

#### **AAUW**

Mission Statement
To advance gender equity
for women and girls
through research,

education, and advocacy.



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# **Branch Briefs**

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# REMINDER Fundraising Workshop

Dr. Jennifer Charpentier

Gateway Technical College Foundation

- \*\*Details: \*\* 6 pm April 10th
- \*\*Where\*\*: Advia Credit Union, Elkhorn
- -When\*\*: Doors open at 5:45 pm, and the workshop starts at 6 pm.
- \*\*Note\*\*: There will be no branch business meeting or announcements, so we can dive right into the workshop!



# President's Message

Happy April, everyone! As we embrace the beauty of spring, we're thrilled to kick off our AAUW programming season filled with opportunities for growth and collaboration.

We're starting strong with an engaging fundraising workshop designed

for not-for-profit organizations and AAUW members on April 10. Under the guidance of the Gateway Technical Foundation Executive Director, this participatory session aims to equip us with at least two actionable items to enhance our fundraising efforts. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and connect!

#### Other News:

- -Registration for the AAUW State Convention in La Crosse is still open.
- -The Board will convene at noon on April 8, 2025, at the Williams Bay Library.
- A warm welcome to Pam Rawles, our new Branch Brief Editor. We're excited to have you on board, Pam!
- Membership Co-Chairs Suzanne Edwards and Louise Zitler are hard at work planning an exciting membership event this June, so stay tuned for details.
- STEM Committee Co-Chairs Val and Sheila are busy coordinating the review of the STEM Applications.
- Hillary Dudek is gearing up for a social happy hour fundraising event in May. It promises to be a fun and meaningful gathering.

Let's make the most of this vibrant season and continue to support each other in our mission.

Best Regards,

Susan

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# • AAUW Programs and Events April – December 2025

Date-2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month	Program Topic	Location	
April 10, 2025	Fundraising-Dr. Jennifer Charpentier Gateway Technical College Foundation	Advia Credit Union Elkhorn, WI	
May 8, 2025	Indigenous Ways of Knowing about Wisconsin's Tribal Nations-Badger Talk	Advia Credit Union Elkhorn, WI	
June 12, 2025	Membership Drive Event	TBD	
July 10, 2025	Walworth County Literacy Council-Lily Barrett	Advia Credit Union Elkhorn, WI	
Aug. TBD	STEM Scholarship Luncheon Event	TBD	
Sept. 11, 2025	Fundraiser Event	TBD	
Oct. 9, 2025	L/GBTQ+ Panel-Dr. Barbara Farrar	Advia Credit Union Elkhorn, WI	
Nov. 13, 2025	Imtroduction to the Impact of Al- Badger Talk	Advia Credit Union Elkhorn, WI	
Dec. 11, 2025	Holiday Party Event	TBD	

# **Interest Groups:**

## **Culinary Questers**

Attention all Culinary Questers: our next get together is "Thai Food " at the home of Gwen Clausius at 5:30 Wednesday April 2. Eight have already signed up but call Gwen to see if there's more room. It's going to be delicious with spring rolls, salad, soup and pork, chicken, and shrimp main dishes, and coconut macaroons for dessert.

The next Culinary Questers is Wednesday May 7 at Sue Anderson's home at 5:30. Please text Karen DeFalco at 815-953-5979 if you'd like to join and/or be cohost. No theme yet.

Jan Schuren has volunteered to host in June. She will need a cohost.

We need volunteers for July and August. Please call or text if you are interested in hosting or cohosting or planning a field trip involving a culinary theme. All are welcome. Don't be afraid to try it out new members!

Karen DeFalco

### **Bluestockings**

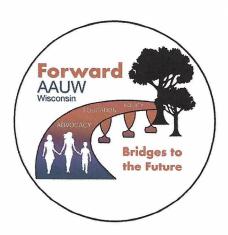
Our April Bluestockings group will be meeting at the Walworth Public Library, 525 Kenosha Street, at **1:00 on Tuesday, April 15th**. Please have your main lunch earlier, but we will have some fruit, water, and desserts available when you arrive. The book is <u>Remarkably Bright Creatures</u> by Shelby Van Piet, and the discussion will be led by Carolyn Langner. Please contact either Carolyn at <u>cjlangner@gmail.com</u> or Diane Dorman at <u>ddianedorman@aol.com</u> if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

May 20	The Secrets We Kept by	Joan Davis	Pattie Stejskal, Host
	Lara Prescott		Kate Berley, Cohost
June 17	The Women by Kristin	Sharna Ahern	Karen Hirn, Host
	Hannah		Janet Huelster, Cohost
July 15	Horse by Geraldine	Barb Turner	Judy Johnson, Host
	Brooks		Diane Thompson, Cohost
August 19	Book Selection	Nan Voss	Karen DeFalco, Host
			Deb Mecklenburg Cohost

Cohost

As we begin to make program plans for our 2025 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.



### AAUW Wisconsin 2025 Convention April 25-26 Stoney Creek Hotel, La Crosse

Reserve a hotel room at the special AAUW-WI negotiated rate (\$104/night). Convention registration and hotel room reservations can be completed online at https://aauwwi.aauw.net/convention/.