

BRANCH BITS AND PIECES

Dear AAUW Members

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Greetings and welcome to a new year of AAUW! We have an interesting and varied line-up of programs for you, along with our first in-person basket auction in three years! We have a little something for everyone, including ideas for more informal social events. Thanks to our Board of Directors (Mary Kahler, Diane Kitchen, Jan Sutter, Cindy Noe, Deanna Disch, Annette Kamps and Heidi Jones-Freeby) for working this summer to get everything in place. I appreciate their contributions of time, experience and creative ideas which help make the process of putting the year together go so smoothly. Thanks also to Cindy Spangler, our social queen. :)

With that in mind, I'm entering the second year of my two-year term as president more comfortable and confident. So comfortable, in fact, that I have decided I will put my name on the ballot at our spring brunch to continue

as president for another two years. I also look forward to having a VP candidate join me on the ballot. Please consider donating your time and talents to help continue our mission and keep our branch vital and active into the future. I look forward to continuing the crucial work of AAUW.

Speaking of crucial work, our Sept. 21st program is in keeping with our national goal of highlighting issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. Our DE&I committee have been working hard to create an exciting event. We're bringing together our members and interested local citizens for a panel discussion designed to help us begin to explore these ideas. This meeting is open to the public and we encourage you to invite your family and friends.

You may have seen this in the most recent issue of Badger Briefs (if you didn't receive yours, let me

know so we can get your email updated) and I loved the way it brings the whole matter of DE&I into focus:

Diversity is a fact.
Inclusion is an action.
Equity is a choice.
Belonging is an outcome.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Bobbi Marck

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In the summer of 2022, Jan Sutter audited our books and found them to be accurate.

As of 7-13-2022, we have \$463.22 in our checking account and \$1905.38 in our savings account (total assets=\$2368.60). All scholarships have been paid, as well as national and state dues.

PROGRAMS TO START THE YEAR

AAUW-Beaver Dam will be doing all in person programs for the upcoming year.

We start out the year on Wednesday, September 21, with a panel of eight community representatives entitled "A Community Dialogue about Racism and Cultural Prejudice". The panelists, who will participate in a discussion using the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo as a springboard for discussion. If you remember, it was strongly encouraged that AAUW members read the book. The panelists include, Elisha Barudin, Racial Justice Group; Laura Goral, Habitat for Humanity Restore/BD Playground Movement; John Kreuziger, Beaver Dam Chief of Police; Leslie Laster, Moraine Park Technical College Director for Diversity, Accessibility and Support Services; Danette Machmueller, Racial Justice Group; Julio Molina, Community Case Manager, Dane County Department of Human Services; Rob Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, Beaver Dam Unified School District; and Aryana Barudin, a recent Marquette University graduate in Social Anthropology.



With this program, we are hoping to increase the community's awareness of the cultural diversity in the community, to celebrate that diversity, to support inclusiveness and to foster cooperative efforts that address racism and bigotry wherever it may exist. The event will be facilitated by Craig Warmbold, Director of Operation, WBEV. The program is open to the general public (so invite

your friends and family) and will be presented in Encore Hall on the second floor of the Fine Arts Center at 7:00 p.m.

BASKET AUCTION RETURNS

A tisket, a tasket, do you have your basket? Our annual basket auction is coming up faster than you think. After a two year hiatus, we are planning one for October 19. 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 you may not have seen for a while. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction (with the same auctioneer as in years past) begins at 7:00 p.m. 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

speakers will be the new city administrator and Becky Glewen, current Beaver Dam mayor. They will be speaking about issues regarding the city. Meet at the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce, 127 S.Spring Street at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16.



We have no programs for the month of December, but come back again in January.

CINDY IS AT IT AGAIN

Cindy Spangler, our social media guru, would like to put a group together to see "Beauty and the Beast", the musical that the high school is putting on this fall. The date she is looking at is November 13 (which would be a Sunday afternoon). She would like a reply from you, if you are interested, by October 22. Watch your email for more details.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year we awarded two high school seniors, Madeline Ladron and Ella Roux, with scholarships of \$2000 each.

Ella Roux will be attending UW-Oshkosh this fall, majoring in marketing and possibly minoring in Spanish or psychology. During high school she tutored through PALS. She was also in the high school band—perhaps you saw her this past fall at a football game as the drum major for the marching band (good for you, Ella). While in high school, her favorite class was AP Psychology. She is interested in learning about our minds and why they work the way they do. If she's not learning about minds or leading a band; she may be climbing rocks in gym class since that was one of her favorite memories from high school. Know My Name by Chanel Miller was the last book she read and she cracks up watching "Golden Girls". Personally, I was

the most impressed by Ella's inspiration: "Something that inspires me are my goals. I am ready to take on all the challenges and I'm so ambitious to start my college career". Good luck, Ella. Unfortunately, we have not heard from Madeline so we cannot give you any information on her. But we wish her luck. We also gave two \$1000 scholarships to the Moraine Park Foundation. They select their recipients later, so information about them was not available for this issue of the newsletter.



START TO THE NEW YEAR AT OOGA

We started the new year with a social on August 23. It was a fun evening, except for the bees. Diane Kitchen's Pineapple Zucchini Bread was a big hit, so we decided to include the recipe here:

Pineapple Zucchini Bread

3 eggs
1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
2 cups shredded zucchini
20 oz. can of crushed pineapple, drained well
3 cups of flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
½ tsp baking powder
1 tsp cinnamon
¾ tsp nutmeg
¾ cups chopped walnuts

In large bowl, beat eggs, add oil, sugar and vanilla. Continue mixing until thick and foamy. Stir in zucchini and pineapple. In another bowl, mix flour, soda, powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and walnuts. Stir all ingredients together until well blended. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour.

AAUW EVENING BOOK SELECTIONS

4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

9-26: *The Only Woman in the Room*
by Marie Benedict
Host: Crystal Boling

10-24: *Raft of Stars*
by Andrew J. Graff
Host: Lori Degner

11-28: *Walking the Bowl*
by Lockheart & Charma
Host: Carmen Hanson

1-23: *Pick one Agatha Christie Mystery*
Host: Mary Kahler

AAUW MORNING BOOK SELECTIONS

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

9-13: *The Thursday Murder Club*
by Richard Osman

10-4: *Lessons From The Edge: A Memoir*
by Marie Yovanovitch

11-1: *I Will*
by Sheron Wyatt Leonard

12-13: *To Be Determined.*

1-10: *The Memory of an Elephant*
by Alex Laskar

Notes from Board Meetings

The Beaver Dam branch of AAUW met three times over the summer. They will be meeting again on December 14 at Our House 2. 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. Ella Roux of Beaver Dam High School and Madeline Ladron of Beaver Dam High School were the recipients. In addition to these two women, the branch also gives scholarships to two women attending Moraine Park Technical College.
- The branch is in need of a Vice-President.
- Speaker honorariums were approved for three of the upcoming programs at \$50 each (a total of \$150).
- The Basket Auction is going full speed ahead for this fall. It is planned for October 19.
- The board approved monies to buy the book "So You Want to Talk about Race" for groups involved in the September panel discussion.

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Beaver Dam Branch

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beaverdam-wi.aauw.net

AAUW-WI PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

ZOOM Webinar
Thursday-
September 15
From 6:30 to 7:30

Topics

- Education
- Women’s Healthcare
- Women’s Economic Issues

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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

It’s back....

The AAUW-WI State Convention returns to its live format.

April 28 and 29 at the Marriott West Milwaukee

Save the date!!



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