at the Dawn of AI by Fei-Fei Li

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

Discussion leader: Dotty Juengst



Summary: Known to the world as the creator of ImageNet, a key catalyst of modern artificial intelligence, Dr. Li has spent more than two decades at the forefront of the field. But her career in science was improbable from the start. As immigrants, her family faced a difficult transition from China's middle class to American poverty. And their lives were made all the harder as they struggled to care for her ailing mother, who was working tirelessly to help them all gain a foothold in their new land. Fei-Fei's adolescent knack for physics endured, however, and positioned her to make a crucial contribution to the breakthrough we now call AI, placing her at the center of a global transformation. Over the last decades, her work has brought her face-to-face with the extraordinary possibilities—and the extraordinary dangers—of the technology she loves. *The Worlds I See* is a story of science in the first person, documenting one of the century's defining moments from the inside. It provides a riveting story of a scientist at work and a thrillingly clear explanation of what artificial intelligence actually is—and how it came to be. Emotionally raw and intellectually uncompromising, this book is a testament not only to the passion required for even the most technical scholarship but also to the curiosity forever at its heart.

¡Adelante! Book Group

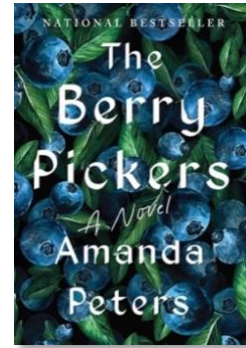
Terri Gulyas

Wednesday, June 25, 5:30 pm at the Green Bay Distillery

Book: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

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

Discussion leader: Mary Schmidt



A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty year. -July 1962-. A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come. In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret.

Officers for FY 2025-2026

President: Terri Gulyas
VP Programs: Wendy Schmidt-Janosik
VP Membership: Sue May
Secretary: Sara Ramaker
Bylaws: Sara Ramaker
Co-VP Finance: Lisa Ubbelohde/Claire Asbury
Greatest Needs Fund: Mary Schmidt
Scholarship: Sara Ramaker
Social Media: Karen Wilson
Public Policy: Sara Ramaker/Terri Gulyas
Website: Sue May, Terri Gulyas, Sara Ramaker

Interest Group Chairs –

Afternoon Book Group: Wendy Schroeder
¡Adelante! Book Group: Terri Gulyas
Art Study Group: Carolyn Reedy/Mary Woodbridge
Clean Water Issues: Carol Pearson
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Terri Gulyas
Movie Group: Lisa Ubbelohde



Green Bay Area Branch
Summer Get Together

Monday, July 21 6:00 pm



Judy Johnson's home, 240 Lazarre Ave. Green Bay

We will enjoy Judy's beautiful gardens and catch up on summer adventures

Dessert will be served

Wine and Water provided, bring your own beverage if you want something else

Lawn chairs appreciated

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RSVP Wendy Schmidt-Janosik 920-988-3928 or wjanosik51@gmail.com



2025-2026 Membership



____ 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:

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(_____ check if no changes to your information)			
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_____ Home telephone		_____ Cell phone	_____ Work phone
_____ Email			
_____ 1 st Degree		_____ College/University	
_____ 2nd Degree		_____ College/University	
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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: _____

RESEARCH	STEM EDUCATION	PUBLIC POLICY	EDUCATIONAL FUNDING
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.