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## THE LEAFLET



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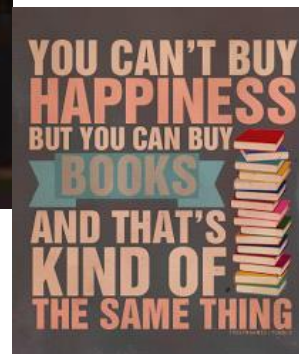
**August & September 2017**

**WELCOME TO ANOTHER AAUW YEAR of thought-provoking issues and important activities in the lives of women and girls**



We had a chance to get to know others better this summer as we gathered at KOZI, Lucy's new home, for *Salad and Suggestions*.

At our June *Party in the Park and Book Sale* we garnered both books and funds for our branch.



In August we took to the road up north to meet with representatives of the AAUW –Northwoods Branch at Judy's cottage near Tomahawk. In a thank you note to our branch, Northwoods President Christine Ebert wrote "I so enjoyed meeting with all of you – the conversation and exchange of ideas was great."



Nancy and Lucy continued the conversation in the lake and in the hot tub... the latter apparently works to nurture heated discussions! So we are ready to have a vibrant and vital year thanks to everyone's input.

## OUR OUTSTANDING UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### **Nicaraguan Dinner and Discussion with Maria Centeno Tercero from Esteli, Nicaragua.**

#### **Women's Roles in Nicaragua and Wisconsin. What can we learn from each other? What is needed by women in Nicaragua and Wisconsin? What resources do women bring?**

Maria's philosophy is: "I can travel thousands of miles from my dirt roads, but everything I learn I want to bring to my community", so that children and girls from my neighborhood also have the opportunity to see the world from other eyes, from the eyes of the theater." This remarkable young woman has started theatre groups for underprivileged children in her humble community and will discuss theatre's effect on young girls.

#### **Tuesday, September 12 - 5:30 Gathering 6:00 Dinner and discussion**

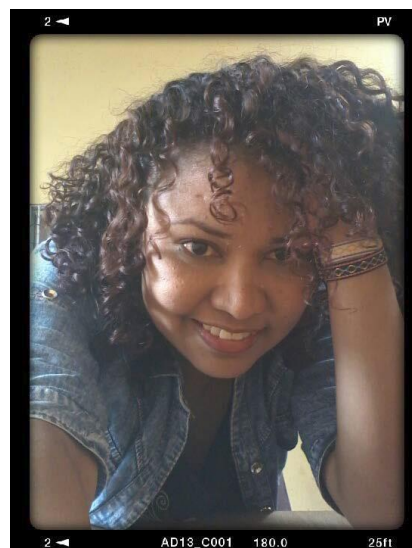
At KOZI, Lucy's new home. 604 N. 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
(At the corner of Stettin and 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Menu:

*Nicaraguan main course (not spicy)*  
*Ensalada de fruit (Fruit salad)*  
*Tres leches cake*

We need volunteers: one to make the chicken (recipe provided)  
two to make the Tres Leches cake (recipe provided),  
and a fruit salad volunteer.

Also, please let Lucy know if you will be coming  
so you will have a plate and a chair :  
email [LOIS3545@aol.com](mailto:LOIS3545@aol.com) or 715-507-1964 cel



Members and prospective members are all invited

Details on these additional thought-provoking programs will be in the next Leaflet :

October TBD with Dr. Christine Ebert, AAUW-Northwoods President, AAUW Leadership Report

November 9, Dealing with Diversity 2017 – Barb Munson, Woman of the Oneida Nation

## Wisconsin's Early Care Funding System and Its Impact on Children and Families of Poverty

Thursday, September 21st at 4:00 P.M. at UWMC Terrace Room



Because there is so much interest in education in AAUW and society, our program will feature a double-header with two AAUW Wausau Branch members. Julie Burmesch has expertise in early childhood development and education. She will address current issues that affect families and schools in this critical stage of a young learner. Mary Jarvis will share her research about the effects of the current budget on the early childhood educational system including the impact of private school vouchers

The *Wisconsin Shares* program is supposed to make quality childcare more affordable for families but instead low reimbursement rates prevent low wage workers from accessing the funds putting our most vulnerable children in high risk environments.

Julie Burmesch worked as principal of A.C. Kiefer School in Wausau and became the Coordinator of Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education Programs for the Wausau School District. She implemented the charter for the Starbright Charter School for at-risk 4 year olds and expanded it to the current 4K program serving all 4 year olds in Wausau. She is an early brain development trainer, parent educator and has presented and consulted on early childhood issues throughout Wisconsin, Florida and Illinois. She is recently retired. Currently she is the Chair of the Education Subcommittee of the Marathon County Life Report and past chair of the Marathon County Early Years Coalition. She has received multiple recognitions and awards for teaching and child advocacy including the Marathon County United Way Advocate of the Year, 2014

Mary Jarvis graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Stout in 1973 with a BA in Psychology, later obtaining a Master's in Education and certification in Counseling. She has retired from the Wausau Public Schools with 35 years of teaching Psychology.

Mary has always believed that equality, fairness and quality schools build strong communities. She maintains her advocacy for equity in education as a member of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC). Mary continues to play a role in informing voters of candidates that support quality public education, a key ingredient in preserving an informed democracy.

**Members and prospective members are all invited. Let's help people become informed!**

## 16,200 sq. miles of INSPIRATION!!

Bring your inquisitive self to this gathering of the nine branches in our northeast AAUW of Wisconsin District 5. Leaders and members will be inspired through sharing what works with our branches and get ideas and support on how to fix what needs tweaking. Open to all members. A great way to get involved.

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**9:30AM - gather and stroll the lovely grounds at the Green Fountain Inn, 602 South Main St., Waupaca**

**10AM-Noon - meeting**

**Noon - lunch**

Let's carpool! Meet at 8:30AM at east end of Shopko parking lot (along 17th Ave.; across from John Muir Middle School).

For info or to reserve a spot: AAUW of WI District 5 Coordinator. Nancy L. Schulz, 715.848.4821, [nancyl.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:nancyl.schulz@gmail.com)



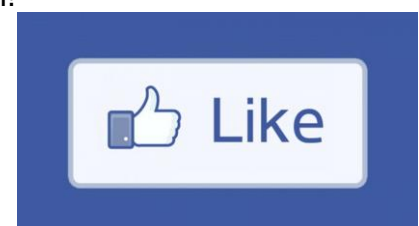
### *The AAUW Wausau Facebook page is up!*

Please "like" our page or "share" it on your Facebook newsfeeds to spread the word about our new medium. We hope the page will be a place where we can post our events and invite members of the community to participate. We also plan to use the page to share information about AAUW and the organization's work in our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-Wausau-WI-Branch-803013683196691/>

Here is the link! You can also find the page by searching "AAUW Wausau" in your Facebook search bar. Just click "like" and you should begin seeing AAUW posts in your newsfeed.

Thanks, Jana Schleis and Laura Syring for making this happen!







**Ever wonder who our AAUW-WI State leaders are? THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIME!**

L to R: Stephanie Malaney, President; Lyn Hidebrandt, President Elect; Diane Lau, Finance VP; Donna Weidman, Program VP; Joan Schneider, Leadership Development VP; Judy Goodnight, Membership VP

## **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



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

Second Tuesday of the Month at 12:45-3:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 630 Adams Street, Wausau. Please enter from the parking lot by the side door

Chair, Marlene Lau. 715-675-9266

### *We have selected the following books for 2017-2018*

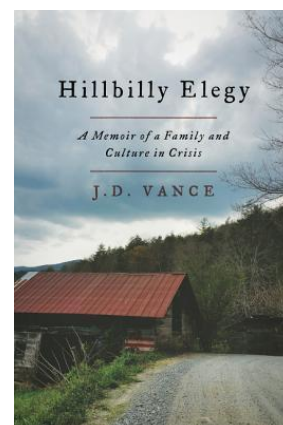
Date	Title	Author	Discussion Leader
Sept. 12	<i>Hillbilly Elegy</i>	J. D. Vance	Jane Christianson
Oct. 10	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Amor Towles	Ruth Grauer
Nov. 14	<i>Hidden Figures</i>	Margot Shetterly	Kathy Plein
Dec. 12	<i>The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper</i>	Phaedra Patrick	All
Jan. 9	<i>Evicted</i>	Matthew Desmond	Marian Hall
Feb. 13	<i>The Underground Railroad</i>	Colson Whitehead	Marlene Lau
March 13	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i>	M. L. Stedman	Jane Christianson
April 10	<i>Gilead</i>	Marilynne Robinson	Florina Ackley

### *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*

by J. D. Vance **September Discussion Leader--- Jane Christianson**

"From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream...Delving into his own personal story and drawing on a wide array of sociological studies, Vance takes us deep into working class life in the Appalachian region. This demographic of our country has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, and Vance provides a searching and clear-eyed attempt to understand when and how "hillbillies" lost faith in any hope of upward mobility, and in opportunities to come.

"At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country." ...from Goodreads





## AAUW MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Give a big welcome to our newest member, Mary Beth Maas

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UW-Madison BS Behavioral Disabilities

UWSP-Master's in Teaching

I was a Learning Disabilities teacher at Evergreen School in the Everest School District for 35 years while raising my two children, son Corey and daughter Bethaney. When Bethaney left for college in 2001, I began doing something I'd always wanted to do, travel, and in the years since I've visited 28 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and Germany, Bermuda, and Panama. I've also gotten serious about a childhood passion, writing, and I'm currently completing my first manuscript, which will be going out to agents by the end of 2017. Within the past year, I've also gotten back to my rock-n-roll roots, listening to old music and discovering new by spending lots of time on YouTube and blasting CDs in my SUV while driving down the highway. (Some days I feel like I'm 26 years old, not 66!) I also strongly support social justice issues, women's issues, and free healthcare for all, reasons why I joined AAUW at this time. If I can make a small difference in the world, ease the burden for someone else, I feel like I won't have been here in vain. I'm looking forward to meeting other AAUW members and getting more involved.

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<b>Weds, Sept 6</b> <b>11:30--1:00</b>	AAUW Board Meeting at Marathon County Public Library Second Floor Conference Room – All are welcome !
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<b>Sat, Sept 23</b>	<b>District 5 Meeting</b> at Green Fountain Inn, Waupaca
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<b>October date</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>Dr. Christine Ebert</b> <b>AAUW Leadership Research</b>
<b>Tues Oct 10</b> <b>12:45</b>	Book Group discussion of <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>
<b>Mon, Nov 6</b> <b>Thurs,</b> <b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Joint meeting with AAUW-Northwoods in Minocqua    Today's ACLU</b> <b>Dealing with Diversity 2017</b>