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Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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BRANCH

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Mark your calendars



Jan. 8	Movie Matinee
Jan 17	Afternoon Literature
Jan. 18	Afternoon Literature
Jan. 18	Branch Meeting
Feb. 17	Branch Meeting
April 20-21	State Convention



For many of us, 2017 has been a troubling year. The loss of loved ones, personal health issues, family members' health issues, and more add to the stress of our daily lives. Add in the stresses with which we are dealing as a nation – growing economic inequality, the epidemic of gun violence, the resurgence of white nationalism and the failure to deal with systemic racism, growing religious intolerance, attacks on the public education system, attacks on the rights of women – and it seems enough to lead to despair.

But I, for one, refuse to despair. I believe in holding on to hope, that we can make the world a better place. I believe in what I think are our traditional American values – that we care about the common good, that we help our neighbors, that we respect each other even when we disagree with each other, that we volunteer and provide service to others, that we know we can count on people to lend a hand when we are in need and that we will give back in return when we're back on our feet. It's all about being a part of the community.

We can't be content with just being hopeful however. I have another relevant precept for you:

*Vision without action is just a dream,
action without vision just passes the time,
vision with action can change the world.*

We can make our community a better place in 2018 – our local communities, our state, our nation. It's going to take a little work though. Besides doing all the good things we already do, we will need to go a little further. Go to candidate forums. Regularly communicate with our representatives. Write letters to the editor and share your views on AAUW issues. Let people know what they need to be able to vote. Help them get registered. Offer to give rides to people who can't get to the polls. Make sure you vote!

I offer my most heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year and hope you will join me taking action in 2018.

Judy Goodnight, President, AAUW Appleton
Hope image courtesy of graphic design artist Aaron Graff of Neenah

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



Water Resolution

Passed at 2017 State Convention



Therefore, be it resolved to encourage AAUW-Wisconsin and its member branches to work to make a difference on issues of water cleanliness, supply and access by:

- +Educating ourselves and others on the issues of adequate clean water and affordable access. especially as it impacts a person's ability to learn and the detrimental impact on our communities when water is contaminated or unavailable;
- +Advocating with governments and agencies in favor of measures that protect access to clean, adequate and affordable water and by opposing action that restricts such access;
- +Promoting research based decision making on all issues related to water quality and access;
- +Acting locally in collaboration with other community members and organizations to address water issues of local significance; supporting the efforts of other organizations that use fact based research to educate, advocate and act on issues of water quality, access and affordability.

Water 101 Thursday, January 18

5:45 pm Gathering
NAMI Building 211 E. Franklin Street

A panel discussion moderated by Carol Lamp, AAUW member

Featuring:

Professor Kevin Fermanich of UW-GB

Jessica Schultz of Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

Professor Maureen Muldoon of UW-Oshkosh

Water and air, the two essential fluids upon which all life depends, have become global garbage cans. *Jacques Cousteau*

Anything else you are interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. *Carl Sagan*

The wealth of the nation is its air, water, soils, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, and biodiversity. **It's all** there for us to take care of. *Gaylord Nelson*

What do you think?



The Book Sale Committee is asking for your input as they consider a suggestion for next year's sale.

SHOULD WE OFFER BOOKS FREE TO ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY ON THE MORNING AFTER THE SALE?

We are considering opening the sale for an additional few hours on Sunday of the 2nd weekend so that people can come by to pick up books at no cost.

All other aspects of the sale would remain the same:

First weekend (Thurs-Sun.) - Books would be \$1 each, except for Premium and Select books.

Second weekend(Thurs-Fri.) - Books would be half price
(Sat.) - \$5 Bag Sale

We would then re-open on Sunday, for possibly 3 hours, for a Free Book Give Away, followed by moving what's left, as we have in the past, to non-profits such as Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul.

We are thinking the Free Book Give-Away might reduce the number of books we struggle to get rid of after the sale. It would also be a way to serve the community by getting more books out there to people.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! Would adding this extra day be a good idea in spite of our membership having to add another volunteer day to the event? Email your response to:

Mary Grace: mcggs@aol.com

Mary Ditter: mtditter@aol.com

Holiday Brunch in the Rearview Mirror

Thank you's go out to:

- *All of our members and their guests for joining us and opening your wallets
- *All of the people who donated an item or two for our fundraising
- *The Brunch Committee for all of their time and effort

We raised close to \$3800.00.

(PS. Keep your eyes open during those after Christmas sales for items for next year's Brunch.) Happy New Year!

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, February 17

Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans

Menasha Library

9:15 Gathering

Program followed by Branch Meeting

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

This year AAUW Appleton has allocated funds to send a woman student leader from our partner, Lawrence University, to the 2018 conference sponsored by AAUW. Information about the conference along with our application are now available on our branch website under the NCCWSL tab. If you know a female student at Lawrence who is actively involved in a leadership position, let her know about this opportunity and encourage her to apply. Any questions, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org

Member Outreach

Member Outreach is a way for our AAUW community to stay connected and reach out to members during significant times in their lives.



Laurie Leonard, AAUW member creates beautiful cards for occasions such as:

- ◆ Thinking of you
- ◆ Congratulations
- ◆ Get Well
- ◆ Illness
- ◆ Sympathy
- ◆ Appreciation/Gratitude

If you know a member who we should reach out to in this way, please contact JaneAnne McCabe jamforever02@yahoo.com

Nominations for Executive Board Appleton Branch

Do you enjoy leadership positions? Would you like to develop even more leadership skills? Are you interested in getting to know more members of our branch? Are there areas of our mission you would like to foster?

Here's your chance. Volunteer or ask someone else to volunteer you for a board position.

***Assistant Program Vice President 2018 - 2019, PVP 2019 - 2020**

***Assistant Membership Vice President 2018 -2019, MVP 2019 - 2020**

***Recording Secretary 2018 -2020**

Joan D. Schneider, Nominating Chair

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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 @ Cheryl-RonR@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 change Kathy Bold's apartment number to 328. Everything else stays the same.

Please add these 3 new members to your directory:

Haasl, Mary Petersen (Greg)
2010 Pinewood Ct Menasha 54952
840-8306 (c) gmhaasl@earthlink.net
Bellin Nursing Diploma-1977, BSN – UW-Madison, 1980
Retired Nurse- Affinity Health
PT - Neenah Public Library assistant
Volunteer – Habitat for Humanity, Girls on the Run

Sloane, Chris
2301 E Tuscany Way Appleton 54913
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Cognitive & Learning Disabilities – UW-Oshkosh, 1975
Retired Teacher, AASH
Volunteer – Prairie Home Assisted Living

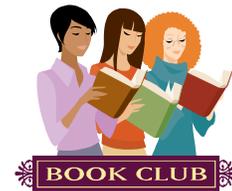
Sharp, Jackie (Curt)
907 E Pondview Ct Appleton 54913
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BS-Education, Minnesota State U – Mankato, 1966
MS-Education, UW-Oshkosh, 1988
Retired Teacher, Counselor – Lakeshore Technical College
Volunteer – Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

Reading lists for AAUW Book Groups

The reading lists for the Evening Literature, Afternoon Literature, Summer Mystery Group and Summer Reading Highlights can be found on our branch website. Go to <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net> , bring your cursor over What We Do and click on Interest Groups or just use this link: <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net/what-we-do/groups/>. The Evening and Afternoon groups have a clickable link to a pdf file that can be printed. The Summer Mystery information is listed in the description of the group.

Evening Book Group

Evening Book group will not be meeting January, February or March. Join us in April when we will be discussing *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore



Afternoon Book Groups

The January book is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, the #1 *New York Times* bestseller from Colson Whitehead is a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.

Wednesday host is Margie Young, 1661 Copperstone Place, Neenah. **RSVP yes or no for attending at least one week prior** to wisquilter1@gmail.com or 729-6456.

Thursday host is Liz Lokensgard, 614 E. Roosevelt St., Appleton. **RSVP yes or no for attending at least one week prior** to jerrold.lokensgard@att.net or 734-8355.

NOTE: For Thursday, this is a change in location from the information in the directory.

If you are not an Afternoon Book Group regular, you are welcome to attend at any time to see if you would like to join. Guests are also welcome if they are considering joining the branch. As always, RSVPs are necessary out of consideration to our hosts.

Zentangle?

Are you interested in some Zen, creativity, artistry and more Zen? Zentangle is a relaxing art form which does not require previous experience or even artistic talent! If you would like to give it a try, join me on January 11. Due to limited space email me soon to save a space at the table.

What? Zentangle
When? January 11, 2018
Time? 1:00 pm
Place? 4723 Periwinkle Court
Why? Relax, have fun
Cost? \$0
Bring? #2 pencil, extra fine black pen/marker



Joan

joandschneider@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE for the AAUW State Convention:

Friday, April 20th – Saturday April 21st
Potawatomi Hotel and Casino, Milwaukee
Theme: Building Bridges Into the Future

Watch the next issue of Badger Briefs for more info!

Wintertime Monday Movie Matinee at the Neenah Public Library

Join other AAUW members and enjoy seeing the movie "Dunkirk" directed by Christopher Nolan.
Monday, January 8th, 2018
1:00 pm in the Shattuck Room, 1st floor at NPL.
Arrive early to get free popcorn & beverage.
Guests and spouses welcome to attend.



RSVP to Judy Goodnight judy@gwd.org

Optional After the Movie Activity:
Movie discussion/Social time over coffee
at Timshel Cafe, 124 W. Wisconsin Ave,
Neenah adjacent to the Marketplace



APPLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP NEWS



A BIG Welcome to our newest members!

Mary Petersen Haas: Mary holds a Bellin Nursing Diploma and a BSN from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Medical School. She is retired registered nurse from Affinity Health and now works part-time for the City of Neenah Public Library. She has a variety of interests including camping, reading, knitting, and biking. She is interested in our Travel Group, STEM, and assisting the Scholarship Committee.

Jackie Sharp: Jackie holds a BS from Minnesota State University – Mankato and a MS from University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. She is a retired teacher and counselor. Her interests include reading, traveling, and golfing. She is interested in our Travel Group, STEM, Book Groups, and assisting on the Membership, Program, and/or Scholarship Committees.

Chris Sloane: Chris holds a BS degree from University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh and is a retired teacher from the Appleton Area School District. She enjoys reading, church bible studies, and family. Chris would like to become involved in our Travel Group, Ethnic & Elegant, and Branch and National Philanthropy.

Pamela Winek: Pam graduated from University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. She is a retired commercial real estate broker. Pam is interested in Book Club, Branch and National Philanthropy, and Public Policy.

Our Branch is now 157 members strong. We are very excited to have so many new members.

There were a number of guests at our Holiday Brunch. If you brought a guest, please follow up to determine her interest in joining. Most received the Branch and Membership information. If anyone needs more information or questions answered, please give either Margie or Connie her name and we will get in touch with her.

Please remember: A **blue dot** on name tags indicates a new member. We hope that when you see these dots, you'll introduce yourself and learn more about our new members. If you belong to a committee or interest group, share that with them and even extend an invitation to bring them to a committee meeting or interest group activity. Let's make sure our new members enjoy their experience with AAUW.

Please remember that Membership growth for our Branch is everyone's job. Think about your friends, colleagues, and acquaintances and invite them to a meeting so that they can learn first hand what a great organization AAUW is!

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting
Dec. 2, 2017 Riverview Gardens

President Judy Goodnight called the meeting to order at 9:52 am. Minutes were approved as published.

Membership Vice President Margie Young reported membership at 157. New members were introduced, four others were mentioned, and guests introduced.

Judy reminded us that the proceeds from the brunch would be used for convention funds, Tech Savvy, and the NCCWSL scholarship.

Program Vice President Helene Iverson thanked the pianist, volunteers, Stone Arch, Riverview Gardens, and the elves. We were reminded of the Jan 18 meeting “Water 101.” The February meeting is about college debt of women graduates.

Finance Vice President Kathleen Gagnow’s report is included in the secretary’s files.

Book Sale and Scholarship Chair Mary Grace acknowledged all who helped with the book sale and also the book sale chairs. We took in \$27,877.62, had \$1,766.08 expenses, and made \$26,111.54. One half will go to our national research and project grant. The other half will go to local scholarships. Our national fund is currently over \$60,000 and will be income producing at \$75,000. Further information about next year’s book sale will be in the January newsletter.

Nominating Chair Joan Schneider announced that she is looking for nominees for the following board positions: recording secretary, assistant program vice president, and assistant membership vice president.

Tech Savvy Chair Stephanie Malaney is looking for more committee members. We are a STEM project rather than a STEAM program because the A stands for Art and women are already well represented in that field.

Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski reminded us that we are gathering books for literacy projects in the area. A timely reminder was shared: this is the season for renewal and nothing is gained without perseverance.

Representing Afternoon Book Group Mary Grace reminded us that we need to make reservations for the Dec. book group lunch.

The next meeting is **Thursday, January 18.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Joan D. Schneider, Recording Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

November 30, 2017

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets

11/30/17

NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472

Convention Fund \$ 6,076

Beacon Fund 206

General Fund 10,769

\$ 17,051

NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907

19,112

Total Assets

36,163

Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable (31)

(31)

NET ASSETS

\$ 36,132

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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