

BRANCH BITS AND PIECES

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Dear AAUW Members

As we enter our 86th year as a local branch of AAUW, may we be reminded of our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

We hope that you like the monthly programs that our board has chosen for the year. We appreciated all of your suggestions.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining our group? Please invite a friend or two to one of the programs this year! Maybe they'll consider joining. Remember by joining AAUW, they will belong to a community that seeks to break through educational and economic barriers for women.

Besides the two high school scholarships that were awarded (\$2000 each to Alyssa Heim and Alex Kraus in memory of Jeanne Militello and Jackie Fure), we were able to award \$1000 scholarships to two returning students at Moraine Park.

Heidi and I chose the Presidents' Legacy Award

of \$500 to go to the Dodge County Humane Society at the end of our term. Members also generously donated to the organization over the last two years. As a result, the Beaver Dam Chapter of AAUW was able to be recognized with a paver that will be placed in their dog park.

For the non-profit group this year, I have chosen PAVE (Protect, Advocate, Validate and Educate), which is an organization that helps anyone affected by violence. We'll be collecting items and money at the first program in September. You can go to their website at www.pavedc.org for a complete list of items. They could use everything from toiletry items to food to postage stamps. I'll send out a reminder before our first meeting and provide a more complete list.

I have saved the best news for last. We have a Vice President now! Bobbi Marck has graciously accepted the position. Thank you, Bobbi!

Diane

AAUW Who We Are

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic and political.

OUR MISSION:

To promote gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

OUR VISION:

Equity for all.

OUR VALUES:

- Non-partisan.
- Fact-based
- Integrity
- Inclusion
- Intersectionality

PROGRAMS TO START THE YEAR

Our year starts out on Wednesday, September 18 at Green Acres located at 820 Park Avenue in the mall across the parking lot from the old ShopKo store. The store sells cannabidiol (commonly known as CBD) products. A recent change in Wisconsin law has turned hemp growing and CBD stores into a growing business. CBD is used to treat anxiety, inflammation, insomnia and other ailments. Doug, a registered pharmacist, and Theresa Paust run the business and will present a program about the benefits of CBD. Be

there at 6:30 to learn more about this new product.

The annual basket auction is October 16 at Old Hickory.

November's meeting (the 20th) will be at the "new" Dodge County Arts Association building at 130 Maple Avenue. Many of us remember it as the old Bank Mutual building. A presentation by a local artist will be featured as well as a tour. An added bonus for those of you who want to start your Christmas shopping: the gift gallery will be open.

Crafty Game Night is

making a return on January 15. But the destination may make you more eager to attend: Chapel of the Archangels at 839 Madison Street. The owner will give us a tour and some of the history of the place. There is always an opportunity to play old favorite games or learn some new ones. Bring your favorite game to share with others. Those who want to display their craftiness are also encouraged to share with the group. 6:30 is the start time.



Basket Auction Coming Up Soon

A tisket, a tasket, Do you have your basket? Our annual basket auction is coming up fast. October 16th fast. It will be held at Old Hickory Golf Club on Highway 33. All baskets should be at Old Hickory by noon on the 16th. At 5:00 p.m. the doors will open and baskets will be available for viewing. This is also a great time to catch up with people who you may not have seen for a while. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:00. Before the live auction, a silent auction is happening. All proceeds go to college scholarships, not only to high school seniors but to women going to

technical schools.

A new feature this year will be a book sale. Members are encouraged to bring gently used books that they no longer want. The books will be available to attendees for purchase. Similar to what we did with Jeanne Militello's books last year.

Problem thinking of a basket to bring? There are plenty of ideas out there. Some people feature a place that they have visited and bring back items from that area. Other baskets include a sports theme—with Badger or Packer apparel. Yet others highlight food (Italian

comes to mind). A few baskets have had theater, sports, or music tickets in them. Whatever your interests...a basket can be put together from it. No worry that it's too small...no worry that it's too big. If you are drained of ideas, you can always donate at the table.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Beaver Dam branch of AAUW has given out scholarships to graduating high school seniors since its beginning. The amount of the scholarship and the quantity has changed over the years, but the interest in supporting students in furthering their education remains.

This year, we have awarded two scholarships in the names of Jeanne Militello and Jackie Fure. Alyssa Heim, one of the recipients, is planning to attend UW-Eau Claire in the fall. She is majoring in mortuary science. In high school, Alyssa was very involved in sports. In fact, she was a three sport athlete; hockey, soccer and golf. She will be continuing her hockey career at Eau Claire.

Besides the sports, she was also a member of National Honor Society and Team Leadership Challenge. In high school, she valued being a part of a team. Teammates were not only her friends on the field but also off the field. She thinks Beaver Dam is special because of all the connections she has with it; it's where she grew up, where she went to school and where her friends are. The last book she read was "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.

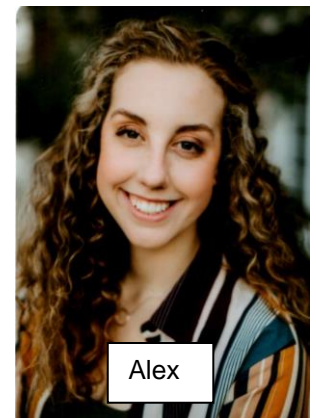
Another recipient of a scholarship is Alexandria Kraus. She was extremely busy during her high school years; participating in swim and soccer teams. She was also a member of Key Club, FFA, Link Crew, Marching Band and the Team Leadership Program.

Whew! Her favorite class in high school was AP Literature because not only was the class fun for her, but it pushed her to work harder. Attending sporting events with her friends (especially state basketball games) were times that she will remember most. Alex also plans to attend the UW-Eau Claire in the fall. She is hoping to pursue a degree in Psychology with hopes of going to medical school. Beaver Dam is special to her because it's small enough to retain its sense of community, but big enough to provide options.

We are pleased to have such active young ladies as recipients of our scholarship.



Alyssa



Alex

MONTHLY BOOK SELECTIONS

The Beaver Dam Branch of AAUW has TWO monthly book clubs. One that meets in the morning and one that meets at night. The Morning Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop. And the Night Book Club meets at 7:00 the fourth Monday of the month at various members' homes.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

On September 10 we will be discussing "Resistance Women" by Jennifer Chiaverini, an author who lives in Madison. This book of historical fiction focuses on women who worked in the resistance during World War II. It has a Wisconsin flavor to it since at least two of the women written about are originally from Wisconsin.

Be prepared to be inspired at the October 8 meeting when the group discusses "The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World". In the past two decades, Melinda Gates has worked on some of the greatest challenges in global health, including making vaccinations and family planning more widely accessible. One of her observations throughout this is that when women and girls are empowered, positive change happens.

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Book Clubs Continued

From today's headlines comes "In Order to Live" by Yeonmi Park, the featured book of the group on November 12. Ms. Park fled from North Korea to China and eventually South Korea when she was a girl. Her book details her life in North Korea and her escape.

Have you ever wished to switch up your life? "The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax" by Dorothy Gilman does just that when she becomes a CIA operative. If you are looking for adventure, read the book and come to the discussion on December 10.

Do you like mysteries? Well, "Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley is a good one with a main character who will make you laugh. Be ready to discuss this "who-done-it" on January 14.

NIGHT BOOK CLUB

On September 23 we will be discussing "The Farm" by Joanne Ramos. This is not your typical farm. The main crop of this farm is human babies. Please come to Denise Roedl's home at 1200 Circle Drive West to share in the discussion.

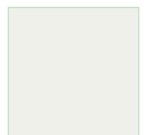
From baby farms to tea farms, when the group meets to discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See on October 28. A number of themes run through this novel about a little known region and its people while celebrating the bonds of family. Judy McDonald, 315 West Third Street, is the host.

Marie Benedict's "The Other Einstein" will be discussed by the group on November 25.

This book of historical fiction focuses on Mileva Maric, Albert Einstein's first wife, who was a world class physicist in her own right. Mary Kahler, 209 Beaver Street, is the host.

On January 27 we will be discussing "Bad Blood—Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" by John Carreyrou. Learn about the true story of a company whose goal was to save lives through advanced technology—but through scam and corruption threatened to put lives in danger with its malfunctioning technology. Heidi Freeby at 309 Farwell Road is the host.

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