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### THE LEAFLET



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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS ~ COME STRETCH YOUR MINDS!

AAUW programming has been mind-sretching and thought provoking, so be sure to bring your AAUW inquisitive nature to the upcoming programs.

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### **Mike McCabe, author of Blue Jeans in High Places: The Coming Makeover of American Politics**

**Thursday, March 10 AAUW Program**

6:30 – 8:00 pm at the UW Center of Civic Engagement, Sonnentag Room

Author Mike McCabe is one of Wisconsin’s leading whistleblowers who tracks money and corruption in state politics. His efforts have attracted the attention of national news organizations such as ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, MSNBC, NPR, The New York Times, USA Today, Time, and The New Yorker to name a few.

Mike MaCabe’s message ? “It’s about commoners working to house the politically homeless and transform political parties that are failing America.” He feels that ordinary people want a government that works for them. He suggests that instead of thinking about who is liberal or conservative, you look at it vertically and ask who is on top and who is at the bottom.

Come hear how the everyday person can demand something new and better from our major political parties.

McCabe will also have a book signing at Janke Book Store 4:30—5:30

**BLUE JEANS IN HIGH PLACES**



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## SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES

Wisconsin Supreme Justice Candidate Debate on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on Wisconsin Public TV. Time to be announced

March 22 – Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Candidate Joanne Kloppenburg will speak with AAUW-Wausau and WPR. Watch for time and location.



## BACKPACKS FOR TEACHERS IN RURAL NICARAGUA

**Backpacks for Nicaraguan Teachers ~**

**A Valuable Event and Fun too!**

**Weds. March 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. till noon**

It certainly is not a difficult thing to do, and it is a bit challenging, but when all is done and the bags are piled for the annual picture, well, Wow! That is when it hits you that you have just accomplished a very good thing. So many things that we do, no one even knows that we do it, and we'll fill these bags full of scissors, tapes, paper, pencils (and it is told that one little boy broke out in tears when he was given a pencil to write with because he had never owned one in his life)

If you would like to be a part of this annual drive, you can start bringing school material; old office supplies work just fine, anything that you feel a teacher would love to share with a student to help that student learn what that teacher is prepared to teach him/her.

Wowzers, and then on top of that kind of satisfaction for what we do, we'll have a great breakfast as a result of each member's bringing an item to eat. The laughter and camaraderie during that brief time is just plain fun.

Start collecting school supplies now for the March 22 morning event. Please contact Ruth Hawks by telephone and tell her which breakfast potluck item you will bring. 715-842-5291



## WIPPS Veninga Lecture on Religion and Politics: March 15 “A Call for Civic Responsibility’ with Sister Simone Campbell



Sister Simone Campbell

**Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

UW Center for Civic Engagement

James F. Veninga Theater

625 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI

A nationally recognized social justice advocate, public policy speaker and attorney will present her understanding of the Pope’s recent Encyclical on climate change and its relevance in today’s complex world.

Sister Simone Campbell's talk, “A Call for Civic Responsibility,” is part of the James F. Veninga Lecture Series on Religion and Politics. The Pope’s Encyclical, “On Care for Our Common Home,” (Laudato Si’), has won international praise from both religious and nonreligious leaders. Environmentalists view the pope’s emphasis on stewardship for the planet as a call to action. Others have also lauded the letter’s stand against rampant poverty and consumerism.

Critics say the anti-market sentiments are overstated and capitalist principles unfairly blamed for society’s problems. No document in recent memory has captured such strong attention from both religious and political leaders.

Sister Simone is executive director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby. She became a national figure after her “Nuns on the Bus” tour in 2012 rallied support against a federal budget proposal to cut social programs for the poor and middle class. She remains a driving force for programs and policies such as enacting a living wage, fixing the wealth gap and creating a national budget that benefits all Americans.

Sister Simone has often been featured in the media, including “60 Minutes,” “The Colbert Report” and “The Daily Show.” Jean Feraca, former host of “Here and Now” on Wisconsin Public Radio, will moderate the discussion. This event is free to the public.



96<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW State Convention

***WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD***

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Madison

Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, 2016

Why bother? Because State Conventions help me

:

- ❖ gain insight,
- ❖ learn new approaches,
- ❖ be energized by other wise women
- ❖ Challenge perceptions

Won't you be part of the AAUW-Wausau group that goes to Madison this year?

Topics will include:

**Barriers & Biases: The Statue of Women in Leadership**

**Respect, The Musical Journey of Women**

**How to Start a Mentoring Program**

**How to Elect More Women and Wield More Political Influence**

We are especially honored to have AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho attending and presenting this year.

We have a suite reserved to share at the Convention hotel and we will carpool leaving Wausau on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and returning on Sat. at 9:00 p.m.

Contact Lucy Harvey at [LOIS3545@aol.com](mailto:LOIS3545@aol.com) or Marian Seagren Hall at [marabill1@msn.com](mailto:marabill1@msn.com) for details.  
Please join the excitement; you'll be glad you did!



## A Look Back on AAUW Programs

AAUW held a very successful and informative mayoral debate prior to the primary election. We appreciate each candidate's willingness, first of all, to run for office. This debate also gave the voters a chance to hear the candidates discuss the issues in a public forum. Thank you, Shereen Siewert for moderating the debate, and to Laura Syring and Nancy Schulz, Competent Timekeepers



David Overbeck



Shereen Siewert



Keene Winters



David Prokop



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Kronenwetter



Robert Mielke

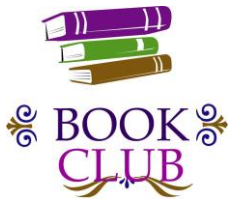
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Thursday, February 18 Program

### **- Poverty - In Our Community!? What Does It Look Like?**

Featured Speaker: Dr. Robert Craig, executive director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin spoke with us about why poverty is rising and the American Dream is slipping away. Take away reflections from Lucy Harvey: Dr. Craig gave statistics on the increasing number of children who are on free and reduced lunches as well as families without school aged children that are also living in poverty. Dr. Craig challenged us and our elected representatives to remedy this situation by making it our priority to get children out of poverty. This may require challenging the concept that "What is good for business is good for the economy." Low paying jobs, part-time jobs, lack of benefits and lack of childcare may all enhance a company's profit margin, but in the long run, could they also contribute to families being kept in poverty? What would it take for our society to commit to ending poverty? Can it be done completely? Could it be done at some level? Are we actually willing to commit to it? These are questions that we need to ask ourselves and others.

*There is a video link to Robert Craig's presentation thanks to Mark Keller, the son of AAUW Member Barb Keller. The clip is about 15 minutes and can be found on the online nonpartisan site [www.middlewisconsin.org](http://www.middlewisconsin.org). or it can be found on Facebook under middlewisconsin. Interested people in other states are already accessing this video because of the discussion about the current situation and poverty.*



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2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

At Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ 630 Adams Street, Wausau

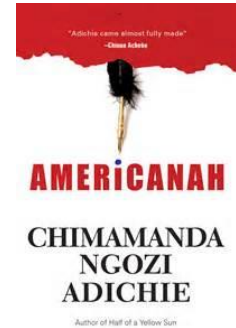
The second Tuesday of the month

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives.

To join, call Marlene Lau 715-675-9266

***Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie March 8 Discussion Leader, Florina Ackley**

What's the difference between an African-American and an American-African? From such distinction springs a deep-seated discussion of race in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's third "Americanah." Adichie, born in Nigeria but now living both in her homeland and in the States, is an extraordinarily self-aware thinker and writer, possessing the ability to lambaste without sneering or patronizing or polemicizing. For her, it seems no great feat to balance literary intentions with broad social critique. "Americanah" examines blackness in Nigeria and Britain, but it's also a steady-handed dissection of the universal human experience — a platitude made fresh by the accuracy of Adichie's observations.



a novel, United society high-America,

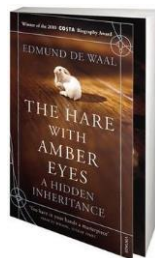
So an African-American is a black person with long generational lines in the United States, most likely with slave ancestors. She might write poetry about "Mother Africa," but she's pleased to be from a country that gives international aid rather than from one that receives it. An American-African is an African newly emigrated to the United States. In her native country, she didn't realize she was black — she fit that description only after she landed in America. In college, the African-American joins the Black Student Union, while the American-African signs up with the African Students Association.

***The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal April 12 Discussion Leader, Marlene Bunton Lau**

The Ephrussi were a grand banking family, as rich and respected as the Rothschilds, who "burned like a comet" in nineteenth-century Paris and Vienna society. Yet by the end of World War II, almost the only thing remaining of their vast empire was a collection of 264 wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox.

The renowned ceramicist Edmund de Waal became the fifth generation to inherit this small and exquisite collection of netsuke. Entranced by their beauty and mystery, he determined to trace the story of his family through the story of the collection.

The netsuke—drunken monks, almost-ripe plums, snarling tigers—were gathered by Charles Ephrussi at the height of the Parisian rage for all things Japanese. Charles gave the carvings as a wedding gift to his cousin Viktor in Vienna; his children were allowed to play with one netsuke each while they Anschluss changed their world beyond scattered, and Hitler's theorist on the Ringstrasse. A library of priceless books But the netsuke were smuggled away by war, she would find a way to return them



remarkable family and a tumultuous history, and family, as elegant and precise as the netsuke themselves.

In *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, Edmund de Waal unfolds the story of a century. Sweeping yet intimate, it is a highly original meditation on art,





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**CALENDAR**

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Fri. March 18	Supreme Court Debate on WI Public Television
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