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## THE LEAFLET



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### **September Program**

**Mark your calendar and invite guests to AAUW Wausau meeting on Tuesday, September 20th to hear about the Impact of Taxpayer Vouchers on Public Schools and Taxpayers!**

**"Impact of taxpayer vouchers on taxes"  
presented by Mary Jarvis**

**Tuesday, September 20th  
in the Terrace Room  
University of Wisconsin Marathon County**

**Beginning at 5:00 P.M.  
ending with Q and A**

Sponsored by American Association of University Women Wausau Branch and open to the public.

Questions: Call Marian at 715-842-7464

***Additional statistics and probable effects article:***

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/funding-up-for-voucher-students-down-for-public-school-students/article\\_f289bd46-b62a-55be-9684-84d07dda593b.html#utm\\_source=host.madison.com&utm\\_campaign=%2Femail%2Fwsj-news%2F%3Fref%3Demail&utm\\_medium=email](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/funding-up-for-voucher-students-down-for-public-school-students/article_f289bd46-b62a-55be-9684-84d07dda593b.html#utm_source=host.madison.com&utm_campaign=%2Femail%2Fwsj-news%2F%3Fref%3Demail&utm_medium=email)



## ***Sharing Ideas* Road Trip**

Dear AAUW-Wausau members and AAUW District 5 members,

Let's gather up 2-3 members from our branch and put a car in gear for our productive District 5 meeting **Saturday, September 17** to be held at the beautiful **Green Fountain Inn, Waupaca**. Plan to arrive at **9:30 AM** to walk the garden before our **10 AM meeting**.

Come prepared to share what our branch is up to and hear from other branches, consider who to recommend (or volunteer yourself) to fill open state leadership positions (president-elect, administrative services coordinator, *Badger Briefs* editor, webmaster, historian, bylaws), and begin coordinating our District 5 hosting of 2017 state convention April 21-22, Bridgewood Conference Center in Neenah - let's flaunt our mid-Wisconsin hospitality! (we seek co-coordinators, convention booklet editor, registration chair, etc.). Send me your ideas and look for full agenda in future email.

At **noon**, we'll enjoy a fresh-made luncheon of locally grown ingredients. Please email me your preference for one of two entrees:

1. Caprese Chicken
2. Secret Garden Salad w/variety of seasonal local fruit and veggies

Includes iced tea, lemonade, and tasty dessert.

Cost (includes gratuity and taxes): \$20/person; (\$10 covered by District) cost to you: **\$10/person**

Green Fountain Inn, 602 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI, [800.603.4600](tel:800.603.4600)

I look forward to many productive *and fun* times working together with you to further equity for women and girls.

Best to you,

Nancy L. Schulz, AAUW of Wisconsin District 5 Coordinator & AAUW Wausau Branch President  
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## **State Budget's Effects on UW Two-year Colleges**

Thanks to Dr. Keith Montgomery and Dr. Holly Hassel for enlightening us on the state budget's effects on the two-year UW-College System. If you heard their presentation about how cuts have affected this region of the UW System, this is a good summary. If you were not able to attend that meeting, this article will give you a good overview of it. By [Karen Herzog](#) of the Journal Sentinel April 12, 2016 [491](#)

"Larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, cuts to academic advising, potentially increasing how long it takes to finish a degree, loss of student jobs on campus, inability to grow high-demand programs and outdated academic facilities not being maintained."



## **AN AAUW MIX AND MINGLE TIME**

We enjoyed sharing ideas and getting to know other AAUW members better at our July Mix and Mingle at The Great Dane. My, oh, my, but we have lots of ideas and thoughts. It was fun to be together for a casual afternoon.



**"WHO CARES?"**

**They're all crooked.**

**I just don't like politics"**



**October Program ~ Chris Clark Epstein**

## **Why Vote?:**

# **Civic Engagement in an Age of Political Cynicism**

**Thursday, October 13 UW-MC Terrace Room**

**5:00 Gathering 5:30 Program**

Sponsored by American Association of University Women Wausau Branch and open to the public.

Chris Clarke-Epstein, CSP believes if you ask great questions you will get great answers. For 20 years, Chris has asked today's leaders thought-provoking questions – pushing them to find new ways to do old things, changing old mindsets to meet new challenges, and supporting those leaders as they search for creative solutions to long-standing problems.

Her training sessions are renowned for their practical approach to complex issues .. Recognized by her peers, she received the highest earned designation from the National Speakers Association, CSP - Certified Speaking Professional - in 1993 and was honored to serve as the 2000-2001 NSA President.

Author of and contributor to nine books, Chris' most recent book, *78 Important Questions Every Leader Should Ask and Answer*, (AMACOM, 2002) again challenges readers to expand their understanding of what being a leader means and requires.

-Contact Chris Clarke-Epstein through [CHANGE101.com](http://CHANGE101.com)

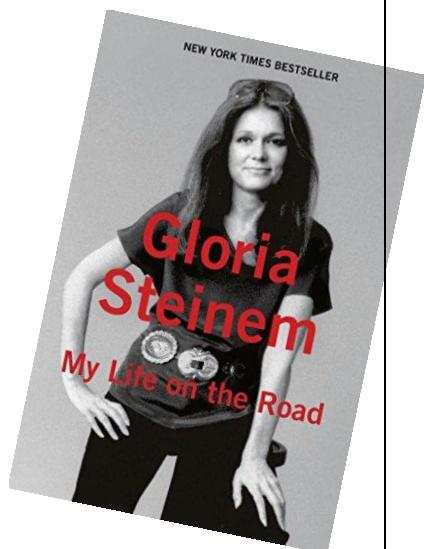




## AAUW 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday BOOK GROUP

Second Tuesday of the Month at 12:45-3:00

Chair, Marlene Lau. 715-675-9266



### ***My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem**

#### **September 13 Discussion Leader--- Marian Seagran Hall**

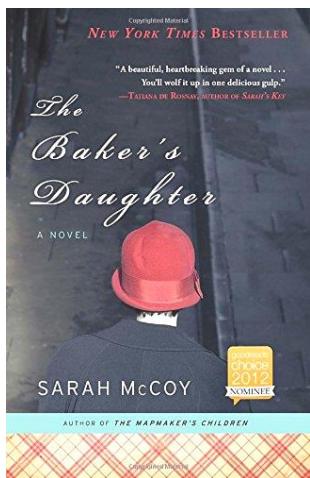
*My Life on the Road* is a traveler's journey like no other, and Gloria Steinem, feminist icon, 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient (President Obama called her a "champion notice-er"), journalist, organizer and activist, is your unique guide. Leading us on her road trips as a child and later as an activist and organizer, Steinem attaches faces and stories to the many reasons she loves and learns from it all. At 81, she is still at it.

What makes Steinem such a credible activist and organizer for human rights is her ability to listen to and learn from others. For example, she learns from Native Americans that Ben Franklin used the Iroquois Confederacy as a model for the U.S. Constitution (except the Founding Fathers left out women). She asks, what else didn't we learn in school?

If at the end of this inspiring trip, you aren't inclined to share her wanderlust, you may at least see your own world—and opportunities for improving it—differently. As Steinem says, "We have to behave as if everything we do matters—because sometimes it does." ... review from NY Times Bookpage

### ***The Baker's Daughter* by Sarah McCoy**

#### **October 11 Discussion Leader—Lucy Peterson**



**from Book Browse...** A routine interview between a reporter and an elderly baker brings out memories of darker times: her life in Germany during that last bleak year of WWII. As their lives become more intertwined, all are forced to confront the uncomfortable truths of the past and seek out the courage to forgive.

In 1945, Elsie Schmidt is a naive teenager, as eager for her first sip of champagne as she is for her first kiss. She and her family have been protected from the worst of the terror and desperation overtaking her country by a high-ranking Nazi who wishes to marry her. So when an escaped Jewish boy arrives on Elsie's doorstep in the dead of night on Christmas Eve, Elsie understands that opening the door would put all she loves in danger.

Sixty years later, in El Paso, Texas, Reba Adams is trying to file a feel-good Christmas piece for the local magazine. Reba is perpetually on the run from memories of a turbulent childhood, but she's been in El Paso long enough to get a full-time job and a fiancé, Riki Chavez.

Reba's latest assignment has brought her to the shop of an elderly baker across town. The interview should take a few hours at most, but the owner of Elsie's German Bakery is no easy subject. Reba finds herself returning to the bakery again and again, anxious to find the heart of the story. For Elsie, Reba's questions are a stinging reminder of darker times: her life in Germany during that last bleak year of WWII. And as Elsie, Reba, and Riki's lives become more intertwined, all are forced to confront the uncomfortable truths of the past and seek out the courage to forgive.

## AAUW MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We welcome, Julie Burmesch

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M.S. Educational Administration, UW Superior

After getting a Master's in Communicative Disorders, Julie worked in Speech Therapy at various districts within the Central Wisconsin area. When she achieved her administrative degree Julie worked as a principal and the Coordinator of Pre-Kindergarten Programs for the Wausau School District. She is an early brain development trainer, parent educator and has consulted on early childhood issues throughout Wisconsin, Florida and Illinois. Julie recently retired and enjoys volunteer work, gardening, traveling and jewelry making. She is married, has one son living and working in Tokyo and one daughter beginning a teaching career in Merrill. We look forward to Julie's involvement in AAUW because of her strong background in education as well as her being a friendly person.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES – Please add to your Directory

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Laura Syring's new email address is <a href="mailto:lkssyring@gmail.com">lkssyring@gmail.com</a> .		Lucy Harvey's new cell phone 715-507-1964
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### AAUW 50 Year Member ~ Vonnie Solomonson

Who knew that in 1964 AAUW would be just the organization to welcome and nurture a young wife, mother and educator! **Vonnie Solomonson** had resided in Wausau two years when her neighbor, Barbara Sorenson, invited her to an AAUW meeting. Vonnie remembers the camaraderie of this large group (close to 80 members then) where young wives raising families were encouraged and mentored by the respected, successful career women who attended afternoon study groups and worked on community projects. Vonnie became Secretary in 1966 and has been active in AAUW ever since - in addition to a full schedule including teaching, being a Congressional Aide, volunteering at Immanuel Lutheran Church and with Sons of Norway (not to mention travelling internationally with her husband Allan). AAUW's policy on education of women and encouraging advanced degrees kept Vonnie focused. Fifty years plus, AAUW-Wausau is blessed to have Vonnie still working to improve lives of women and families. –interview by Judy Weaver, AAUW Cub Reporter

## AAUW Financial Report

January 1-June 30 2016		
	Checking	Savings
Balance 1/1/2016	\$3905.15	\$2154.00
Receipts	1738.94	.80
Disbursements	1327.04	
Balance 6/30/16	\$4317.05	\$2154.80



### Receipts:

Interest: \$ .94  
Brunch 20.00  
Dues 1718.00

### Disbursements:

Copying/postage	\$ 324.30
Dues-WI	39.00
National	49.00
Reimbursement	80.00
Program	95.70
Meals	207.00
State Convention	200.04
Insurance	332.00

Alana Holt, our long-term, hard-working, dependable, accurate Finance Officer.

Thank you, Alana!

*On Monday, September 19, we will have an opportunity to meet and greet Mary Hoeft, candidate for U.S. Representative District #7. This is our chance to learn about Mary and share our AAUW positions with her. This will be held from noon to 1:00 at UWMC. Check with Marian Seagren Hall for location or call UWMC. [Marabill1@msn.com](mailto:Marabill1@msn.com) or 715-842-7464*



We are looking for Carol Potter. She recently moved to the Milwaukee area, and we want to track her down for an interview about her 50 years as an AAUW member. If we don't find her, this editor will have to draw upon her own memory, and that wouldn't be as good as having the AAUW Cub Reporter interview Carol. If you know of her whereabouts, please contact Lucy Harvey at 715.848.3545

The Video **"A Time for Justice"** will be shown at the Universal Universalist Church. The message from **"A Time for Justice"** lines up well with the AAUW mission. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rita Pachal at [mrpachal@charter.net](mailto:mrpachal@charter.net) or 715.581.4047.

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### **AAUW IS MOVING TO A NEW OFFICE ON JUNE 10!**

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All AAUW e-mail addresses and telephone numbers remain the same.

Save the date and pack your suitcase !!





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Tues. Sept 20 UWMC Terrace Room	Mary Jarvis <b>The Impact of Taxpayer Vouchers on Public Schools and Taxpayers</b> 5:00 gathering and 5:30 program
Thurs. Sept 22 UU Church	Video "A Time for Justice" put out by the Southern Poverty Law Center 6:00 PM. Open and Free to the public
Weds. Oct 5 11:30 – 1:00	AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room – All are welcome !
Thurs Oct 6	Woman to Woman Night. Come meet the Candidates – More info in future emails
Tues. Oct.11	AAUW Afternoon Book Group
Thurs. Oct 13	Chris Clark Epstein <b>Why Vote?: Civic Engagement in an Age of Political Cynicism</b>
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	Heidi Wolfe ~ <b>Finding Justice in the Court System</b>
Tues, Dec. 6 4:00	Maggie Marquis' home at 4:00 P.M. <i>Miss Representation</i> will be shown shortly after 4:00, <b>followed by potluck supper</b>
Weds. Dec 7 11:30 – 1:00	AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room - All are welcome !
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..