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UPCOMING PROGRAMS ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Thursday, January 21 Luncheon Program

Investigative Journalism: Digging Down to the Heart of an Issue

11:30 a.m. at 2510 Restaurant - Small dining room by the deli

Investigative Journalist Shereen Siewert has won awards for her research into human trafficking and life sentences in Wisconsin prisons. She will discuss the challenges of her work, how she does her investigation, how she gains access to information, and what causes her to seek an answer. Wausau no longer has a local Investigative Team writer nor is there another female journalist on the IT, so we are honored to have Shereen speak to our group.

Please email Sande Sliwicki at sandes1@frontier.com or call 715-845-6854 to let her know you will be there

Thursday, February 18 Program

- Poverty - In Our Community!? What Does It Look Like?

Featured Speaker: Robert Craig from the Citizen group "WISDOM" will help us learn the characteristics of poverty and how to address them.

6:00 p.m. at UWMC Center for Civic Engagement ~Sonnenstag Room

Thursday, March 10 Program

Mike McCabe, author of Blue Jeans in High Places: The Coming Makeover of American Politics

10:30 – 12:00 Marathon City Village Hall. Then 4:00 – 6:00 Book signing at Janke Book Store

6:30 – 8:00 pm AAUW Program in the Sonnenstag Room at the CCE (new building) at UW-MC

Mike McCabe's message: "It's about commoners working to house the politically homeless and transform political parties that are failing America." He feels that ordinary people want a government that works for them. He suggests that instead of thinking who is liberal or conservative, you look at it vertically and ask who is on top and who is at the bottom.

Would you be willing to scholarship a new AAUW member? Would you pay all or half of the dues to bring in someone who will help with the AAUW mission? Once they have tried AAUW, they will want to come back! Please talk with Lucy Harvey 715-848-3545 or Nancy Schulz 715-848-4821. Thanks!

A Look Back at Our Fall Programs

Featured Speakers: Margo DeNuccio and Koby Schellenger

On Thursday, November 19 Margo DeNuccio, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Koby Schellenger, Regional Field Coordinator gave us an overview of the services offered to women and men through Planned Parenthood. They debunked the idea that Planned Parenthood only does abortions (1 % of their work) and talked about women's health services offered to economically disadvantaged women. If their program is not funded and the attack on Planned Parenthood continues, this safe place for women in crisis will be unavailable. Health care, contraceptive counseling and medication would become prohibitively expensive for many women.

Thank you for informing us, Margo and Koby



Featured Speaker: Laura Syring:

Community Engagement in Marathon County, One Conversation at a Time

Community Organizer (and AAUW member) Laura Syring told us about the grassroots efforts to strengthen Marathon County that she is taking as the community organizer of Marathon County's Obesity Prevention Initiative(OPI). Her interviews have given her a broad understanding of our area's issues and she has been able to connect people with resources that will help them. Laura's open personality and warmth make her an ideal person for the task.

Thank you for speaking to AAUW, Laura Syring

LUNCH BUNCH

Let's attend the January Program on ***Investigative Journalism***. It will be at 11:30 at 2510 in the small dining room near the deli. Bring insightfulness and join the conversation with Shareen Stewart, former Wausau Daily Herald Investigative Team Report and current City Pages Editor



IRON JAWED ANGELS

Film on women's suffrage

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

12:00 – 12:30 gathering time

12:30- 1:00 light lunch of vegetarian soup and rolls.

Feel free to bring finger food to go with our soup lunch

RSVP to Rita Pachal by Jan. 29th 715-675-6728 or mrpachgal@charter.net

1:00 – 4:00 film with discussion to follow

(Film is 2 hours long)

Rita Pachal's Home at 1310 Maple Hill Rd, Wausau, WI 54403

(Maple Hill is one block south of Evergreen Rd. in the Riverview area)

This iconic 2004 film shares the true story of activists Alice Paul (Hillary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor) who took the women's suffrage movement by storm by putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. It is an accurate portrayal of women who took action for monumental change that has impacted us all.

Please RSVP to Rita Pachal @ 715 675 6728 or mrpachal@charter.net

AAUW works to increase the number of underrepresented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions - excerpt from AAUW Public Policy statement/introduction

Bylaws revision

Lucy Harvey and Nancy Schulz are in the process of updating our branch bylaws to bring them into compliance with changes proposed by AAUW.
“It’s no small undertaking if you ask me.” – (Lucy)



AAUW Wausau Branch Financial Report July 1, 2015-December 31, 2015

Alana Holt, Finance VP

	Checking	Savings
Balance July 1, 2015	\$2165.12	\$2,154.00
Receipts	\$ 3425.14	\$ 1.32
Disbursements	\$1756.11	
Balance Dec 31, 2015	\$3834.15	\$2,154.00



Receipts include;
Interest \$1.14
Dues \$3424.00

Disbursements include:
Postage \$116.44
Conference \$26.51
Dues \$797.50
Printing 144.16
Insurance \$185
AAUW Funds \$200
Meals \$286.50

Editor's note. We thank Wausau's Finance VP
Alana Holt for STILL working diligently on
registration details at the national level

"We must use our lives to make the world a better place to live, not just to acquire things. That is what we are put on the earth for."
—Dolores Huerta, activist and co-founder of United Farm Workers

Letter to the Editor submitted by AAUW member Judy Weaver

Dear Readers,

It is not too early to think about the 2016 elections – first one February 16th primary, followed by the April 5th general election which includes the presidential party preference, State Supreme Court and local races. **Every voter must be prepared to show their Wisconsin Photo ID!** A Wisconsin driver's license, State ID, Military ID or U.S. Passport are most common forms of ID— (it's a good idea to check the expiration date NOW).

New voters – good news here – you can register to vote any time now during office hours at your County Clerk's office – which is located in the Lincoln County Service Center 801 N. Sales St. Or if you live in the City of Merrill, you may register at the City Clerk's office, 1004 E. First St. Waiting to register until voting day may bring delays especially if you do not have the proper photo or residential documentation. You may have recently moved and changed polling place or have turned 18 and are newly eligible – this calls for registration in either circumstance.

In case you do not have a photo ID: You are able to obtain one from the Department of Motor Vehicles at no cost. You will need documentation for this card – proof of birthdate, citizenship, residence (birth certificate, social security card, or other documents). The Department of Motor Vehicles is open in Merrill on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is located at 100 S. Mill St. (southwest corner of Mill and First) Phone 608-264-7447.

The AAUW is here to help! That's us – *American Association of University Women*. This grassroots organization has been working to improve the lives of women and families – building community since 1881. So if you have questions, need assistance or transportation call a member: me - Judy at 715-536-7918. Voting is certainly a right of citizenship!

Judy Weaver
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Please print and post the following page. Let's get out the vote!!



**BE PREPARED
VOTING : 2016
DON'T FORGET YOUR PHOTO I.D.
PHOTO I.D.'S ARE REQUIRED!**

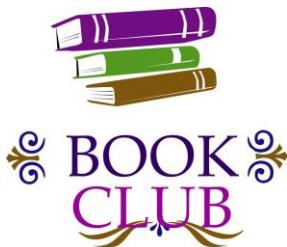
FIRST STATE ELECTION IS FEBRUARY 16, 2016

A valid Wisconsin Driver's License, State I.D., Military I.D., or U.S. Passport are most common form of I.D. Better check the expiration date now...

DON'T HAVE A VALID PHOTO I.D.? You may obtain a State Photo I.D. from your Department of Motor Vehicles at no cost. Documentation such as birth certificate, social security card, proof of residence is required.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. The AAUW (American Association of University Women) had been active building community since 1881.

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Call a member - Judy at 715-536-7918.....



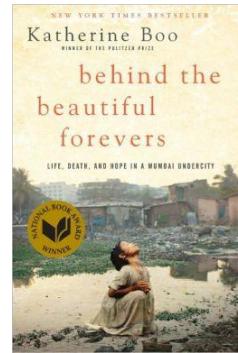
AAUW
2nd TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
At Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ 630 Adams Street, Wausau
The second Tuesday of the month

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives. To join, call Marlene Lau 715-675-9266

***Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo**

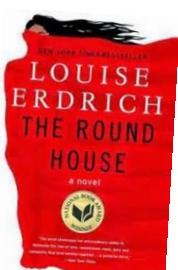
January 12, 2016 Discussion Leader, Alberta Cunningham

A Mumbai slum offers rare insight into the lives and socioeconomic and political realities for some of the disadvantaged riding the coattails or not of India's economic miracle in this deeply researched and brilliantly written account by New Yorker writer and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Boo. Divided into four parts, the narrative brings vividly to the page life as it is led today in Annawadi, a squalid and overcrowded migrant settlement of some 3,000 people squatting since 1991 on a half-acre of land owned by the Sahar International Airport.



Boo derives her title from a richly ironic real-world image: a brightly colored ad for floor tiles repeating "Beautiful Forever" across a wall shutting out Annawadi from the view of travelers leaving the airport. Among her subjects is the fascinating Abdul, a sensitive and cautiously hopeful Muslim teenager tirelessly trading in the trash paid for by recycling firms. Crucially, Boo's commanding ability to convey an interior world comes balanced by concern for the structural realities of India's economic liberalization begun the same year as Annawadi's settlement, and her account excels at integrating the party politics and policy strategies behind eruptions of deep-seated religious, caste, and gender divides. Boo's rigorous inquiry and transcendent prose leave an indelible impression of human beings behind the shibboleths of the New India. Feb.... [review from Publishers Weekly](#)

February 9, 2016 *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich Discussion Leader, Lucy Peterson



One Sunday in the spring of 1988, a woman living on a reservation in North Dakota is attacked. The details of the crime are slow to surface as Geraldine Coutts is traumatized and reluctant to relive or reveal what happened, either to the police or to her husband, Bazil, and thirteen-year-old son, Joe. In one day, Joe's life is irrevocably transformed. He tries to heal his mother, but she will not leave her bed and slips into an abyss of solitude. Increasingly alone, Joe finds himself thrust prematurely into an adult world for which he is ill prepared.

While his father, who is a tribal judge, endeavors to wrest justice from a situation that defies his efforts, Joe becomes frustrated with the official investigation and sets out with his trusted friends to get some answers of his own. Their quest takes them first to the Round House, a sacred space and place of worship for the Ojibwe. And this is only the beginning.

Written with undeniable urgency, and illuminating the harsh realities of contemporary life in a community where Ojibwe and white live uneasily together, ***The Round House*** is a brilliant and entertaining novel, a masterpiece of literary fiction. Louise Erdrich embraces tragedy, the comic, a spirit world very much present in the lives of her all-too-human characters, and a tale of injustice that is, unfortunately, an authentic reflection of what happens in our own world today....[Overview from Barnes and Nobel](#)

Winner of the 2012 National Book Award for Fiction



At our Women's Equality Day in August Dr. Connie O'Heron gave us the easy computer steps to contacting our representatives. They are as follows:

- 1. Go to AAUW.org**
- 2. In the Search box, type “two minute activist”**
- 3. Click on the first item which says “Two minute Activist”**
- 4. Scroll down the page to find the list of issues**
- 5. Click on the issue you are concerned about**
- 6. Scroll down and put your zip code in the box**
- 7. The letter will be at the end of the page**
- 8. You should see the pics of your elected officials**
- 9. Edit the letter as you wish**
- 10. Push send!**

Please contact your representatives. It could be an easy new year's resolution, resolving to be a more active activist! If we don't tell our representatives what issues are important to us, how will they know?

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Calendar

Tuesday, Jan 12 Book Group *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*
12:45

Weds. Jan 13, Feb 3, March 2 – Board Meetings at the Library
11:30 a.m. (Second floor) All are invited

Thursday, Jan. 21 January Program – ***Investigative Journalism:
Getting to the Heart of an Issue***
11:30 2510 Restaurant - Small Meeting room by the Deli

Tuesday, Feb 2 Soup luncheon and video: *Iron-Jawed Angels*
12:30 – 3:30

Tuesday, Feb 9 Book Group *The Round House*
12:45

Thursday, Feb 18. February Program -- ***Poverty and Its Effects***
6:00 p.m. UWMC Center for Civic Engagement Sonnenstag Room

Thursday, March 10 March Program- ***Public Policy Preparations for a
Place for the Politically Homeless***
6:30-8:30 p.m. UW MC Center for Civic Engagement Theater