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Saturday, May 13 Program – AAUW Woman of Distinction

2:00 to 4:00 UWMC Terrace Room

Join the May 13 Celebration of another of AAUW- Wausau's Women of Distinction.

Our series of AAUW leaders continues on Saturday, May 13 featuring Winnie Gooding. Winnie was an early member of AAUW, and her son Louis Pratt will share his memories of her involvement. We welcome others who knew Winnie to chime in too.

What motivated these women to advocate for women and girls? How did they do so? What inspired them?

Also, Nancy and Lucy will share feedback from the AAUW State Convention and what they learned from former gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke about her *Building Brave* initiative.



President's Report

by Nancy L. Schulz

Opportunities to learn and serve. To keep our branch strong we need new people on our board. Open positions:

Program VP: Marian has agreed to continue at this time but requests a co-chair/intern to work closely with her to “learn the ropes” and eventually take over doing program planning.

Membership VP: open. Nancy and others have been filling in but we need someone dedicated to attracting and maintaining members.

Public Policy Chair: Rita has agreed to continue for another term but requests an assistant to help in the duties of keeping our members informed and active on public policy issues.

Communication Chair: Lucy has been publishing the LEAFLET but seeks assistant to train and who will eventually take over as editor. Lucy will be redirecting her energies as incoming Vice President.

Public Relations/Publicity: open. We seek a member dedicated to publicizing our programs and favorably getting our organization and issues before the public.

Where do you see yourself using your talents and learning new skills? What brought you into AAUW? Do you have ideas and the energy to try them? AAUW is what we make it. Please accept my welcome to you to fulfill your dream for what AAUW Wausau Branch could be and do. Nominate yourself! Call me and we'll talk. Nancy 715.848.4821

Act now! Officer elections will take place **Saturday, May 13** during a brief annual meeting before our program featuring Louis Pratt.



June Program

Party in the Park and Book Sale

Wednesday, June 14 – 5:30 – 7:30

Put your casual clothes on and come be sociable at our summer potluck, conversation, walk, and book sale.

We have reserved the Marathon Park Meeting Hall which is adjacent to the little red school house so no matter what the weather or the bug factor is, we will be partying inside.

Don't want to cook? Contribute \$10 and don't bring anything.

We'll look at AAUW IN DEPTH - What does AAUW do? Why do people belong? Learn how to tell others about your/our organization. We'll look at policies, purposes and why we choose to belong.

Book sale. Bring a brown grocery bag with books you are ready to donate and put some \$1 bills in your pocket to buy some others. We'll have our own little fundraiser as we downsize our book cases.

Enjoy a walk through Marathon Park at 5:30 or just socialize until supper at 6:00

Let's get better acquainted !

Please email Lucy Harvey that you are coming: LOIS3545@aol.com



AAUW 2nd Tuesday BOOK GROUP

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

Chair, Marlene Lau. 715-675-9266

May 9 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.

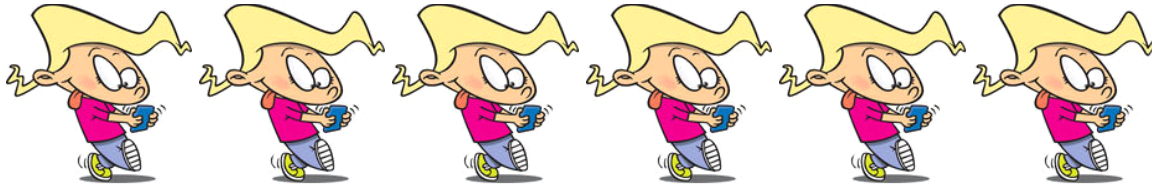
After all the persuasion has occurred, we'll vote on the ones we prefer to put on our reading and discussion list for next September through April. Please let Marlene Lau 715-675-9266 or marlenelau1@gmail.com know what type of food you will bring.

What a delightful 95th Anniversary Celebration we had!

Carolyn Michalski and Nancy Schulz spent hours looking through the recorded history of our AAUW-Wausau Branch. The 95- year collection is housed at the Marathon County Historical Society, and Carolyn and Nancy brought history to life as we celebrated our Branch.

Adding to their findings were recollections from attendees at the event. CarolAnn Okite and Lucy Harvey prepared displays highlighting AAUW-National's activities. Thanks to Marlene Lau and Gretchen Egan for providing snacks and cheery decorations. A fine time was had by all! Thanks, Everyone!





AAUW-Wausau Technology Task Force Is Moving Along

They came with technology on the brain to move into the future or present as the case may be.

We spent a delightful evening enjoying soup, salad, and lively conversation about how to use Facebook to help our branch. Although it was often embarrassing to acknowledge what we don't know Jana Schleis and Laura Syring patiently brought us up to speed. We appreciate their taking the lead with this initiative. Once we learn to use it, we will have a dynamic tool to let others know what's happening at AAUW Wausau. Meanwhile stay tuned for the next steps.

Recap: Jay Heck from Common Cause

The first program for March featured **Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause Wisconsin**. Common Cause is a nonpartisan grassroots nationwide network with 35 state offices. Common Cause Wisconsin, based in Madison, is our state's largest non-profit, non-partisan citizen reform advocacy organization focusing on campaign finance, election and redistricting reform, and other issues concerning the promotion and maintenance of clean, open, and responsive government.

Jay spoke Tuesday, March 2 at 6PM in the Terrace Room at UWMC. He engaged the dozen or two AAUW members and guests on the need for redistricting reform to limit gerrymandering, the importance of judicial recusals, the effects of the voter photo ID law, the need to expose and limit dark money, and the dangers of a proposed Constitutional convention. Particularly I found interesting Jay's recounting that historically since the LaFollette era Wisconsin has been noted as a state with clean and open government. But our status has eroded during the last twenty years. Particularly Jay lamented the recent elimination of the General Accountability Board (GAB). – by Nancy Schulz



The secret of life and art is the threefold:
Getting started, keeping going,
And getting started again - Seamus Heaney

Invitation to See “*Embrace*”



"*Embrace*" the 2016 social documentary that explores the issue of body image is scheduled for public viewing and discussion afterwards for **Thursday, May 25 from 6-8:30PM at YWCA Wausau** .

The promo calls it "girl's movie night in" and when I picked up the flyer at the YWCA the staff promised free popcorn and other snacks. I encourage AAUW members to bring guests and attend for the timely topic but also to support the YWCA as a sister organization as it offers this showing to the community.

"Embrace is told from the point of view of Taryn as she traverses the globe talking to experts, women in the street and well-known personalities about the alarming rates of body image issues that are seen in people of all body types."

Call the YWCA Wausau at 715.842.3381, extension 101 to reserve a spot today!

Thanks to Laura Syring for alerting our board to this documentary earlier this year. At her recommendation we had participated in an attempt to have the film shown at a local cinema, without success. Thanks to the YWCA for offering it here.

A Few Items from the State Convention

AAUW has a new executive director. We will learn more about her after the national convention.

The evaluations indicated that it was an excellent convention with great variety. We learned a lot from our counterparts as well as the speakers.

What Happened to Our Water Resolution?

The recent AAUW State Convention was a exciting one, and our branch submitted a resolution on water. It was voted down. But we knew that after much discussion, people wanted to vote for it but not in its present format. Many people came up and encouraged us to rework it and bring it back before next year. So.... After much animated discussion during the lunch break, Ronni Nivala from the Milwaukee Branch, helped craft better resolution statements (therefores). Then Christine Ebert and others from the Northwoods branch added or edited some more. Then it came back to Lucy Harvey for final approval.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, because Lucy's previous motion had been voted down, she could not reintroduce it. Ronni reintroduced it again and used a PowerPoint shot to help attendees see the improvements that had been made. It passed with flying colors and everyone applauded.

Someone told Lucy that the resolution issue was the liveliest agenda item in the whole business session.

Thank you, Senator Jerry Petrowski

We were honored to have had State Representative Jerry Petrowski sit down with members and friends of our branch to have a respectful interactive discussion of issues relevant to women and girls. Topics included: : voucher schools, equal pay, women's economic issues, transportation, why rape kits from sexual assault cases are still untested, and other woman's health issues We should feel comfortable writing and contacting our representatives.

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Legislation Posing a Threat to the U.S. Constitution Gets a Public Hearing in the Capitol Today



Today in the Capitol, there will be a joint [State Senate - Assembly Committee Hearing](#) for several misguided resolutions calling for what is called an "Article V Convention of the States" for the stated purpose of adding a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

A convention like this has *never* been called and assembled before in our nation's history and it could be a very destructive and dangerous event. A convention of this type could go well beyond a balanced budget measure and go on to alter or eliminate citizen rights currently protected by the Constitution. Voting rights, civil rights, women's rights. The possibilities are endless.

Wisconsin could become the 29th or 30th out of 34 states needed to call for a convention if these measures clear the Legislature.

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* published this [excellent editorial](#) Saturday denouncing this dangerous proposal.



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Please update your AAUW Membership Booklet.

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Recap: Women in the News

Thank you, Nora Hertel, Wausau Daily Herald Reporter and Shereen Siewert, from City Pages for sharing your experiences with us. Learning about your assignments, priorities, and guidelines interested us. In addition, we appreciated learning more about investigative journalism. We wish you well as you continue in your important roles of keeping citizens informed



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