

**Beaver Dam Branch**

**August 2017**

# AAUW News

Dear AAUW Members:

As we enter our 84th 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 you like the monthly programs that our board has chosen for the year. We appreciated all of your suggestions. We will be trying something new this year. We will be hosting our programs on the third Wednesday of the month, like always, but after the New Year, we will be switching to the third Monday of the month.

We will be launching a website for our local branch soon! Stay tuned for details at the September meeting.

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.

We have selected the Dodge County Humane Society as our non-profit group for the year. They could use donations of canned dog food, dog and cat toys, dry kitten food, small treats, liquid dish soap, paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, milk caps, paper roll tubes, shoe boxes. Cash donations are always welcome too.

We are excited about the year ahead and hope to see you at the first monthly program meeting on Wednesday September 20.

Your co-presidents,

*Diane Kitchen and Heidi Jones-Freeby*

## MEETINGS FOR UPCOMING YEAR!!

We will be kicking off the year with a panel of members who have travelled to Cuba. "Cuba: Through Our Eyes" will feature a number of our branch members talking about their visit to a land that has only recently been opened to tourism. We will meet at Moraine Park Technical College in Room K104 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **September 20**. Booklets will be available at this meeting.



Our Basket Auction will be **October 18** at Old Hickory.

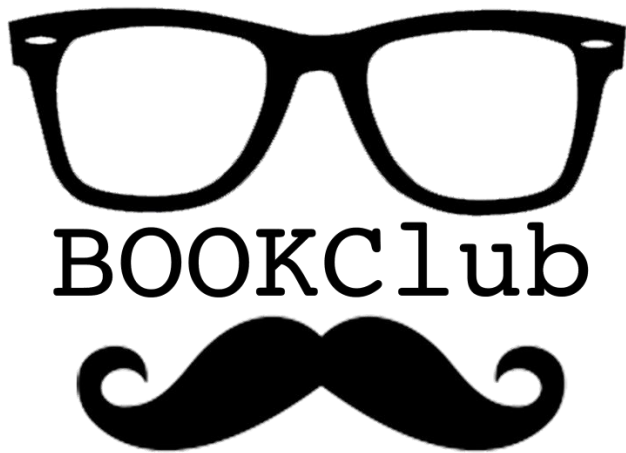
In November (**November 15** to be precise) we will meet at Grace Presbyterian Church to hear a presentation from our new mayor, Becky Glewen. Hear her plans for the future and voice your visions for Beaver Dam. The meeting begins at 6:30 in the social hall.

There is no meeting in December.

Beaver Dam High School's Mock Trial Team will be the focus of our **January** meeting. We will be meeting on the **15<sup>th</sup>** a Monday, at the municipal court within the police station beginning at 6:30. Learn what this team does, how they practice and why they are successful.

February's meeting will also be on a Monday (**February 19**). At this time we are still tentative in our plans. Stay tuned. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Gail White is an amazing Beaver Dam native who has run marathons on all seven continents. (Did you know that there was a marathon on Antarctica?? Me either.) She will be presenting on her accomplishments at our **March 19** meeting at 6:30. It will be held in the conference room of the Beaver Dam Community Hospital.



Our AAUW Branch really loves to read. We love reading so much that we have TWO Book Clubs. One is held monthly in the morning at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop usually on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. On the fourth Monday night of the month, the night book club meets at various members' homes at 7:00 p.m.

## NIGHT BOOK CLUB

We begin the year on September 25 at Jackie Fure's home (332 Monroe) discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Set in Moscow at the time of the Russian Revolution, an aristocratic man, is condemned to living in a grand hotel for the rest of his life. Follow his life as it tracks Russian history.

On October 23, we will be reading "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick. Have you ever wondered what someone did before they met you? Then this is the book for you. Part detective, part memory lane, all love. Look forward to a discussion of "what ifs" at Mary Kahler's home (209 Beaver Street).

"In the Garden of Beasts: Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson will be the book of choice for November 27 at Denis Roedl's home (1200 Circle Drive West). This true story is set in

Harvest Church will be the place for our **April 16** meeting. The program "5 Stones" will be explained. This program endeavors to make people aware of sex trafficking that is happening around us. The meeting begins at 6:30.

Our final meeting of the year is our brunch which will again be held at the Trosten Haus. We begin at 9:30 on Saturday, **May 19**. Members whose last names begin with A-M are encouraged to bring a brunch dish to pass.

1933 when a U.S. Ambassador and his family come to Berlin. Erik Larson is an accomplished writer of novelistic history and this is one of his best.

## DAY BOOK CLUB

This morning book meeting is hosted by Susan Neinhuis and Jean Militello. It features the book "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. This book has won numerous awards portraying the white poor working class in America. It centers around his experiences growing up.

On October 10 Denise Roedl and Kathi Gallus will host for the discussion of "The Orphan Keeper" by Camron Wright. Based on a real life story of a boy who is kidnapped in India and then adopted by an unsuspecting American couple. He seeks to find his past.

"Thirteen Reasons Why" by Jay Asher is the book of choice for November 14 when Vicki Frinak and Andrea Utrie host. This popular book has also become a TV series and has stimulated much discussion among teens. Likely, it will stimulate discussion among our morning book club.



# A Tisket-A Tasket

## ---A Basket Auction



**Our annual fundraiser, the Basket Auction, will be held October 18** at Old Hickory. Details will be coming soon in the form of an invitation to members. Members are encouraged to create baskets to be sold through auction. **We are asking that you get your baskets to Old Hickory before noon on October 18.** If you are unable to get it there, please contact Heidi Freeby (344-0160) and you may bring it to her house. If you are unable to come up with a basket, a monetary donation is suggested. Proceeds are used for scholarships for post high school education and for scholarships to Camp Badger. Last year these scholarships totaled \$5,590. We were told that the amount for the Camp Badger tuition is going to increase for the coming year.

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Currently we have \$3515.45 in savings and \$3616.30 in checking. We are hoping to have a successful fundraiser so that we are able to meet our scholarship goals.

## High School

## Scholarship Recipients

This year we awarded two \$2000 scholarships to High School seniors:

SELAH CASTELLANO



"I've always wanted to go to UW-Lacrosse since my freshman year (in high school). Every time I've been there, it feels homey". In addition, they have a great science program which is what Selah wants to focus on; in particular ophthalmology. She realizes that she may have to transfer at some time in the future to attain that goal. She is looking forward to the independence. During her senior year, she joined orchestra. This was without any prior formal lessons in the violin. But she persevered and orchestra became her one of her favorite classes; culminating in a performance in the French Quarter of New Orleans. But her favorite class was AP Statistics. She believes the teacher, Mrs. Ketchum, is what made the class her favorite. "She is one of the most caring and overall wonderful people I know." Good luck Selah!

AUDREY OIEN

Audrey will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall. She plans on majoring in national security and intelligence studies. Warm weather and the beach are what she is looking forward to this coming school year. During her senior year she joined Mock Trial and competing on the state level was one of her favorite experiences. AP Calculus and AP English Language and Composition were her favorite classes. "Thank you again for the amazing scholarship! Going to school out of state can be expensive and this will definitely help me!" Good luck Audrey!

# Camp Badger

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Camp Badger is a one-week, residential program for Wisconsin and Minnesota teenagers entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. As campers, they explore many types of engineering fields and see how these can lead to great careers—while living in a student dorm and experiencing life on the UW-Madison campus. This year we awarded two scholarships to Camp Badger.

MOLLY DAVIS

Molly attended Camp Badger as well as

ABIGAIL DAVIDSON

Abby recently went to Camp Badger and was surprised that there are so many engineers and seeing all the different roles they play. She was impressed as to how, at times, they overlap and how they must work as a team. Although she likes cooking, karate, reading, playing games and spending time with friends; she is looking forward to a new school year. Math and science classes rank high on her list of favorites, but she also enjoys English, art and history. “I like their complexity. Each one has a different thing to offer and I just enjoy them.”