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AAUW-Appleton members:

After our May meeting, I learned that there was some dissatisfaction with how "political" our branch has become. I felt the time was right to reiterate the place that politics has in our AAUW branch.

We are a mission-based organization promoting equity for women & girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Advocacy, the process of creating social change through our public policy efforts, is often political. It's voter registration and voter education on issues and where all candidates stand on issues. It's sharing our views on AAUW issues with our legislators at the local, state, and national levels. It's community service that is mission-based. Simply put, advocacy is the "work" of our organization. It's what we do.

This year we have increased our focus on advocacy - newsletter articles, the public policy action worksheet, the new action table with issue-oriented postcards for you to send to your representatives. The intent is to make it easy for you to participate as an individual. Whether you choose to do so, is, of course, up to you.

While being political in our advocacy, I cannot emphasize enough that we are a NON-PARTISAN organization. We seek to work with legislators who support AAUW issues regardless of their party. We do NOT endorse any political party, faction, or person. Our focus is on the issues.

We fully recognize that each branch member has her own beliefs and may not agree with AAUW's position on every issue. Because of that, I again caution members about discussing political figures/parties at branch activities.

In summary, AAUW uses the political process to advance equity via the development of non-partisan solutions.

Judy Goodnight
President, AAUW-Appleton

June 28	BYO lunch
July 13	Evening Literature (11:30 in summer)
July 19	Mystery Lunch
July 20	Summer Art Class
July 21	Travel Group Door County
July 30	Art at the Park Brunch



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BOOKS FOR ALL SEASONS Our 81st Annual Book Sale!



Preparations are underway for our **2017 book Sale** which will be held **Oct. 19-22 and Oct. 26-28** at the Northland Mall. Moving day will be **Oct. 10** and the Book Sale work night will be **Oct. 12**. Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

How you can help now:

1. Hand out Bookmarks and Flyers requesting books in as many places as possible. Extras are available downstairs at the Atlas Mill.
2. Help with book pick-up. Call Donna Cook or Stephanie Malaney to volunteer. When you pick up books, please recycle books which can't be used for the sale.
3. Bring books you have collected to the Atlas Mill. When you come in the main entrance turn right and take the elevator to the basement. In the basement, take a right and go straight ahead to door #2 storage area which will be on your right. Stack full boxes of books inside on the left and put partially full boxes on the cart. The light is on a timer on a pole outside the storage room.
4. Attend summer and fall sortings at the Atlas Mill. They are taking place every Tuesday morning (9-12) and Thursday evening (6-8) starting the week of **August 1**, until we move to the Northland Mall in October. The Atlas Mill Restaurant is conveniently located on site! On **August 1**, the first day of sorting, we plan to have lunch together at Fratellos to celebrate the official start of the Book Sale season!
5. Collect as many books as possible. This year we have again decided not to accept donations of books from public libraries, because many of these books do not sell. Therefore, we need to make an extra effort to get other books.
6. Save empty boxes (especially paper boxes with lids), but please don't bring them until we ask.

Questions: Call any of the Book Sale Chairs

Sorting: Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor 636-8153)
& Shirley Schloemer (843-8888)
Pick-Up: Donna Cook(427-6655)&Stephanie Malaney (734-6750)
Publicity: Trish Brehm (739-8522)
Business Mangers: Mary Ditter (766-1990) & Mary Grace (734-6379)

Summer Painting Classes With Chris Scott

When: July 20

Time: 12:30 to approximately 4

Where: Chris's home – 1406 W Edmund Dr. Appleton

Topic: Abstract

No prior skill is needed. Just come and have fun.

Cost: \$10.00

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Laurie Leonard (734-7455 or rjllal@new.rr.com) by July 16th.

Evening Book Group

The evening book group meets during the day in the summer. The next meeting will be at 11:30 on July 13th. We will have lunch at the Sand Bar on Resort Road in Shawano with discussion to follow at Fran Johnson's house on Weber Point Road in Shawano. The Book is *The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. Discussion leader is Pam Ulness.



Summer Mystery Lunches

All at 11:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays:

July 19

Aug. 16

All members are welcome to join us once or twice this summer.

How it works: Each month there is a mystery book to read and an AAUW member-written mystery to solve (if you wish) which leads you to the mystery location of the lunch that month.

Book for July 19: *Dead Angler* by Victoria Houston

Watch for Mystery Lunch emails throughout the summer.

Contact Betty Pontius bettypontius@yahoo.com or 725-1302

Communications Update

For any communications issues such as not receiving the newsletter, name changes, email address changes, home address changes, phone number changes, contact Communications Chair, Cheryl Reissmann @ CherylRonR@gmail.com or (920) 574-3301

Appleton Branch Online: Facebook: Find our branch on Facebook by looking for AAUW-Appleton. Like our page to get its posts in your newsfeed. Like & share posts to spread the word about our branch happenings.

Our branch website can be found at <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>.

Please add the following new member to your books.

Rose Marie Lewis
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BS-Biology - UW-Green Bay, 1985
UW - Fox Valley, Senior Laboratory Preparation Tech/Stockroom Mgr
Volunteer - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
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Two-Minute Activist

There are so many issues that are important right now! Legislation is being discussed and voted on that continue to change the landscape for women and girls in a negative way— from health care to public education to environmental issues. . .on and on. It is critical that you speak up on the issues that are of concern to you. The AAUW Two-Minute Activist is a great starting point for action: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Start making your voice heard!

Big issues in the state legislature as well. Go to <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/> to find your legislator and contact them regarding public education. Topics you may have opinions on: preserving funding for public education, decreasing public funds going to private institutions through vouchers and preventing concealed carry in our schools!

The Two Minute Activist has now gone mobile. Text AAUW to 21333 to get notices on your smartphone.



We are very excited that so many of our members have rejoined for next year. If you haven't had a chance to rejoin yet, please hurry and do so before June 30. We don't want to lose you. Please send your check for \$77 to Mary Zanto. Her address is 1506 Mason St. Appleton, WI 54914.

Our Shape the Future prospective member picnic will be held in August. If you know of a wonderful woman who would love to add AAUW to her life, please let Margie Young or Connie Wunderlich know so we can invite them to the picnic. Thanks to those who have sent us names. Remember, there will be a drawing at the October meeting for gift certificates to the book sale for members who have turned in prospective member names.

Our contact information is:

Margie Young – VP Membership
1661 Copperstone PL.
Neenah, WI 54956
wisquilter1@gmail.com

Connie Wunderlich – Asst. VP Membership
208 W. Arrowhead Ln
Appleton, WI 54913
markandconnie208@hotmail.com

Please include the following:

Name of Prospective Member:

Phone number:

Email:

Home address:

Your name:

As outgoing Membership VP, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Membership Committee for all of their help and guidance this year. They have done a great job. Our members are: Margie Young, Connie Wunderlich, Chris Scott, Becky O'Connor, Betty Pontius, LouAnn Graf, Laurie Leonard, Marlene Angevine, Mary Grace, Jan Griffith, Judy Phillips and Judy Goodnight.



SAVE THE DATE
DOOR COUNTY
MARITIME MUSEUM
Friday, July 21st

Spend the morning at the Museum taking a self-guided tour and also a guided tour of the vintage 1919 tugboat John Purves. (\$11.00)

Enjoy lunch afterwards at a restaurant to be decided.

Afternoon options include:
a visit to the Cana Island Lighthouse (\$7/\$12 to climb tower) -or-
winery visits
before returning to Appleton late afternoon.

Minimum group: 15
RSVP to Judy Goodnight by July 7th (judy@gwd.org)



Art at the Park Brunch
Sunday, July 30th, 2017 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
at Nancy Samson's, 620 N. Meade St., Appleton

Join fellow AAUW members for a casual midsummer gathering.
Bring a brunch food item to share and enjoy a relaxing time with friends.
Spouses and/or non-member friends welcome.

If you want to attend Art at the Park, you can park by Nancy's, drop off your food, and walk over to City Park first or plan to walk over after the brunch.

RSVP to Nancy 733-9161 by July 26th with # of people & food you're bringing.

Our TechSavvy date for this year is **early March—a month earlier than last year**. We'll have the date confirmed shortly. **HOWEVER**—we NEED to start our planning even earlier and make the entire process less stressful. **BUT**, we need your involvement to make this an even better event than last year. Look through the list of opportunities below and think about what works for you. Please be confident in knowing that you can make a difference and Stephanie and Jacqui will train and work you through what needs to be done.

STEM Curriculum Committee: We'll build off a great list of STEM workshops from the past and add new ones. We are working with Rosemarie Lewis from UW Fox Valley Science department—she has many great new ideas. There is room for committee members here for feedback and outreach to women working a STEM field to connect with the workshops.

College Savvy Committee: Sue Taylor and Linda Buck continue to do a great job with this year—they really put their stamp on it and improved the experience for the girls. They will continue to need committee members for planning and for management the day of the event.

Girl Savvy Committee: This group would plan the afternoon events that include leadership, resilience, budget and career planning, etc. This committee needs a leader (or co-leaders!) and committee members—an ideal committee for those with a Girl Scout background and connections and/or someone from the guidance field.

Parent Program: This would include setting up morning and afternoon sessions for the parents that bring their girls to the program. Some of these sessions need to be concerned with financial aid, but we need to have some alternatives for those parents who have previously attended. The goal is to provide information and networking for parents to help their daughters actualize a career in a STEM related field. This group needs a leader and a committee.

Registration: Becky O'Connor and Marilyn Sim-Tatera have really organized things to run more smoothly. They can use planning committee members as well as a host of volunteers the day of the event.

School Connections: It is important for us to have posters, e-mails and other connections with the schools in Outagamie and Winnebago Counties in order to recruit girls for the event. This group needs a leader (although with the right committee, Jacqui could be persuaded to continue to chair this) and a committee. Joan Moeschberger was instrumental last year in updating the existing list with new administrators and district policies. Anyone previously connected with a school district would have a bit of an advantage, but that experience is not necessary to work on this. There is also the coordination for the distribution of hard-copy posters.

Keynote Speakers: We had great keynote speakers last year. Our goal is for one dynamic role model for the 3:00 time. There are ideas out there, but we need someone to devote their time to the contacting and securing of this person.

There are also opportunities for **fund raising** and/or **working with media**. We know that some of our members have experience and expertise in both of these areas.

So, think about it—in what areas do **YOU** want to contribute your time and talents?? There will be opportunities to sign up for committees at the September meeting—or contact Stephanie (SMalaney5@aol.com) or Jacqui (JJKlim@new.rr.com) with your choice(s). **BUT**, we really don't want to wait for September to get started.

Contact us **NOW** for an August meeting.

May 9, 2017 Appleton AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

President Judy Goodnight called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes from the last board meeting will be forwarded to Judy Goodnight and Joan Schneider by Stephanie Malaney. Those minutes will be tabled until the June 6 meeting. For the next board meeting members should RSVP, pay \$5 upon arrival and bring a chair for the 5:45 eat and meet. The president acknowledged the following members for their contributions to a successful convention: Connie Polley, Mary Grace, Judy Phillips and Donna Cook. Note was also made of the water related resolution that was presented, discussed, rewritten and passed. Among the issues discussed at national convention will be admitting members without a degree beyond high school. Carol Lamp has expressed interest in learning more about leadership regarding a possible scholarship from our branch for NCCWSL. Judy suggested we need a procedure regarding information from other organizations that we share with the branch. In the future Mail Chimp can be used to help with this. In the meantime Carol will not send out such group emails without approval.

Finance Vice President Mary Zanto reported that most of the action in the treasury is due to the membership drive. Mary Grace questioned the \$3,782.45 in Scholarship fund. Mary Zanto will check. Convention reimbursements are completed. \$100 were sent to our research and project grant in recognition of members. Shirley Schloemer will audit the books this summer.

Program Vice President Chris Taylor announced that scholarship recipients are invited to the May meeting. Meeting agenda includes: Membership will accept dues before the drawing. Public Policy will explain the action worksheet and post card project. Schedule of 5:15 gather, 5:30 eat, 6:15 scholarship program, then business meeting.

Membership Vice President Jackie Booher announced that 73 members and one new member have joined. There were 163 members last year. It would appear that members not rejoining are usually new members. Members will be called with renewal reminders.

Book Sale Chair Mary Grace announced the theme of *Books for all Seasons*. Trish Brehm designs the sale materials. Chris Taylor is joining the sorting chairs. Oct. 10 is moving night. Oct. 12 is Book Sale Work Night/Branch Meeting.

Scholarship Chair Mary Grace has spent all of the money from 2016-2017. Scholarships go to 7 university and 3 FVTC students.

Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski announced the next committee meeting for Sept. or Oct. Voluntary Post Card writing regarding AAUW related issues will take place at meetings next year. Jackie Booher moved to accept the proposed service project with the Fox Valley Literacy Council (FVLC) as explained by Jacqui. The second was from Joan Schneider. Passed.

Tech Savvy Chairs Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney reported on the success of the conference. Left over money will be return to us via our fiscal agent. We need to create a C3. Many parts of the program went more smoothly this year (good speakers, mix of old and new sessions, Oshkosh Corp. participation, etc.) AAUW Tech Savvy Group on Face book should reach more young women. Next planning session is this summer. March 3, 2018 was suggested for next conference.

Joan D. Schneider, Recording Secretary

March 6, 2017 AAUW Branch Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:01

Minutes corrections -we transfer the scholarship money into the checking account so don't have to pay a monthly fee for writing more than 3 checks per month.

Accepted with one correction.

Treasurer :

Beacon Account is separate account but not a separate bank account.

Finance report -monthly reports from January and February. Line needs to be removed that money from Beacon Fund went to Tech Savvy.

Budget Meeting-March 14 at 1:30 PM at Mary Zanto. Any board member can attend or send any budgets requests to Mary Z. and copy Judy.

Membership

Current number is 162. We will start collecting dues on March 16. Financial assistance will go into effect according to policy about time that national dues might be raised.

Working on getting new members on committees to train.

Program

Meeting in February got a nice thank you letter from Sexual Assault Center.

March meeting we have cake and ice cream and new banner. Jacqui will explain the process of selection.

April is Feed America meeting with tour of facility.

Communications

Mail Chimp seems to be the way we want to go for communication. Pay equality is password. aauwappleton@gmail.com is the account.

Will need policy around owner and admin., etc. Jacqui moves that we start a mail chimp account to be ready by September. Second Maggie. Passed. Judy, Jacqui and Stephanie will meet and invite others to join.

Scholarship

Mary said everything is on track for book sale. Book Sale committee meeting on March 29. Scholarship applications are coming in. Someone will talk about it at March meeting.

Public Policy

Spending our time on strategic plan. Voter registration taking most of time. Well represented at WLD training. Encouraging members to use activistic format and use mail chimp to alert members. Small group to work on strategic plan. Need someone to step forward for Pay Equality day. It is an election day, April 4, so many members are at the polls.

Tech Savvy

Volunteers are needed. 2-3 people in charge of parent groups. Glimpse into the Future needs a volunteer to facilitate the program.

Nominations

Already been published.

Convention

Program Voice of Hope on Friday night

Friday counterparts.

Speakers-Mary Burke and Elieen Hartmann

Breakout sessions-STEM, Collaboration, Public Policy

Connie moved that we pay for 1st time convention attendees for registration and Saturday meals. On time registration. Second Maggie.

Passed.

Officially update strategic plans for public policy, STEM, and membership for next biannual of 2017-2019. June 6 deadline. Next board meeting with outgoing and incoming. Exec Committee July 11 meeting at probably about 9 and 10:30.

Adjourned

Submitted by Stephanie Malaney

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		05/31/17
NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING		
#1472		
Convention Fund	\$8,131.67	
General Fund	<u>21,163.43</u>	
		\$29,295.10
NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MARKET #1907		3,782.77
NORTH SHORE BANK, BEACON FUND SAVINGS #5800		216.05
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Total Assets		33,293.92
Less Nat'l & WI dues payable		<u>(2,155.90)</u>
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NET ASSETS		<u>\$31,138.02</u>



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