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President's Message

Terri Gulyas



Happy September everyone! Open windows, cooler nights, and changing colors in the leaves – how I love the changing of the seasons! September is always an exciting time of year with the advent of a new school year and a new year for our organization. Here's a preview of what we are up to this year.

The Afternoon book group will be reading **The Women by Kristin Hannah**. Many of us were coming of age during that time of the Vietnam War and the book brings back memories of the protests, the tragic way our veterans were received when returning from Vietnam, and many other memories of that age. As a former Air Force nurse, I appreciated the perspective of the protagonist even though I served during a time of peace for our country.

The Adelante group is reading **Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid**. This is an engaging novel that offers different perspectives related to race and privilege. A young black woman who is babysitting for a white family is accused of kidnapping their child. There are many twists and turns in this story that provide food for thought.

The Art Group has their September outing at the **Wence Martinez Studio** <https://www.wencemartinezstudio.com> in Door County. The artist's biography on his website talks about his family's multigenerational practice of Zapotec weaving. How lucky we are to have the gift of his talents here in Wisconsin!

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion study group will begin the year with Shirley VerBruggen leading us in discussion of **Bone of the Bone: Essays on America by a Daughter of the Working Class by Sarah Smarsh**. This book has been described as "a singular work covering one of the most tumultuous decades in civic life, filled with perspective-shifting

observations, on topics as varied as the socioeconomic significance of dentistry, laws criminalizing poverty, fallacies of the “red vs. blue” political framework, working as a Hooters Girl, and much more”.

Programs for the year will be timely with a discussion of **Fair Maps and Redistricting**, **Native American Culture**, **the Impact of Vouchers on Public Schools**, a principal and student team discussing **STEM initiatives at Ashwaubenon High School**, and **the Changing World of Health Care**.

Our social events in December (holiday gathering), January (movie matinee), and May (annual meeting) will be fun as always with Jill and Sandy at the helm.

Reflect on the new beginnings September brings and enjoy crisp apples and starry nights. Thanks to all of you for all you do to make our organization stimulating and fun!

Terri

AAUW GB board meeting - all are welcome!

Board meeting: Our next Board meeting will be on September 8 at 1:30 pm at The OC, 465 Marina Lane, Green Bay. Please note new location! Agenda TBD. All are welcome – please let Terri know if you plan to attend so she can update the reservation.

<https://theocgb.com>

Programs 2025 - 2026

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month at the Village Grille on Hoffman Road. Members are encouraged to come for a 5 pm dinner (off menu) and social; 5:45-6 Business Meeting; 6-7 Program. Barb Wilson has been working on compiling the Presentation Activity List Sheet. The sheet will also include information for the Adelante! and the Afternoon book groups as well as the Art Study Group. This informational sheet should be available at our Welcome Back Fall Get Together Meeting on September 15. Speaking of the Fall Get Together, our presenter will be Terri Gulyas speaking about "The 2 Minute Activist." (<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>)

Membership Message

Sue May



Happy Fall everyone! I often wonder why it is that the best season of the year seems to be the shortest? A question to indeed ponder!

The ladies of AAUW have been busy planning for next year- excellent programs, art club excursions, exciting book selections and as always fun fellowship and conversations. It's a great time to be a member and always a great time to bring a friend. Remember- new members and those who have been gone from membership for 3 years will receive national dues for half price year one. A discount of \$37! The total cost of a year's membership for a new membership is \$63 - \$37 national, \$13 state and \$13 local dues. If you have a friend who may be interested in learning more- please invite them to come as a guest. Our September 15th meeting at the Village Grille would be a perfect time for a guest to learn all about the exciting events we have planned for 2025-2026. 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/join/>

Remember- first year membership is \$63- a \$37 saving! Any questions- just ask!

Also, some exciting news for current members...we were awarded 2 one year free memberships from AAUW national for our growth in 2024. We have decided to offer them to members! Typically at the September meeting we have "passed the hat" for scholarships. This year we will be selling tickets for \$5 each for a drawing for the "free memberships". This is a great way to raise money for our scholarships and also to potentially win something! The drawing will be at the September meeting. If you are unable to attend, please give your money to a friend or contact me

suemay07@gmail.com, The free memberships cover the national dues – state and local dues will still be paid by the "winner" (\$13- state \$13- local), Good luck!

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/>

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

Keeping Members Close

Sue May/Sara Ramaker



Some of our best friendships have come from being a part of AAUW. The book clubs, art group, DEI team and monthly meetings are where we have formed these relationships. We'd like to find a way to keep our members close when they have joys to celebrate or issues that they are facing. Sara Ramaker and Sue May would like to be a part of keeping our members close and knowing we care about them. If you know one of our members is experiencing some difficulties- please let one of us know and we will send them a card from all of us- letting them know we care. Also, if

someone is celebrating an event – milestone anniversary, new grandchild...please let us know as well. We would like everyone in our group to know we care about them .

Sue May: suemay07@gmail.com

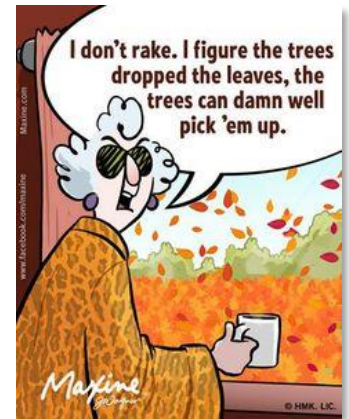
Sara Ramaker: ramaker.sara@gmail.com

Report on AAUW WI Board Meeting July 19, 2025.

Sue May/Sara Ramaker

Sue May and I attended the summer state board meeting at the Schmeeckle Reserve which is a lovely 280-acre conservancy area on campus of the U-W Stevens Point. The preserve has 5 miles of quiet trails, a 24-acre lake and a lovely visitor center.

The visitor center has a lovely meeting room and very interesting displays about various animals found at the reserve, as well as a fascinating discussion of the lumber industry in the area. (I was amazed by the size of those trees they were harvesting!). I always wish we had time to explore more of the preserve.



The meetings are always interesting and fun. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful women from around the state doing so many things to advance AAUW policies.

Highlights from the meeting:

1. New board members introduced - exciting that we have 3 board members from our branch! (Sue May, Teresa Gulyas and Sara Ramaker)

2. Next State Convention April 17-18, 2026 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Madison, WI. Last convention was well attended and received great reviews.

Kleo Baruth Kritz, AAUW WI Program VP, reported the following from the 2025 convention: The total was 120 registered and 118 attended. We had 8 past presidents, 14 Legacy Circle, and 25 First Time Attendees. Friday activities: 24 attended the Chapel tour with an estimated 60-70 attending the *Driftless* movie with some buying the DVDs. People came from 20 of the 22 branches. 91 of the 120 who responded to our post-convention survey in regard to our convention website with 63 giving it a rating of 5, very helpful; 22, a 4; 6, a 3; and no 2s or 1s!!!!" Please plan to attend. It is always inspiring and fun.

3. The public policy team announced 2 webinars in August: Aug 19 - State of Education in WI: K-12 and Aug 21 - State of Education in WI: Higher Ed, 6pm-7pm. They are exploring the lobbying in Madison Sept 2-11. Members were reminded to think

about the upcoming spring WI Supreme court judge election that will have an impact on education in Wisconsin . You can see these webinars at <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/webinars-and-videos/>

4. Becca Surges is the state Communications Chair. The state website keeps a calendar of events. Becca encouraged all branches to send any mission related events, activities, and branch programs info for the calendar. Also, please check to see that branch Facebook pages are linked to the state page. Becca can be reached at Rebecca.surges@gmail.com

AAUW GB Executive Board Minutes

Sara Ramaker

AUGUST 4, 2025



Location: Village Grill, Allouez, WI

Present: Terri Gulyas, Sue May, Sara Ramaker and Wendy Janosik (via phone)

Excused: Lisa Ubbelohde

Others Attending: none

I. Call to Order: President Terri Gulyas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and have been approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: In Lisa Ubbelohde's absence, Sue May reported that there is little change in the branch's finances since last reporting. A new member has agreed to work with Lisa and will be creating two simple spread sheets that will better portray the branch's financial position.

IV. Membership Reported: Sue May reported she has made follow calls to all members who have yet to renew membership. Any members who have been members since 1974 should be granted Honorary Life Memberships. There is some difficulty in establishing Ginnie Erdman's honorary membership, because neither the branch nor national has the records to establish it. The branch has earned three free memberships. This sounds wonderful, but the problem is that if we give free membership to someone and they do not rejoin, this counts against our branch. It was recommended and approved that the branch would give Ginnie Erdman a free membership. This would mean she would contribute the Branch dues which would be the same as if her honorary membership were confirmed. The other two free memberships will be awarded with a drawing in September with proceeds going to the Greatest Needs Fund.

V. Old Business

A. Branch Website: Sue May continues to update our website. She recently updated information on Scholarships. There followed a discussion on whether or not to continue to publish the names of the recipients of each scholarship. It was determined that due to concerns about privacy, the names of the recipients would be available to the branch members but not the public. As a reminder, proposed articles for the branch website should go to the President, Terri Gulyas.

B. Branch Monthly Meeting Schedule: The presenter for the program originally planned for October has requested to delay it to another month. Sara Ramaker suggested the October meeting be a presentation on the proposed new statute for a nonpartisan committee to create the legislative boundaries after the census in 2030. This legislation has been created by a committee organized by the Fair Maps Coalition. The health care program will be postponed until April.

C. Five Star Program : The branch advanced from 2 stars to four stars. We missed five star because we have to meet the “Advancement” requirement. There was considerable discussion about the best approach to meeting that objective.

VI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 8 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Village Grille



Art Notes September 2025

Carolyn Reedy/Mary Woodbridge



On September 11, 2025 we will be going to the Wence Martinez Art studio <https://www.wencemartinezstudio.com> near Jacksonport in Door County. (5877 State Highway 57, Jacksonport, WI, 54235). 1 mile south of Jacksonport, 10 miles north of Sturgeon Bay.

[Map link](#)

Wenceslao Martinez is a master weaver who draws upon his Zapotec textile lineage and a lifetime of weaving experience to create contemporary tapestries from handmade churro wool. Sandra Jo Martinez also has her paintings in the studio.

We will meet at the Neville Museum parking lot at 9:15 to carpool. The studio opens at 11:00. After the studio we are going to lunch at the Morning Glory by the Bay restaurant in Sturgeon Bay. (306 S 3rd Avenue – open until 2.) <https://www.facebook.com/Morningglorybythebay/>

RSVP to Mary Woodbridge 920-362-8900, miwiw@new.rr.com, or Carolyn Reedy at 920-496-9169, ccreedy03@yahoo.com.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Study Group

Terri Gulyas

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion study group will start the year with Shirley VerBruggen leading a stimulating discussion of the book, **Bone of the Bone: Essays on America by Sarah Smarsh**. If you are able to preview the book, prior to our meeting, that would be great. The essays look so interesting! Our first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 via Zoom**. Please contact Terri Gulyas at tsgulyas@gmail.com to be added to our group so you get the Zoom link.

We're invited to participate in an exciting opportunity! Our friends at the League of Women Voters Greater Green Bay have invited us to join them for a series of engaging workshops for the 2025–26 program year. The series will kick off on **Saturday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weyers-Hilliard Branch library, meeting room 1**. Follow-up sessions will be held via **Zoom at 6:30 pm on October 21 with dates and times for November, February, and March TBA**. At the meeting on September 20, the program will view the webinar The DEI Journey with Local Leagues with a discussion facilitated by Kole Torres, the LWVWI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager. If desired, participants can view slides for this webinar at [The DEI Journey with Local Leagues](#) (*scroll to the top of the page to start with the first slide*). Hope to see you there.



The Two Minute Activist

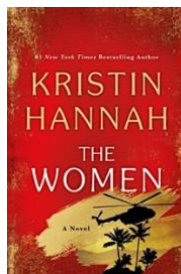
Terri Gulyas

Want an easy way to get your voice heard by elected officials? Sign up for the Two Minute Activist! <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>



Afternoon Book Group

Wendy Schroeder



**Monday, September 22 (meets 4th Monday of the month) at 3:00 – 5:00 pm
at Joanne Rathburn's home (1273 Roscoe St. Green Bay)**

Book: The Women by Kristen Hannah

Discussion leader: Wendy Schroeder

Summary: 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 over-whelmed 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.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Terri Gulyas

Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 pm at Cedar and Sage Restaurant, 2400 Airport Drive
(note new location!!)

Book: Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Discussion leader: Chris Daleiden

A striking and surprising debut novel from an exhilarating new voice, *Such a Fun Age* is a page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.

Alix Chamberlain is a woman who gets what she wants and has made a living, with her confidence-driven brand, showing other women how to do the same. So she is shocked when her babysitter, Emira Tucker, is confronted while watching the Chamberlains' toddler one night, walking the aisles of their local high-end supermarket. The store's security guard, seeing a young black woman out late with a white child, accuses Emira of kidnapping two-year-old Briar. A small crowd gathers, a bystander films everything, and Emira is furious and humiliated. Alix resolves to make things right.

But Emira herself is aimless, broke, and wary of Alix's desire to help. At twenty-five, she is about to lose her health insurance and has no idea what to do with her life. When the video of Emira unearths someone from Alix's past, both women find themselves on a crash course that will upend everything they think they know about themselves, and each other.

With empathy and piercing social commentary, *Such a Fun Age* explores the stickiness of transactional relationships, what it means to make someone family, and the complicated reality of being a grown up. It is a searing debut for our times.

Don't forget. It's back to school!

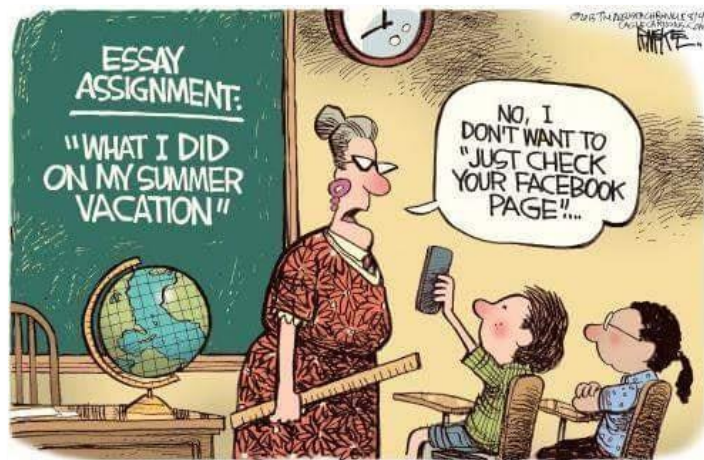


Officers for FY 2025-2026

President: Terri Gulyas
VP Programs: Wendy Schmidt-Janosik
VP Membership: Sue May
Woodbridge
Secretary: Sara Ramaker
Bylaws: Sara Raaker
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
Clean Water Issues: Carol Pearson
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Terri Gulyas
Movie Group: Lisa Ubbelohde



July Summer Get Together

Summer Get Together was held July 21 at Judy Johnson's home. Looks like everyone had a good time.

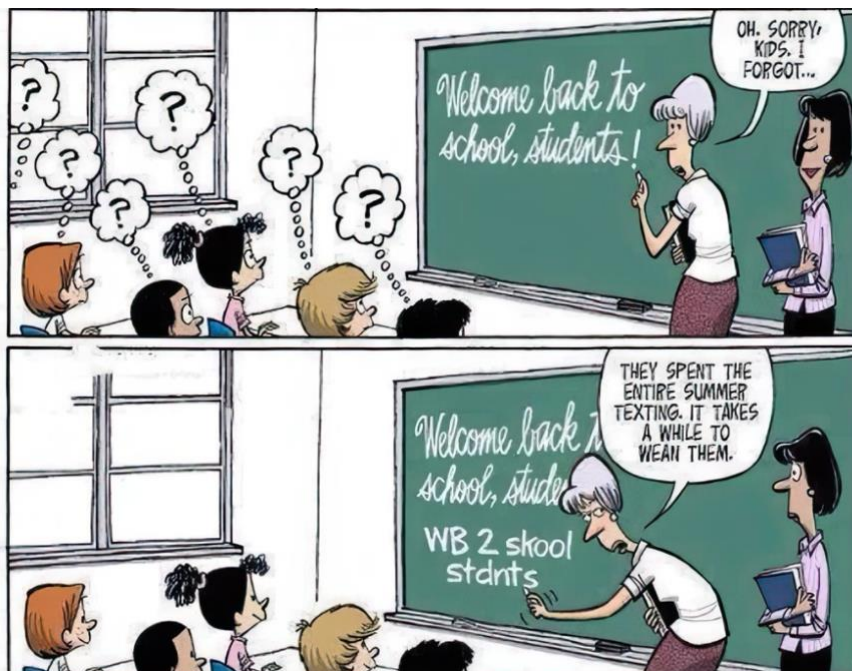


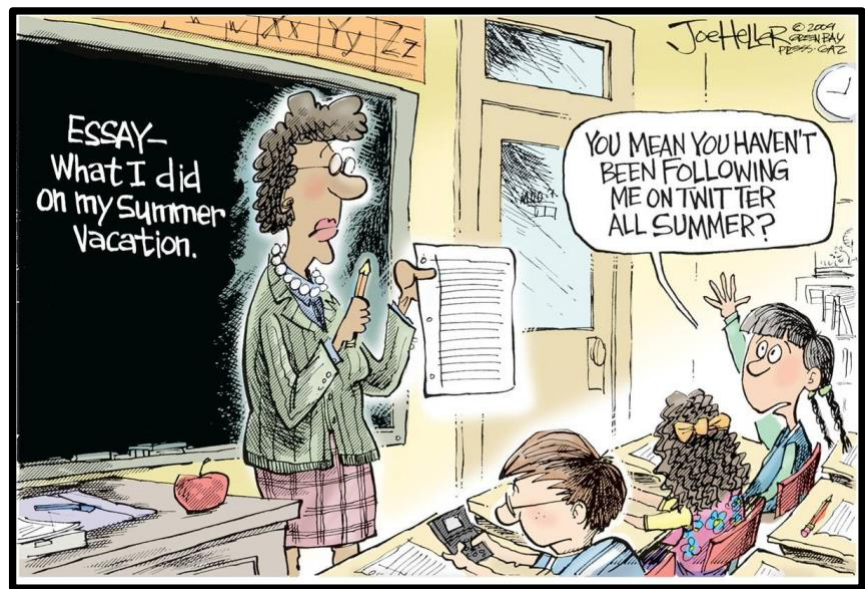
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2025-2026 Membership



____ 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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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.