



# The Apple Branch

## American Association of University Women Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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Mark your calendars



June 13	BYO Lunch
June 14	Evening Literature (daytime)
June 20	Summer Mystery Lunch
June 27	Social Issues Study Group
July 12	Evening Literature (daytime)
July 13	BYO Lunch
July 18	Summer Mystery Lunch
July 29	Art at the Park Brunch

President's letter:

Get set for summer happenings! While the many board committees are busily working behind the scenes preparing for the 2018-2019 year, there's lots of AAUW events happening during June, July, and August.

Each month during the summer, you can play mah jongg, have lunch & attend the Evening Book Group discussion, have lunch and talk about Summer Mysteries, and/or bring your own lunch (BYOL) to Joan Schneider's house and just enjoy some social time getting to know other AAUW Appleton members better. The Travel Group will be out & about as well.

In July, join us at Nancy Samson's for the Art at the Park Brunch on July 29<sup>th</sup> (see more info later in this newsletter).

August starts off with the Wisconsin Public Education Network's Summer Summit hosted here in the Appleton area. Sorting begins for the book sale on Tuesday & Friday mornings. It's our Prospective Member Picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup> so be sure to let the Membership Committee know which friends you'd like to be invited to join AAUW.

So, stay active in AAUW over the summer!

And now, a fond farewell to my term as AAUW Appleton President...

It's been an incredible two years. I'm so amazed at what we've been able to accomplish – the excellent AAUW mission-based programs, consistent membership growth, book sales smashing records in earning money for scholarships, finishing our research & project grant in half the time allotted, and the strides we have made in branch advocacy by a public policy committee that is on fire! I'm proud that we were able to get Lawrence University on board as an AAUW University member, get a student member group started, and that we're sending our first participant to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

I give many thanks to the board members who have been a joy to work with, who take AAUW's mission to heart, and so generously give their time to serving our branch. Thank you also to all of you who have been so supportive to me and the board.

This has been both an honor and a privilege to serve AAUW-Appleton as your president the past two years. Thank you so much.

Judy Goodnight, President

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



# Summer Mystery Lunches

**Who:** Everyone is welcome to join our Summer Mystery Lunches.

**What:** A different mystery will be discussed each month.

June book: *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robt. Galbraith (J.R.Rowling)

Discussion Leader: Sylvia Bull

\*Please suggest light-reading mystery series Bk #1 for July & August  
and heavier mysteries for next June (Standalone or Bk #1 of a series)  
(See below)

**When:** Wednesday, June 20th

**Time:** 11:30 A.M. (Please arrive around 11:15 or so if possible)

**Place:** For now, it's a mystery to you. By reading the clues in emails called "AAUW Summer 2018 Mystery Clues," YOU can try to figure out each lunch location. When you think you know, email me at [bettypontius@yahoo.com](mailto:bettypontius@yahoo.com)

Do NOT worry! Whether you've guessed or not, I will email each location to everyone when it's time to R.S.V.P (about one week before each Mystery Lunch).

\*Please send your suggestions to me now so I can prepare a handout.

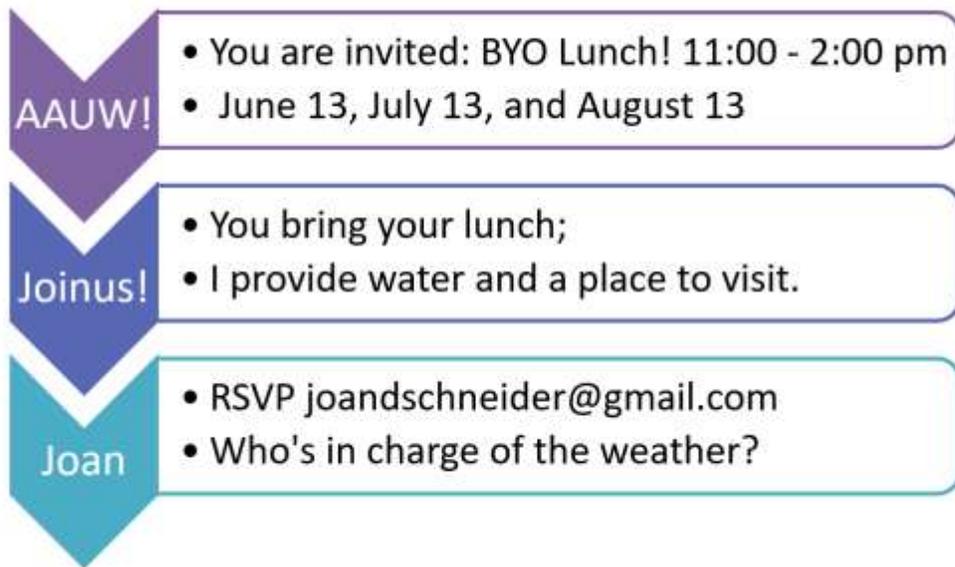
If suggesting a book for light-reading in July or August:

Format for a series:

1<sup>st</sup> Bk in Series   Main Character(s)   Time Period   Setting   Author  
Plus no more than a 3-sentences summary

If suggesting a heavier book for next June:

Title of book   Author  
Plus brief 3 or 4 sentences description



American Mah Jongg is alive and well. If you are interested in playing, and you are currently not receiving the schedule please let Laurie Leonard (734-7455 or [rjllal@new.rr.com](mailto:rjllal@new.rr.com)) know. If you have never played and would like to learn this would be a good time to begin. Hope to hear from you soon.



## Art at the Park Brunch

Sunday, July 29th, 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.



## Appleton Branch Membership News



### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

It's time to renew your AAUW membership for 2018-2019. The cost is \$87.00 which includes your national, state, and local dues. Many of you have paid already. THANK YOU!!! This saves the Membership a lot of time on follow-up emails and phone calls and make sure your name and information is in the Membership Yearbook & Directory for next year. All you need to do is print out the form below, fill it out, and mail it with your check for \$87.00 to Kathleen Gagnow, 1208 Montclair Ct., Appleton, WI 54915 by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If your info is correct in the current Membership Yearbook & Directory, all you need to do is send in a check and note that "Info is current." How easy is that?!!

AAUW — Appleton Branch  
Annual Dues Voucher  
For the Year 2018 / 2019

	Annual Member	Life Member	Honorary Life Member **
Dues Amount: National	\$ 59*		
State	13	\$ 13	
Branch	15	15	\$15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$15</b>

**Please update any changes to your info for this year's yearbook:**

Member Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to AAUW Appleton Branch**

**Send to: Kathleen Gagnow, Branch Treasurer, 1208 Montclair Ct., Appleton, WI 54915**

Our Branch is 159 members strong. We are very excited to have so many members. 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 firsthand what a great organization AAUW is! Please forward any names of prospective members to either Margie Young or Connie Wunderlich so we can invite them to our August Picnic. Our newest member is:

**Linda Williams**: Linda is from Greenville and holds an AA degree from Fox Valley Technical College in Nursing. Linda is a retired Registered Nurse from Theda Care. She volunteers at local schools and her church. Linda is interested in assisting with the AAUW Book Sale, Mahjong, and the Travel Group. Welcome Linda!

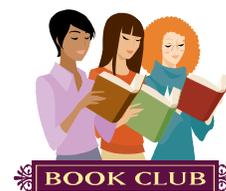


### Reading lists for AAUW Book Groups

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

The Evening Book Group meets during the day in June, July, and August. The next meeting will be on June 14 at the home of Mary Ditter at 11:30. This will be a salad luncheon. The Book is *The General's Women* by Susan Wittig Albert.



## IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR by Helene Iverson

As I finish my term as program VP, I wanted to send out some appreciation:

Jeanne Seitz...Thanks for your counsel and filling in the holes when I was unavailable.

AAUW board members...Thanks for being my muses

Thanks to everyone who said yes to being greeters or providing refreshments.

Thank you to the ladies who were moderators or discussion leaders.

Thanks elves, for stepping up to make our Christmas Brunch a fundraising success.

Thanks to everyone who got their RSVPs in before the deadline !!



## Summer Mystery Lunches

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

June 20

July 18

Aug. 15

All members are welcome to join us once, twice, or thrice 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 June 20: *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (J.R. Rowling)  
Discussion Leader: Sylvia Bull

Watch for Mystery Lunch emails throughout the summer.  
Contact Betty Pontius [bettypontius@yahoo.com](mailto:bettypontius@yahoo.com) or 725-1302

# MAKING MEMORIES WITH BOOKS

## Our 82<sup>ND</sup> Annual Book Sale!

Preparations are underway for our 2018 Book Sale which will be held **Oct. 18-21 and Oct. 25-28** at the Northland Mall. Moving day will be **Oct. 9** and the Book Sale work night will be **Oct. 11**. 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 and Friday morning from 9 to 12 starting on **August 3** until we move to the Northland Mall in October. On **August 7**, the first Tuesday of sorting, we plan to have lunch together at Fratello's 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:	<b>Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor 636-8153) &amp; Shirley Schloemer (843-8888)</b>
Pick-Up:	<b>Donna Cook(427-6655)&amp;Stephanie Malaney (734-6750)</b>
Publicity:	<b>Trish Brehm (739-8522)</b>
Business Mangers:	<b>Mary Ditter (766-1990) &amp; Mary Grace (734-6379)</b>

## Methodist Church

After dinner, introductions of scholarship recipients, member recognition, and book sale announcements,

**President Judy Goodnight** called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm opening with the Mission Statement. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published. President Goodnight shared a state convention report. In the category of over 100 members, Appleton placed third in the addition of new members with 19. Congratulations to the members. We ranked as top branch in giving to AAUW funds. We were third branch in giving per capita. There are three Bylaw Amendments for members to vote for or against. 1. National board members would serve for a term of three years, staggered so there would be experience on the board at all times. 2. Up to five national board members need not be members of AAUW. 3. The degree requirement for AAUW membership would be removed.

**Membership Vice President Margie Young** reported that of the 159 members of our branch 100 have renewed. The remaining 59 will be contacted with a reminder. Checks go to Kathleen Gagnow, FVP. Our focus will be new members this summer. The drawing to stimulate membership renewal resulted in the following names: Pat Nelson, Diane Harper, Melissa Boveroux, and Faye Binsfeld.

**Program Vice President Helene Iverson** asked for programming suggestions to be submitted to Jeanne Seitz or Joan Moeschberger. Helene made a request of the membership for timely reservations for upcoming events.

**Finance Vice President Kathleen Gagnow** shared a report now filed in the Secretary's minutes.

**Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski** shared a slide show of the year in public policy. The goal this year was to involve more people in public policy – success! Members of the committee were thanked. The slide show: Sept. – collected items and money donations for the Fox Valley Literacy Council, Oct. – signing post cards to support the redistricting of Fair Maps, Nov. writing post cards for legislatures to support the Dream Act, Dec. collecting books to support literacy through APL “Reach Out and Read.” Jan. – completing post cards supporting the issues around clean water, Feb. – encouraging our legislatures with post cards to address issues of student debt, March – (Public Policy Day) sharing concerns regarding the eroding away of Title IX, April – passing out Pay Day candy bars for Equal Pay Day and signing post cards to support issues around Brain Hygiene. Reminder: sign up for Two Minute Activist. Judy Goodnight suggested members should become more familiar with AAUW public policy. When contacting a representative regarding an issue be sure to state that you are a member of the American Association of University Women.

**Tech Savvy Chairs Jacqui and Stephanie** reminded members the date of the next event is March 9. Planning will take place over the summer: Girl Savvy, Adult Program, STEM, and Key Note Speaker.

**President Goodnight** reminded members of **summer activities**.

\***Art in the Park** will be hosted again by Nancy Samson. Brunch is 11 – 1. Participants may want to go the park before or after brunch.

\*The **Summer Mystery Book Group** chaired by Betty Pontius is meeting the third Wed. of June, July and August at 11:30 am. The book for June is The Cuckoo's Calling.

\***Evening Book Group** is meeting around noon in the summer on the second Thursday of the month. In June we have a Pot Luck and discuss The General's Women.

\***BYO Lunch** will take place at the home of Joan Schneider on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, July and August from 11:00 – 2:00. It is a time to get to know each other better and just enjoy ourselves.

\***Mahjongg** will continue to meet over the summer.

\***Travel Group** Door County Tea will be next spring due to scheduling difficulties. Judy is looking for other ideas and, even more, help with planning outings.

\*Judy Goodnight also suggested a new study group, The **Social Issues Study Group**. While the group will develop the plans when they meet, Judy suggested choosing an issue to study for the year, read, learn, and discuss the issue. The initial meeting will be at Judy's house on June 27 at 1:00. If interested, attend that day or call to indicate your interest.

The **Retirement of Officers** ( Helene, Margie, Joan, Judy) was conducted by Betty Pontius and Faye Binsfeld.

**Newly Elected Officers** (Becky O'Connor, president; Jeanne Seitz, PVP; Joan Moeschberger, APVP; Connie Wunderlich, MVP; Nancy Havens, AMVP; Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary) were installed.

**Introduction of Continuing Officers** then took place: Kathleen Gagnow, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Stephanie Malaney, Mary Grace, Judy Goodnight, and book sale chairs.

**Judy Goodnight** shared some words with the branch as the retiring president of the branch.

The meeting was adjourned by incoming president **Becky O'Connor** at 7:58.

The next meeting: TBA.

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AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		03/31/18
NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472		
Convention Fund	\$ 8,637	
Beacon Fund	206	
General Fund	10,838	
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	\$ 19,681	
NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907		
	13,115	
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NET ASSETS		\$ 32,796

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