

AAUW NEWS BEAVER DAM BRANCH

January 2019

Board Meeting Highlights:

- Basket Auction nets \$6,230.77
- We are still looking for co-vice presidents. If interested contact either Heidi or Diane.
- Look for the AAUW Beaver Dam Branch booth at the Focus on Women event in April.

Happy New Year!! Hope your 2019 is off to a good start.

We hope you have enjoyed the monthly programs so far this year. If you have any suggestions for next year, please keep them in mind and bring them to the May Brunch. The board sits down over the summer and develops the program from your suggestions.

The 24th annual Basket Auction was a huge success!! We will be able to cover two high school scholarships again this spring, as well as one for a returning college student.

Don't forget to refer to your member booklet or the website at <https://beaverdam-wi.aauw.net/>. Everything that you need to know about the AAUW Beaver Dam Branch is on there. There are lots of fun pictures too that recap the last few years.

Diane has offered to continue as President for next year, pending the membership vote in May. Heidi will then move to Publicity. Now is the time for someone to step up to the Vice President role and learn the ropes! We both will be happy to help you along the way.

Hope to see you soon at a program or a Book Club gathering.

Heidi and Diane



MORE AUCTION PICTURES.



2019 PROGRAMS

On **January 16** at 6:30 p.m. come to our new BDACT Fine Arts Center for a night of crafts and games. If you like crafts, bring your latest craft project to show others. If you like games, bring a favorite and we'll play it. Look forward to an informal night of fun.



Probably everyone has a resolution for healthy eating. Coming to our **February 20** program may help you to keep it. Ellen Sushak will demonstrate and discuss ways to eat healthy. The program will be held at First Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever been to Nitsche Mounds? Do you even know what Nitsche Mounds are? The **March 20th** program will talk about the mounds and their history. Kurt Sampson, museum director, will be the speaker. The program will be held at the Dodge County Historical Society building beginning at 6:30.



Gail White presented a program about her travels as a marathon runner on SEVEN continents last year. However, she only covered two continents. We have asked her to return to continue her story. She will be the program presenter on **April 24** at Beaver Dam Community Hospital at 6:30.

Our annual May brunch will be **May 18** at Trosten Haus (1223 Madison Street). Members whose last names begin with N-Z should bring a brunch dish to pass. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m.

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Morning Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Higher Ground Coffee Shop. They will be meeting **Tuesday, January 8**, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss “The Death and Life of the Great Lakes” by Dan Egan. This is a must read book for anyone who is interested in the ecology of the Great Lakes.

On **February 12** they will be reading “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng. This has been named the Best Novel of 2017 by Amazon among its many awards. The novel looks at relationships; things said and unsaid.

“The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah is the book for discussion on **March 12**. This novel is set in Alaska and focuses on a family’s ability to endure not only a winter in the north but a family problem. Ms. Hannah also wrote “The Nightingale”.

On **April 9**, the Morning Book Club will discuss “Educated” by Tara Westover. This book has been on several yearend lists as a top book. It relates the author’s journey from an upbringing in a survivalist home to getting a doctorate degree from Cambridge University. Lots to talk about.

The last Morning Book Club of the season is **May 14**. “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry” by Fredrik Backman is the book for discussion. It is a story of a child raised by her grandmother who is a little rough around the edges. This author also wrote “A Man Called Ove”. Books will be chosen for the 19-20 season at this meeting.

The Night Book Club generally meets the fourth Monday of the month (unless a holiday gets in the way) at 7:00 p.m. in various members’ homes. On **January 28**, they will be meeting at Mary Kahler’s home to discuss “City of Thieves” by David Benioff. World War II is the time and siege stricken Leningrad is the place. At times funny, at times thrilling, at times insightful—it will keep you turning pages.

“The Story of Arthur Truluv” by Elizabeth Berg is the book of discussion on **February 25** at Jan Sutter’s home. This novel is about three people who each lose someone dear to them, only to find second chances in places they least expect them.

On **March 25** the novel “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng will be discussed at Margaret Furdek’s home. This book is also being read by the Morning Book Club. “Everything I Never Told You” was also written by Ms. Ng and discussed last year. She continues examining family dynamics and personal revelations in this new book.

Kathy McMichael’s home is the place for the **April 29** Night Book Club meeting. The book for discussion is “The Kremlin Conspiracy” by Joel C. Rosenberg. Yes, this is a novel but some of it seems too real to be made up. This book may start slow, but after a while becomes very exciting.

On **May 20** at Andrea Utrie’s home the Night Book Club will be discussing “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals where poor children are taken from their family and adopted by families with more material wealth. Should be a discussion you will not want to miss. Books will be chosen for the 2019-2020 season at this meeting.