



November 2020 NEWSLETTER

AAUW - Milwaukee

On Saturday, Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. be sure to join your fellow AAUW Milwaukee members as we learn from our presenter, Kathleen Connors, about “*Our Energetic Body: Chakras and Your Light Body.*”

So what exactly is a chakra? The word Chakra (cakra in Sanskrit) means “wheel” and refers to energy points in your body. They are thought to be spinning disks of energy that should stay “open” and aligned, as they correspond to bundles of nerves, major organs, and areas of our energetic body that affect our emotional and physical well-being. Some ways in which using chakras might be of benefit are better sleep, contentment, peace, and energy.

As we close 2020, it will be interesting and helpful to learn how we can harness our energy to move us into 2021.

President’s Message



Did you hear it?

Did you hear the glass breaking on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020? In an historic moment in American history, a woman became Vice President-Elect of our country. Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris is the first African American and South Asian American to be elected to this role. (Doesn’t that have a great ring to it?) A graduate of Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, Ms. Harris has been a district attorney, Attorney General of California, and a U.S. Senator, she is well qualified for this position. One of the most heartfelt statements during her speech on Saturday Nov. 7 was, “But while I may be the first women in this office, I will not be the last because every girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities.” (*Washington Post*).



Presidents message cont.

Please consider serving as president-elect of AAUW Milwaukee. This position will serve the remainder of the 2020-2021 term and become president in June 2021. Co-presidents could also be considered. In addition, a volunteer is needed to serve Chair of the Nominations Committee. Our by-laws indicate in 2021, a president-elect along with Membership and Program positions are to be elected. If you have an interest in either the president-elect position or Nominations Chair position, please let me know.

Jean Kreul



AAUW National News & Notes

Double Your Impact

AAUW's Board of Directors, committee leaders, and staff are offering to match - dollar for dollar - every donation (up to \$40,700) through Dec. 31, 2020. If you haven't given yet, but plan to do so before the end of the year, this can double your impact!

Take Action!

As we enter a long holiday season, Americans need help now. Quickly rising COVID-19 cases, the impact it has had on women in the workforce, and the silence from our elected officials needs attention.

Your vote is only one part of your voice in our democracy—now we must hold our officials accountable. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act seven months ago without subsequent action in the Senate. Revisions to the bill this fall maintain key provisions from the original bill, including additional funding to bolster education and childcare, and offer a path forward to keep the country safe while stimulating economic recovery. Support our communities in need and take action for the HEROES Act today. Become a Two-Minute Activist and let your congress person know your position.

The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap Updated

The 2020 version of this AAUW research publication is now available. It focuses on the impact of the pandemic on women's economic security, the projected rate of change for the closing of the gender pay gap based on race, and the work that needs to be done by policymakers and employers to accelerate narrowing the gaps.



AAUW WI Annual Convention Goes Virtual! Mark Your Calendars!



Planning is underway for the AAUW-WI Annual State Convention to be held virtually Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Have you ever wondered what the AAUW Wisconsin State Convention was like, but didn't want to travel, or couldn't afford the expense? This is your year to experience the convention without the travel or expense.

While a Zoom convention won't be quite the same, it will give you a taste of what an in-person convention is like. Save the dates, and plan on joining via Zoom for all or parts of the convention. There are some interesting speakers already booked, and plans continue to be firmed up for our virtual convention.

Friday, April 23, 2021 (7:00-9:00 PM)

Welcome

Presentation of Conversations between suffragists Carrie Chapman Catt and Jessie Jack Hooper

Saturday, April 24, 2021 (9:30 AM - 3:00 PM)

9:30 – 10:45 Business meeting

11:00 – Noon Featured Speaker: Rep Sheila Stubbs

12:10 – 2:00 Breakout sessions

2:00 – 3:00 Jessica Michna presents “Women Who Dared”



Women's Herstory

Rose Elizabeth Bird

Rose Elizabeth Bird served as the first woman on the California Supreme Court, becoming the chief justice of one of the most prominent appellate courts in the United States. Bird became a controversial figure during the 1980s, as her adamant opposition to capital punishment drew fire from political conservatives. In 1986, these views led voters to remove her from office. In her nine years on the court, however, Bird led a liberal majority that strengthened environmental laws, consumer rights, and women's rights. Her career was marked by firsts. She was the first female clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court, the first female deputy public defender in Santa Clara County, the first woman to serve in the California State Cabinet.

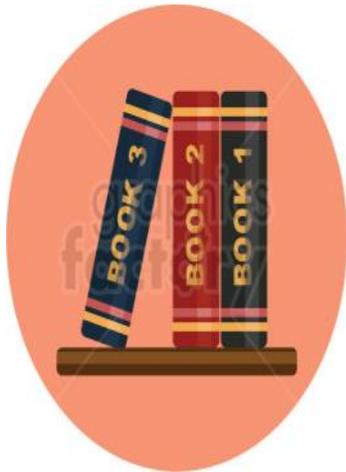
Patricia Era Bath

Patricia Era Bath was an American ophthalmologist, inventor, humanitarian, and academic. She was an early pioneer of laser cataract surgery. She also became first woman member of the Jules Stein Eye Institute, first woman to lead a post-graduate training program in ophthalmology, and first woman elected to the honorary staff of the UCLA Medical Center. Bath was the first African-American person to serve as a resident in ophthalmology at New York University. She was also the first African-American woman to serve on staff as a surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center. Bath was the first African-American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. The holder of five patents, she also founded the non-profit American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in Washington, D.C.

Book Club: 2020-2021 - Anne Lehman & Ellie Moseley

The AAUW of Milwaukee Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 2:00, September to May (excluding December 2020 and June, July, and August of 2021). This year we will have virtual meetings via ZOOM. These are the wonderful books selected for this season: October 2020 through May 2021.

- Dec.: no meeting
- Jan. 26: **White Fragility** by Robin DiAngelo
 - Discussion Leader: Christine Brown
- Feb. 23: **All the Light You Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr
 - Discussion Leader: Ellie Moseley
- Mar. 23: **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles
 - Discussion Leader: TBA
- April 27: **Crazy Brave** by Joy Harjo
 - Discussion Leader: Anne Lehman
- May 25: **Caste: The Origins of Discontent** by Isabelle Wilkerson
 - Discussion Leader: Sharon Munson
- Sept. 28: Select books for 2021-22
- Oct. 26: TBA



“friend request from
_____”

- a. the girl who said you were ugly
- b. the girl who said your voice was off key
- c. the girl who refused to defend you
- d. the girl who laughed behind your back and to your face
- e. the girl who took your lunch money everyday because she said you didn’t need to eat
- f. the girl who said you were “fat” even after you starved yourself half to death
- g. the girl who was supposed to you be your best friend
- h. All of the above**

Keep pressing, ignore, lovely.

Amanda Lovelace from

“THE PRINCESS SAVES HERSELF”

Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday

9:30 am - 12:30pm

Thursday

9:30 am - 1:30pm