



# Branch Briefs

Newsletter of the Geneva Lake Branch

## AAUW

### Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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## AAUW STEM Luncheon (LAST CALL: Food Orders due by July 31st at 12:00 PM)

We will host our **STEM Luncheon on August 10th at 11:30 AM**. The location is the Big Foot High School Cafeteria in Walworth. Park in the front lot on Devil's Lane/5th Avenue and enter in the main doors. The principal will provide us with a brief tour of the STEM facilities prior to our business meeting and luncheon. We will host scholarship recipients from 2022 and 2023 who will share their experiences and plans. **Cost is \$12.00. Payment will be collected at the luncheon. Payment includes a complimentary lunch for our recipients and one guest.**

If you would rather not enter your order online, you can text or call Valerie Schmitz (920) 205-4116. Please include your name and your order choice.

**Big Foot High School: 401 Devil's Lane, Walworth, WI 53184**

Lunch will consist of a catered boxed lunch from Daniels Food Deli. Lunches will include a sandwich on a brioche bun, pasta salad, chips and chocolate chip cookie (**bring your own drink**). (Lettuce, tomato, and cheese provided on the side in the box along with condiments). Choices are turkey, roast beef, or veggie. **Bring your own beverage.**

*Enter your lunch choice at:*

<https://tinyurl.com/AAUW23>



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## President's Message

As we begin to make program plans for our 2024 year, please consider the AAUW mission statement.

*The American Association of University Women advances gender equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. We are non-partisan, fact based, and value integrity and inclusion.*

Programs that our AAUW branch presents should have a strong connection to our mission. Topics for presentations have ranged from our own wellness and education to historical, social, educational and equality issues. We can also just host a fun and entertaining evening or social event. Take a stroll through the website to familiarize yourself with our mission and be inspired by what we stand for. <https://www.aauw.org/>

**I hope this will generate topics that our branch may want to investigate for 2024. Your program planning chairs, Maura Zinni and Paula Jarzemsky look forward to hosting a Program Planning Meeting at Maura's home on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ideas/presenters can be emailed to Maura at [zinnim@att.net](mailto:zinnim@att.net) or Paula at [pjarzem@wisc.edu](mailto:pjarzem@wisc.edu) If you can attend in person...that is fabulous but please rsvp.**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
**At Inspire Coffee in Lake Geneva**

Did you know that 1 out of every 5 people living in Walworth County are 65 years of age or older?

Think about it...Aging is the most Natural thing that YOU do in life ....that you have been aging naturally since the day you were born!

But, when we think about growing older....or we look in the mirror.... well, there's a lot of emotions and new questions that may go through our minds.

You are invited to attend September's Program "**Aging with ATTITUDE!**"

Our fellow AAUW member, Pattie Stejskal, MSW, Old Soul, and Artist, will lead us in a creative discussion about everything from the Graying of America to the Best advice you've ever received. Pattie believes that all of us have a wealth of information on what works well and that by exploring and sharing our own experiences in a guided discussion we can all be better prepared to live intentionally and master the art of living well at any age.

If you think you will attend this discussion on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we kindly ask that you RSVP to Pattie at her email to assist in planning. Email: [Pattiestejskal@gmail.com](mailto:Pattiestejskal@gmail.com)  
(In the subject line write: AAUW RSVP).

## **Public Policy**

**By Kathy Walsh**

**Go Women's Soccer** - Hope they are still winning when you read this! They have been a good example for women and girls and helped make equal pay a reality in the sports world!

As we move into the "political" season, helping our members stay informed is a critical piece. In this environment, I encourage all to first think about issues that are important to you and then seek out representation that will support your views. This is even more important in local and state elections.

Writing to your current representatives and letters to editors continue to be ways to let them know your views!

Wisconsin is going to be front and center in November!

Public Policy will meet **September 12th, 7 PM** at 775 Brickley Dr, Fontana. This meeting is open to all who wish to participate; please let me know if you plan to attend! [kath3032@gmail.com](mailto:kath3032@gmail.com)

Kathy Walsh, Public Policy Chair

# AAUW Program Schedule 2023

| Date and Time   | Program  | Location   | Special Notes  |
|---|--|--|--|
| August 10 - Noon  | STEM Scholarship Luncheon  | Big Foot High School Cafeteria                                 | There is a fee for event   |
| September 14<br><br>7:00 pm - Program   | Aging with Attitude<br><br>Presenter - Patty Stejskal                    | Inspire Coffee<br>883 W Main Street<br>Lake Geneva             | Parking <u>for a fee</u> behind or in front of the building. <u>Free</u> parking at Central Denison School two blocks north on Cook Street |
| October 23<br>Registration - Noon<br>Lunch - 12:45 pm<br>Fashion Show - 1:15 pm | Annual Branch Fundraiser<br>Theme - Historical and Hysterical Hats       | Geneva National<br>1221 Geneva National Avenue<br>Lake Geneva  | There will be a fee for this event TBD   |
| November 9<br><br>7:00 pm - Program   | Human Trafficking<br>Presenter - Dawn Fielder of DHHS<br>Walworth County | Matheson Memorial Library<br>101 N Wisconsin Street<br>Elkhorn | Joint Program with our AAUW Branch and Matheson Library. This program will be open to the public.  |
| December<br>Time and Date - TBD   | Holiday Party  | Big Foot Country Club  | There will be a fee for this event TBD   |

## August Program Planning Meeting

### August 23 - Program Planning for 2024 and Happy Hour Event -

Please plan to attend the program planning event at Maura Zinni's house on **Wednesday, August 23 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm**. Bring your ideas and potential speaker contacts to this social gathering of our members and help to plan the 2024 programs for our branch. **Please plan to bring a beverage or snack to share** with the group. Carpooling is recommended. Maura lives on Lake Como in Lake Geneva. Her address is W3688 South Shore Drive.

# Interest Groups

## Culinary Questers

### Italian Foodie Field Trip

**With Nina Ruskey, Linda Fitzsimmons and Bev Kitzmiller**

We will meet at the FREE parking lot near the museum in Lake Geneva at 8:30 AM on **Wednesday, September 6** so that those who would like to carpool may do so. Our first stop will be at *Paielli's Bakery* at about 9 AM so that we will be able to get all of the freshest goodies. Then we will be on to Tenuta's Deli, and if you have ever been there before, you will know that it takes a while to meander through all of their domestic and imported foods and wines. And then we will meet at Luigi's Pizza Kitchen (they serve much more than pizza) at about 11 for lunch.

From there, those who want to return to Lake Geneva can/will do so, but others who would like to stay and spend some time on Simmons Island along the lakeshore or visit the Kenosha Public Museum or the Civil War Museum --- or shop at the Jockey Outlet store nearby to make an entire day of it can do that!

We are suggesting that those attending bring or share a cooler and bring a shopping bag to contain your other purchases.

Email Bev Kitzmiller [kitzmillerbev@gmail.com](mailto:kitzmillerbev@gmail.com) if interested.

## Bluestockings

**By Nan Voss and Bev Kitzmiller**

Well, Ladies, the 'hour' has arrived. On **Tuesday noon on August 15** at the **Walworth Library** (notice the location change), we will meet to select our reading choices, leaders, hosts, and cohosts for the coming year! Again, our Leader, Nan Voss, will facilitate the discussion of our options, provide us with the magical dots that will help us to determine our top 11, and then guide us through our happily volunteering to do our part to lead a book discussion, host a monthly meeting, and/or serve as a cohost. – It works not only because of the magical dots, but also because we work together to make it work!! So, remember to have your calendars handy to volunteer to do your part! (By the way, you will be receiving a copy of our compiled suggestions from Nan in the coming days so that you can preview the possible selections. Print it out and bring it to our gathering.)

Debbie Mecklenburg will be our host, and Barbara Turner has volunteered as our cohost.

**Because this is one of those “not to miss” events, we are anticipating a larger crowd and could use an additional cohost! If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Debbie Mecklenburg at 262 227 0004 or [dmecklen@gmail.com](mailto:dmecklen@gmail.com)**

**If you plan on attending, please contact Debbie at 262 227 0004 or [dmecklen@gmail.com](mailto:dmecklen@gmail.com) and remember to bring a sandwich to share.**

| Date    | Book                                    | Leader        | Hosts/Coordinators                             |
|---------|---|---------------|--|
| 9/19/23 | <i>The Monk of Mokha</i> by Dave Eggers | Karen DeFalco | Joanne Barrett Host and Pam Christensen Cohost |

## **Lunch Bunch**

**By Ann Ruff**

AAUW Lunch Bunch is **Thursday, August 24** at noon at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan. We will eat outdoors (hopefully) with a view of the lake at the Resort's Look Out Bar & Eatery. It is a short walk from the parking lot. The front desk will direct you.

## **Keep Moving**

**By Jean Henderson and Diane Thompson**

ALL WALKS BEGIN AT 9am unless otherwise noted

Please email or call if you will be coming: Jean 723-5414

Diane 246- 6476; cell 262-745-8355

**AUG 8th TUES SHORE PATH -** Camps on Lake Geneva

Leader - Jill Westberg, former AAUW member and author of Camps of Geneva Lake Meet in Wms. Bay on beach front (Park on far eastern parking lot across the street) Talk and then walk from Williams Bay to Fontana

**AUG 22nd TUES. - SHORE PATH** Lake Geneva to Big Foot Beach and back

Leader- Jean Henderson Meet at Lake Geneva Library on lakeside (Park on surrounding residential streets to avoid fees/fine)

We may try more walks in September when it's cooler and people's complicated schedules may lighten up a bit. Plans for September walks include a rescheduled talk on and walk around the community and area of Knollwood (Williams Bay/Lake Geneva) by Suzanne Edwards and a similar talk and walk considering the area of Buena Vista in Fontana by Doris Mosser Both are near the shore path.

## **Calendar**

**Aug. 8 – 9:00 AM – Shore Path Walk**

**Aug. 10 – 11:30 AM – STEM Luncheon – Big Foot High School, Walworth**

**Aug. 15 – Noon – Bluestockings – Walworth Library**

**Aug. 22 – 9:00 AM – Shore Path Walk**

**Aug. 23 – 4:00 PM-6:00 PM – Program Planning Happy Hour – Maura Zinni's**

**Aug. 12 – 7:00 PM – Public Policy Meeting – Kathy Walsh's**

**Aug. 24 – Noon – Lunch Bunch – Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan**

**Sept. 6 – 8:30 AM – CQ Italian Foodie Field Trip**

**Sept. 14 – 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting – Aging with Attitude – Inspire Coffee, Lake Geneva**

**Oct. 23 – HATS Fundraiser – Geneva National**