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NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Life of an officer on Titanic

Portrayed by Historian David Wiedenkeller

Saturday,
February 4

Italian
Conference Center
631 E Chicago St

11 am
Social

11:30
Luncheon &
Program

COST: \$20

RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

Reservation
Deadline
Monday, Jan. 30

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Advise of special dietary needs.

The sinking of the Titanic is one of the most famous shipwreck disasters of all time. Join Officer Charles Lightoller as he tells his story as the senior officer to survive the sinking on April 14th 1912. Listen to him as he explains some of the mysteries surrounding the Titanic and the effects that it had on maritime travel. Despite the incredible popularity of the story of Titanic, new information surrounding the sinking is still being uncovered as time goes on. See one of the largest collections of books, and items related to the Titanic as well as a few actual artifacts from the wreck.



MR. CHARLES LIGHTOLLER,
Senior Officer of the "Titanic" who had a remarkable escape, and
was highest ranked in the British Committee in New York.

David H. Wiedenkeller, M.A.

holds a Master's Degree in Public History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a certification in museum studies from Milwaukee Public Museum.

Over the past seventeen years David has been able to use his passion for history by making over 400 first-person presentations in full costume of prominent historical figures. His audiences include a wide spectrum of ages, from elementary school to college level classes, senior communities and many other community and church organizations. For each character, David brings a sense of authenticity, drama and sensitivity to his

varying audiences as he accurately makes each historical hero come to life before their eyes.

The following is a sample:

Gallantry at Gettysburg
Meet Colonel Chamberlain – David Wiedenkeller portrays Joshua Chamberlain, college professor from the state of Maine, who volunteered during the Civil War to join the Union Army. Even though he had no early education in military strategy, he is credited with winning the battle of Gettysburg by stopping the Confederate assault on Little Round Top. He commanded the Union troops at the surrender ceremony for Robert E. Lee's army, and later served as the 32nd Governor of Maine and president of Bowdoin College.

Learn more as Wiedenkeller shares the life story of Chamberlain, along with little known facts and relics of the Civil War era.

Wiedenkeller wears period attire and takes on the persona of his characters to present his living history demonstrations. He has a repertoire of nearly 20 characters including President Washington and General George S. Patton.



President's UPDATE

Michelle Prosek



Hello AAUW Milwaukee Branch,

We are in the middle of the DEEP FREEZE of a Wisconsin winter! When it gets to be these dark days of winter, our natural inclination is to hibernate! But alas, we cannot...as always, there is much work to do and I want to talk with you here about some activities that our Milwaukee Branch is working on.

Milwaukee Public Museum Visit

As a reminder, we will have an offsite event for our March 4th meeting. We will have a behind the scenes tour of the Milwaukee Public Museum Anthropology Department! We will have more details available with the next newsletter but here are some relevant facts, just to keep you updated.

*Saturday, March 4th. Our tour begins at 1:00. If you'd like to purchase lunch, there are some folks that are planning on meeting at the Museum Cafeteria at 11:30. The cost of the tour is \$13 per person, or \$10 for seniors 65+ yrs. and the Branch has been asked to pay for this in advance. As a result, we are

asking that if folks commit to coming, that they pay for their ticket even if they are unable to come.

District 2 General Meeting

We are ramping up for the March 27th District 2 wide meeting to be held at the Brookfield Library...please see further in this newsletter for additional details. I have agreed to take the lead on coordinating this event among all the branches of District 2 and I ask you to make time to come. This is an opportunity to meet and talk with other branch members and see how their struggles and successes coincide with ours.

Leaders Need for Branch

Finally, as a reminder, the Board has taken on the Nominating Committee function to identify leadership for open positions for the next leadership cycle. I encourage you to consider taking on a leadership role for our branch as we have exciting things happening in the next couple of years, and as they say, you can't be a part of

those changes if you don't have a seat at the table! We have opportunities for new leaders for the following positions: **President – Elect**, **Programs**, **Girls' Club Fund Board (GCFB)** and **University Relations**. Please let anyone on the Board know if you are interested!

Events & Opportunities Event

Please make note of the information from our Public Policy Chair Jean Kreul (see pg 4: *Women's March*) As disheartened as some of us may feel, the time for action has never been more now! AAUW continues to champion important discussions around women's issues and we can join in those discussions...**if not you, then who?**

Opportunity

I remind everyone about the Math and Science program at Alverno. Our District 2 Coordinator, Mitzi Dearborn will be providing more details about how members can get involved and I will get that information to you.



TREASURER'S CORNER

Shirley Metcalf, Branch Treasurer

TAX TIPS 2016

IR-2016-167, Dec 9,

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today that the nation's tax season will begin Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, and reminded *taxpayers claiming certain tax credits to expect a longer wait for refunds.*

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should keep copies of their prior-year tax returns for at least three years. Taxpayers who are changing tax software products this filing season will need their adjusted gross income from their 2015 tax return in order to file electronically. The Electronic Filing Pin is no longer an option. Taxpayers can visit IRS.Gov/GetReady for more tips on preparing to file their 2016 tax return.

April 18 Filing Deadline



Membership Matters



Benita
Clark

Graciela
Pequeno



Membership Committee Report

“Since 1894 Milwaukee college educated women have organized themselves to volunteer their services to the community. This has resulted in the power, pride, dignity, and status of the AAUW woman of today. Our Branch has gained recognition for what we have to offer rather than what Society imposed on us.” Faye Topetzes– Past Branch President—1989–**WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE** p.140

By now we must have recuperated somewhat from all the exciting holiday celebrations. We are ecstatic to report that our annual Huggables Silent Auction fundraising event was a great success. Thank you again to all who participated.

Our raised funds netted close to \$800.00 which will be donated to this year’s designated charity-the Cathedral Women’s Shelter. Last year we raised \$500.00 which went to Sojourner Truth’s Program for Battered Women.

Please note that there will be a container at every monthly meeting at the Italian Conference Center dedicated to collecting women’s and children’s hygiene

products. Members of the committee will be delivering these items to the Women’s Shelter or to a special program for young women forced to walk the streets.

The Membership Committee wants you to know that if you are a member of our Branch **YOU** are automatically part of the Membership Committee. We are constantly involved in membership recruitment. Don’t hesitate. Volunteer for a committee. You are much needed. Don’t be afraid to lend your voice for the many women’s causes out there.

A gentle welcome to all our members new and old to the sisterhood of our terrific AAUW Branch!

Our Milwaukee Branch is in the AAUW-WI State District 2

District 2 Branches are planning a Meet-and-Greet and some **important** business that affects **EVERYONE**

AAUW-WI District 2 Meeting on Monday March 27, 2017

Location: Sonia Bielmeier
Community Room at Brookfield
Public Library — 1900 N. Calhoun
Road in Brookfield, WI 53005

Timeframe:

- 4:15—4:45pm Social Time
- 4:45—6 pm District 2 Business Meeting
- 6—6:30pm Networking/Social/Discussion Time

Snacks (*chips, nuts, pretzels, snack bars, crackers*) and bottled water will be provided at the meeting.

If anyone can bring food to share, the plan is that attendees from **MILWAUKEE, North Shore, and Watertown** will bring appetizers, and attendees from **West Suburban Milwaukee, Oconomowoc and Lake Country** will bring desserts.

Please contact the office if you are planning to attend as Michelle Prosek, our president, needs to have a count from our branch. Also, if you wish to bring an appetizer to the meeting, Michelle would be grateful.

CONTACT: 414-276-6820 or aauw.milwaukee@gmail.com.
Indicate if you would be willing to carpool/drive/need a ride.



What are your plans for Inauguration Weekend?

The weekend of January 20 will be a busy one! The 58th Presidential Inauguration will take place on Friday, January 20. And on Saturday, January 21, the **Women's March on Washington** and local Sister Marches will be held nationwide. AAUW members will have a presence at both events.

As trusted nonpartisan voices in their communities, AAUW members have been on the frontlines of social change throughout our history. AAUW will have an **official delegation to the Women's March**, slated to begin at 10 am on January 21st right in front of the U.S. Capitol. We hope you will join us in saying **women's rights are human rights!**



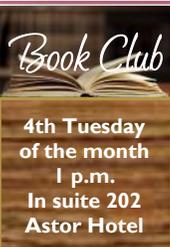
728 State St. This is a local event to march in solidarity with those going to Washington DC.

The Women's March on Madison is the collective voice of all Wisconsin advocates for equality and inclusion. We are committed to fighting for the safety, health, and success of our communities. Let no voice go unheard. Let no one live in fear. Let all of us rise up for equal opportunity.

In solidarity with the Women's March taking place in Washington, DC, this march will take place peacefully in Madison on January 21.



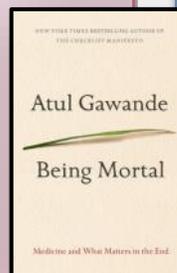
The Women's March on Madison will take place Saturday, January 21st, 12:00-5:30 p.m. at Library Mall,



TUESDAY February 28: 1 pm Astor Suite 202
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
June Albert, Discussion Leader

In *Being Mortal*, bestselling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending.

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming birth, injury, and infectious disease from harrowing to manageable. But in the inevitable condition of aging and death, the goals of medicine seem too frequently to run counter to the interest of the human spirit.



Dates to remember

Tuesday, January 24

Book Club-1 pm
in Astor suite 202.



SATURDAY, February 4

- * 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
 - * 11:00 Social
 - * 11:30 Lunch and Program
- The First Officer of the TITANIC steps off the ship to give us an up close and personal account of the historic and horrific event.*



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SATURDAY, March 4
FIELD TRIP



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

A unique opportunity to see the behind-the-scenes peek at the anthropology division of the Milwaukee Public Museum. Watch for details as to time, cost, etc. in future editions.

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SATURDAY, April 1

- * 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
 - * 11:00 Social
 - * 11:30 Lunch and Program
- Branch President Michelle Prosek will explore the newest AAUW research *Barriers and Bias*.



SATURDAY, May 6

Scholarship Celebration Brunch
Italian Conference Center