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American Association of University Women Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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Mark your calendars



Oct. 30	Booksale Celebration
Nov. 1	Evening Literature
Nov. 6	VOTE!
Nov. 8	Branch Meeting
Nov. 12	Sip and Chat
Nov. 14	Registration for Dec. Brunch Due
November 16	Travel Group Titletown
Nov.20	Afternoon Literature
Nov. 21	Afternoon Literature
Nov.22	Afternoon Literature
Dec. 1	Holiday Brunch
Dec. 10	Monday Movie Matinee
April 26-27	State Convention

“The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guaranty of your liberty. That vote of yours has cost millions of dollars and the lives of thousands of women. Women have suffered the agony of soul which you never can comprehend, that you and your daughters might inherit political freedom. That vote has been costly. Prize it! The vote is a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Use it intelligently, conscientiously, prayerfully. Progress is calling you to make no pause. Act!” -Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), American woman’s suffrage leader, founder of the League of Women Voters.

I recently took one of those “How Much Do You Know About the History” online quizzes. It was about women’s suffrage. No big deal...I am informed and I am involved with AAUW. I know this stuff. Well. Full disclosure here. I got half of them wrong. The “I’m a pretty good student” in me was briefly mortified. But then I got to thinking...did I ever hear any of this as a child at Park School? Were any pictures of famous women or people of color hanging in my classrooms alongside Washington and Lincoln? Did I even know that my mom, who voted in every election, was born before her mother was allowed to vote? Nope. I did not. Huge chunks of history were left out of our social studies books and our lessons. I read all the “girl stories” first from the little orange biographies in our school library...but after Clara Barton and Betsy Ross...not much remained. And now, at my age, I am going back for another round of lessons. I am learning that Carrie Chapman Catt and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott and Ida B. Wells and Sojourner Truth deserve to be part of my make up as well.

So where does this all lead to in the month of November? To the polls. Our voices...both individually and collectively...are powerful. And in spite of a gut wrenching worry about our elections being rigged and hacked, in spite of non-partisan concerns about district maps, and ID rules that are both confusing and scary, we go to the polls.

Proudly wear your I VOTED sticker on November 6th! Shirley Chisholm said, *“You don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.”* Let your vote be the start of implementing your ideas.

See you at the ballot box!

Becky O’Connor, President
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AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING



We hope you can join us:

Date: Thursday, Nov. 8th

Place: Menasha Public Library
440 1st Street, Menasha

Time: 5:45 Gather
6:00 Program
7:15 Business Meeting

Topic: **"Resiliency: Reflecting on What We All Need in Order to Thrive"**

We have a dynamic panel of four local people, all of whom are employed in the mental health arena in the Valley. They will help us understand the science behind "resilience" and the steps being taken in the Fox Valley to implement resilience training in our community and our schools. We will also hear from a local woman whose life has taken a huge turn for the better, because of the resilience training that she received.

Book Sale Celebration luncheon!

Please join us to celebrate another successful book sale.

Date: Tuesday, October 30

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Mark's East Side, 1405 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton

Lunch: We will order and pay individually from a limited menu

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet at the book sale or contact Mary Grace at 734-6379 or

Mcggs@aol.com

Hope to see you all there!



AAUW Annual Holiday Brunch



Date: Saturday, Dec. 1st

Time: 8:30 Gather and View Auction/Drawing
Items
9:00 Brunch, Meeting, Drawings,
Auction

Place: Stone Arch at Riverview Gardens
1004 S. Olde Oneida St., Appleton

Menu: Ham & Cheese Strata, Assorted
Pastries, Fresh fruit, Coffee, Tea,
Juice (Bloody Marys and Mimosas will
be available for \$6.00 each at the bar)

Reservations: \$17.00 per person

Due Wednesday, Nov. 14

Please make checks out to:

AAUW-Appleton Branch

Send reservations to:

Paulette Laffin

2709 Kesting Ct.

Appleton, WI 54911

(Include guests' names with their
remittance.)

*If you have dietary restrictions, please add a note with your reservation, expressing your issue, and the chef will prepare a special plate for you.

** If you have your Raffle/Auction Item prepared ahead of time, please contact Jeanne Seitz (920-734-4944 or jeanneseitz@yahoo.com) to arrange to drop it off or have it picked up. That will GREATLY help us with preparations!! Of course, items are also welcome the morning of the Brunch.



Answering Your Questions About the Holiday Brunch

One of the most fun parts of our Holiday Brunch is the fundraiser, which includes a live auction, a silent auction, and a bag drawing. The funds generated are used to help defray costs for those attending conventions and to help pay for Tech Savvy expenses.

Members are asked to contribute items for the auctions and bag drawings **if they are able**. If you are wondering what items are suitable for the auctions and brunch, here are some suggestions (but, of course, your ideas are always welcome!).

Live Auction Ideas: Tickets to an event, stays in a hotel, new or slightly used furniture, special children's toys (i.e. American Girl doll items, Legos, etc.), autographed books, art items, large baskets, restaurant gift certificates etc.

Silent Auction Ideas: Theme baskets of all types, Jewelry, handmade items (scarves, mittens, bakery, baskets etc.), services (sewing for others, baking for others, babysitting, cleaning, organizing), decorative items, cookery, cosmetics etc.

Bag Drawings: Bakery items, notecards, canned items, candy, ornaments, etc.

Think what you might like to receive. Those items might make great gifts. It is most helpful if you can get your items to Jeanne Seitz **before** the brunch. Here are some ways to do that:

1. Bring your item(s) to the November Branch meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8th and give them to Jeanne.
2. Drop off at Jeanne's home, W3899 Highview Dr., Appleton anytime before Nov. 29th (north of Appleton, off Ballard Road)
3. Drop off at OMS office: 3315 North Ballard Road, Suite "D" (next to the FedEx/UPS Box) on one of these dates: (Jeanne will be there)
Wednesdays: Nov. 14 or 21 between 5:00-6:30
Sundays: Nov. 18 or 25 between 9:30-11:00
4. Call Jeanne at 734-4944 for pick up. (Please leave a message if Jeanne doesn't answer.)

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 – November 2018

Our book for November is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

There will be three hosts to choose from this month. As always, sending an RSVP to your regularly scheduled host is essential. That means sending either a YES or a NO for attending. Those who have some flexibility in your schedule who can switch to Tuesday for this month are encouraged to do so to ease the Wednesday and Thursday group numbers.

Tuesday, November 20th: Host is Liz Lokensgard, 614 E. Roosevelt St, Appleton.
Email to jerrold.lokensgard@att.net or call 734-8355.

Wednesday, November 21st: Host is Christine Taylor.
*****Meet at the Appleton Yacht Club, 1200 S. Lutz Dr., Appleton*****
Email to taylor.christine50@gmail.com or call 636-8153.

Thursday, November 22nd: Host is Marlene Angevine, 2110 N. Douglas St., Appleton.
Email to mangev1@hotmail.com or call 733-5969.

We'll be having sign-ups for the December lunch at Heckrodt Nature Reserve in November.

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 will be meeting on November 1st—this is a change from our usual date—at the home of Betty Pontius, 846 Millbrook, Neenah. bettypontius@yahoo.com 725-1302 or 558-0023

The November book is *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys.

AAUW Community Project



Please bring new/gently used books to the Holiday Brunch. This year we will be donating the books to the Salvation Army and Harbor House.



Give generously—give the gift of books!

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/>.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2018



All members are invited to a “sip and chat” get together Monday, November 12, 1-2pm at the downtown Appleton Copper Rock Café. Come and get to know other members in a Relaxed, casual atmosphere.

Our Appleton branch membership is now at 160

We have more new members: Fanny Behrens, Sue Detienne, Mary Smaby, and Carol Dier. Please put their names and Contact information in your directory.

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BS – Elem Ed/Math Minor UW – LaCrosse, 1981
Retired Teacher / PT Accounting Clerk
Volunteer – PAC

***Detienne, Sue (Rick)**

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Lawrence University; BA – U of Illinois-Chicago, 1968
MSE – UW-Oshkosh, 1982
Retired Community Foundation and
Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation

Social Issues Study Group

New this year to our branch is the Social Issues Study Group. After brainstorming a list of topics, we voted and chose **Racism in America** as our topic. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday morning to discuss our monthly 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.

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

Our November meeting will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 27th at Karen Pfefferle's, 400 N. Richmond St., Unit 509, Appleton. RSVP to Karen at frauinator@gmail.com or call 739-8085.

The Travel group presents: Monday Movie Matinee - Holiday Edition ★ at the Neenah Public Library ★

Come join other AAUW members and enjoy seeing the movie
"The Man Who Invented Christmas"
starring Dan Stevens and Christopher Plummer.

Monday, December 10th, 2018

1:00 pm in the Shattuck Room, 1st floor at NPL

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

Email judy@gwd.org to let her know you plan to attend
the movie.

A TRIP TO TITLETOWN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018



MEET AT THE PARK & RIDE AT BALLARD RD. AND EVERGREEN AT 10:45 AM FOR A DEPARTURE NO LATER THAN 11:00

11:30 LUNCH AT TITLETOWN BREWING COMPANY, 200 DOUSMAN ST. GREEN BAY (LUNCH COST ON YOUR OWN)

AFTER LUNCH, GO TO THE NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM, 210 MUSEUM PLACE, GREEN BAY. ADMISSION \$7

APPROXIMATE RETURN TO PARK & RIDE BETWEEN 2:30-3:00 DEPENDING ON TIME SPENT AT THE MUSEUM

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 13TH TO JUDY
GOODNIGHT AT [JUDY@GWD.ORG](mailto:judy@gwd.org) OR CALL
729-9553.

INDICATE IF YOU WISH TO DRIVE &
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS YOU CAN TAKE.
PASSENGERS: PLAN TO GIVE THE DRIVER
\$ TOWARDS FUEL.



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

Diversity Committee

Are you interested in working in a team to promote more diversity in our AAUW branch? If so, contact me by email to get involved. We will have a planning meeting in November.

Joan Schneider

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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
September 20, 2018
First United Methodist Fellowship Hall

President Becky O'Connor began the membership meeting at 6:20 p.m. The AAUW Mission Statement was shared. She also noted that 105 years ago the first AAUW Branch meeting was held at Lawrence.

Minutes: The May 1918 minutes which were published in the September Newsletter were accepted as printed.

Board and Committee Members were introduced: Becky O'Connor, President; Kathleen Gagnow, Finance VP; Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary; Jeanne Seitz, Program VP; Joan Moeschberger, Asst. Program VP; Connie Wunderlich, Membership VP; Stephanie Malaney, Bylaws & Policy Book Sale Pickup, Tech Savvy; Judy Goodnight, Communications Chair, Nominating Chair, Historian, IT manager, Afternoon Literature, Travel Group; Pam Ulness, Evening Literature; Charyl Reissmann, Director; Carol Ebel, Newsletter; Mary Grace, Fund Development and Book Sale Co-Manager; Jacqui Klimaszewski, Public Policy, Stem/Tech Savvy; Joan Schneider, Diversity; Rose Wasielewski, Lawrence Liaison; Nancy Samson, Ethnic & Elegant; Chris Calhoun, Bridge Group – evening; Betty Pontius, Summer Mysteries; Laurie Leonard, Mah Jongg; JaneAnne McCabe, Member Outreach.

Members were asked to fill out the **“Help Your Branch Bloom”** flyers. (volunteer and “fun” activities signup).

Connie Wunderlich, membership VP, informed the members that they had 2 well-attended events: Prospective member picnic, and a September Coffee for new and almost new members. Another Coffee event will take place at on November 12. There are now 156 members in the branch. Names of new members will be included in the October newsletter.

Becky O'Connor reported for Jacqui Klimaszewski on Public Policy. The committee meets regularly and encourages new members to join. She stated that AAUW is “fiercely” non-partisan. We advocate for issues. Members have an option to take action on issues by writing postcards at branch meetings. Tonight’s action will advocate for Title IX.

Mary Grace, Book Sale Co-Chair with Mary Ditter gave an update on the books sale work and how members can all participate. She introduced Trish Brehm who does publicity for the sale. Posters and Bookmarks are available. Members are encouraged to take them along. Stephanie Malaney asked for help moving books (need trucks, trailers and muscle). Shirley Schloemer asked for help sorting books and helping set up tables at the mall. A flyer was provided and included in the newsletter with dates and opportunities for helping with the sale.

A new group has formed to discuss **Social Issues**. Current topic is Racism in America. Judy Goodnight is the chairperson of this group.

Sylvia Bull is the new “T-Shirt lady”. See her to order AAUW T-shirts. Information is also in the October Newsletter.

Stephanie Malaney did a short presentation on **“Highlights of Public Policy State meeting**. She introduced “Quick Facts” which is found on the AAUW website.

Any new special interest groups must go to the Board for approval.

President Becky O'Connor made a closing statement and the meeting was **adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		09/30/18
NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472		
Convention Fund	\$	8,487
Beacon Fund		206
General Fund		11,897
		<u>\$ 20,590</u>
NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907		
(\$1,000 was paid to FVTC, Aug checks sent to colleges)		<u>5,868</u>
Total Assets		26,458
Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		\$ 26,458



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