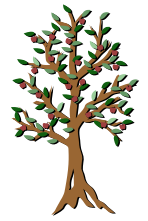




# The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women  
Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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Mark your calendars



March 28	Tech Savvy Celebration
March 29	Bridging the Gap—Vel Phillips
April 2	Equal Pay Day
April 6	12 Angry Men
April 9	Branch Meeting
April 11	Evening Literature
April 16	Afternoon Literature
April 17	Afternoon Literature
April 18	Afternoon Literature
April 18	Voting for a Change
April 26-27	State Convention
May 15	Branch Meeting

*“We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.” – J.K. Rowling, author*

As we walked out of Tech Savvy day, feeling exhausted and accomplished at the same time, I overheard a young middle school girl approach Elizabeth Braatz and ask, “What do you think I should be? An engineer, an actress, or an astrophysicist?” She had just heard Elizabeth talk about “taking flight” and her own journey into a STEM career. Elizabeth inspired the girls to love learning new things, join clubs in high school, find what interests them, challenge themselves to learn things that might seem difficult, and appreciate the support of parents and teachers along the way. (Honestly...we were all inspired.) And here was this young girl, proudly wearing her yellow Tech Savvy shirt and carrying milkweed seeds to plant...and imagining her own future flight. This young girl carried all the power inside herself at that moment.

But as we approach April 2, Equal Pay Day...is just “imagining better” all we need? If that was true, then in 1922 AAUW’s support of the repeal of salary restrictions in the Women’s Bureau of the Civil Service would have been enough. And then in 1955 when AAUW supported a non-partisan bill requiring “equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills”...well, that would have been enough. Boom. Done. Well, not done. In 1963 with the support of AAUW, Congress finally enacted the Equal Pay Act. Finally! Now we’re there! Um...nope. Newsflash: January, 2019, the Paycheck Fairness Act is introduced to update and strengthen the 1963 act, attempting to close loopholes and have consequences for non-compliance. And our individual and collective voice is still needed to ensure progress will be made. *We provide the voice, AAUW provides the megaphone.*

From the AAUW website: “Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women’s earnings catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year. Despite the Equal Pay Act, the gender pay gap persists; women are typically paid just 80 cents for every dollar paid to men.” Though we celebrate April 2 for all women, the actual dates are, well, horrible. For Asian American women, March 5. For white women, April 19. For black women, August 22. For Native American women, September 23. For Latina women, November 20.

Can we imagine better? We sure can. Is imagining enough? No...it really isn’t. We need to act as well. And that young girl walking out of a day of coding and creating, building Lego cars and building confidence? We will do it for her.

Becky O’Connor, President  
[bandboc@gmail.com](mailto:bandboc@gmail.com)



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

## **April Branch Program**

### **“The Native American Women Living in Wisconsin”**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> , 2019

**Place:** Memorial Presbyterian Church  
803 E. College Ave., Appleton, WI

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

We hope you can join us as Dr. Renee Gralewicz, Professor at UW-Fox Valley, enlightens us on the status of Native American women living in Wisconsin. Renee is an enrolled member of the Brothertown Indian Nation and she is also a descendant of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans. Some of the things she will touch on are:

- The Native American women living in Wisconsin and where they reside
  - The variations in economic stability of the various tribes and how that affects the women in the tribes
  - The issue of missing and murdered indigenous women in Wisconsin and the US in general
  - Domestic violence in the Native American population
  - Ways in which we can include and support our Native American neighbors
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# End of Year Celebration & Dinner

Recognizing our Scholarship Winners,  
Officers, and Member Anniversaries



**Date:** Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Place:** First United Methodist Church  
325 E. Franklin St.

**Time:** 5:15 Gather  
5:30 Dinner  
6:25 Program

**Menu:** Stuffed Pork Chop, Twice Baked Potato,  
Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee, and Water

*(\*Vegetarian and gluten free options are not available at this venue; please feel free to join us for the program.)*

**Reservations:** \$ 13.00 per person is due by **Wednesday, May 15th**  
Please make checks out to: **AAUW-Appleton Branch**  
Send reservations to: Sheryl De Hart  
600 North Camellia Lane  
Appleton, WI 54915

## Appleton Branch scholarships

Because of all of your efforts at our book sale we have a significant amount of scholarship money. We are now accepting applications for scholarships for the next academic year. If you know a woman who will be a Junior or Senior in college or is attending graduate school, she may be eligible for one of our scholarships. She must have graduated from a high school in the greater fox cities area or is a current resident of the area for at least 10 years. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and an application, go to the AAUW Appleton Branch web site. Application are due on April 15. If you have questions please contact Mary Grace at [mcggs@aol.com](mailto:mcggs@aol.com) or call her at 920-915-6379

## Social Issues Study Group:

Our April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be at the home of Mary Curry, N7765 Windswept, Sherwood at 10:00 am. Remember to RSVP to Mary at [maryclare924@gmail.com](mailto:maryclare924@gmail.com) or call 989-2937. Topic for the April discussion will be sent by email. Any questions contact Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 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](mailto:jamforever02@yahoo.com)

## Travel Group

Have ideas for places to go, things to do? Ideas and people to help plan & lead travel group outings are always needed! Contact Judy Goodnight – [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 729-9553.

## 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

Our April book is *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie.

Tuesday 4/16 host: Mary Ditter, 1901 Parkwood Dr., Kaukauna

RSVP: [mtditter@aol.com](mailto:mtditter@aol.com) or call 766-1990

Wednesday 4/17 host: Joan Schneider, 4723 Periwinkle Court, Appleton

RSVP: [joandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:joandschneider@gmail.com) or call 734-2009

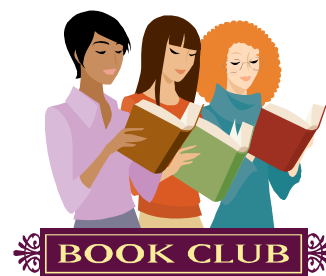
Thursday 4/18 host: Diane Harper, 3908 N. Millwood Dr., Appleton

RSVP: [dianebrharper@yahoo.com](mailto:dianebrharper@yahoo.com) or call 277-2895

STOP READING and GO RSVP! Remember, if you're attending on Tuesday, RSVP yes to Mary D. and RSVP no to your regular day's host.

Last call for book suggestions for 2019-2020! Email them to Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org)

May luncheon sign-ups will begin at April groups. Bring either cash or your checkbook to pay for your meal.



### Evening Book Group

The evening book group will be meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the home of Joan Schneider. The book being discussed is *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. Please let Joan know whether or not you are going to be there.



## Voting for a Change: The Impact of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on Our Community

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Neenah Public Library

Join the Neenah Historical Society at the Neenah Library for an overview of the next exhibit at the Octagon House. Professor Steven Sheehan will present an overview of the exhibit and some of the interesting stories that have been discovered relative to the local women's suffrage movement. This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment in Wisconsin, which was the first state to vote in favor of ratification. Our local women had a very significant impact on its passage!

History programs are sponsored by the **Neenah Historical Society** and co-sponsored by the **Neenah Public Library**. (NPL website)

RSVP to Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or call 729-9553. Carpool if possible and plan to arrive early.

Plan on joining the Travel Group in May to visit the Hiram Smith Octagon House in Neenah to see the exhibit: *Voting for a Change - The Impact of the 19th Amendment on our Community* that highlights the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in the United States and how local women championed this cause. The exhibit also features "modern" gadgets to help women in the early 1900s, the clothing they wore and how it was changing, and the struggles women underwent to help our state and country achieve voting rights for women. Visitors will be able to cast their ballot in the 1920 election in an early voting booth, discover political cartoons of the time, and learn about leaders who influenced participation by women in all spheres of our community. (Neenah Historical Society website) Look for more info in the May newsletter.

### New Interest Group



Margaret Vaughan, new member, will facilitate a Writers' Guild. This group would meet once per week, or once every two weeks for two or three hours at an agreed place with tables, chairs, and privacy. Our purpose is to write whatever interests us, each one, and either circulate copies or read aloud our works in progress, to receive "critique." This critique is constructive response from the others in the room, about the quality of the writing. In this way each author gets responses from readers who represent a likely audience intended by the author. Genres we might explore may include poetry, memoir, fiction, letter, news items. Anything works. No level of expertise is necessary to do this. Each meeting will include some remarks from Margaret, who facilitates by bringing material to refresh our concepts of tone, style, plot, characterization, setting and useful tidbits. Eventually a schedule is made so that every writer regularly gets a fair turn.

If interested in such a group, and if you have questions, please let Margaret know by calling her at 920-486-1924 or [vaughanmargaretb@gmail.com](mailto:vaughanmargaretb@gmail.com).

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.



## Important Membership News

A reminder that membership dues for 2019-2020 will be collected at The March, April, and May branch meetings. Please pay assistant VP Membership, Nancy Havens at one of these meetings. The amount is \$87.00 payable to AAUW-Appleton branch. Remember that \$56.00 of that amount is tax deductible.

Your name will go into a hat for a prize drawing at the May branch meeting, only if you have paid your dues by then. So, bring your Checkbook and let's have a great turnout at our March, April, and May branch meetings!!

Membership committee members—I will be sending out an email soon To set up a meeting date for April to discuss the May banquet member recognition, the summer new member picnic, and final collection of member dues.

Everyone—be thinking of prospective members and give those names to Connie Wunderlich, VP Membership, or Nancy Havens, Asst. VP.



AAUW-Appleton has a financial assistance policy to assist members who may be in need of help with paying annual AAUW membership dues. If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Membership VP, Connie Wunderlich, ([markandconnie208@hotmail.com](mailto:markandconnie208@hotmail.com)) no later than May 15 with your name and a short explanation of the circumstance of need. If any branch member is aware of a member who may need assistance, you can submit a name in the same manner. Assistance will be only for the portion of the membership dues that go to National AAUW. The recipient is responsible for the State and Local portion of the membership dues.

All requests, submittals, and grants awarded are confidential.



## 2019-2020 Program

Do you have an idea for a branch program?

Share your idea with Joan Moeschberger by emailing it to

[joanemoe@gmail.com](mailto:joanemoe@gmail.com)

Please include related details and contact information.

Submit your thoughts by May 15th, 2019.

Thank you!



### Time to Celebrate!!!

It's time to celebrate a very successful Tech Savvy day! Anyone who helped ***in any way*** is welcome to join in, share stories and ideas, and just give yourself a huge pat on the back for helping out! Please join us...whether you helped register girls, stuff bags, lead groups from place to place, assist with workshops, answer questions, serve lunch, supervise the volunteer room, moderate a panel, and greet those attending...*every job counts!*

WHEN: Thursday, March 28 at 11:30

WHERE: Pullman's: 619 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton

[We will be purchasing our own lunches that day.](#)

***Please RSVP by Wed. March 27 to Becky O'Connor at [bandboc@gmail.com](mailto:bandboc@gmail.com) if you are joining us!***



 Wisconsin Public Television

# VEL PHILLIPS

## DREAM BIG DREAMS



## HERstory at The History Museum

### Bridging the Gap - *Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dreams*

a one-hour documentary with a "Living Room Conversation" on the life of Vel Phillips

Friday, March 29, 2019, 7-9 p.m.

History Museum at the Castle - 330 E. College Ave., Appleton

*FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC* For more information, email [diversity@appleton.org](mailto:diversity@appleton.org)

***What can one person do?* Change an entire community. And her country.**

*Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dreams* is the story of one remarkable woman and the struggles she undertook to build a better community during one of the most racially challenging periods in American history. In this documentary from Wisconsin Public Television, discover how Vel Phillips rose to prominence as one of America's great civil rights activists, achieving an impressive list of firsts as part of her legacy, including the first African-American judge in Wisconsin and the first woman, and African-American, in the nation elected to executive office in state government.





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**AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets**

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**NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472**

Convention Fund	\$	10,051	
Beacon Fund		206	
General Fund		13,670	
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**NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907**

**14,101**

**Total Assets**

**38,028**

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