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"WOMEN IN THE NEWS" AAUW Program

Where: UWMC Terrace Room

Date: Monday, January 30th

Time: Snacks 4:30 P.M.

Program: 5:00-6:00 P.M.

**Participants: Nora Hertel, Wausau Daily Herald
Shereen Siewert, City Pages**

We look forward to hearing:

how people and events are selected;

what they look for in preparation to write;

what parameters they are given for news they cover;

their favorite kind of stories to cover;

**if they felt uncomfortable asking questions or being in
particular situations;**

**their most uncomfortable or even possibly scary
experiences in their jobs;**

and whatever else they would like to share and QandA

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AAUW Wausau Branch February Program



The Culture and People of India

Thursday, February 9, 2017

4:45 PM gathering

5:00 PM cafeteria line available; bring cash

6:00 PM speaker

Terrace Room, UWMC, 518 S. Seventh Ave., Wausau

Join AAUW Wausau Branch President Nancy L. Schulz as she recounts her five-week October 2016, solo backpacking adventure by rail through north and central India.

Nancy's previous travels have taken her to North, Central, and South America, Britain, Continental Europe, and the Middle East.

On this journey Nancy traveled by plane, train, ferry, bus, taxi, motorbike, auto, bicycle, hand-pulled-rickshaws, and foot. She slept (fitfully) in crowded overnight trains, hotels, dorms, and a mud hut. She ate food from restaurant, street vender, market, and friendly families sharing meager provisions. One home where Nancy was welcomed prominently displayed a poster reading, "AUM SWEET AUM" showing pride in their "HOME."

Eighty percent of India is Hindu, and a core belief is reincarnation. One of Nancy's secret goals for this trip was to see if she recognized the land from an earlier incarnation. As with each of her journeys Nancy especially looks forward to sharing insights she gained into the lives of residents whom she met and furthering cultural understanding.

Public welcome! Invite and bring a friend and join us for the evening as we explore together the exotic and soul-stirring Asian subcontinent country of India.

No RSVP is required but a no-pressure opportunity will be available to hear about and join AAUW to further our work for equity for women and girls.

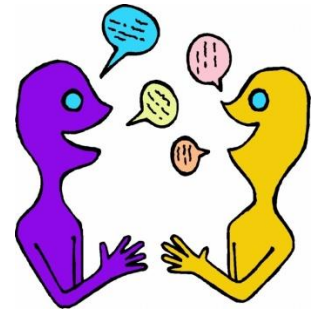
😊😊😊😊😊😊 ~~~ **AAUW-Wausau's 95th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday March 11** ~~~ 😊😊😊😊😊😊

Get ready for a 95th Anniversary Celebration!! Our Wausau Branch has been active and engaged for 95 years – count 'em – 95 years. Now it's time to celebrate with a get-together at the Marathon County Historical Society on March 11 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will hear about a remarkable AAUW member, Winnie Gooding (through the eyes of her son Louis Pratt). Marathon County Historical Society also houses our AAUW historical collection, so it will be enlightening to hear what research into those 95 years reveals about our branch's activities. Mark your calendar and get ready to join AAUW-Wausau's 95 Anniversary Celebration on March 11.

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December Potluck and Program

Our December Potluck and Program at Maggie Marquis' home brought lively discussion that ranged from early childhood development to emergency treatment of battered women. This knowledge had been gained by professionals among our group at the table, and we were able to ask questions, seek solutions, and learn from real life experiences. The video *Miss Representation* sparked this lively discussion by highlighting the ways women are often portrayed. Our challenge is to deal with the myriad issues before us.



In addition to the lively discussion, we enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and the warm hospitality of Maggie and Art Marquis. We thank them for opening their comfortable and welcoming home to us for this program.

During the discussion at Maggie's someone recommended reading: *To Our Children's Children* by Bob Greene

*****Obituary – Arvilla Wendorf**, a long-time member of our AAUW Branch recently passed away. Arvilla was active when she could attend meetings and continued to be a member and support AAUW efforts through her membership even after she could no longer attend programs. Our condolences to her family.

Our AAUW-Wausau Branch voted to honor those members who have passed away by making a contribution to AAUW's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Program. In 2016 we sent contributions in memory of **Ruth Hawks, Carol Larson, Arvilla Wendorf, and Dr. Connie O'Heron**.

~~~~~**AAUW of Wisconsin District 5**~~~~~  
AAUW of Wisconsin holds a state convention each April where AAUW members from throughout the state gather to be informed, inspired and to network. This year **AAUW of Wisconsin state convention will be Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017 at Bridgewood Conference Center, Neenah** with the theme "Amplify our voices together."

Hosting this year will be the nine branches that make up our district. Our next district 5 meeting to plan the convention will be **Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10 AM at the convention site in Neenah**. As District 5 Coordinator I'll be going and welcome warm conversation and camaraderie. See me about riding together. Nancy L. Schulz, AAUW of Wisconsin District 5 Coordinator.

### NCWSL – Recommendation?

Do you know a promising young college leader? AAUW-Wisconsin has two \$500 grants to subsidize the young women's attending the week-long National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The conference will be held In June at the University of Maryland-College Park. Please contact College/University Partners Chair Marian Seagren Hall for more details.

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

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

Chair, Marlene Lau. 715-675-9266

### ***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 William'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.

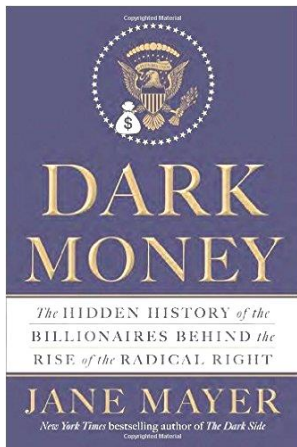


An hour later, Anne must read the will. She understands his bequests until she reads his provision for the house. The play shows us William's success in London through a domestic lens, where Anne's children, garden, bees and marketing are our focus. Anne's own childhood journey to the sea supplies a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

### ***Dark Money: The History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right* by Jane Mayer**

#### **February 14 Discussion Leader—to be determined**

Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why, despite the desperate need to address climate change, have even modest environmental efforts been defeated again and again? Why have protections for employees been decimated? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers?



The conventional answer is that a popular uprising against "big government" led to the ascendancy of a broad-based conservative movement. But as Jane Mayer shows in this powerful, meticulously reported history, a network of exceedingly wealthy people with extreme libertarian views bankrolled a systematic, step-by-step plan to fundamentally alter the American political system. The network has brought together some of the richest people on the planet. Their core beliefs—that taxes are a form of tyranny; that government oversight of business is an assault on freedom—are sincerely held. But these beliefs also advance their personal and corporate interests: Many of their companies have run afoul of federal pollution, worker safety, securities, and tax

laws.

Jane Mayer spent five years conducting hundreds of interviews—including several sources within the network—and scoured public records, private papers, and court proceedings in reporting this book. In a taut and utterly convincing narrative, she traces the byzantine trail of the billions of dollars spent by the network and provides vivid portraits of the colorful figures behind the new American oligarchy.

*Dark Money* is a book that must be read by anyone who cares about the future of American democracy.

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## Carol Potter, an Active 50 Year AAUW Member



What a pleasure to write about Carol Potter who is celebrating over 50 years as a really active member of AAUW! I caught up with Carol by phone as she is settling into her new residence in Mequon, Wisconsin. Carol and her husband Tom had planned condo retirement living there. After Tom passed away last spring and the Wausau home was sold, Carol moved as per plan closer to family. Yet she does not intend to let go of connections to Wausau AAUW. Carol has, after all, been a leader with our group: serving as Wausau Branch Treasurer, WI AAUW State Treasurer, on program committees - AND a steady member of the Book Group. What inspired Carol to this commitment? As a former high school teacher, Carol experienced firsthand the unequal pay scale based on gender – (still an issue!) She was living in Green Bay at the time and then stayed home with her first child. Carol and her neighbor began attending AAUW meetings and the fix was in! Is it any wonder that Carol is passionate about one of AAUW's primary goals to encourage and support young women to advance with higher education, graduate school, professional development, and personal achievement? You may contact Carol at 10118 N. Gettysburg Ct., Mequon, WI 53092 or e-mail [ctpott61@gmail.com](mailto:ctpott61@gmail.com).

--Submitted by Judy Weaver, Leaflet Staff

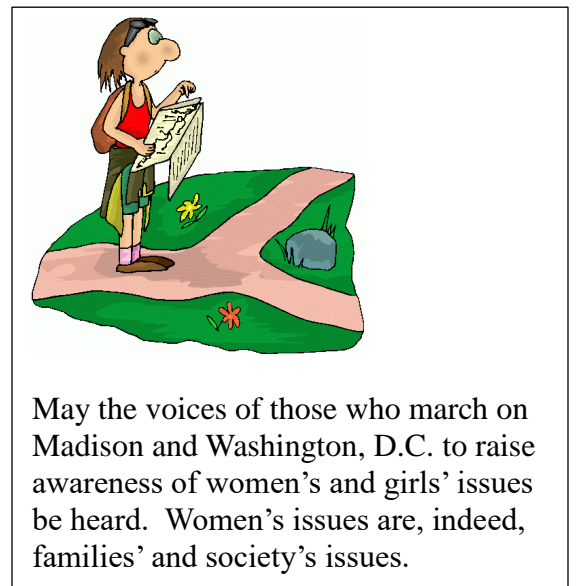
## AAUW MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please welcome these new members  
and add them to your AAUW Directory:

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We welcome Sue Elliott as a Re-Member ! Welcome back, Sue.



May the voices of those who march on Madison and Washington, D.C. to raise awareness of women's and girls' issues be heard. Women's issues are, indeed, families' and society's issues.

**Ruth Grauer**, our most recent 50 Year Member sent a thank you note: "Dear Nancy - I wish to convey to you and the AAUW Board my thanks for the honor recently bestowed upon me. I never believed I would reach such a recognition - 50 years membership - a long time! It has been a pleasure to work for the goals of AAUW, especially being involved with the outstanding group of women, sharing the same interest. Please accept the gratitude of an old lady and her best wishes for AAUW's future. Sincerely, *Ruth Grauer*"

### Back by Popular Request ~ Lunch Bunch

We are planning a luncheon with several new women leaders in our community. Information will be sent out by email, so be watching for the opportunity to engage with these women. We meet, we eat, and we learn about their new roles. Thanks, Sande Sliwicki, for making the arrangements.

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Dear AAUW member,

I hope your new program year is off to an exciting start. I've heard about so many wonderful community-enriching events and mission-based fundraisers you're working on and, of course, programs to help get out the vote on November 8.

As many of you know, AAUW's Chief Executive Officer Linda Hallman retired in July after eight years of service to the AAUW mission. During her tenure, we saw our research continue to shape national conversations on women's representation in science, technology, and leadership. We saw the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act signed into law and expanded our local equal pay work in statehouses. Linda was also instrumental in overseeing AAUW's recent move to 1310 L St. NW — a new space, but the same mission! We thank her for her many contributions and wish her success in her future endeavors.

AAUW immediately commenced the process of selecting the next chief executive officer and appointed a search committee comprising members Joanna Amberger, Betsy McDowell, Dot McLane, Glenda Price, and Pamella Thiel and chaired by Peggy Williams and Krys Wulff. Requests for proposals were initially sent to a number of firms, and three were included in final consideration.

I'm happy to announce that we have selected Development Resources Inc. (DRI), a woman-owned firm, to conduct a nationwide search. The committee is confident that AAUW has engaged a search firm that will recommend the right person at the right time to move AAUW forward, and I'm eager to announce our new leader at the [2017 AAUW National Convention](#) in June.

Here's to a wonderful year of growth and empowerment! I hope I see many of you in Washington, D.C., in June as we make our announcement and take AAUW to even greater heights.

Patricia Fae Ho  
AAUW Board Chair

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| <b>WAUSAU BRANCH - AAUW 2016-2017 PROPOSED FINANCIAL CASH BUDGET</b>                        |               |                     |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NUMBER REGULAR PAID MEMBERS                                                                 | 48            | 41                  | 45                  |
| NUMBER SHARE THE FUTURE                                                                     | 0             | 0                   | 0                   |
| NUMBER STUDENT AFFILIATES                                                                   | 2             | 0                   | 2                   |
| NUMBER 50YR&HLM&DUAL MEMBERS                                                                | 7             | 8                   | 8                   |
|                                                                                             | 2015-2016     | 2015-2016           | 2016-2017           |
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b>                                                                            | <b>BUDGET</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>       | <b>BUDGET</b>       |
| DUES                                                                                        | \$6,127.00    | \$4,704.00          | \$3,709.00          |
| NAT'L ASSOC DUES                                                                            | (\$2,352.00)  | (\$986.00)          | (\$2,239.00)        |
| WI STATE DUES                                                                               | (\$650.00)    | (\$208.00)          | (\$624.00)          |
| NET BRANCH DUES                                                                             | \$3,125.00    | \$3,510.00          | \$846.00            |
| FUNDRAISERS                                                                                 | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| FUNDRAISER EXPENSE                                                                          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| NET FUNDRAISERS                                                                             | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| INTEREST - CHECKING                                                                         | \$2.50        | \$2.08              | \$2.50              |
| DONATIONS                                                                                   | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| TOTAL RECIEPTS AVAILABLE                                                                    | \$3,127.50    | \$3,512.08          | \$848.50            |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>                                                                       |               |                     |                     |
| WORKSHOPS & CONVENTIONS                                                                     | \$250.00      | <del>\$250.00</del> | <del>\$150.00</del> |
| NAT'L CONVENTION                                                                            | \$500.00      | \$0.00              | \$500.00            |
| STATE CONVENTION                                                                            | \$0.00        | <del>\$200.00</del> | <del>\$200.00</del> |
| LEAFLET PRINTING & MAILING                                                                  | \$400.00      | \$449.99            | \$450.00            |
| YEARBOOK PRINTING                                                                           | \$125.00      | \$82.71             | \$125.00            |
| PROGRAMS - NET COST                                                                         | \$250.00      | \$156.70            | \$200.00            |
| MEMBERSHIP MAT'LS & MAILING                                                                 | \$40.00       | \$0.00              | \$40.00             |
| INSURANCE                                                                                   | \$180.00      | \$517.00            | \$190.00            |
| STUDY GROUPS SUPPORT                                                                        | \$50.00       | \$0.00              | \$50.00             |
| ADMINISTRATIVE                                                                              | \$50.00       | \$24.35             | \$50.00             |
| MEMORIALS                                                                                   | \$50.00       | \$0.00              | \$75.00             |
| HISTORIAN EXPENSE                                                                           | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$25.00             |
| EF/LAF CONTRIBUTION                                                                         | \$100.00      | \$200.00            | \$200.00            |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:                                                                        | \$1,995.00    | \$1,657.30          | \$2,255.00          |
| NET RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)                                                                | \$1,132.50    | \$1,854.78          | (\$1,406.50)        |
| <b>CASH BALANCES:</b>                                                                       |               |                     |                     |
| BEGINNING CASH-CHECKING                                                                     | \$2,462.27    | \$2,462.27          | \$4,317.05          |
| NET RECEIPTS                                                                                | \$1,132.50    | \$1,854.78          | (\$1,406.50)        |
| TRANSFER FROM (TO) SAVINGS                                                                  | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| ENDING CASH-CHECKING                                                                        | \$3,594.77    | \$4,317.05          | \$2,910.55          |
| BEGINNING CASH-SAVINGS                                                                      | \$2,154.00    | \$2,154.00          | \$2,154.80          |
| INTEREST EARNED                                                                             | \$1.50        | \$0.80              | \$1.50              |
| TRANSFERS FROM (TO) CHECKING                                                                | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| ENDING CASH-SAVINGS                                                                         | \$2,155.50    | \$2,154.80          | \$2,156.30          |
| TOTAL BEGINNING CASH                                                                        | \$4,616.27    | \$4,616.27          | \$6,471.85          |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH                                                                          | \$1,134.00    | \$1,855.58          | (\$1,405.00)        |
| TOTAL ENDING CASH                                                                           | \$5,750.27    | \$6,471.85          | \$5,066.85          |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO EF AND LAF:</b>                                           |               | \$125.00            |                     |
| LAST YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDED UNDEPOSITED PREVIOUS DUES; NOT A FACTOR FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. |               |                     |                     |

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Thursday, January 26. Video of author David Daley talking about his book, Ratf\*\*ked: The Secret Plan to Steal America's Democracy. Subject is gerrymandering. Presented at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Wausau. 6:30 pm. --Sponsored by Wausau United to Amend.

*Citizen Action* with Kevin Kane, Robert Kraig, and Joel Lewis will present in February, exact date and place to be determined. They will be speaking about forming a North Central Co-op which will work on issues important to our community here in Wausau and Marathon County. For more information go to [www.CitizenActionWI.org/North\\_Central\\_Coop](http://www.CitizenActionWI.org/North_Central_Coop).

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues. Jan 10                 | AAUW Afternoon Book Group                                                                                                                                         |
| Weds. Jan 11<br>11:30 – 1:00 | NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE !!!<br>AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room<br>– All are welcome !                             |
| Thurs., Jan 26<br>6:30 p.m.  | Wausau United to Amend's Video <i>Ratf**ked: The Secret Plan to Steal America's Democracy</i> .<br>Universalist Unitarian Church. Contact Rita Pachal for details |
| Mon., Jan 30                 | <b>Women in the News ~ Nora Hertel and Shereen Siewert</b>                                                                                                        |
| Weds. , Feb 2                | AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room<br>– All are welcome !                                                          |
| Thurs., Feb 9                | <b>The Cultures and People of India ~<br/>Nancy Schulz</b>                                                                                                        |
| Tues. Feb 14                 | AAUW Afternoon Book Group                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat. Feb. 25                 | District Meeting in Neenah where we will co-host the AAUW State Convention                                                                                        |
| Sat. March 11<br>2:00 – 4:00 | <b>A Celebration of our Branch's 95th Anniversary !</b>                                                                                                           |
| Fri & Sat. April<br>21-22,   | AAUW State Convention in Neenah hosted by our District                                                                                                            |
| June 14-17                   | AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.                                                                                                                      |