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*"One day I will be an ancestor and I want my descendants to know that I used my voice so they could have a future."* **Autumn Peltier, 15, Wiikwemkoong First Nation Chief Water Commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation**

## APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Oct 29	Book Sale Celebration Lunch
Nov 2	Public Policy Day—Madison
Nov 5	Second Choice Books
Nov 5	Board Meeting
Nov 12	Branch Meeting at Pillars
Nov 14	Evening Books
Nov 19	Afternoon Books
Nov 20	Afternoon Books
Nov 21	Afternoon Books
Nov 26	Social Issues Group
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 2	Second Choice Books
Dec 7	Holiday Brunch

I have never been one to spend time reminiscing on "the good old days" when we were young. How much better we were than today's kids. How our music was cooler and we are quite superior because we use cursive and remember how to dial a phone. Yep...that is what I hear. And it makes me uncomfortable. Because our young children are facing issues and challenges that we never even considered...that are very likely ones our generation (speaking personally here) created. From being enticed by cigarettes that taste like bubble gum to school drills that include taking shelter from an armed shooter. From water unsafe for drinking to health care that is available to only some. From addictions that range from social media obsession to opioids. It is a daunting world for children - a world they did not create.

And then...out of this world of challenges... comes today's youth. Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg and their advocacy group Never Again, MSD. Greta Thunberg, climate change activist, Soraya Nunez, 18 year old DACA student accepted to Princeton to study civil rights law. And young students whose names we do not know who are in choirs and clubs, on teams and student councils, lead support groups, participate in theater and mentoring programs. They volunteer and enrich our communities while keeping up with school-work. And I am inspired and amazed by their leadership and commitment to change. They are acting more like adults than...well, many adults. Around the world youth leaders are grabbing our attention.

AAUW supports public education, and November's American Education Week recognizes the critical role our schools play in nurturing our young students, our young leaders in this world. And out of our public schools emerge these leaders who urge us to "act as if our house is on fire" to confront climate change and who speak up bravely about sexual assaults. Their choirs sing songs that celebrate our humanity and awaken our hearts. Their theater performances challenge us to tackle social injustices. They march for their lives and they march for the lives of our grandchildren. They recognize that change is hard work and they are willing to do it.

Thank you, Autumn and Emma and David and Greta and Soraya. You are teaching us how to use our voices to make a better future for our descendants. And in AAUW we will find a way to do our part.

Becky O'Connor, President  
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**AAUW Volunteer Opportunities!**  
**League of Women Voters:**  
***Centennial Celebration of Women's Right to Vote***

This multi-pronged, year-long celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment will recapture the voices of women, particularly black women lost to history, and will continue the effort to gain equality for all women. Led by a non-partisan coalition (League of Women Voters, AAUW, Delta Sigma Theta, Midday Women's Alliance, and the Woman's Fund for the Fox Valley Region), the initiative includes prominent speakers such as Michele Duster, the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, a traveling exhibit, and customized educational kits to be distributed in local classrooms.

There are some wonderful opportunities for AAUW members to help with specific volunteer needs. The hope is there will be some volunteers from all the organizations represented.

Traveling Exhibit – a need for 1-3 people to organize the schedule and the logistics of the traveling exhibit.

Speaker's Bureau – 1-4 additional people willing to give a talk about women's suffrage and how to vote. PowerPoint and scripts for long and short programs available. Also someone able to keep track of the traveling banner for these events.

Help with distribution of materials to schools. (This is very much like what we do for our essay contest and Tech Savvy.)

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help with any of these!

Becky O'Connor

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

## URGENT ATTENTION NEEDED

### Book Sale Opportunities

We have openings for the following shifts this weekend:

Thursday (Oct. 24) 11:30 - 2:30 or 5:30 - 8:30

Friday (Oct. 25) 8:30 - 11:30 or 5:30 - 8:30

Saturday (Oct. 26) 8:30-11:30, 11:30 - 2:30 or 2:30 - 5:30

Sunday (Oct. 27) 9:45 - 12:45 If you can volunteer at any of these times please contact Mary Grace at 734-6379 or [mcggs@aol.com](mailto:mcggs@aol.com).

We had a fantastic first weekend. We sold a huge number of books even though it is hard to believe looking at the number of books we still have! We also had great support from branch members staffing the sale. A huge thank you to all who volunteered.

See you at the book sale!

Your Book Sale Chairs

## Program News



### November Branch Meeting!

Set aside Tuesday Evening, November 12th,  
for our November Branch Meeting!

### Homelessness in the Fox Valley

We will meet at Pillars' Resource Center at St. Matthew's Church,  
129 S. Mason Street in Appleton.

We look forward to hearing from:

Jenn Janness, Program Service Coordinator of COTS Women's Program  
and Single Mothers with Young Children Program  
along with Scott Peeples, Senior Director of Community Engagement  
for Pillars.

Mary Parsons, Leaven Executive Director, has recently agreed to join  
the panel as well!

We will gather at 5:45 and begin our program at 6:00.

Our business meeting will begin at 7:00.



Please plan to bring a donation for one or both of these organizations to  
the meeting. The wish lists for both organizations are printed following this notice.

Many thanks!



## 2019 WOMEN'S WISH LIST

YOUR GIFT ALLOWS US TO DEDICATE OUR LIMITED FINANCIAL  
RESOURCES TO PROGRAMS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

### Cleaning & Laundry

Laundry Baskets\*  
Laundry Detergent\*  
Bleach\*  
Vinegar\*  
Pine Sol (or other floor cleaner)\*  
Glass Cleaner\*  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner

### Bathroom

NEW bath towel sets  
Toilet Brushes with Brush Holders  
Body Wash / Body Lotion

### Bedroom

NEW Pillows\*  
NEW Twin Sheet Sets\*  
NEW Twin Comforters\*  
NEW Twin Blankets  
NEW Twin Waterproof Mattress Covers\*

### Gift Cards (\$5, \$10)

Walmart/Shopko/Target/CVS  
Gas Stations, especially Kwik Trip\*

### Kitchen

Dishwasher Detergent Pods  
Scrub Sponges  
Dish Soap  
Ziploc Bags (especially gallon size)\*  
Dish Towels, Dish Cloths  
Large Garbage Bags (especially 33 gallon or larger\*)  
Tupperware-type Containers\*

### Office Supplies

Copy Paper (White/8.5x11)  
Address labels  
Dry Erase Markers / Erasers  
Sharpies/Permanent Markers  
Masking Tape\*  
Packing Tape\*  
Correction Tape  
D1 Size Label Cassettes

### Duplex

2 NEW Toy Boxes

**\*Indicates a high need item**

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION!**



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Gas Gift Cards	Hand Soap
13 gallon garbage bags	Hardware Store Gift Card
30 gallon garbage bags	Individual Size Chips and Snacks for Lunches
55 gallon garbage bags	Jerky-Single Serve
AAA Batteries	Laundromat Gift Cards
Air Fresheners- Non Aerosol	Laundry Baskets
Alcohol-free mouthwash	Laundry Soap
Amazon Gift Cards	Napkins
Baby Monitors	Paper Coffee Cups with Lids
Bath Towels	Paper Plates - All Sizes
Bedding - Twins/Full/Queen	Paper Towels
Bike Helmets- Adult and Child Sizes	Pillows - Twins/Full/Queen
Blankets - Twins/Full/Queen	Plastic Spoons
Chicken Broth	Pots and Pans (new or gently used)
Chips	Salad Dressing
Clear Reusable Water Bottles	Sheets - Twins/Full/Queen
Coffee Creamer (Powdered or Single Serve)	Slippers- Adult and Child Sizes
Coffee Grounds (Decaf or Regular)	Snacks for In-Shelter Movie Night
Cold & Flu OTC Meds	Soup- Hearty Soup and Easy Open Tops
Cough Drops	Sugar and Single Serve Sugar
Crackers	Sunscreen
Digital Alarm Clocks	Tower Fans
Dish Soap	Trail Mix
Ear Buds- Adult and Child Sizes	Travel Coffee Mugs
Ear Plugs	Umbrellas & Ponchos
Ethnic Hair Products - Grease, Gel, Cream	Vacuums (new or gently used)
Flip Flops- Adult and Child Sizes	Valley Transit Bus Passes
Foot Powder / Odor Eaters	Wash clothes
Granola Bars	Wearable Bug Spray
Grocery Gift Cards	Canned Fruit



# Holiday Brunch

## December 7, 2019



Our Holiday Brunch brings us together with wonderful friends, good food and fundraising! Fundraising includes a silent auction, a live auction, and a bag drawing. These funds help defray costs for AAUW Conventions and Tech Savvy expenses. Members are asked to contribute items for the auctions and bag drawings. These contributions are voluntary!



Live Auction Ideas: Tickets to an event, stays in a hotel, new or slightly used furniture, special children's toys, autographed books, art items, large baskets, and restaurant gift certificates.



Silent Auction Ideas: Theme baskets of all types, jewelry, handmade items, services such as cooking or baking for others, and decorative items.



Bag Drawing Ideas: Bakery items, home canned food, candy, ornaments, and notecards.

Don't be limited by the ideas list! Think about what you might wish to receive or give as a gift to a special friend.

**Please plan to get your contributions to Joan Moeschberger by December 1st.** The sooner the better!

Contribution options include the following:

Drop off items at Joan's home (312 E. Timberline Drive in north Appleton).

Give your items to Joan at the November 12th Branch Meeting

Call Joan at 209-7488 or email at [joanemoe@gmail.com](mailto:joanemoe@gmail.com) and she will pick up your item.

# Holiday Brunch Details



Date: Saturday, December 7th, 2019

Time: Gather at 8:30 to view auction/drawing items

Brunch will be served at 9:00

Place: Stone Arch at Riverview Gardens

1101 South Oneida Street, Appleton

Menu: Ham and cheese strata, assorted pastries, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice

Bloody Marys and Mimosas will be available at the bar for \$6.00 each

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Checks made out to AAUW Appleton are due **Wednesday, November 20th\***

**Send checks to:**

**Paulette Laffin**

**2709 Kesting Court**

**Appleton, WI 54911**

Guests are most welcome! Be sure to include their names when you send your check to us. Also, put dietary restrictions in writing with your reservations.

**\*Thank you for understanding that we cannot honor reservation requests made after 11/20**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our two newest AAUW Appleton branch members: Courtney Furlow and Connie Svindland! You'll find their contact information below to add to your directory.

Thanks to Assistant Membership VP Georgianne Bravick for giving the membership report at the October book sale work night meeting. Congratulations to Becky O'Connor for winning the drawing from members who referred a prospective member in the past year.

The Membership Committee will be having another gathering for new members, recent members, and any other members who want to get better acquainted with other branch members. Watch for more information soon!

Nancy Havens, Membership VP

### COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Add to your directory:

New members:

**Furlow, Courtney** (Jordan Meyer – fiancé)

740 8<sup>th</sup> St, Menasha 54952

810-4009(C) [furlow.courtney@yahoo.com](mailto:furlow.courtney@yahoo.com)

BA- Fashion Merchandising Management

MBA – Mount Mary College, Milwaukee

Human Resources – Roundy's

Volunteer- Appleton Public Library, Appleton Police

**Svindland, Constance C.** (Arne)

1219 W Cottonwood Ct, Appleton 54914

358-7510(C) 757-810-2135(Arne's) [csvind0@gmail.com](mailto:csvind0@gmail.com)

BS – Economics – Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania - 1960

Retired CPA

**If you haven't picked up your copy of the 2019-2020 directory yet, they will be available at the book sale location in Northland Mall until noon on Sunday, October 27th. Please make plans to get your directory so that we don't have to incur the cost of mailing it to you.**





# CELEBRATE



You are Invited.....

Please join us for lunch to celebrate another successful book sale!

Date: Tuesday, October 29th

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

Time: Gather at 11:30 a.m

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet at the mall or contact Mary Grace at mcggs@aol.com or 734-6379.

See you at Mark's!



## Milwaukee Day Tour Thursday, December 5th

Lunch at Mader's Restaurant, private tour of Pabst Mansion decorated for the holidays, and a visit to the Milwaukee Brewery.

### Itinerary:

Leave Fox Cities 8:30 AM

Arrive Milwaukee approximately 10:30 AM & park at Mader's

Short visit to the Kris Kringle Christmas store across the street.

Lunch at Mader's Restaurant (on your own)

Take a private tour of the Pabst Mansion decorated for the holidays

After the tour, visit the Milwaukee Brewery on the mansion grounds.

Leave about 2:30 and arrive back home about 4:30 PM.

### Costs:

Lunch at Mader's (on your own)

Mansion Tour \$10

Donation to your driver \$3-\$5

Meet at the parking lot of the ex-Neenah Shopko on Green Bay Road in Neenah. If using a GPS, use the address of McDonald's, 705 S. Green Bay Road, but park near the entrance by the small roundabout.

RSVP to Kathleen McDonald at mcdonaldkathleen@gmail.com or 730-0334.  
Indicate if you can be a driver & how many passengers you can take.

## AFTERNOON LITERATURE

November book: ***The Only Woman in the Room*** by Marie Benedict

Date & Time: 1:00 pm on **Tuesday**, November 19th

Host: Nancy Samson, 620 N. Meade St., Appleton

**RSVP YES: samsonnancy47@gmail.com or 733-9161**

Date & Time: 1:00 pm on **Wednesday**, November 20th

Host: Judy Phillips, 2609 S. East St., Appleton

**RSVP YES or NO: cubbie1945@gmail.com or 739-1000**

Date & Time: 1:00 pm on **Thursday**, November 21st

Host: Sharon Quello, 3500 N. Rankin St., Appleton

**RSVP YES or NO: psquello@hotmail.com or 358-4390**

BETWEEN THE  
*pages*  
OF A  
*book*  
IS A LOVELY PLACE TO BE

**If you're attending on Tuesday, you must let your regular day's host know you will not be there!**



## SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK AND LUNCH

We are reading ***The Alice Network*** by Kate Quinn and meeting at Judy Goodnight's, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah, Tuesday, November 5th at noon.

Bring your own lunch and enjoy casual discussion of the book.

**Space is limited so RSVPs are a must!** Call Judy at 729-9553 or email [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org).

Monday, December 2nd will be our next book talk.

The book will be ***Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel*** by Samantha Silva.

## EVENING LITERATURE

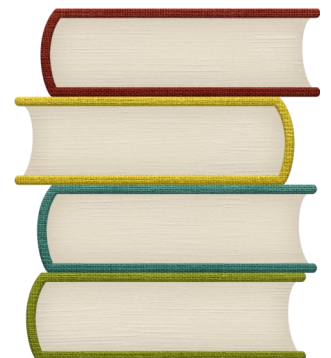
Date & Time: 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 14th

November book: ***The Girl Who Wrote in Silk***

Author: Kelli Estes

Host: Joan Moeschberger, 312 E. Timberline Dr, Appleton

**RSVP: joanemoe@gmail.com or 209-7488 by November 7th.**



## **Social Issues Study Group**

Date and Time: Tuesday morning, November 26th 10:00 am

Host: Linda Buck, N7916 State Park Road, Sherwood

RSVP: Email buck1108@yahoo.com or call 213-6371.

We're continuing our discussions of Racism in America. If you didn't join us last year, we're more than happy to have you join us now. Contact Judy Goodnight at 729-9553 or judy@gwd.org to get on the group mailing list. More info can be found on our website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/what-we-do/groups/> Scroll down the page to Social Issues.

If you're on Facebook, contact Judy to join the AAUW Appleton Social Issues Group at our Facebook page. This is a place to supplement our monthly discussions sharing current timely on-topic news articles, topical book reviews, and info related to our monthly meetings like carpool requests or directions to houses.



Saturday, March 14, 2020

UWO-Fox Cities (1478 Midway Road, Menasha)

A hands-on STEM workshop for girls in grades 6-9 to inspire girls in STEM careers

Articles for the newsletter will continue to be due by the 15th of the month.

Example: Articles for January are due December 15th.

Send articles to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

Website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.comAAUWAppleton/>

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 [rillal@new.rr.com](mailto:rillal@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.

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting  
October 10, 2019  
Northland Mall Book Sale Site

President Becky O'Connor opened the meeting at 5:00. She recognized and thanked all the people who lifted and moved all the cartons of books yesterday.

Minutes of September Branch Meeting: Corrections to the September 10, 2019 Branch Meeting: Sentence about needing greeters at branch meetings should be moved to Membership. Also, Joan Moeschberger thanked Liz Lokensgard, Eileen Hilbelink, and Donna Cook for their work in setting up this meeting. Minutes will be corrected and filed.

### **Executive Board Reports**

President: Becky O'Connor attended a League of Women Voters event.

Program VP: Joan Moeschberger thanked Kathy Kuck for making the lunch arrangements for this meeting. November 12 branch meeting will be at Pillars Resource Center and will include hearing from Jenn Janness, Program Service Coordinator of COTS Women's Program and Single Mothers with Young Children Program along with Scott Peebles, Senior Director of Community Engagement for Pillars. Mary Parsons, Executive Director of LEAVEN has also agreed to join this panel. A wish list for donations was included with a handout about this event. Members were asked to consider bringing a donation.

December Holiday Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 7. A handout was distributed, and more information will be included in the newsletter. RSVP is needed by November 20.

Membership: Nancy Havens/Georgianne Bravick - Georgianne was filling in for Nancy who was unable to make the meeting. Six new members were introduced.

### **Standing Committee/Special Committee Reports**

Public Policy: Jacqui Klimaszewski has prepared letters (envelopes and labels) for members to send to Senator Baldwin asking for her support for the Equal Rights Amendment by signing on to co-sponsor S.J Res. 6 to eliminate the deadline for ratification of the ERA. Our State Public Policy Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 in Madison. Registration forms were distributed.

Tech Savvy meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Volunteers slots are still available.

Communications: Judy Goodnight asked that interest group chairs get information they want in newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **Information for Branch**

Cheryl Reissmann requested members pick up directories here at the sale. They are expensive to mail.

### **Interest Groups**

Ethnic and Elegant: Nancy Samson announced the group get-together is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November at the Mintern's.

Book Group/Social Issues: Judy Goodnight asked that book group members please RSVP yes or no to your hosts for the Afternoon Book Group. Social Issues group will be meeting at Fanny Behrens' home on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. New book is How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi.

**Book Sale:** Mary Grace, Mary Ditter and crew gave directions to volunteers helping with the sale. A poster was designed and prepared by Chris Scott showing what AAUW is about and where the money goes. Please check your book sale list for dates and sign up times.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Mary Zanto, Recording Secretary

## 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 Net Assets

09/30/19

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

Convention Fund	\$	9,826	
Beacon Fund		206	
General Fund		13,247	
			\$ 23,279

#### NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907

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Total Assets 29,384

Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable (74)

NET ASSETS \$ 29,311

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

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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