

BRANCH BITS AND PIECES

Dear AAUW Members

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Dear AAUW Members:

Welcome back to our 87th year as a local branch of AAUW! Covid definitely put a damper on our spring 2020 programs and brunch. No one knows what fall of 2020 will bring, but nevertheless, your board members have worked hard this summer to come up with an array of monthly programs. Hopefully we can still hold them safely, but we will take one month at a time and see what happens.

We will kick off the year in September with a visit to Ooga Brewery where we can be outside.

The biggest change that we had to make, unfortunately, is the decision to cancel the traditional basket auction. Instead, we will be doing a direct fundraiser, asking for your generosity once again so that we can provide scholarships to young women. Please see the sidebar for more information in this newsletter for more details. Because we won't

be gathering in October for the basket action, we did decide to add another monthly program.

For the non-profit group this year, I have kept PAVE (Protect, Advocate, Validate and Educate) as the organization that we will sponsor, beginning with the first program in September. Last year, along with the items that members donated, we collected \$246 despite a shortened year!

Let's hope we will have a better year and that we will be able to see each other at a monthly program! But most importantly, please stay safe and healthy. I'll do my best to keep everyone informed.

Diane



Greetings, AAUW sisters! After much deliberation our Board of Directors has voted to cancel this year's basket auction because of COVID concerns. But we would still like to offer scholarships this year, so in place of the auction we are holding a fundraising campaign. Please help us create a Brighter Future by participating in the fund drive. In September you will receive a letter and flyer with all the details of our Brighter Future campaign. Because much of our basket auction success has been due to the generous participation of non-member guests, we are encouraging members to reach out to family and friends outside of AAUW to help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 so that we can fund two graduating HS senior and one returning tech school scholarships. Until September, Bobbi Marck, Basket Auction Chair.

PROGRAMS TO START THE YEAR

The Board has been meeting over the summer and has come up with the following programs. Because of the precautions taken during the pandemic, they decided not to assign a social committee (aka food & drinks). In addition, there is always a threat that a program may be cancelled because of a stay at home order. In that light, here are the programs to start our year out.

We are going to try to roll out the barrel again for our September 18 meeting at Ooga Brewery located at 301 South Spring Street. We are planning on meeting outside and learning about the brewing of beer. This will be our kick off meeting for the new season. Expect membership booklets.



Because there will be no Basket Auction this year, we will have a program

instead. A successful community activity in past Octobers has been the Haunted History program put on by the Dodge County Historical Society. Every October the Old City Cemetery becomes a scene of re-enactors of some of the early settlers buried there.



Kathy Barnet runs the program and will talk to us about some of the people she has researched. Join us for a spirited program on October 21 beginning at 6:30 at First Lutheran Church, 311 West Mackie Street.



A program that was cancelled last April will try again on November 18 at First Lutheran Church, 311 West Mackie Street. Climate change remains a prominent issue. Archan Sramek will speak about the facts and future of the earth's climate. The meeting starts at 6:30.

January will get you buzzing as we bring in a beekeeper. Scott Hanks has taken up the hobby of beekeeping and he will inform us all about beekeeping. Join us on January 20 and be there at 6:30. We are hoping to meet at the Beaver Dam Middle School, but are awaiting confirmation due to covid.



No Basket Auction this year.

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 \$2000 scholarships in the name of Polly Parent. Maybe some of you long time members remember Polly who had been a member. These scholarships are funded by our annual Basket Auction.

Sydney Hoeker, one of the recipients, will be attending UW-LaCrosse in the fall. She is currently undecided, but plans to go into the school of health and science with a pre-med route. And this makes sense when you discover that her favorite

subject while in high school was human anatomy. She was very involved in activities while attending Beaver Dam High School, participating in volleyball, track, student council and link crew. While in high school, her favorite memory was going to regional volleyball finals during her senior year. The last book she read that she didn't have to read was "The Great Gatsby".

Another recipient of a scholarship is Evelyn Yee. Evelyn attended Madison Day School and participated in the art/production side of the theater department as well as the school band, Model United Nations and student government. She plans to attend the University of California in San Diego where she will be majoring in Cognitive Science. Her favorite

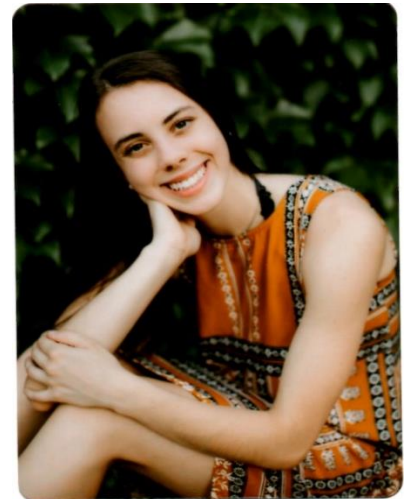
class while in high school was IB Visual Arts. The project-driven class format, the emphasis on observational as well as technical improvement and the freedom to explore new styles, techniques and media were all reasons why it was her favorite. She recently spent a semester studying at a school in Spain which you can only imagine how fulfilling that could be in so many areas. The last book she read was "The Wise Man's Fear" by Patrick Rothfuss.

We are so pleased to have such active and informed students as recipients of our scholarships.

In addition, this year we have given two \$1000 scholarships to women attending Moraine Park Technical College.



Evelyn



Sydney

COVID has cancelled our basket auction, but that doesn't mean we can't still create a Brighter Future!

HOW: Help us raise funds to educate young women. All the money we raise will go towards scholarships to be given out this spring.

WHO: You, your family, your friends...anyone who wants to support our future by empowering young women.

WHEN: AAUW members will receive details in September.

Donations will be collected October 1 - Oct. 21.

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The Board has had a busy summer. We have met twice—both times at Swan City Park—to avoid covid infection. Luckily, both times we had beautiful weather. Some of the highlights:

The Basket Auction was cancelled due to the uncertainty of being able to meet. The Fundraising Committee met to develop other ideas to raise money for scholarships.

BOARD NOTES

Development of the 2020-2021 Program. A decision was made to not have social committees to provide food and drink because of the virus. And although programs and locations have been determined there is always a chance that there will be closings due to the pandemic.

The annual brunch will have members A-M provide food. They were scheduled for this past

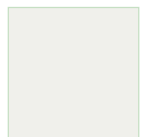
spring, but then the annual brunch was cancelled.

A total of \$246 was given to PAVE this past year from collections held at meetings.

There was some talk about changing banks, but it was decided to remain with American National Bank.

As of 7-21-20, we have \$647.70 in checking and \$2302.11 in savings

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