



Public Policy Committee Notes Chair Kathy Walsh

The committee is continuing to get the word out about voting NO on the two amendments to the state constitution that are on the August 13th ballot.

Members will be assisting with voter registration at the DMV in Elkhorn.

According to AARP - "Voters over 50 will Determine the Election."
Check out their Wisconsin [survey results](#).

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Check out these Public Service Announcements:

[Reproductive Rights](#)

[Fair Pay Act](#)

[Freedom to Vote](#)

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Important Dates

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| Aug 7 th | Culinary Questers |
| Aug 8 th | STEM Luncheon |
| Aug 13 th | Vote |
| Aug 14 th | Brainstorming Session |
| Aug 20 th | Bluestockings |
| Aug 28 th | Lunch Bunch |
| Sept 11 th | Soup & Signing |



SOUP & SIGNING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Featuring:

SOUPS of

8 LOCAL RESTAURANTS

BOOKS of

8 LOCAL AUTHORS

Books Available for Purchase and Signing



SERVING FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Reservations \$30 per person

Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147



Presented by the AAUW Geneva Lake Branch. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Proceeds from this event will provide STEM college scholarships to young women from Walworth County public high schools and support our mission.

Check payable to AAUW Geneva Lake Branch due with registration by September 4, 2024.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

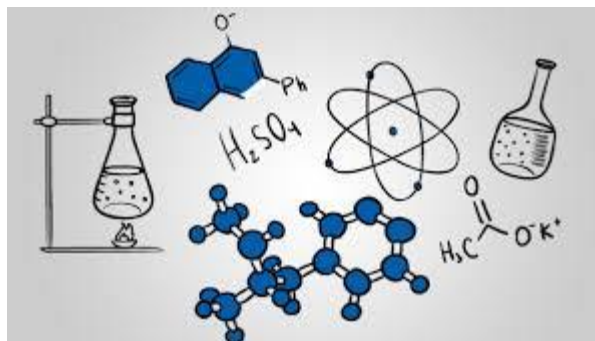
Guest Names: _____

Tickets will be available at the door.

AAUW contact name: _____

Mail this section along with your check of \$30 per attendee to AAUW Geneva Lake Branch, Carla Olson, 610 Settlers Ridge Dr. Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Additional donation amount: _____ Questions contact Diane Thompson (262) 745-8355



STEM Luncheon

August 8, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Big Foot High School

401 Devil's Lane

Walworth, WI

This is our opportunity to meet our 2024 scholarship winners. The luncheon is our branch event for August. Meeting these amazing young women gives you hope for our future and the goals of our organization. Each scholarship recipient is invited to attend and bring a guest.

Check out these wonderful women:

[Recipients](#)

Principal Jeremy Andersen will give us a tour of the high school's science wing. Lunch will be held in the cafeteria.

Lunch is provided at a cost of \$15 for each member, payable at the event. We encourage you to attend. Please make your reservation and select your sandwich choice by using the attached link: <https://forms.gle/wVAvvCdu5cAuFsdPA>



President's Message

Hey there Members!

I wanted to share some exciting **news and important reminders**:

On **August 8, 2024**, we'll be celebrating the Geneva Lake Branch AAUW Scholarship recipients at Big Foot High School.

Don't forget that on **August 13, 2024**, we have the partisan primary. Your district's specific ballot can be located at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>

Mark your calendars for **September 11, 2024**, for the Soup & Signing Fundraising Event at Horticulture Hall.

Open Leadership Positions:

Fundraising Chair Needed: After the Soup and signing event, Diane Thompson will be stepping down from her role as the Branch's Fundraising Chair after 10 years of incredible service.

The president-elect position is still open.

Some **Organizational Reminders**:

Bonnie Diehl, our Communications Chair, is in charge of putting together the monthly newsletter. **Please send any newsletter inserts to Bonnie and me by the 25th of each month to ensure enough time for review and distribution by the 1st of the following month.**

Also, a shoutout to **Carla Olson, who is now handling the Listserv Eblast duties. Carla will be sending out only one Eblast daily.**

Lastly, we'll be discussing **programming for next year on August 14, 2024.**

Take care, Susan Steele

Are you interested in a branch leadership role? If so, please consider the President Elect position. If any questions or interest, please contact me at steeles203@gmail.com or 814-571-7616.



Letter from Your Editor

Welcome back to Issue #8! The political landscape has drastically changed. Now more than ever, it is important to have your voice heard. Vote!

Lots going on with AAUW. Check out all the events.

Bonnie Dill

gentle request for a few people to help with setup and cleanup for the STEM luncheon. Last year we had lovely little vases and such. I'm planning on being primary helper that day - but just in case I need to be at my computer right up until the luncheon. Valerie

The AAUW Legacy Circle is a recognition society for donors who have included AAUW National in their estate plans. Members of the Legacy Circle are committed to advancing equity for women and girls long into the future. By making a planned gift to AAUW National, Legacy Circle members embrace gender equity as part of their personal legacy. There is no minimum gift requirement to join the Legacy Circle, and members receive a special pin and other benefits.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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 WISCONSIN

myvote.wi.gov

AAUW
American Association of University Women



Make an Impact
Join AAUW
Legacy Circle

Lucy Harvey
lois3545@aol.com

Bonnie Diehl
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The **Public Policy Committee** is setting up Zoom training to assist people with registering to vote at the DMV in Elkhorn. The DMV sites have kiosks that allow self-registration. Our job would be to assist them with the process. We will work in teams of two for 2-3-hour shifts. Please let me know if you would be interested in getting the training to join this effort! _

Kathy Walsh
kath3032@gmail.com 847-528-1201



Lunch Bunch

Geneva Lake Branch members and guests gather to talk about all thing's 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, 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

Yearly Fun Brainstorming Session

for next year's program ideas will be held again at Maura's home.

Wednesday, August 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Bring your own drink or light snack to share.

Bring your ideas for topics and speaker contacts, if you have them.

Maura Zinni's home on Lake Como
Address: W3688 South Shore Drive,
Lake Geneva

Attention ALL AAUW members

We will be having our only fundraiser for this year. It is "Soup and Signing" at Horticultural Hall in Lake Geneva on September 11, 2024. We would like all members to help that day as well as buy tickets. Each member is asked to buy 2 tickets, one for yourself and sell a second ticket to a friend or relative. We encourage all AAUW members to sell as many tickets as possible. Sell tickets to your friends, relatives, neighbors, golfing friends, pickleball friends, church groups, card groups etc. The tickets are \$30 which includes 5 samplings of soup, rolls, dessert and a beverage (water or coffee). We have 8 featured restaurants for soup and 8 local authors with their books to sell and sign. In August you will be receiving a phone call from an AAUW committee member asking you to bring rolls or desserts. We also need everyone to work on the day of our event September 11. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Diane Thompson, chair of fundraising (262-745-8355)

Diane Thompson will be stepping down after many years of exceptional and devoted service from the Fundraising Chair position upon the conclusion of the Soup and Signing event. Please consider filling this essential duty.

August Culinary Questers

A Night in Paradise..
Join us at our Mexican Fiesta and
Let's TACO 'ABOUT DELICIOUSNESS!

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
Cilangner@gmail.com or 202-230-8847
Once we have received your RSVP, selections for recipes will be given.

This event will have a maximum of 12 so if interested please make your reservation. It's an evening you won't want to miss!

Outstanding Membership Dues:

We have several members who still need to pay their annual dues. Please remit by check payable to AAUW Geneva Lake.

Mail to Carla Olson, 610 Settlers Ridge Dr., Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Total annual dues are \$100. (\$72 to national, \$13 to state and \$15 to local).

Thanks, Carla



Bluestockings will meet at 12:00 on August 20 at the Williams Bay Edgewater Park along the Geneva Lake shore, hosted and co-hosted by Judy Johnson, Karen DeFalco and Carolyn Langner.

Please bring a sandwich to share and your own beverage. We will be choosing the books we will read from October 2024 to September 2025, so please come prepared to determine which books we will read and the discussion leaders, hosts and co-hosts for each meeting. If possible, bring the printed list of books for reference during our discussion. At this meeting we will determine the dates and books for each meeting as well as discussion leaders, hosts and co-hosts for each month.

By August 1, email your book suggestions to Nan Voss at vossnj@aol.com. She will compile the list and you should receive it by August 6, two weeks before the meeting.

Judy, Karen and Carolyn will provide salad and desserts. Please let Judy Johnson know if you plan to attend at jajohnson39@charter.net.

Hope to see you there!



Geneva Lake Branch AAUW 2024-2025

Officers

President	Susan Steele
President Elect	Vacant
Co-VPs of Programs	Janice Lyon and Joanne Kantner
Co-VPs 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
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

Date	Title	Presenter	Location
October 10 2024 Thursday	Night Sky Star Gazing	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	Wisconsin Cranberries	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?	Matheson Memorial Library, 101 N Wisconsin Street, Elkhorn, WI, 53121

*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*



**AAUW-WI PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION
Wisconsin Constitutional Amendments – August 13th Election
VOTE “NO” on Amendments**

✗ 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?”

- A “No” vote opposes amending the state constitution to prohibit the legislature from delegating its power to appropriate money.

✗ 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?”

- A “No” vote opposes these amendments, thereby allowing the governor to accept and allocate federal funds without seeking an approval vote from the state legislature.

VOTE “NO” ON THE AUGUST 13TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The amendments are confusing and lack clarity regarding the appropriation of federal and state funding. Any “Yes” vote has the potential to obstruct monies going to Wisconsinites. The amendments would create an unnecessary layer to our bureaucracy and would slow down the process of funding for:

- Natural disaster relief
- Pandemic services
- Schools
- Roads and bridges
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Farm subsidies
- Small business loans
- Head Start and food programs
- Infrastructure projects – high speed internet, water and sewer systems

These are just some of the services that would be impacted. Please share this information with friends and family.

VOTE “NO” AAUW MEMBERS – WISCONSIN

AAUW- WI is partnering with the Wisconsin League of Women Voters, Law Forward, GROWW, Wisc. Fair Maps, Wisc. Democracy Campaign and others to encourage citizens to VOTE NO. The BEST way to spread the information about the August 13th election is to speak to friends (you are their most trusted source of information), club members, walking partners, golf leagues or at sporting events. Goal is to get out the vote. Historically, this is a low turnout election so each vote has more importance. We encourage the use of Facebook, Next Door, and Instagram to help Wisconsinites understand the importance of August voting. Wisconsin should not be legislating by constitutional amendments. These ballot questions in August threaten to delay the federal funds we rely on during times of crisis. We cannot afford to have these funds held up in legislative gridlock.

We suggest that you go to <MyVote.WI.gov>, type your name and address, hit Enter to see your ballot for August 13th. You may find the constitutional amendments on the back side of the ballot.

Thanks for your efforts,

The AAUW-WI Public Policy Committee

For additional information, please see the WI League of Women Voters website:

From their website: “The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose candidates for office at any level of government. At the same time, the League is wholeheartedly political. We work to influence policy through advocacy.” AAUW-WI is acting with those same ethics.

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/august-2024-constitutional-amendments>