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American Association of University Women
Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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Mark your calendars



Jan. 5	Diversity group
Jan. 14	Branch Meeting
Jan. 14	Movie Matinee
Jan. 16	Afternoon Literature
Jan. 17	Afternoon Literature
Jan. 21	Movie Matinee
Jan. 22	Social Issues study group
Feb 13	Zentangle
April 26-27	State Convention

“The time is always right to do what is right.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

And just like that, there he was. On that day late in April, Finn came into the world and his adopting parents’ lives were changed forever. Our lives were changed forever. This black eyed, brown skinned bundle of sweetness, our newest grandson, was a gift of a young birth mother and a gift of our children who knew that there was a baby in the world that needed them. The time was right.

And just like that, the issues of fairness and kindness...and white privilege hit me squarely in the face. As a student in the sixties and seventies I immersed myself in the news of civil rights protests and issues. Like so many in an all-white community, we had to search for understanding of what was happening, because it was not what we were experiencing first hand. Fast forward to today, the incidences of extremists chanting white supremacy slogans and those in positions of leadership who do not distance themselves from them is terrifying for me. We cannot handle kneeling to protest social injustices but we can turn our backs on those seeking better lives in our inner cities and on our borders? Can we really ignore voter restrictions in poor, black districts? Can our public schools give fair and equal opportunities to children in all neighborhoods? Will children like Finn realize that their lives matter?

And just like that, I realized the time is right...right now.

AAUW supports efforts to improve racial, ethnic, and gender justice.

-Public Policy Priorities 2017-2019

How proud I am to be a part of an organization that does not claim to know all the answers, but claims to dig around and learn all we can. The social issues group that tackles racial injustice and white privilege, branch meetings that inform and open our minds to new topics, policy actions taken by writing our representatives, and books that encourage open dialogue are just some of the ways we are making use of our time. And it feels right.

And just like that, I have an even more determined resolution to do what is right. For all the Finns with bright eyes on the future.



Becky O’Connor, President

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

January Branch Program

“Opiates in the Fox Valley: Understanding the Threat to All of Us.”



Date: Monday, January 14th, 2019

Place: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
3009 North Meade St., Appleton, WI

Time: 6:00 Gather
6:15 Program
7:15 Business Meeting

Please join us as Officers Sean Kuether and Ignacio Enriquez of the Appleton Police Department help us to understand the nature of opioid addiction and the many ways that it affects our community. They will touch on:

- How the face of addiction is changing in the Fox Valley
- How opiate use has moved into all socio-economic demographics
- Addiction to medicinal drugs as well as recreational drugs
- The local L.E.A.A.P. initiative that helps knock down barriers for those who need help overcoming their addiction

Thank You, AAUW members, for helping to make our Annual Holiday Brunch such a huge success! Each one of you played a part in orchestrating a really fun morning. As you can see from the list below, our Brunch committee worked really hard to see to every last detail and I appreciated all of their expertise and help. As noted, each Brunch attendee also contributed in some way and I thank you all!

- Thank you to our Brunch committee who helped with:

- Reservations and Check in
- Organizing donations and creating additional baskets
- Assembling centerpieces
- Setting up the auctions
- Serving as greeters
- Creating and handing out name tags
- Selling bag drawing tickets
- Serving as elves to deliver “winnings”
- Setting up the membership display
- Collecting books for Salvation Army and Harbor House
- Creating Table Favors
- Serving as our Oral Auctioneer
- Announcing silent auction and bag drawing winners
- Serving as elves to show oral auction items
- Collecting auction payments
- Helping with clean-up



- Thank you to all who donated items for our auctions and bag drawings.

- Thank you to all who attended the Brunch and to those who also brought guests.

- Thank you to all who bid on items.

- Thank you to all who got their reservations in on time (There were only 3 late reservations this year. Thank you!)

Sincerely,
Jeanne Seitz – Program VP



Wintertime Monday Movie Matinee Double Feature

Movie #1 January 14

January 14, 2019 "Crazy Rich Asians"
1:00 pm - Shattuck Room - Neenah Public Library
Arrive early! Free popcorn & beverage!
Guests and spouses welcome to attend.

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

RSVP to Judy Goodnight judy@gwd.org



Wintertime Monday Movie Matinee Double Feature

Movie #2 January 21

January 21, 2019 "The Old Man and the Gun"
Robert Redford's final film

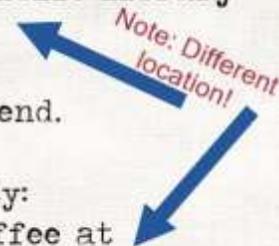
2:00 pm - Company E Room - Elisha D. Smith Public Library
Menasha



Arrive early! Free popcorn!
Guests and spouses welcome to attend.

Optional After the Movie Activity:
Movie discussion/Social time over coffee at
Your Daily Grind, 204 Main Street, Menasha

RSVP to Judy Goodnight judy@gwd.org



Note: Different
location!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS FOR 2019

WE WANT TO THANK MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER JANNEANE MCCABE FOR HOSTING A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11. NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD A CHANCE TO MINGLE AND ENJOY GREAT TREATS AND GOOD COMPANY.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, JANE JAMISON! MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE MET HER AS A GUEST OF OUR HOLIDAY BRUNCH.

ANOTHER WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER, KATHLEEN MCDONALD! WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU JOIN US.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING OF WOMEN YOU MAY KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A NEW MEMBER OF OUR APPLETON BRANCH OF AAUW FOR 2019-2020. WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 164 MEMBERS!!

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.

Afternoon Book Group – January 2019

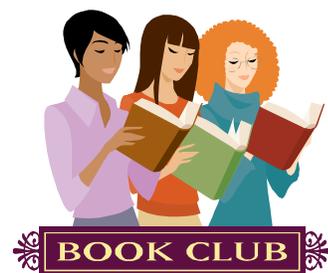
January is our Book and Movie month. The book *Mudbound* is by Hillary Jordan. The movie is available on Netflix. If you don't have access to Netflix, I can host up to 7 people at my house (1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah) at 1:00 pm on Thursday, January 10th to watch the movie. If interested, RSVP no later than January 9th to judy@gwd.org

As always, sending an RSVP to your regularly scheduled Wednesday or Thursday host is essential. That means sending either a YES or a NO for attending.

Wednesday, January 16th: Host is Margie Young, 1661 Copperstone Place, Neenah.
Email to wisquilter1@gmail.com or call 729-6456.

Thursday, January 17th: Host is Judy Goodnight, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah.
Email to judy@gwd.org or call 729-9553.

If you haven't been a member of this interest group and want to give it a try, contact chair Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or call 729-9553.



Evening Book Group

The Evening book group does not meet in January, February, or March.



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) 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.

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, Judy Goodnight judy@gwd.org or 729-9553 .

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 make the following corrections and addition to your yearbook.

Georgia Bretl's email address should be "lterbg@gmail.com".

Ruth Park's cell phone should be 915-2127

New member:

***Jamison, Jane (Mark)**

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BS Health & PhyEd - UW-Oshkosh

Retired Teacher and Coach, Freedom, CFC, Xavier High Schools

Volunteer -New Hope Christian School

Social Issues Study Group

The Social Issues Study Group continues exploring the topic of **Racism in America**. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday morning to discuss our reading and discussion assignments. The main texts we are using and recommended supplementary reading are listed in the link below. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or (920) 729-9553 for more information and to be placed on the email list to receive the assignments.

<https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/reading-resources-for-social-issues-study-group/>

Our January meeting will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 22nd at Chris Taylor's, 2661 Northern Road, Unit F. RSVPs are a must and carpooling is encouraged. RSVP to Chris at taylor.christine50@gmail.com or call 636-8153.



Diversity Committee Meeting
January 5, 2019
10:00 - 11:00 am
4723 Periwinkle Ct.

**Join other branch members
exploring ways to increase
diversity in our branch!**

Joan Schneider
Appleton Branch Diversity Chair
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All Hands on Deck—
2019 AAUW Wisconsin State Convention

Save the date...

April 26—27

**Lake Lawn
Resort
Delavan, WI**

ALL HANDS ON DECK! State Convention 2019 will Sail Away on April 26-27

Be sure to plan on attending the next AAUW Wisconsin State Convention, to be held Friday April 26 and Saturday April 27, 2019 at the lovely Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, in the Lake Delavan and Geneva Lake Area. We have secured room rates of only \$103 (including the resort fee) plus tax so extend your visit into a mini-vacation and enjoy the lovely area. Larger rooms and suites are also available at reduced rates. Make plans with your fellow members and/or your significant other to enjoy spring in southeastern Wisconsin! Lake Lawn Resort has a spa, golf course and marina too. Although April is a little early for outdoor swimming in Wisconsin, Lake Lawn has a lovely indoor pool as well. See <http://LakeLawnResort.com> for more information.

We are keeping the prices at last year's levels - \$75 registration (\$85 late), plus \$30 for the Friday dinner and \$45 for breakfast, lunch and breaks on Saturday. Student registration is \$25. Registration opens at 2 pm on Friday, and sessions begin at 3 pm. (State board members will begin at 9:30 am.) The program will end around 5 pm on Saturday.

Our speakers are still being confirmed; however, we do know that we will have speakers on Progress on Title IX, Nontraditional Career Education for Women, Preventing Human Trafficking, Best Branch Practices, What You Don't Know about AAUW, and a presentation on the Remarkable Women of Lake Geneva. Other topics are under consideration as well. Stay tuned for more details that will be forthcoming as the program is finalized.

The Geneva Lakes, Kenosha and Racine AAUW branches make up District 3 of the Wisconsin AAUW. District 3 is proud to be the host of the 2019 State Convention and hope that you will be joining us. Contact Gretchen McCarthy, Geneva Lakes Branch, or Denise Anastasio, Racine Branch with any questions. We can be reached at denise.anastasio@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Nominations for Branch Leadership Positions 2019-2021

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Here's your chance to meet more branch members, contribute your ideas and energy, and make a positive difference. Volunteer or ask someone else to volunteer you for a board position.

Positions to be filled:

***Assistant Program Vice President** 2019 – 2020, Program VP 2020 – 2021

***Assistant Membership Vice President** 2019 – 2020, Membership VP 2020 – 2021

***Finance Vice President** 2019 – 2021

***President Elect** 2019 – 2020, then serve as **President** 2020-2022.

Judy Goodnight, Nominating Chair

judy@gwd.org 920-729-9553

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

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

AAUW-Appleton Branch Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018, 7:15

After a program on Resilience put on by NAMI, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Becky O'Connor. The **minutes** of the October 12, 2018 included in the October newsletter have been approved as written.

Members of the evening book group have started a Memorial Fund in honor of AAUW member Fran Johnson who passed away recently. The fund will go to the Shawano library, where she was a member of the board.

Executive Board Reports: President Becky asked the membership to submit any interest group ideas to her for board approval. She also reminded members to check out the National AAUW website and the new Public Policy.

Jeanne Seitz, **Program** Chair, reminded us that the Christmas Brunch is coming up on December 1. Income from the brunch helps to defray costs of convention for members. She asked that we bring baskets and raffle items.

Connie Wunderlich, **Membership** Chair reported that there are now 163 members in our branch and 4 more who are very interested in joining. A Sip and Chat was held at Copper rock for getting to know new and almost new members. An open house is being scheduled at JaneAnne McCabe's home. This is for new and prospective members and the membership committee. More information will be included in the December newsletter and at the Christmas Brunch. Connie asked that more members volunteer to be mentors for new people.

Finance: Kathleen Gagnow distributed a financial report.

Public Policy: Jacqui Klimaszewski has postcards and address labels for representatives for members to communicate their opinions. She also told us how to become a two-minute activist by going to the AAUW website.

Tech Savvy: Stephanie Malaney stated that the planning has begun for Tech Savvy. We need more people to serve on committees. Girls Scouts have connected presentations with work on specific badges.

Communications: Judy Goodnight announced that Badger Briefs will be sent to Wisconsin members via e-mail.

Nominating: Judy Goodnight is looking for nominees for Assistant VP of Program, Assistant VP of Membership, Assistant VP of Finance and President Elect. Contact Judy with to volunteer or recommend for nomination.

A heartfelt Thank You was given to book sale chairs for the continued success of the book sale this year.

Book Sale: Mary Grace announced tentative numbers of 27,298.99 Gross income and 25,438.07 Profit. One-half of the profit will go to National (fund to be decided at Board Meeting) and the remainder as scholarships in the area. Applications for scholarships are on the Appleton Branch website.

Travel Group will travel to Green Bay for lunch at Title Town and a tour of the museum on November 16. Watch for information on Movie at the Neenah library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		11/30/18
NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472		
Convention Fund	\$	8,487
Beacon Fund		206
Remaining book sale proceeds		12,871
General Fund		12,573
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	\$	34,136
NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907		
(Including \$12,500 transfer from 2018 booksale)		<hr/>
		18,369
Total Assets		<hr/>
		52,505
Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable		<hr/>
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NET ASSETS		<hr/>
	\$	52,505



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