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Tues. Nov. 15 November Program



Finding Justice in the Court System

Speaker: Heidi Wolfe

5:00 – 7:00 PM

UWMC Terrace Room

Heidi Wolfe is a courageous young woman about whom you may have read in the Wausau newspaper. Recently her grandfather was sentenced to prison for sexual assault and it was

Heidi's courage in speaking out that shed light on his behavior. One always risks a great deal in such a situation because there are always at least two sides to a story. Heidi's actions, though, created the opportunity for others to come forward with their experiences.

Although the Statute of Limitations prohibited Heidi from seeking legal action, others could and did, and justice was served.

Now Heidi Wolfe's intention is to help other young women avoid situations like what she experienced. She wants others to notice when something seems awry and bravely speak out.

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Tues. Dec. 6 December Potluck and Program 4:00 – 7:30

Maggie Marquis has invited us for a potluck and discussion of the video *Miss Representation*. This video illuminates media's portrayal of women and their leadership skills, and as audience members we will learn to challenge assumptions and portrayals that limit women's opportunities. We guarantee a lively discussion after viewing *Miss Representation*, and we'll strategize ways to bring this behavior to others' attention.

The video will be shown at about 4:00 with the potluck to follow. Maggie's address is 102 E. Riverside Avenue, Merrill, WI. Her phone number is 715.536.9955 and her email is marquisa@charter.net (So you can tell her that you will be there and what you will be bringing).

Carpoolers will gather at 3:00 at the Shopko parking lot on the east side along the street just across from John Muir. Hope you can come!





Sharing Ideas Road Trip – by Nancy Schulz

--Enjoyable time together at our District 5 meeting September 17, 2016. Thank you to all who attended and participated. Let's mark our calendar for next District 5 meeting: **Saturday, February 25, 2017 in Neenah.**

We covered some important items: convention, bylaws, member recognition pins, state-level open positions, NCCWSL scholarships, and branch websites, among them.

I'm so pleased with the progress we made together in planning our upcoming convention . Additional progress since – Our capable former District 5 coordinator Connie Polley has agreed to co-chair the convention. We are still looking for another convention co-chair and a branch to provide decorations/ambiance. Looking through the acknowledgment page of last year's convention booklet I anticipate as convention nears we'll need branches to come forward to handle name tags and convention packets, and serve as special assistants, greeters, workshop monitors, and in miscellaneous roles. Additionally, an area branch may want to come forward to work with local media on publicity. Together our voices will ring, be heard, and be effective for equity!

Highlights illustrate how our district's nine branches are furthering the cause of equity:

- **Appleton:** presented Dr. Julie Mead on public schools and privatization
- **Fond du Lac:** partnered with other groups to sponsor event on human trafficking
- **Green Bay:** women in politics - going beyond the vote; recognizes outstanding area women with Dreamers & Doers award (including two past published volumes)
Oshkosh: annual potluck with AAUW scholarship winners and book sale; water treatment
- **Rhinelander/Northwoods:** women in public office; presented on AAUW's "Barriers & Biases" booklet
- **Sheboygan:** raised \$2000 for scholarship (members urged to donate \$1 for every year of their education from K-college) and presented it to non-traditional student at Fall brunch
- **Wausau:** to host US Congressional candidate forum; member to present on public money funding private school vouchers
West Bend: presenting speaker from a local suicide prevention project; lost their book sale
- **Wisconsin Bend:** small membership but has a nearly 100% turnout for programs

Best to you, your branch, and our dynamic district, Nancy L. Schulz, AAUW of WI District 5 Coordinator; 715.848.4821

AAUW-Wausau was adeptly represented by Judy Weaver, Lucy Harvey and our Outstanding District 5 Coordinator, Nancy Schulz ! ☺ ☺ ☺



AAUW 2nd Tuesday BOOK GROUP

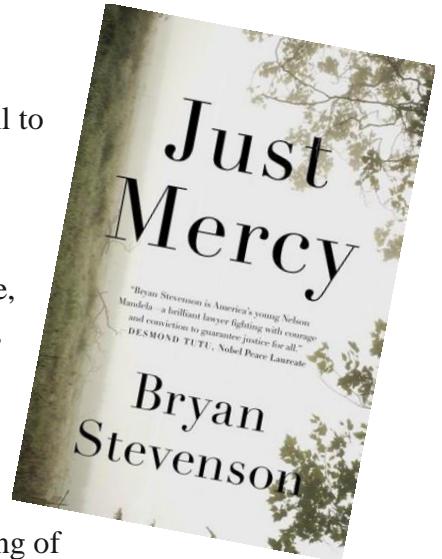
Second Tuesday of the Month at 12:45-3:00
Chair, Marlene Lau. 715-675-9266

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

December 13 Discussion Leader—Kathy Plein

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.



Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Shakespeare's Will by Vern Thiessen

January 10 Discussion Leader—Marlene Lau

The drama focuses on the will handed to William Shakespeare's widow Anne as she leaves his funeral. Anne resists reading the will, remembering instead the passion and the vows she shared with her husband, Catholic in public but 'their own kind of marriage' in private. These unusual vows accommodated their desires as individuals, but left Anne alone in Stratford to raise their three children. She relives the decision points where Bill's London life became a separate existence. When plague sweeps the country, she must find a way to protect the children without news or support from William and relates her decision to take them to the seashore, far from disease and death. Her flight repeats her own childhood journey, when her father brought her and her siblings to the sea and away from the plague which killed her mother.



An hour later, Anne must read the will. She understands his bequests until she reads his provision for the house. The play shows us William's success in London through a domestic lens, where Anne's children, garden, bees and marketing are our focus. Anne's own childhood journey to the sea supplies a pattern of water-based imagery which resolves in the final sequence of the play; it is a mirror and cyclic resolution to Bill's love affair with words

Marge Kalkoske, a Committed 50 Year AAUW Member



Throughout her life Marge Kalkoske has used her B.A. degree in Mathematics from Western College in Oxford Ohio. That interest was helpful as AAUW Treasurer and served her well as a member of the AAUW Investment Study Group. She also worked with the AAUW book sales and as a volunteer at United Way in Wausau. For many years Marge took on the onerous task of being on the by-laws committee for our branch as well as chairing the Book Group. Marge is an upbeat, positive, happy person who admired Audrey Hepburn and actually watched all of her movies. Marge exudes energy and good will, and we honor her as a 50 year active member of AAUW-Wausau.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We welcome Darlene Svacina as our newest member.

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*On Monday, September 19, we had the unique opportunity to meet and greet **Mary Hoeft, candidate for U.S. Representative District #7**. She spoke to the attendees about her positions and then responded to the audience's questions which were submitted in writing during the program. By reading the questions, the moderators kept matters on track and maintained a neutral atmosphere. Good job, Marian and Program Team!*

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Carol Potter has been found! Carol Potter's new address.

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Whitman Place
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We commend AAUW member Ethel Quisler for her Congressional campaign for the 7th District of Wisconsin. As Ethel withdrew, she stated in her July 1, 2016 editorial "This is a time for reach, teach and reteach. I should not be amazed but I still am over the lack of understanding people have about how our government works."

"A mind that is stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimension" Oliver Wendell Holmes

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42% of Marathon County's households are working and struggling to survive. ...

ALICE is a recently released report for the state of Wisconsin. It is a factual look at our community's households who are unable to afford life's basic necessities. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. The October 18 program from 1:00 – 2:15 at Westwood Conference Center-Atrium Room will be presented by United Way of Wisconsin. Register to attend at secure.unitedwaymc.org/ALICE or call United Way at 715.848.2927



The following pages show the voting record of our elected representatives in Washington, D.C. The + or - signs indicate their voting in relation to AAUW Public Policy issues. An informed electorate is the foundation of our democracy, so take your informed self and others whom you have informed to the polls.



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Weds. Nov.2 11:30 – 1:00	AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room – All are welcome !	
Tues. Nov 8	AAUW Afternoon Book Group	
Tues. Nov 15 5:00 – 7:00	Heidi Wolfe ~ Finding Justice in the Court System UWMC Terrace Room	
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March 2017	Celebrate our Branch's 95th Anniversary !	
April 21-22, 2017	AAUW State Convention in Neenah hosted by our District	
June 14-17, 2017	AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.	