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June 8, 2017
Delavan United Church of Christ
125 E. Washington 6:30pm
Calling all ladies, calling all gentlemen, calling children of all ages!
Come learn about THE GREATEST WALLS ON EARTH!

On Thursday, June 8, our AAUW meeting will feature a real treat- a look at the story behind the amazing, colorful, and historic murals painted throughout the city of Delavan. We'll enjoy a special presentation by Kit and Brad Bandow, fine artists, members of the Geneva Lake Art Association, owners of Brushfire Signs, AND real live WALLDogs! (WALLDogs are artists from throughout the U.S. annually commissioned to created distinctive outdoor murals highlighting a particular city's history and background.)

We'll hear of the background work to get the Walldogs here, Delavan's selection as a site city, how the whole city worked together to pull off this important development, and what it's meant to the people and economic fortunes of the city itself. Delavan's history is an impressive account involving circus lore, temperance background, an artist colony, Rosie the Riveter, education for the deaf, the big band era, and so much more! Learn about this colorful history, this unique art and promotion project, and an inspiring story of community involvement and participation. Whether you've toured the murals or not, you won't want to miss this local story.
Dear Geneva Lake AAUW Members and Friends,

The month of May was active with our interest groups that meet throughout the year: Bluestockings book group discussed *All the Light We Cannot See*; Bridge players were eager to learn new strategies; Culinary Questers savored Thai recipes; Keep Moving members hiked at Kettle Moraine and Lunch Bunch will be enjoying the food at Chuck’s. In addition, we were honored to welcome our STEM scholarship winners and their mothers and also our educational leaders at our recognition brunch. Our AAUW executive board and membership chairs also welcomed our new members at Kate Berley’s home for a wine and cheese party. It was so nice to hear about their interests and how they learned about our AAUW organization.

Have you cast your vote in the AAUW 2017 National Election? Your vote is your voice. Get to know the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, research proposed changes on issues such as membership requirements and more. Online voting closes at 8:00 p.m. on June 15. Don’t forget to vote and cast your ballot today!

It seems just like yesterday that I proudly accepted the nomination for president of our AAUW Geneva Lake branch. Together, each of us has contributed so much throughout this past year with many lasting memories. So many members enjoyed the enlightening and informative monthly meetings: Camps of Lake Geneva; Greens, Grains and Beans; presentations from our STEM scholarship awardees at the STEM lab at Big Foot High School, and Equity Issues in the Academy. Our AAUW team worked together to once again have a successful fundraiser, Soup and Signing. Celebrations were also a part of our year as we honored our branch’s 65th year and reunited with Presidents of the Past. We also once again celebrated the holiday season at the beautiful Big Foot Country Club. As our year is coming to a close, we enjoyed a lovely brunch to honor nine young girls who will be attending Camp Badger and three educational leaders of our community. It was a year to be proud of, as we embraced equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

I would like to thank each of you for all your support throughout my term, your ideas and continued encouragement. May each of you continue to support our mission and share your motivation and passion for AAUW as we welcome our new president, Gretchen McCarthy and our 2017 – 2018 AAUW Geneva Lake Board.

Sincerely,

Sue Greben

2016 – 2017 Geneva Lake AAUW President
PUBLIC POLICY

On Friday, May 12, four Geneva Lake Branch members and an additional supporter (L-R: members Sharna Ahern, Valerie Schmitz, Alice Hill, Kate Meredith, and supporter Deb Kaelbli) walked with other groups of protesters on the sidewalk in front of Badger High School in Lake Geneva awaiting the arrival of our Wisconsin Representative and House Speaker, Paul Ryan, who was to greet and meet high school students. Our one purpose was to denounce the House health care bill that was passed which would significantly impact the health, well-being, and economic security of women and families.

Our organization welcomes opportunities to make our voices heard on the issues that affect us through the Two-Minute Activist tool, letters to Congress and to local papers, and protest activities as AAUW participants.

With the recent release of the Congressional Budget Office analysis, it is clear that 23 million people would lose insurance over the next decade and costs would increase for people with pre-existing conditions in many states. “Less healthy people would face extremely high premiums despite the additional funding that would be available under H.R.1628 to help reduce premiums. Over time, it would become more difficult for less healthy people (including people with pre-existing conditions) in those states to purchase insurance because their premiums would continue to increase rapidly.” (CBO report, May 24, 2017)

As AAUW members, we continue to advocate for quality, affordable, accessible health care.

REMINDER: Don’t forget to vote for the proposed bylaws amendments, especially Proposals 1 and 2 which would eliminate the degree requirement for membership or add another type of membership without voting and leadership rights. Voting ends on June 15.
Membership Update:

A Wine and Cheese Evening was held on May 11 at the home of Kate Berley. Ten of our new members were able to join our Executive Board for an informal get-together. It was a lovely evening of sharing our AAUW mission with our new members and getting to know each other. Our Geneva Lake Branch has a membership of very talented women. We look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.

Alice Hill and Kate Berley, Membership Co-Chairs

RAFFLE FOR 3 FREE NATIONAL AAUW MEMBERSHIPS: At our regular monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, June 8, we will be raffling off 3 free national AAUW memberships, which were earned by the hard work done by our chapter to increase our membership. If you have already paid your dues and you are a lucky winner, your national dues will be reimbursed to you. The only catch is that you need to be present at the meeting to win. Just another great reason to attend our monthly AAUW meeting. See you there and good luck!

Membership Dues

Thank you to many members who have renewed their commitment and dues to AAUW. There is still time to renew your membership for 2017-18. Dues of $77 are due June 15 and should be mailed to Pam Christensen. The renewal form is available at the end of this newsletter. Save a stamp and hand the form in at the June 8 monthly meeting.
AAUW Honors Leaders in Education

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Geneva Lake branch honored three local women with its Leadership in Education award at a brunch on May 6 at the Westshire Stratford Commons in Delavan. Each year, the branch seeks to honor people from our area who have made significant contributions in life, who educate our community to needs, and who strive to make our world a better place.

Lillian Henderson, retiring Sharon School district administrator, first moved to Wisconsin to earn her Ph.D. in psychology at Marquette University. She went on to a career as a school psychologist for the Racine district and the Big Foot Area Schools, as well as Collaborative Services Coordinator at BFASA. In 1999, Dr. Henderson became the administrator at Linn Jt. 6 School District and six years ago joined the staff at Sharon Jt.11.

Dorothy Kaufmann, retiring Big Foot High School district administrator, was born and raised in Fontana, Wisconsin. After attending Fontana Grade School and graduating from Big Foot High School, Dorothy attended St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana and served as Freshman Class President. Due to her mother’s illness, Dorothy came home to Fontana after her junior year, later earning her BA in Sociology from UW-Whitewater. In 1972, Ms. Kaufmann earned her Master’s Degree in Special Education with an emphasis in Emotional Disturbance from UW-Whitewater. After working for the Wauwatosa Schools and Walworth county, Ms. Kaufmann began work in special education at Sharon School and was selected as their District Administrator in 1985. Soon after her retirement from Sharon in 2007, Ms. Kaufmann was asked to take over as Big Foot High School district administrator for one year. Now, ten years later, Ms. Kaufmann is retiring from that position.

Judy Johnson, AAUW member, also exemplifies Leadership in Education in many diverse ways. This is evident from her service to community, church, family and friends. For the Fontana Garden Club, she was responsible for enlisting Roy Diblick to design a garden for the entrance to her town of Williams Bay, which continues to be maintained by the club. She also volunteers in their schools, has donated several trees to Williams Bay, and started the very popular Chili Cook-off, the chief fundraiser for the Williams Bay Civic League. Judy is the co-author of the beautiful book The Black Point Legacy, which receives all proceeds from the sale of the book. She is involved in her church, St. Benedict, on many levels. To those in the area in need of affordable health care, Judy’s commitment and endless energy were among the sparks that ignited the fire that became the Open Arms Free Clinic, which in less than five years has served over 2,000 in need. Judy has filled many roles, as a board member and fundraiser. It is evident from her service to others and the many lives she has touched, Judy Johnson is a most worthy recipient of this prestigious award.
AAUW Honors STEM Scholarship Winners

The Geneva Lake Branch of AAUW honored its 2017 STEM Scholarship winners at its annual brunch on May 6. This summer, these nine girls from Walworth County middle schools will be attending a week at Camp Badger Exploring Engineering at UW Madison to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and math, and to inspire them to enter these fields in their futures. A recent study shows that women earn only 21% of bachelor’s degrees in engineering and 19% in computer science. This scholarship program was started in 2010 to help change those statistics. At the end of the summer, the branch will have sent 78 young women to Camp Badger. Thank you to Walworth/Fontana Rotary for its support of this AAUW Program. Pictured from left to right are Riley Summers, Walworth; Lea Connolly, Elkhorn; Esther Coltman, Lake Geneva; Molly Bergstrom, Lake Geneva; Lauren Glos, Sharon; Abigail Juszczyk, Brookwood; Lindsey McIntyre, Walworth; Autumn Schwenk, Elkhorn; and Stella Southwick, Reek.

SAVE THE DATE

FIRST LADIES OF FASHION

AAUW GENEVA LAKE BRANCH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show

NOVEMBER 17, 2017  11:00 a.m.
Geneva National Resort, Lake Geneva, WI
Interest Groups

Bluestockings

On Tuesday, June 13, we will meet at the Elkhorn home of Bev Kitzmiller where Jeanne Schlatter will lead our discussion of My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout. Diane Dorman, Jeanie Bateman, and Carole Zerwas will assist as co-hostesses. If you plan on attending, please contact Bev in a timely manner at kitzmillerbev@gmail.com or (262)723-2302. And remember to bring a sandwich to share.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch for June will be at Gordy’s Boathouse in Fontana. We will have lunch at noon on Wednesday June 28. Please respond to karen@sycamoreprecision.com by June 26 if you plan to attend. Summer is here!!!

Bridge

Afternoon Bridge - 1:00
Monday, June 19  Kate Berley
(262) 394-5029  kmberley@comcast.net

Evening Bridge - 7:00
Monday, June 26  Jan Schuren
(262) 728-7767  janskip53115@yahoo.com

please rsvp if attending

Culinary Questers

For June we will be celebrating that different veggies are making a comeback at farmers’ markets and stores! "Veggies are my friends" is our theme. We will be meeting at the home of Diane Beu on Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30. Members joining the group will be asked to prepare a favorite vegetable dish or attempt a new dish perhaps with veggies they've never used before or protein substitutes they had never heard of such as "seitan" which has been used for a thousand years by the Chinese from wheat gluten and yet it has no carbs, just protein or "tempeh" patties, a soy product, or "quinoa " a complete protein used in soups and salads. We are hoping to add to our veggie knowledge! Contact Carolyn Langner at cjlangner@gmail.com or Diane Beu at Dianebeu@aol.com

The July CQ is Wednesday, July 5 at 5:30 at Karen Hirn's home with Barbara Turner co-hosting. Please contact Karen DeFalco kdefalco1@gmail.com or text her at 1-815-953-5979.
**Keep Moving**

Here are TWO fun options for you to consider. Join us for one or the other or BOTH!!

1. The Keep Moving group will be taking advantage of Lake Geneva’s Restaurant Week on **Monday, June 5 at Noon**. We’ll meet at the Geneva Inn, have the “deal” (2 course Lunch meal for $10 – see visitlakegeneva.com/restaurantweek for details and choices), and then we will determine if/where we’ll walk – likely not too far, but details will evolve based on the group’s preferences. Call or email Jean 262 723 5414 or jeanjohnh@gmail.com if interested.

   2. All are welcome to walk part of the lake path on **Friday, June 9 at 10 AM**. Meet at George Williams College at Aurora University in Williams Bay on the porch of the Administration Building overlooking the lake. We will walk to Fontana and have lunch at Gordy's. It is Restaurant Week, so a 2 course lunch will be $10.00. Please call Judy Johnson 262 245 1975 or Jean Henderson 262 723 5414 to let us know you are coming. We will ask a few folks to leave a car in Fontana and give you a ride to the starting point by 10 AM so we can have a ride back to the starting point in Williams Bay.

**Calendar**

- June 1 – AAUW Dues are due! ****
- June 1 – Combined Board Meeting – Gretchen McCarthy’s
- June 5 – 12:00 Noon Keep Moving Lunch and Walk
- June 7 – 5:30 p.m. Culinary Questers – Diane Beu’s
- June 8 – 6:30 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting – Delavan
- June 9 – 10:00 a.m. Keep Moving Shore Path Walk and Lunch
- June 13 – 12:00 noon Bluestockings – Bev Kitzmiller’s
- June 14-17 – AAUW National Convention
- June 19 – 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bridge – Kate Berley’s
- June 26 – 7:00 p.m. Evening Bridge – Jan Schuren’s
- June 28 – 12:00 Noon – Lunch Bunch at Gordy’s
- July 5 – 5:30 p.m. Culinary Questers – Karen Hirn’s
- Nov. 17 – First Ladies of Fashion Fundraiser
AAUW Geneva Lakes Branch
2017-2018 Board Members and Leaders (effective June 9, 2017)

Board Members
President: Gretchen McCarthy
President Elect: Pam Christensen
Past President: Sue Greben
Secretary: Joanne Barrett
Treasurer: Alice Hill
Membership Co-chairs: Kate Berley and Karen Hirn
Program Co-chairs: Joan Davis and Ann Reynolds
Public Policy/By-laws: Sharna Ahern
Scholarship: Karla Tildahl, Chair
                      Marsha Ries, Vice Chair
Communications: Bev Kitzmiller and Marilyn Busa
University Relations: Liz Abel

Interest Group Coordinators
Bluestockings: Bev Kitzmiller and Nan Voss
Bridge: Kathleen Kelleher
Culinary Questers: Karen DeFalco and Carolyn Langner
Great Decisions: Maribeth Cousin
Keep Moving: Judy Johnson and Jean Henderson
Lunch Bunch Coordinator: Nancy White

Additional Responsibilities:
Fundraising: Diane Thompson
Greeting Cards – Get Well, Sympathy: Marilyn Heiden
Meeting Refreshments Coordinators: Kathy McCarville and Judy Johnson
Photographer: Joan Lagerlof
Website Manager: Judy Moser
Geneva Lake Branch Members, please note: It’s time to pay your dues!

Dues for the 2017-18 year: $77

($49 for National, $13 for State, and $15 for our local branch)

Please send the completed form and check payable to:

AAUW Geneva Lake Branch c/o our treasurer, Pam Christensen

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American Association of University Women
Geneva Lake Branch
Membership Dues – Due June 1, 2017

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
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Phone: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

☐ Check this box if you are updating or changing your information. Thank you.

Pam Christensen
N1778 Hillside Road
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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$13 State Dues
$15 Local Dues
$77 Total Dues