

# BRANCH BITS AND PIECES

## Dear AAUW Members

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Dear AAUW Members:

I'm excited to begin my first year as president! Fortunately, our branch is a pretty well-oiled machine, so I anticipate a smooth learning curve. I'm proud to represent an organization that has worked for over a century to improve the lives of women and girls.

The Board is busy putting together our calendar of programs. After a year of Zoom meetings, we look forward to gathering in person. Of course, we'll keep an eye out for changing conditions, adjusting as necessary.

Our non-profit for this year will once again be PAVE (Protect, Advocate, Validate and Educate). It's difficult to find another organization whose mission so closely matches our own. And with the increased challenges of Covid, their services are needed now more than ever.

Hats off to Kay Fanshaw, who recently stepped down after years as branch historian. Thanks, Kay, for your work! I also want to give a shout out to Kathy McMichael whose term as treasurer recently ended. Thank you, Kathy, for all your efforts over the past years. Special thanks to Past President Diane Kitchen, who has been an invaluable resource as I transition from being Vice President. Our branch is better because of her past and continuing leadership.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, stay healthy and safe.

Bobbi Marck



## 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. Each state has their own organization and within each state there are various branches. We are the Beaver Dam Branch.

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

After a year of zooming, we are going to try to do in person programs.

The first program of the year will be September 15. Our very own Diane Kitchen, retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will share her knowledge about the Horicon Marsh and talk to us about her favorite weird and wonderful wildlife. A short and easy walk on the floating boardwalk will also be offered where the fun will continue. We'll meet at 5:45 p.m. at the old ShopKo parking lot and then carpool to the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Auto Tour and Walking Trails. Please join us for some outdoors fun.

### *A Return of the Basket Auction*

A tisket, a tasket, Do you have your basket? Our annual basket auction is coming up faster than you think...We didn't have one last year because of the pandemic...but we are planning one for October 20. It will be held at Old Hickory Golf Club on Highway 33. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to view baskets, look at books, and 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. All proceeds go to college scholarships, both graduating high school seniors and those who are returning to Moraine Park Technical College. 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 (and maybe Brewer or Bucks this year). Yet others highlight food (Italian comes to mind). A few baskets have had theater, sports or music tickets in them. Whatever your interests are there is surely someone who shares them. If you are drained of ideas, time and energy, you can always donate by writing a check at the table.



In November we resume regular programming when our featured speaker will be Angelia Foster, the chief

administrative officer for Marshfield Medical Center in Beaver Dam. She will be speaking about the hospital and her own role in that. Meet at the Marshfield Medical Center in Beaver Dam (aka Beaver Dam Community Hospital) at 6:30 p.m. on November 17.



We have no programs for the month of December, but come back again in January. Since we are in the middle of the winter season, we decided to try to make it warmer by having Michelle Ovans of Ovans Peony Farm as our featured speaker. It will be interesting to hear her talk about her interest in peonies and her move to the Beaver Dam area. Join us at the Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Building at 127 South Spring Street at 6:30 p.m. on January 19.



*Basket Auction—  
October 20!!*

## HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Beaver Dam branch of AAUW awards two annual scholarships (\$2000 each) to graduating seniors attending college. This year's recipients are Grace Seim and Rebecca Dray.

Grace will be attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota this fall. While there she plans to major in elementary education and minor in music. She was very active in Lakeside Lutheran High School, participating in band, including jazz ensemble, pep band and marching band. This past summer her band went to St. Louis. Band isn't where her music interests end though; she also was in choir for all four years.

She also participated in Teens for Christ and National Honor Society. And she was on the school newspaper staff. Four years on the track team was another

one of her accomplishments; going to sectionals for the hurdles this past spring. Needless to say one of her favorite classes was band, as well as pre-calculus and senior religion.

Her favorite memory from high school is all the band trips she took. Not only were all her friends in the band, but they did fun activities when not performing. The last book she read was "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. It gave her many different ways of thinking of the concept of Christianity and living a God-pleasing life. Good luck, Grace.



Grace

Rebecca will be attending UW- LaCrosse this fall. She is planning to study exercise science. She participated in volleyball and soccer at Beaver Dam High School as well as being part of the Link Crew. Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders.

Her most interesting classes were science (hence, the science major). Graduation day was her most important memory from high school. The last book that she read (that she didn't have to read) is "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. Good luck, Rebecca.

### AAUW EVENING BOOK SELECTIONS

4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

**9-27:** *The Four Winds*  
by Kristin Hannah  
Host: Denise Roedl

**10-25:** *Keep Sharp*  
by Sanjay Gupta  
Host: Margaret Furdek

**11-22:** *The Dutch House*  
by Ann Patchett  
Host: Cindy Noe

**1-24:** *Hadley and Grace*  
by Suzanne Redfearn  
Host: Mary Kahler

### AAUW MORNING BOOK SELECTIONS

2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.  
Higher Grounds Coffee Shop

**9-14:** *The Day the World Came To Town*  
by Jim DeFede

**10-12:** *Susan, Linda, Nina, Cokie*  
by Lisa Napoli

**11-9:** *Long, Bright River*  
by Liz Moore

**12-14:** *Letter To My Daughter*  
by Maya Angelou

**1-11:** *To Have and Have Not*  
by Ernest Hemingway

## Notes from Board Meetings

The Beaver Dam branch of AAUW met two times over the summer. They will be meeting again on December 8 at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop. Any members are more than welcome to attend. Here are some highlights from the meetings:

- Jan Sutter reported that she was able to represent our local branch this past spring by giving out two scholarships to graduating seniors (courtesy of our local branch) attending college this fall. Rebecca Dray of Beaver Dam High School and Grace Seim of Lakeside Lutheran were the recipients. In addition to these two women, the branch also gives scholarships to two women attending Moraine Park Technical College.
- Following a branch tradition and supported by a by-law, Diane Kitchen asked that in honor of her term of presidency, \$500 be given to PAVE by the branch. Bobbi Marck, the new president, would like to continue AAUW's support of PAVE throughout the 2020-2021 year. A collection of donated items and/or cash will be taken up at each program meeting.
- The branch is in need of several positions: Historian and Vice-President. In order to fill these vacancies, we will need a nominations committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bobbi Marck.
- Much thanks to Kathy McMichael for being our treasurer. Now we welcome Cindy Noe as our new treasurer.
- We currently have (as of July 22, 2021) \$2303.71 in savings and \$2644.30 in checking. National and State dues have to be paid.

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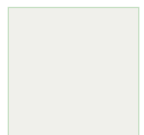
# GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

Many of our programs are serious. And that is good. We learn things about ourselves and our community. But we also wanted to make sure that we are providing opportunities for members to socialize. Cindy Spangler is going to help us make that happen. This is such a new idea, that specifics are not available yet because we are hoping that you think this is a good idea too and would like your input!! Here are some of her ideas:

In September she would like to encourage members to join her for a movie and dinner. There are so many options for this including the movie, the location, the restaurant, the date. Those who are interested should contact Cindy and those who would like to wait to see what the options will be should watch their e-mail. In February virtual games will be offered. Stay at home or participate from your southern home and join

the fun. Dates, how-tos, and games will be announced later. A Cooking Night is planned for April. Try some new recipes with friends. Cindy has some ideas of the menu, but that is flexible as well. Hope that you can join in on some of the fun.

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