



American Association of University Women

Beaver Dam, WI Branch

August 2025

We Have A New President of the Beaver Dam Branch of AAUW

Andrea Utrie is our new president—



(L to R Jan Sutter, Bobbi Marck, Andrea Utrie)

A huge thank you to Roberta Marck for serving as the AAUW president for the past four years. I appreciate her consistent leadership and attention to detail. Continued best wishes to her as the Mayor of Beaver Dam and AAUW member.

Your AAUW Board of Directors has assembled great topics for our monthly meetings. Of course, as you should know by now, September is devoted to the Noltner residency. October will be our annual basket auction. Hope you have some creative basket ideas that will delight our members and guests as well as build a healthy scholarship fund.

I also would like to thank Mary Kahler for her faithful editing of "Pieces and Bits". Her updating of our membership directory and the handy dandy bookmarks will help us keep in touch with one another and commence with our reading for morning and evening book clubs. Remember, the Beaver Dam Community Library will be closed for the month of August. It will reopen in early September at a temporary location (the old Bassett Furniture building).

Anyone can go to a book club meeting—whether day or night. I am hoping to send e-mails to those who have attended in the past—to remind you of upcoming dates. If you would like to receive a reminder and you have not attended these meetings, please contact me at autrie@charter.net.

The planning committee for the Unity in Community residency of John Noltner in September has been meeting for many months, in fact, years, to bring this timely program to our community. A special thank you to Annette Kamps, Anita Streich, Robin Hanson and Bobbi Marck who comprise the core group. I have enjoyed working with such a dedicated group of women.

All AAUW members are invited to opening night of the Noltner residency. There will be a private reception at the Beaver Dam Art Center from 5 to 7 p.m. on September 14. Comments by John Noltner on the exhibit will be at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Thanks to the many members who have answered the call to volunteer for the week of his residency (September 14-20). We so appreciate your interest, time and talent!

Fifteen of you ordered AAUW shirts which will be available August 19. We hope to distribute them to those members who ordered them on August 20—which is the date of our opening social at Ooga. If you can't attend, I will contact you to arrange a time for you to pick them up at my house.

Jan Sutter and Cindy Noe will be splitting duties as Finance/Membership Chair. Cindy will be the Membership Chairwoman. Thanks, Cindy, for your many years as our treasurer. Jan Sutter will become the treasurer. She will also continue to serve as the Scholarship Chair.

Dee Disch will serve as our board secretary. as she has for the past many years! Diane Kitchen will continue as Basket Auction Chair and Robin Hanson will continue as Public Relations Chair. All are much appreciated for their helpful presence on the board. Past-president, Bobbi Marck, will continue to update us on public policy issues as AAUW empowers women and fosters higher education.

In mid-July, I had the opportunity to meet with our District 1 president, Consuelo Juarez, and attend a zoom meeting with the past and new state AAUW presidents. This is an inspiring group doing great things. Next April, District 1 will host the AAUW State Convention in Madison. The very capable Mary Kahler is already helping organize this and it would be wonderful if others of you would join the planning committee which zooms once a month. "Many hands make light work!" I hope to hear from those of you who may be interested in assisting in the state convention.

I hope, as members, that you will contact me if you have suggestions and input for the year ahead.

"Our history is filled with both beauty and pain woven together. They can't be separated. We need to address the wound if we want it to heal. We must be brave and set our egos aside and allow ourselves to imagine new possibilities."—John Noltner, "Lessons on the Road to Peace"

--*Andrea Utrie*

Beaver Dam Branch August Calendar

August 12	John Noltner Residency Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Bank ESports Center
August 20	Start the Year Social	4:00 p.m.	Ooga

Start the AAUW Year Off With an Ooga (at Ooga)

Our first event of the year is a social. Save the date: August 20 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Ooga is the place to be and is at 301 South Spring Street. Snacks will be provided, you will need to buy your own beverages. Members are encouraged to bring people who might be interested in joining. Bookmarks that include programs and book listings for both book clubs will be available. Please join us for conversation and laughs.



Book Clubs Are Beginning....

In order for you to get a head start on your reading, here are the Book Club offerings for September:

Morning Book Club

The Morning Book Club will be discussing “I Sang in My Chains” by Marilyn Thomas on Tuesday, September 9 at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop. For those of you who don’t know, Marilyn Thomas is an AAUW member right here in Beaver Dam. She has an intriguing history which is explored in this book. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Cindy Noe is the host.

Evening Book Club

“The Tender Bar” by J.R. Moehringer will be the topic of conversation at the Evening Book Club on September 22 at Marilyn Thomas’s home (110 Winn Terrace). This best-selling memoir is about a boy who is growing up without a father. Living with his mother and grandfather in an old home, he is also spending time in the bar where his uncle is the bartender. Discussion begins at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday to You.....

Anita Streich August 12

Pat Lyons August 21

Marge Theis August 14

Barb Hartwig August 29

Belonging: Unity in Community

September 14-20

The first program of our new season—is not a day—it's a week!

John Noltner's residency will start on September 14 with a private reception at Dodge County Center for the Arts (DCAA). Look for your invite in the mail.

After that there are numerous events that are free to the public including:

- A photo exhibit at DCCA
- A photo techniques class at Art on the Town.
- The library will host two discussions (location to be announced).
- And a final community gathering on Saturday, September 20 at the BDACT Fine Arts Center (117 W. Maple Aveune).

In addition, he will also be speaking at the high school, the middle school, at Moraine Park Technical College, Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, the Watermark and Wayland Academy. Whew!! A lot to see and do that week.

If you would like to help with these activities, the committee will be having a meeting on August 12 (Tuesday) at Bank ESports Center (124 N. Spring Street) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Annette Kamps is chairing this committee and would appreciate the help. Please contact her, if you would like to help in anyway. annette71363@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about John Noltner, he has three photo/journal books that you may read "Portraits of Peace", "A Peace of My Mind" and "Lessons on the Road to Peace". Unfortunately, the Beaver Dam Community Library is closed this month, but they are available for purchase from Rosalee's Book Boutique. Annette may also know where you might get a hold of one.

