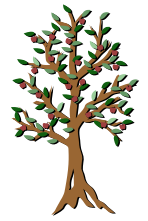




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American Association of University Women
Appleton, Wisconsin Branch



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Mark your calendars



April 26-27	State Convention
May 9	Evening Literature
May 15	Afternoon Literature
May 15	May Branch dinner money due
May 22	Voting For A Change
May 23	Branch Meeting
May 28	Social Issues Study Group
May 31	T-shirt orders due
June 19	Summer Mystery Lunch



“There are times – if you believe in the right of protest and demonstration – that you have to show this.” –Vel Phillips, elected official, lawyer, judge, fair housing activist in Milwaukee

There are not many who can match the number of “firsts” of Vel Phillips.

First African American woman to graduate from UW-Madison law school.

First African American and first female Secretary of State in Wisconsin.

First African American judge in the state of Wisconsin.

First female judge in Milwaukee County.

First African American and first female alderperson elected to the Milwaukee Common Council.

That is truly a life of firsts. As a champion of fair housing in Milwaukee, a city known for its systematic segregation and inequality in housing, Vel Phillips followed the path of lawyer and elected representative to have an impact on these issues. It was how she was determined to make change. She proposed her Fair Housing Law in 1962. The law would make it illegal not to rent to black people. But it was voted down. Again. And again. For 6 long years. And Vel Phillips took a new path of “first”. Talking was not enough so she began to march and participate in non-violent protests against discrimination. ***There was a time to show this.*** They and many peaceful protesters endured bottles and rocks thrown at them because they were working for change. They showed up for 200 nights. Vel was arrested. People began to pay attention. ***There was a time to show this.***

AAUW has a long standing policy of promoting the economic, social and physical well-being of all persons. This includes “reduction of poverty, a living wage, paid family and medical leave, safe and affordable housing, a clean environment, recognizing that gun violence is a public health crisis”, and more. (AAUW Public Policy Priorities, 2017-19) I picture our organization as a giant march, a giant peaceful protest, and a truly a giant voice that for 130 years has worked to bring change and make an impact for good. I like to imagine that Vel Phillips would have been a member of AAUW-Appleton Branch if she had lived in our community. She would have been writing representatives during meetings to give voice to those who need our support. She would have come to branch meetings that inform and educate. She would be lugging books to give someone a scholarship and she would be cheering us for all the courageous “firsts” we do in our own lives.

Let’s show everyone how great we are! Let’s show up and use our collective voice!

Becky O’Connor, president

bandboc@gmail.com

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

End of Year Celebration & Dinner

Recognizing our Scholarship Winners,
Officers, and Member Anniversaries



Date: Thursday, May 23rd

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

Time to order your AAUW T-shirt

The opportunity is here: purchasing your AAUW t-shirt. It's navy blue, 50/50 blend with white screen printing. *AAUW* is center front in a large font and *because equity is still an issue* below it in a smaller font.

It's a good looking t-shirt. It stands out! And it states who we are.

See the order form below (note Spring deadline).

You will have another opportunity to order this fall; but if you know you want one, don't wait, now is the best time.

Thanks, Sylvia Bull

AAUW T-shirt ORDER FORM 2019

(Shirt: Navy blue; 50/50 blend; white screen printing
AAUW center front in large font and *because equity is still an issue*
below it in smaller font)

Short sleeve \$10.00, long sleeve \$15.00
Sizes S – 3XL (add \$4.00 for 2xl and 3xl orders)

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle sleeve style(s) SHORT LONG

State size S M L XL 2XL 3XL _____

Orders with payment are due **May 31**
(include payment with form)

Make checks payable to Sylvia Bull
2459 E Glenhurst Lane
Appleton, WI 54913

If you have questions, contact Sylvia at 920-731-4364
or sjbcreate@gmail.com

Please make the following change in your yearbook

Carol Ebel
176 Hillock Court
Appleton, 54914

Email ebelc505@gmail.com
Phone 920-660-2539

Please make sure to send newsletter articles to this email account.

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/>

We are scheduled to meet on May 28th. Watch your email for specific information for that date. I will be contacting Karen Nelson, Appleton's Diversity Coordinator to see if she will work with us on a special presentation/workshop. – Judy Goodnight

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

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 or call 729-9553.

Travel Group



Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 – 10:00 am – Meet at the Neenah Historical Society, 343 Smith Street, Neenah for a tour of the Hiram Smith Octagon House and the Society's newest exhibit, Voting for a Change.

Voting for a Change - The Impact of the 19th Amendment on our Community 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)

After viewing the exhibit, we'll enjoy lunch in Downtown Neenah at either Greene's Pour House or Broken Tree Pizza. (We'll take a vote that day.)

RSVP to Judy Goodnight – judy@gwd.org or call 729-9553.

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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 – May 15th, 2019

The Afternoon Book Groups will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at Butte des Morts Country Club. Meet at 11:45 to get seated and have lunch along with discussion at your table of the May book ***The Book That Matters Most*** by Ann Hood. After lunch, we will choose the 2019-20 books and decide on monthly hosts. The list of book nominations has been emailed to group members. It's each member's responsibility to investigate the nominated books and be prepared to vote on the selections. If you can't be at the luncheon, you may email your choices to judy@gwd.org and your choices will be voted by proxy.

Lunch selections must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Choose from (A) Smoked Turkey Club Sandwich, (B) Garden Quiche with fruit, or (C) Green Salad with Crunchy Chicken Fingers and Honey Mustard dressing. All lunches cost \$15.00 and include beverages (coffee, tea, or milk), tax, and tip. Mail your choice of entrée (A, B, or C) along with a check payable to Judy Phillips to Judy at 2609 S East St., Appleton 54915 by May 7th. Lunch is non-refundable once the order has been placed. If you need to cancel, try to find a sub to take your place, or arrange to pick up your boxed lunch from Judy.

If you would like to try out the Afternoon Book Groups, this is the perfect time to start! Meet people at the lunch and take part in choosing the books for next program year.

If you have any questions about the lunch and/or ordering, contact Judy Phillips at cubbie1945@gmail.com or 739-1000. Any questions about the Afternoon Book Groups, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or 729-9553.

NOTE: The date in the directory is incorrect. The lunch is on the 15th, not the 16th.



Evening Book Group

Evening Book Club Change of Location

On May 9, Evening Book Club will meet at 6:00PM, at Faye Binsfeld's home instead of the Kaukauna Public Library as stated in the directory. We will be enjoying a meal before choosing books for the coming year at 113 VandeHey Lane, Kaukauna. You can let Faye know if you are attending at either binsfeldfaye@gmail.com or 920-268-8246. There will be a small charge for the dinner, details to follow. Come with your suggestions!

Pay Equity Day

Special thanks to Fanny Behrens, Rachel Edwards, Joan Moeschberger, and Susan McFadden for their help getting out "the word" about pay equity by distributing PayDay candy bars and information about the pay issue on April 2, Pay Equity Day. Over 250 contacts were made to bring awareness to the fore. Well done!

Ellie Olson and Connie Polley



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.

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.



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) 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

joanemoe@gmail.com

Please include related details and
contact information

Submit your thoughts by May 15th, 2019

Thank you!

Summer Mystery Lunch

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mystery Book Summer Lunch

Book: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore*
by Matthew Sullivan

Discussion Leader: Judy Goodnight

Time: 11:30 a.m. Location: TBA

Early June, watch for clues to the "mystery location"

RSVP Betty Pontius (bettypontius@yahoo.com)



AAUW – Appleton Branch Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Memorial Presbyterian Church

President Becky O'Connor opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the March Branch Meeting will be published in the May newsletter

President Becky O'Connor encouraged members to vote for AAUW National board members and Public Policy changes. This can be done on the National Website. Membership numbers are available by contacting Judy Goodnight who has a roster of branch members.

Program: Jeanne Seitz thanked the refreshment committee for set up the reception. May meeting is our End of Year Celebration. Scholarship winners will be honored, Branch members milestone anniversaries will be recognized and a presentation of present and future officers. Dinner will be served and the cost is \$13.00. Joan Moeshberger asked members to think about possible future program ideas.

Membership: Connie Wunderlich reminded members that dues for 2019-2020 are due by May 31. Membership meeting will be held at Connie's on April 30.

Finance: Kathleen Gagnow presented the March 31 Treasurer's Report. Membership checks are coming in now. Essay contest awards were paid out for a total of \$200.00.

Public Policy: Jacqui Klimaszewski has prepared postcards to send to elected officials. One concerns the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2019 and the dismay to see that our representatives did not vote for it. The other postcard was to urge representatives to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Jacqui also urged members to sign up to receive the "2-minute activist."

Equal Pay Day: Ellie Olson announced that she and Connie Polley, along with other volunteers handed out 300 Payday candy bars along with messages about Equal Pay Day. They were well received at FVTC and UW-Fox.

Diversity: Joan Schneider talked about our members possibly be more present at other group activities, ie: Hmong or Spanish groups, etc. and/or do projects with LWV. She also thought our branch could possibly sponsor an AAUW State Policy on Native American Women.

Nominations: Judy Goodnight. **The slate of officers: Finance VP – Kathleen Gagnow; Assistant Program VP – Donna Cook; Assistant Membership VP – Georgianne Bravick. Nominated at this meeting: President Elect. Fanny Behrens. Vote was called and slate of candidates was elected.**

Tech Savvy: Jacqui Klimeszewski announced that the first Tech Savvy planning meeting is planned for April 24 at 9:30 AM at Concordia. She urges members to volunteer to help with next year's planning.

Summer Mystery Book Group: Becky for Betty Pontius. The first summer mystery is "Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore."

Social Issues/Travel/Afternoon Books: Judy Goodnight asked members to please RSVP to group hostesses, including notifying if not attending.

T-Shirts: Sylvia Bull announced that t-shirt orders will be sent in on May 31 and again in the Fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary.

AAUW-Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Appleton Public Library

President Becky O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She thanked Jeanne Seitz for organizing the wonderful reception.

The next Branch Program and Meeting will be on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Speaker will be Dr. Renee Gralewicz, Professor at UW-Fox Valley. The topic is "The Native American Women Living in Wisconsin".
May 23 Appleton Branch will be having the End of Year Celebration Dinner at the Methodist church. The dinner costs \$13.00 and checks can be sent to Sheryl DeHart.

Program VP Joan M asked for program ideas from members.

Membership VP Connie Wunderlich announced that we have 3 more new members. Dues renewal for 2019-2020 are \$87.00. Prizes are given for early renewal.

There will be a Membership Meeting in April regarding the new member picnic.

Finance: Kathleen Gagnow reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Budget for the new year has been completed and is available upon request.

Public Policy: Jacqui Klimaszewski announced that the LWV's Julie Mead presentation had 63 attending.

Diversity Committee: Joan Schneider asked that we explore ideas for diversity including working with the League of Women Voters (who also have a diversity committee).

Equal Pay Day: Ellie Olson reported that she and Connie Polley will go to FVTC and UW Fox to hand out Payday candy bars and a message about Equal Pay for Women.

Fund Development: Mary Grace announced that Scholarship Applications are available on the Branch Website and are due April 15th from Junior or Senior, or graduate student girls. She also told us that the Book Sale Committee will be meeting soon.

Communications/Nominating: Judy Goodnight announced that there are still offices left to fill on the nomination list: Assistant Membership Vice President and President Elect. Kathleen Gagnow has agreed to serve another term as Treasurer. Donna Cook will be on for Program VP.

Travel: Judy Goodnight talked about tentative visit to the Octagon House Exhibit possible on May 22.

Social Issues: Group will meet at Carol Lenz's house on March 26 and Mary Curry's house on April 23.

Tech Savvy: Jacqui Klimaszewski thanked all those who volunteered to help at Tech Savvy. Volunteers will meet on March 28 for a celebration lunch to share stories, etc. She stated that they have had excellent reviews. Planning for the next year will begin on April 24. Please let Jacqui or Stephanie Malaney know if you are interested in being a part of the committee.

Evening Book Group, Grace Fuller announced that the evening book group will be meeting at Joan Schneider's house at 6:30. Let Grace know if you are interested.

Convention: April 25 – 26, Information and registration is in the new Badger Briefs. Members are asked to save a copy of their registration so they can be reimbursed for fee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next Branch Meeting is April 9, 2019
Respectfully submitted, Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets

03/31/19

NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472

Convention Fund	\$	10,051	
Bescon Fund		206	
General Fund		13,095	
		<hr/>	\$ 23,352

NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907

14,102

Total Assets

37,454

Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable

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NET ASSETS

\$ 37,454



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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.

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

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