



Empowering Women Since 1881



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We work to increase the number of underrepresented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions - excerpt from AAUW Public Policy statement/introduction

WHY SO FEW ? AAUW September Program

~ EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE ~

Thursday, Sept 17 at 6:30 p.m. We'll meet with **former Wisconsin Representative Mandy Wright** and current **Marathon County Board member Joanne Leonard** to investigate:



Why are so few women in elected office?
What is it like for a woman who has been elected to office? What can we do to help bring more balance to representation?
Who do we know who we think would represent us well if they were elected to an office? What are the good and the bad of being in office? When would you consider running for office?

Come and bring others who are interested in the topic to

**UWMC Terrace Room on Thursday,
September 17th at 6:30 p.m..**

Hear Marathon County Board member Joanne Leonard and former Wisconsin Representative (and member of AAUW) Mandy Wright share their experiences and advice.

Program Coordinator Marian Seagren Hall, 715-842-7464 marabill1@msn.com



Throughout 2015 and 2016 we will be focusing on Public Policy issues:

1. To preserve a strong system of public education promoting equity and diversity.
2. To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women.
3. To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.



In August we celebrated **Women's Equality Day**, a day that highlighted the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment which allowed women to vote. The YWCA and AAUW worked collaboratively to accomplish an outstanding program. Thank you, Dr. Connie O'Heron for chairing this very successful and lively event. Everyone enjoyed the posters that told about the "first" woman who was a breakthrough in her area.



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Membership Matters

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It certainly is good to have vibrant
and vital members in our
organization!

Please give a warm welcome to our newest AAUW member.

Laura Syring, 313 Ruder St., Wausau, WI 54403
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Laura has two adult children: a 22-year-old son and a 19-year-old daughter. Her parents live in Aniwa. Laura is a community organizer for Marathon County Health Commission. Laura likes to read, cook, and garden.

Welcome, Laura!

Interest Groups

Book Group

Marlene Lau
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Lunch Bunch

Sande Sliwicki
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Film Group

Open

Here are some edits for your Membership Directory. It's always good to know how to contact your "peeps."



Cynthia Mueller's correct email address: muellercindyl@gmail.com

Marge Kalkoske's new address is:

Stoney River Assisted Living, 7805 Birch St #34, Schofield, WI 54476

Carol Larson's new address is: Primrose #126, 2100 Townline Road, Wausau, 54403

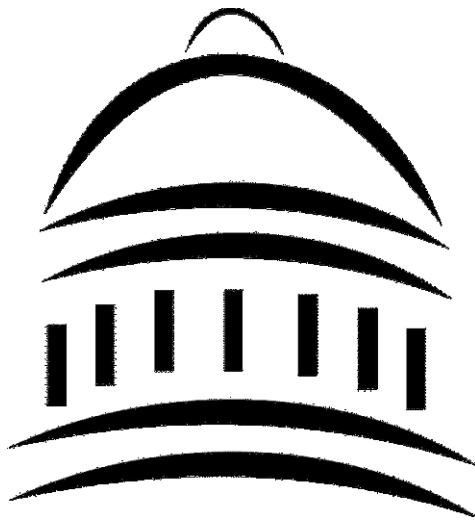
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The October Board Meeting has been postponed one week to October 14 at 11:30 at the Library.
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AAUW Public Policy

We welcome Rita Pachel as our new branch Public Policy Chair. Rita's advocacy background will bring informed leadership to the Public Policy position.

The Public Policy Program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and speaks to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. The work of AAUW builds upon more than 130 years of responsible public participation, and the principles provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each of our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation.



MAKE YOUR INFORMED AAUW VOICES HEARD

Thursday, October 15 LEGISLATIVE DAY in Madison, WI

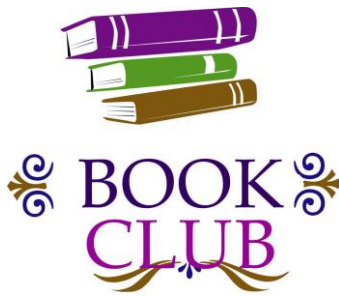
Get updates on current legislation, talk through AAUW policy issues and then in the afternoon go to the Capitol to meet with our elected officials.

More information will be coming via e-mail, so please watch for it.

Our Board voted to reimburse the carpool driver for the gasoline used to attend Legislative Day in Madison. Please contact Nancy Schulz if you are willing to be the carpool driver for the day. Nancyl.schulz@gmail.com or 715-848-4821

What Do We Know About Them?

Carolyn Michalski will be interviewing several people about early outstanding women who have lived in our Wausau area. If you too would like to learn more about these important historical figures, contact Carolyn for times and places. carolynmichalski@yahoo.com or 715.359.8854



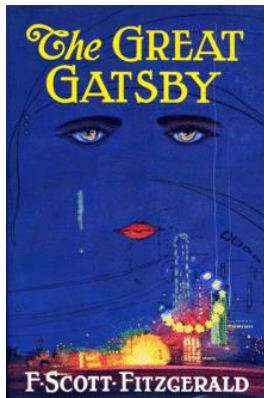
AAUW
2nd TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
At Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ 630 Adams Street, Wausau
The second Tuesday of the month

Join us for lively discussion from our multiple perspectives. To join, call Marlene Lau 715-675-9266

***The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

October 13 Discussion Leader—Carol Potter

The Great Gatsby is a [1925 novel](#) written by American author [F. Scott Fitzgerald](#) that follows a cast of characters living in the fictional town of West Egg on prosperous [Long Island](#) in the summer of 1922. The story primarily concerns the young and mysterious millionaire [Jay Gatsby](#) and his quixotic passion and [obsession](#) for the beautiful former [debutante](#) Daisy Buchanan. Considered to be Fitzgerald's [magnum opus](#), *The Great Gatsby* explores themes of [decadence](#), [idealism](#), resistance to change, social upheaval, and excess, creating a portrait of the [Jazz Age](#) or the [Roaring Twenties](#) that has been described as a cautionary tale regarding the [American Dream](#).



First published by [Scribner's](#) in April 1925, *The Great Gatsby* received mixed reviews and sold poorly; in its first year, the book sold only 20,000 copies. Fitzgerald died in 1940, believing himself to be a failure and his work forgotten.

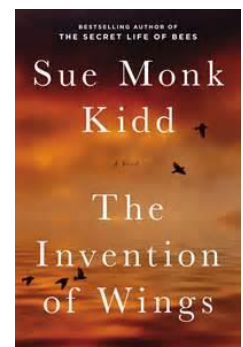
However, the novel experienced a revival during [World War II](#), and became a part of American high school curricula and numerous stage and film adaptations in the following decades. Today, *The Great Gatsby* is widely considered to be a literary classic and a contender for the title "[Great American Novel](#)". In 1998 the [Modern Library](#) editorial board voted it the 20th century's best American novel and second best English-language novel of the same period...[wikipedia.com](#)

***The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd**

November 10 Discussion Leader, Kathy Plein

Sue Monk Kidd hits her stride and avoids sentimental revisionism with this historical novel about the relationship between a slave and the daughter of slave owners in Charleston.

Sarah Grimké was an actual early abolitionist and feminist whose upbringing in a slaveholding Southern family made her voice particularly controversial. Kidd re-imagines Sarah's life in tandem with that of a slave in the Grimké household. In 1803, 11-year-old Sarah receives a slave as her birthday present from her wealthy Charleston parents. Called Hetty by the whites, Handful is just what her name implies—sharp tongued and spirited. Precocious Sarah is horrified at the idea of owning a slave but is given no choice by her mother, a conventional Southern woman of her time who is not evil but accepts slavery (and the dehumanizing cruelties that go along with



it) as a God-given right. Soon, Sarah and Handful have established a bond built on affection and guilt. Sarah breaks the law by secretly teaching Handful to read and write. When they are caught, Handful receives a lashing, while Sarah is banned from her father's library and all the books therein, her dream of becoming a lawyer dashed. As Sarah and Handful mature, their lives take separate courses.

While Handful is physically imprisoned, she maintains her independent spirit, while Sarah has difficulty living her abstract values in her actual life. Eventually, she escapes to Philadelphia and becomes a Quaker, until the Quakers prove too conservative. As Sarah's activism gives her new freedom, Handful's life only becomes harder in the Grimké household. Sarah visits less and less often, but the bond between the two women continues until it is tested one last time.... **Kirkus Review**

LUNCH BUNCH

Weds. October 7, 11:30

Chang Gardens in Weston Weston Weston

Featured Guest: Lanette Walker



AAUW Lunch Bunch will enjoy going to Chang Gardens in Weston on October 7. We will gather there at 11:30 to meet the **director of youth services for the Ho-Chunk Nation, Lanette Walker**. Join us for lunch and good conversation about topics related to women and girls in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Please tell Sande that you are coming to help her with reservations. Sande Sliwicki, Lunch Bunch Coordinator 715.845.6854



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WALK

Tuesday, October 20 from 5:30 – 7:30

Lace up your walking shoes and join in the fun as we earn funds for the Educational Foundation's women's scholarships. We will meet at the lower parking lot at the Eye Clinic down by the walking path. From there we will walk along the beautiful river trail and enjoy lively conversation and good camaraderie. When famished, we will head to Malarkey's for supper.

Contributions from walkers for the ER Walk will be \$25 and some shoe leather. Others who prefer to remain at home or somewhere else and simply want to make a contribution to the scholarship fund as a Virtual Walker are asked to send in \$35.

Make your check out to AAUW Educational Foundation for either \$25 or \$35. Then send your check to Alana Holt at 604 Clark Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474.

**AAUW Wausau Branch
Financial Report February 1 – June 30, 2015**

	Checking	Savings
Balance Feb. 1, 2015	\$4616.02	\$2,152.68
Receipts	\$ 288.45	\$ 1.32
Disbursements	\$2739.35	
Balance June 30, 2015	\$2165.12	\$2,154.00

Alana Holt, Finance VP



Receipts include May Dinner \$247.50, Dues \$40, Interest \$0.95

Disbursements include: AAUW Funds \$25, Meal for guests \$25, Insurance \$332, State Convention \$200, Dues \$1717.50, Leaflet postage \$49, Leaflet copying \$27.85, Program \$100, Check printing \$15

Editor's note. We thank Wausau's Finance VP Alana Holt for working diligently on registration details at the national level



The invitation said "Come on, Get Happy!"

So we came and learned what researchers have unearthed as they travelled the world looking at aspects of happiness. Dr. Connie O'Heron, AAUW-Wausau Branch member brought this video which posed some very thought-provoking issues. Thank you, Dr. Connie !

Lucy's Take-Away Notes from *The Happy Movie*

Try to work so you can live your life in tranquility

Be in "Flow" ~ in control of your life

Integrating and accepting all of my life is healing

One makes a choice when things happen in life

Consider how one can avoid the Hedonistic treadmill – always wanting more.

Appreciate close family and friends

Extrinsic goals = \$, image, status,

Intrinsic goals – self satisfying such as personal growth, sense of helping the world, care about others and working in community

Bhutan measures Gross National Happiness instead of Gross National Profit. Is there a difference?

Social bonding, social cooperating

Bushmen: Joy comes from connection to others, no one is left out; compassion from birth is in our nature; practice compassion meditation

Find harmony with nature; Nature is a good medicine



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Calendar

Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 – WHY SO FEW? w. Elected Officials

Weds. Oct 7 at 11:30 – Lunch Bunch at Chang Garden Weston

Tues. October 13 at Book Group discussion of The Great Gatsby

Weds. Oct 14 – Board Meeting 11:30 at the Library
(Second floor) All are invited

Thurs. Oct 15 Legislative Day in Madison

Tues. Oct 20 at 5:30 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Alana Holt & Lucy
Harvey, Co-chairs