



## Public Policy Committee Notes Chair Kathy Walsh

The Public Policy Committee is working on informative Fact Sheets about topics that will be important in the upcoming election(s) to help you understand the issues. Have you received one? Is there a specific topic, that you would like addressed? Our goal is to help you be informed voters as you make your voting choices. Look for these topics:

Voting Rights

Equal Pay

Education Funding

Women's Health

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### Membership Meeting



### Important Dates

- July 10 Culinary Questers
- July 11 Branch Meeting
- July 13 AAUW Wisconsin State Board Meeting
- July 16 Bluestocking
- July 24 Lunch Bunch



# President's Message

*Summer is in full swing. The beaches are open, boats are cruising up and down the lake, and tourists are milling in stores and restaurants, along with two unusual and potentially damaging additions: cicadas and tornadoes sending prayers of support to any community members suffering damages from both.*

*Thanks to your active participation and the incredible efforts of Suzanne and Louise, our recent membership event was a resounding success. We've welcomed some new faces to our community, and we urge our existing members to extend a warm welcome to them. Whether it's through a friendly email, a phone call, or a personal greeting at the upcoming July interest group events or general program on the Great Lakes at Aduia Credit Union in Elkhorn, let's show them what a warm and welcoming community we are.*

*Please mark your calendars for the Soup & Signing Event at Horticulture Hall on September 11. The event, which features local authors and restaurants, will include a book signing, a soup tasting from various local restaurants, and a chance to meet the authors. It attracts around 250 attendees and is always a great time.*

*Have you ever thought about stepping into a leadership role within our branch? The position of President-Elect is a truly unique opportunity to make a significant contribution to our community and help shape its future. If you're interested or have any questions or comments on any other branch business, please don't hesitate to contact me at 814-571-7616 or [steeles203@gmail.com](mailto:steeles203@gmail.com). Your voice and your ideas are important to us.*

*Best regards,  
Susan Steele*

The Nominating Committee is officially announcing our AAUW Geneva Lake Slate of Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs and Interest Groups for 2024-2025. The Officers and Board Members will be installed at the May meeting at 6:15 pm.

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### **Geneva Lake Branch AAUW 2024-2025**

#### **Officers**

President	Susan Steele
President Elect	Vacant
Co-Vp's of Programs	Janice Lyon and Joanne Kantner
Co-Vp's of Membership	Suzanne Edwards and Louise Zitzler
Secretary	Maura Zinni
Treasurer	Carla Olson
Past President	Nina Ruskey

#### **Board Members**

Communications	Bonnie Diehl
Fundraising	Diane Thompson and _____
Public Policy	Kathy Walsh
Scholarship Stem/NCCWSL	Valerie Schmitz and Sheila Venteicher
Facebook Manager	Mary Winingham
Website Manager	Judy Moser

<https://genevalake-wi.aauw.net>

#### **Interest Group Coordinators**

Bluestockings	Nan Voss and Bev Kitzmiller
Culinary Questors	Carolyn Langner and Karen DeFalco
Great Decisions	Pattie Stejskal
Keep Moving	Jean Henderson
Lunch Bunch	Janice Lyon

#### **Other Coordinators**

Bylaws	Sharna Ahern
Care and Concern	Sue Greben
Hospitality	Brigitte Krieger
Photographers	Joan Lagerlöf



## Bluestocking Schedule

<i>July 16</i>	<b><i>The Good Life</i></b> Robert Waldinger MD	Jean Henderson, Leader	Jean Henderson, Host Bev Kitzmiller, Cohost
<i>August 20</i>	<b>Books Selection</b> <b>Submit your</b> <b>recommendations</b> <b>ASAP to Nan Voss.</b>	Nan Voss, Leader	Judy Johnson, Host Karen DeFalco, Cohost
<i>September 17</i>	<b><i>The Covenant of</i></b> <b><i>Water</i></b> Abraham Verghese	Sharna Ahern, Leader	Debbie Mecklenberg, Host Nan Voss, Cohost



Welcome back to Issue #7!

The AAUW State Board will gather this month in Stevens Point on July 13 for an all-day meeting. Please let your branch leaders know about any agenda items you would like addressed at the meeting.

Keep up to date on important political issues by reading the Fact Sheets from GL AAUW.

Not receiving them? Let me know.

Bonnie Döhl



In 2024  
there are *FOUR*  
important elections  
in Wisconsin!

*Spring — Local Leaders & Presidential Primary*

February 20, 2024

- Primary

April 2, 2024

- General Election
- Presidential Preference Primary

*Fall — State & Federal Legislators, President*

August 13, 2024

- Primary

November 5, 2024

- General Election



Everything you need to know to register and vote is right here!



[myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)





## Lunch Bunch

Geneva Lake Branch members and guests gather to talk about all things women and progress. We meet at independent eateries, many women-owned or managed. Come one, come all. RSVP (not required) by text 708.899.2734 to Janice L. This is a great way to introduce potential new members to our exceptional AAUW women!

**4th Wednesday monthly at NOON.**

2024 schedule always at NOON:

Wed, July 24, 2024, Boat House, Buttons Bay, Lake Geneva → text Janice 708-899-2734

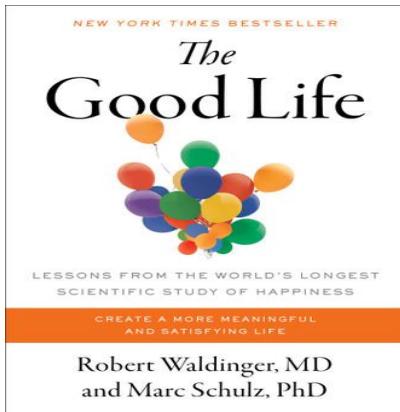
Wed, Aug 28, 2024, at Harpoon Willies, Williams Bay

Wed, Sept 25, Luis's Pizza, Lake Geneva

Wed, Oct 23, Abbey Resort, Waterfront Restaurant, Fontana, RSVP Jan Schuren, 262-728-7767

NO LUNCH BUNCH NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

Bluestockings will meet Tuesday, July 16 at Noon at the Walworth Memorial Library, 525 Kenosha Street, Walworth. RSVP to Jean Henderson (262 723-5414). Please bring a sandwich to share and a beverage for yourself. Salads and desserts will be provided. Jean will lead the discussion of *The Good Life* by Robert Waldinger. Our host is Jean Henderson W4723 Pine Court, with co-host Bev Kitzmiller.



## SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE GREAT LAKES

11 July 2024



Jenna Mertz is a science writer with Wisconsin Sea Grant and the Water Resources Institute at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She will talk about the world's largest freshwater system on our doorstep, the Great Lakes, and how Wisconsin Sea Grant promotes the sustainable use of the Great Lakes through research, education and outreach.

ADVIA Credit Union  
837 N Wisconsin St, Elkhorn, WI 53121  
Social Time 600-615; Business Meeting 615-630,  
Program Speaker Starts at 630 pm

## Culinary Questers 2024

Ladies, if you haven't experienced the fun and food sensations of Culinary Questers, now is your chance. Susan Anderson will be hosting our August interest group at her home: W7230 S & D Townline Road, Delavan, Wi. on Wednesday, AUGUST 7 at 5:30 p.m. Susan's cohost will be Sue Greben. If you are interested in participating in this event please RSVP to Carolyn Langner [Cjlangner@gmail.com](mailto:Cjlangner@gmail.com) or 202-230-8847. Our theme of the evening has not been decided yet at this time, but watch your emails for an evening you won't want to miss!



Make an Impact!  
Join AAUW  
Legacy Circle

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Contact: Lucy Harvey [lois3545@aol.com](mailto:lois3545@aol.com); Bonnie Diehl [bdiehl81@gmail.com](mailto:bdiehl81@gmail.com)

All programs are held on the second Thursday of each month, April – November

The program schedule is as follows:

6:00 pm – Social time; 6:15 pm Business meeting; 6:30-7:30 pm Program

Date	Title	Presenter	Location
July 11 2024 Thursday	<b><i>The Great Great Lakes</i></b>	Moirra Harrington, Associate Director for Communications for UW-Madison’s Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, will share her knowledge of the world’s largest freshwater system right on our doorstep, the Great Lakes. Fresh water is a precious commodity and Moira will share how she uses research, education and outreach to promote the sustainable use of our precious Great Lakes.	Advia Credit Union 837 N Wisconsin St. Elkhorn, WI
October 10 2024 Thursday	<b><i>Night Sky Star Gazing</i></b>	GLAS Education (Geneva Lake Astrophysics and STEAM) provides educational experiences to local students, as well as opportunities for college students to participate in research projects and community outreach programs, like the organization’s popular stargazing events. An astronomy scientist will lead us through a star-gazing experience.	TBD
November 14 2024 Thursday	<b><i>Wisconsin Cranberries</i></b>	Leslie Holland is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at UW-Madison. Leslie’s presentation will answer these burning questions we all have about Cranberries...Where do they come from? Are they really grown in water? Which pathogens are vying to ruin your Thanksgiving Dinner? What challenges do cranberry growers face and what exactly is Ocean Spray?	Inspired Coffee 883 W Main St. Lake Geneva, WI Free parking at Central-Dennison School

## Pictures





## Membership Committee

### By Sue Edwards

Thank you to all our membership that promoted our "Charcuterie Board Team Building" event! You all got the word out and we were able to attract 7 new members to our branch! It's because of all of our super fun members that we are able to grow and continue our mission to promote equity and education for women and girls. I'd like to take the time here to welcome the following new members to AAUW Lake Geneva Branch: **Hillary Dudek, Tami Martin, Laura Kelley, Cindy Parkin, Ruthie Parsons, Mary Hutchings Reed, and Mary Weger.** They each come with numerous talents and backgrounds and we look forward to getting to know each of them better!



## Charcuterie Board Team Building Event - Success and Thank you!!

### By Sue Edwards

Oh my gosh this event was so awesome because of all the planning and teamwork that we experienced before (planning) and execution (the awesome event)!! First there was the idea generation beginning with Maura Zinni's idea for the event when she was clued into the connection with Badger High Schools woodworking shop! Thank you, Maura! Thank you to Arnie Oswald and Badger High School for donating the boards that we used as centerpieces and silent auction items. The 7 silent auction boards brought in \$520.00! A big thank you to Hill Valley for providing the demonstration and education around the basics of a great charcuterie board! It was great fun! Janice Lyon was busy all evening getting photos from our membership for a future directory... this will make it easier for all of us to know and recognize each other as we grow. Thank you, Janice! Also, thank you to all of our interest group leaders that provided information to all of our membership and potential members at the event... you spoke with enthusiasm ... I love it! Finally, I'd like to thank the group that planned the event! The "devil is in the details" and they all nailed it....Thank you Carla Olson, Susan Steele, Patti Stejskal, Louise Zitzler, Marna Zinni, Nina Ruskey and Joan Lagerlof! Enjoy the photos from the event!



## August 13 Referendum—Constitutional Amendment Questions

**Question 1: “*Delegation of appropriation power.*”** Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

The following underlined text would be added:»

Section 35 (1) The legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated.»

**Question 2: “*Allocation of federal moneys.*”** Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

The following underlined text would be added:»

Section 35  
(2) The governor may not allocate any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule.»

### What does a “Yes” or a “No” vote mean?

A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to require legislative approval from both the senate and assembly before the governor can expend federal money appropriated to the state.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment, thereby allowing the governor to accept and allocate federal funds without seeking an approval vote from the state legislature.

### Who Opposes These Questions

**Organizations:** League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments & Boards, Wisconsin Conservation Voters, Wisconsin Public Health Association

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes these constitutional amendment questions and urges voters to **VOTE NO on both questions.**

### Reasons to Vote No on Question 1 and Question 2

1. Wisconsinites deserve a well-resourced government that is able to fund necessary programs and infrastructure like our roads in a timely manner (especially in emergencies). These changes to our state constitution would add red tape and slow the government’s ability to respond to emergencies when we need help the most.
2. Our tax dollars go toward federal funds that support our schools, infrastructure, parks, health care, renters, small businesses, public benefits and so much more. They provide relief to Wisconsinites in urgent times of crises such as natural or economic disasters and public health emergencies. When Wisconsin gets federal funds, it’s our money coming back to us. This measure would add more red tape that would slow down our money coming back to us.
3. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin State Legislature was one of the least active in the country. Legislators refused to come to work to deliver relief for Wisconsinites. Fortunately, our Governor could quickly distribute emergency federal funds to the communities who needed it most. We need to ensure the governor can continue to distribute these funds efficiently and effectively, without unnecessary red tape.
4. The Constitution ensures that the three branches of government are equal and have their own set of duties. Our government is like a three-legged stool – take out a leg and everything comes crashing down. The legislature wants to take away the governor’s duties for themselves. This will create an imbalance in our government.