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***THE LEAFLET***

*April/May 2015*

**Mary Walker, Early Advocate ~ Our April 21, 2015 Program**

We'll learn about Dr. Mary Walker, Surgeon and women's rights activist who received the Medal of Honor for her service during the Civil War. (1832-1919)

George DeMass County Historian, from Oswego County N.Y. and Presbyterian pastor for 40 years will share his research about this remarkable women's rights activist from more than a century ago.

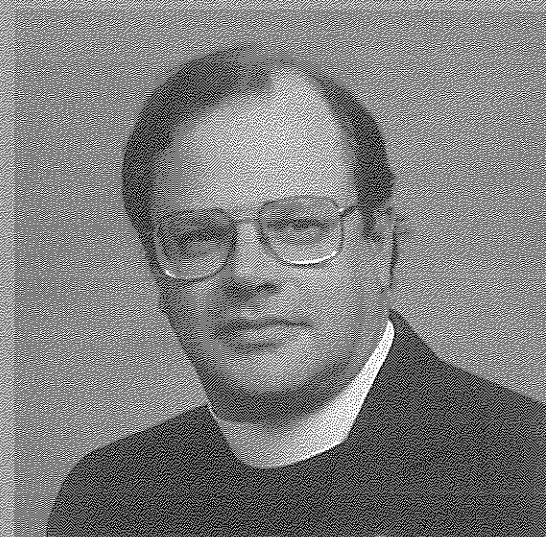
*Tuesday April 21  
7-8:30am.*



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Lecture on Religion & Politics  
presents:

**Rev. George DeMass**  
**A Pastor's View of  
Social Justice and  
the Church**



**Tuesday, April 21**  
**7-8:30pm**

UW-Marathon County  
Terrace Room  
518 S. Seventh Avenue, Wausau

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

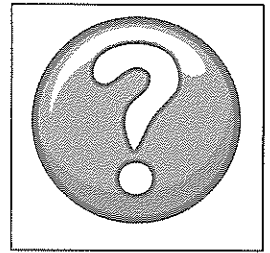
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**George DeMass**

Rev. George DeMass, a retired Presbyterian minister from Oswego, New York, has advocated for social justice issues throughout his life. He began a Baltimore/Dakota partnership with the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota. For 20 years, he was actively involved in the peacemaking process in Northern Ireland through the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland. He is president of the Safe Haven Holocaust Museum Refugee Shelter in Oswego, N.Y. During WWI, Fort Ontario served as the sole shelter in the U.S. for 982 Holocaust refugees.



## AAUW Dinner Social



### Barney Viste, Leader and Remarkable Woman

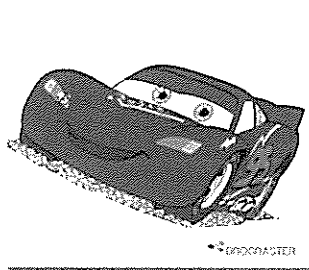
Weds. May 13 5:30 p.m.

*Just who was Barney Viste? She was an AAUW member, but where did she grow up? What was her background? Why was she so active in the community and why was she an outstanding leader? Learn about her from her husband and her son who are also Wausau community leaders. AAUW Book Group members will also share their reflections on this Barney Viste, Leader and Remarkable Woman*

*This will be our May Social*

Reservations to Marian Seagren Hall 715-842-7464 or [marabill1@msn.com](mailto:marabill1@msn.com)

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***Road Trip to State Convention !!! Come on Along!***

### ***Title IX: Entitled to Succeed***

AAUW State Convention

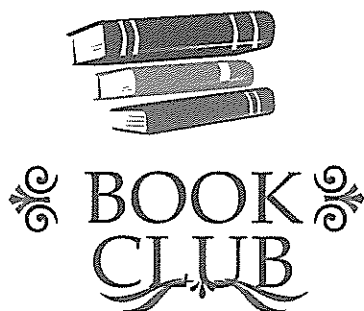
April 24-25, 2015 at Osthoff Resort at Elkhart Lake

What an exciting convention is planned, and AAUW-Wausau will be strongly represented! We will arrive at the Osthoff at 2:00 to attend the branch sharing times, the Keynote speaker Jessie Garcia, TMJ4 Sportscaster. On Saturday Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson will speak on "How My Job Affects Your Everyday Life" and then we will attend break-out sessions on a fascinating variety of topics.

Our branch has reserved a suite for Friday night and we will carpool to the convention leaving on Friday morning, April 24 at 8:00 a.m. and returning Saturday night about 9:00 p.m. Of course we have built in time for a restaurant stop, hiking or relaxing overlooking Elkhart Lake and visiting on our way down and back.

For more information and the convention schedule check your Spring 2015 Badger Briefs. **The Action Team voted to pay for the carpool gas and then divide the remaining portion of \$200 among attendees.** Please contact Lucy Harvey to be included in the carpool and the sweet suite.

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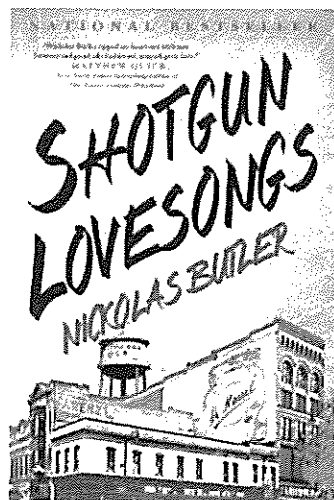


**AAUW  
2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**

**At Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ 630 Adams Street, Wausau  
The second Tuesday of the month**

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives. Call Ruth Grauer to join: 715-842-1592.

***April book Shotgun Lovesongs by Nickolas Butler***



Hank, Leland, Kip and Ronny were all born and raised in the same Wisconsin town — Little Wing — and are now coming into their own (or not) as husbands and fathers. One of them never left, still farming the family's land that's been tilled for generations. Others did leave, went farther afield to make good, with varying degrees of success; as a rock star, commodities trader, rodeo stud. And seamlessly woven into their patchwork is Beth, whose presence among them—both then and now—fuels the kind of passion one comes to expect of love songs and rivalries.

Now all four are home, in hopes of finding what could be real purchase in the world. The result is a shared memory only half-recreated, riddled with culture clashes between people who desperately wish to see themselves as the unified tribe they remember, but are confronted with how things have, in

fact, changed.

There is conflict here between longtime buddies, between husbands and wives — told with writing that is, frankly, gut-wrenching, and even heartbreaking. But there is also hope, healing, and at times, even heroism. It is strong, American stuff, not at all afraid of showing that we can be good, too — not just fallible and compromising....  
Overview from amazon.com

***May 12 Book Group Luncheon and Book Selection for Next Year***

**Noon – 2:30 or until completed at Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
630 Adams St., Wausau**

Ask your friends, read some reviews, find some fascinating books that will lead to lively conversation and bring ideas for next year's list. We'll begin with a potluck luncheon and then "sell" our books to the group. After all the persuasion has occurred, we'll vote on the ones we prefer to put on our reading and discussion list for next September through April. Please let Ruth Grauer know what you'll bring for the potluck –Ruth Grauer 715-842-1592





## **The invitation said “Come on, Get Happy!”**

So we came and learned what researchers have unearthed as they travelled the world looking at aspects of happiness. In one country instead of measuring gross national product, the country measures gross national happiness. Hmmm. . . what could we learn from the bonds that connect people, meaningful occupation, and belief in a supernatural power? Dr. Connie O’Heron, AAUW-Wausau Branch member brought this video which posed some very thought-provoking issues. Thank you, Dr. Connie !

April 14 is Equal Pay Day. What progress have women made in your lifetime? Thank those who made improvement in women’s status.

## **Public Policy ~ Make Your AAUW Wisdom Heard**

**We welcome Rita Pachel as our new branch Public Policy Chair. Rita’s advocacy background will bring informed leadership to the Public Policy position.**

The Public Policy Program underscores AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and speaks to women’s needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. The work of AAUW builds upon more than 130 years of responsible public participation, and the principles provide a basis for AAUW members’ actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each of our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation.

AAUW is a strong advocate for public education and supports public funding for public education. Issues surrounding the purpose of education will be discussion points now in the future. Now is a crucial time to make your AAUW voice heard on this topic.

How is our AAUW president ? Nancy Schulz came out of her cancer surgery successfully and is counting the days until she can be back to full speed We wish her a complete recovery and much energy.

Ruth Hawks, AAUW member and World War II Naval officer will share her experiences with John Muir Middle School students next week.

**AAUW Wausau Branch  
Financial Report Nov 2014-Jan 31, 2015**



**Alana Holt, Treasurer**

Nov 2014 -- Jan 31, 2015

	Checking	Savings
Balance November 1, 2015	\$4598.020	2,152.68
Receipts	225.62	
Disbursements	207.62	
Balance Jan 31, 2015	\$4616.02	\$2,152.68

Receipts include Dues \$80 Brunch \$120 Dues \$.62  
ER Walk \$25

Disbursements include: Mileage-meeting \$43.42,  
DigiCopy \$19.20. Brunch \$120. ER Walk \$25

**Life is all about how you handle Plan B.....  
(then Plan C)..... (then Plan .....etc.)**

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**Lunch Bunch**

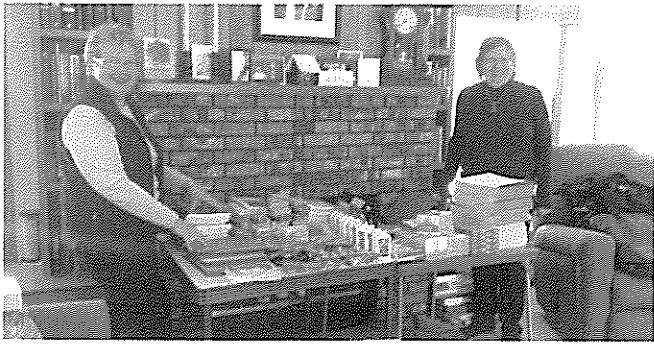
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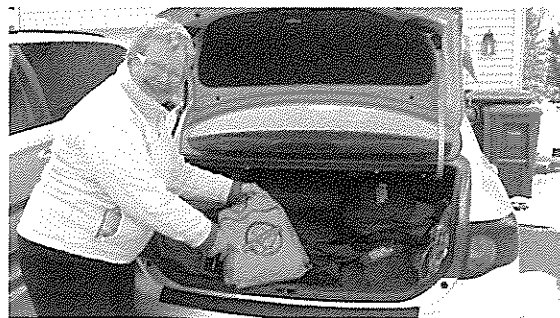
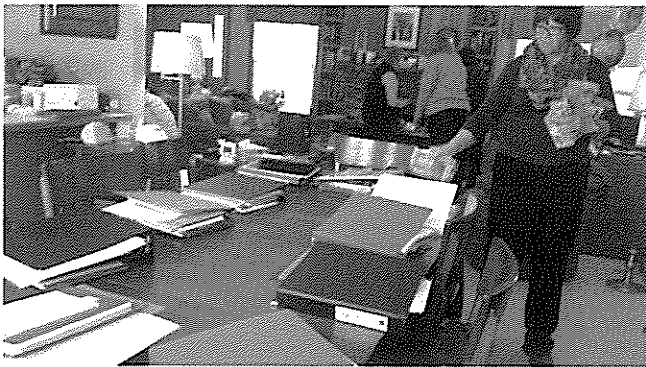
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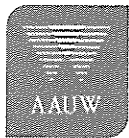
Dear AAUW Wausau Branch Members,

Your generous donation of time and support of putting together backpacks for teachers is heart felt and greatly appreciated by all in Stevens Point, and Nicaragua. The school supplies are priceless to the teachers in Nicaragua to aid in their educational mission empowering the children and their families, it doesn't end with the teacher receiving the materials, it trickles down to everyone around them—it comes full circle—empowering all, and that's what our volunteer efforts strive to do. The children, families, and teachers of Nicaragua, and everyone at Wisconsin/ Nicaragua Partners in Stevens Point thank



The backpacks are shipping out 4/2/15. They will be greeted with warm hearts and eager minds. With heart felt thanks and gratitude.

Amy Wiza &  
Lisa Wangsness



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#### Calendar

Fri. & Sat April 24 & 25 – AAUW State Convention

Tues. April 12 Book Group discussion of *Shotgun Lovesongs*

Tues. April 21 – *Dr. Mary Walker*, Civil War Medal of Honor  
Recipient

Weds. May 6 - Action Team at 11:30 at the Library (Second  
floor) All are invited

Tuesday, May 12 Book Group Luncheon

Weds. May 13 May Dinner Social ~ *Barney Viste*, Leader and  
Remarkable Woman