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BRANCH

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“We need to pull on the same rope together.” – **Kim Churches, Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of University Women**

Getting an email from the CEO of AAUW saying she wants to set up a time to talk is pretty amazing. Honestly I really had to prep for this. I set up my computer with the AAUW webpage ready, told my husband not to bother me with questions about grocery lists and would he please fix that door another time, took some really deep breaths, made sure my phone had a charge, had notes about our branch, breathed again and waited for 12:00, the prearranged time. 12:06: was I supposed to call her? 12:07: left a message. 12:10: Kim Churches calls back and apologizes. She had just seen the confirmation email of our arranged time and was hustling back from a meeting. And then...

Let me just say, friends. We are in good hands. No, we are in great hands as an organization.

Kim made it clear. **She appreciates our branch and what we are doing.** She appreciates the leadership of you all. We are still fighting for those key issues that have bound us together since 1881 and by “pulling on the same rope together” we will keep at it. Kim expressed her outrage at the news of the day: Harvey Weinstein won’t have to admit wrongdoing or pay his own money. She brought up gender issues in the upcoming elections and she discussed women in manufacturing, the AAUW 5-Star program for branches, upcoming focus groups she is leading on where Gen Z fits into the picture, the Voting Rights Act, and the recent AAUW research study “Limiting Our Livelihood” about workplace sexual harassment. We talked about how our national AAUW has cut back (she no longer has an administrative assistant), the upcoming convention in Iowa, the importance of including women without degrees in AAUW... my pen could not keep up with notes and I gave up.

And...we talked about our holiday plans. How she has a “table of misfit toys” on Christmas Eve...those who might be lonely over the holidays all come to her house. We talked about her recently discovered photo of her great grandfather in Minnesota walking on his hands to attract folks to his hardware store. Kim is one of us. She holds the same rope.

I was flying high the rest of the day from this conversation. I realized indeed we are all pulling together. I am so proud of you, the members of our branch who tug and tug even when it seems just too hard to carry on, both personally and with the seemingly insurmountable issues that face us as a group.

As we look ahead to the new year, we know there are challenges. We know that 2020 will be a big year for each of us personally and as a nation. But we are ready. Because we are tugging on the same rope.

Hang on!

Becky O’Connor, President
bandboc@gmail.com

Public Policy – Follow-up on April 2019 Meeting on Missing Indigenous Women — **Time to Take Action!**

The Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women bill was sent to committee October 15, 2019. The next important step is to get a public hearing. Let's all raise our voices to encourage our legislators to make this happen!

Below are both the Assembly and Senate committees and a link to the bill.

Please use the links below to e-mail the chairs (and all the committee members if you have the time) to urge them to have a public hearing on this important topic.

2019 Assembly Committee on State Affairs

Assembly Bill 548 <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/ab548>

Contact Rep Swearingen (Rep.Swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov), Chair of Assembly Committee on State affairs and ask him for a public hearing on Assembly Bill 548 “AN ACT **relating to:** creating a task force on missing and murdered tribal women and girls and making an appropriation.”

Members (The hyperlink takes you to their webpage—press control & click on link)

[Representative Swearingen \(Chair\)](#)

[Representative Tauchen \(Vice-Chair\)](#) Rep for Stockbridge-Munsee

[Representative Jagler](#)

[Representative Schraa](#)

[Representative Knodl](#)

[Representative Kuglitsch](#)

[Representative Summerfield](#)

[Representative Kulp](#)

[Representative Vorpapel](#)

[Representative Sinicki](#)

[Representative McGuire](#)

[Representative Ohnstad](#)

[Representative Crowley](#)

[Representative Stubbs](#)

[Representative Cabrera](#)

2019 Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection

Senate Bill 493 <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/sb493>

Contact Sen Stroebel (Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov), Chair of Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection and ask him for a public hearing on Senate Bill 493 “AN ACT **relating to:** creating a task force on missing and murdered tribal women and girls and making an appropriation.”

Members (The hyperlink takes you to their webpage—press control & click on link)

[Senator Stroebel \(Chair\)](#)

[Senator Kapenga \(Vice-Chair\)](#)

[Senator Craig](#)

[Senator Wirch](#)

[Senator Smith](#) Senator for Ho-Chunk

Further Information:

Read more about the bill and the legislators behind it in [this Journal-Sentinel article](#).

Read More

[Download Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Flier \(JPEG\)](#)

Program News



Bundle up and join us on
Thursday evening, January 16!

We will meet at the Menasha Public Library (Elisha D. Smith Library),
440 First Street in Menasha.

We'll gather at 5:45, and begin the program at 6:00.

Tracey Robertson, from FIT Oshkosh, will give us *An Introduction to Race Equity*.

Read about Tracey and her program in *My Women Magazine*,
February 26, 2019 edition.

https://mywomenmagazine.com/assets/womenfeb262019_web.pdf

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy New Year to all of our new members! We hope your holiday was filled with love and memorable moments.

There will be a winter tea. We will advise you of the date and time soon and hope you will be able to attend.

We are so glad to have you as part of the Appleton branch!

Nancy Havens and Georgianne Bravick
Membership VP and Assistant Membership VP



2020 CENSUS NEWS

The U.S. Census provides the data that is the foundation for our country for the next 10 years. Census results will determine the distribution of \$675 billion of federal funds, will be used to determine how many people are elected to Congress, will be used to draw the lines for federal, state and local elected officials' districts, and will impact decisions about business and roads. The results impact YOU every day!

During January 2020, the Census Bureau begins counting the population in remote Alaska. Advertising begins nationwide.

To learn more: <https://wicount.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx>



The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin advises people to check their voter registration status

MADISON, WI – While the League of Women Voters explore legal strategies concerning Friday's court order to immediately purge 234,000 voters from the rolls, it is important for voters to know they can check their voter registration in advance of when they go to vote on Election Day to ensure this action does not impact their registration and plan to vote.

Voters can be proactive by checking their voter information on Wisconsin's online voter registration website, myvote.wi.gov, or by contacting their municipal clerk. Any voter who received the Wisconsin Elections Commission letter that they may have moved will have a notice on their record on the My Voter Info page asking voters to confirm their address. If voters have moved since registering to vote, they will need to re-register at their current address. The League is here to help anyone who may need assistance navigating the registration process. Contact the League online lwvwi.org, by email or phone, lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org or 608-256-0827.

Our Public Policy Chair, Jacqui Klimaszewski, is also the Director of Voter Services for LWV of Appleton and can answer voter registration questions. Contact Jacqui at 830-2919 or jjklim@new.rr.com.

19TH
AMENDMENT
CENTENNIAL
Celebration

**HER VOICE
HER VOTE
OUR VICTORY**

WHO WE ARE

We are the Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition, a collaborative effort of women from women-run associations, organizations and clubs, all aligned in our desire to celebrate, educate and advocate women's rights.

Our group represents the League of Women Voters of Appleton, Northeast Wisconsin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, American Association of University Women—Appleton, Mid-Day Women's Alliance and more.



Scenes from the 12/14 Centennial Kickoff Brunch. Excellent turnout of AAUW members!

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition:

February 18 & 19: The Equal Rights Amendment

Speaker—Jessica Neuwirth, Co-President of the ERA Coalition

*March 7: Black Women's History: African-American Suffragists
and the Struggle for Representation*

Speaker: Michelle Duster, author, educator, and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells

Visit <https://hervoicervoteourvictory.com/upcoming-events/> for event details.

TECH SAVVY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Motto: You don't need to BE Tech Savvy to help at Tech Savvy.

Volunteer Positions to be filled:

Greeters at entrances to Perry Hall (4)

Girl & Parent Check-In (6)

Volunteer Table Check-In (1 to assist Volunteer Coordinator)

Volunteer Room Monitors (2)

Breakfast (2) and Lunch (5) Assistants to work with Nancy Havens

Hand out/collect evaluations before opening & closing (4)

Presenter Check-In (# to be determined)

Session Guides & Assistants (# to be determined)

Photographer—1 position is filled, 1 additional needed

Clean-up (Take signs down, check rooms for items left behind) (2-4)



Volunteer Training is Scheduled for April 9th. There will be both afternoon and early evening sessions.

Each volunteer needs to fill out a Volunteer Form. If you don't have one of the white AAUW Volunteer T-shirts, you can also order a T-shirt on the form.

Volunteer forms will be available at the January branch meeting and will be available on the Tech Savvy page of our AAUW Appleton website.

Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight, Volunteer Coordinator, at 729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org.

Social Issues Study Group

Date and Time: Tuesday morning, January 28th 10:00 am

Host: Mary Bechle, 425 W. Kennedy Ave., #205, Kimberly

RSVP: Email msnn3bs@yahoo.com or call 563-235-3968.

Assignment:

How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi—Read Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2.

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.

2020 AAUW Appleton Branch Scholarship Information

Due to a very successful book sale we will be able to award several scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. We are seeking women entering Junior or Senior year in college or enrolled in a graduate program at a not for profit college or university. Applicants must be graduates of a greater Fox Valley high school or have lived in the Fox Valley region for at least 10 years. A complete list of eligibility requirements and application information can be found on our branch website along with the application. **The deadline for applying is April 15.** Applications will also be available at all branch meetings in the next months.

If you have questions, would like more information, or would like an application sent to you please e-mail Mary at mcggs@aol.com or call her at 915-6379.

Please spread the word about our scholarship program!

Articles for the February newsletter are due January 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton

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) 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.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

January is Book & Movie Month!

The book is *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The movies are *RBG* and/or *On the Basis of Sex*. Watch one or both. Both movies are available on DVD at libraries.

Wednesday, January 15th host: Fanny Behrens, 516 Paul Drive, Kaukauna. **RSVP by January 10th** to 309-3544 or email havelameister@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 16th host: Judy Goodnight, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah. **RSVP by January 10th** to 729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org.

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

SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK AND LUNCH

We are reading *Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss* by Rajeev Balasubramanyam and meeting at Judy Goodnight's, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah, Monday, January 6th 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.

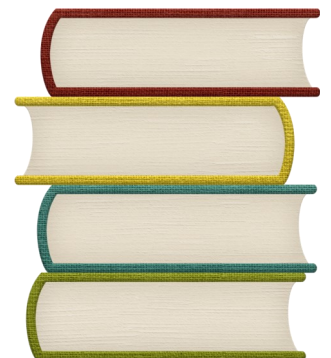
Wednesday, February 5th will be our next book talk.

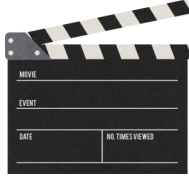
The book will be *Americanah* – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.



EVENING LITERATURE

The Evening Literature group is on hiatus for January, February, and March. The next scheduled book discussion is for April 9th, 2020. In the meantime, start thinking about books you'd like to place on our 2020-2021 reading calendar.





January Monday Movie Madness

The Travel Group is sticking close to home for January but has lots of options for you to get out of the house and get together with other AAMW members. Spouses and friends are welcome too!



January 6, 2020 - "The Goldfinch" at Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha at 2:00 pm. Discussion afterward over beverages at Koi Coffee and Tea, 204 Main Street, Menasha.

January 13, 2020 - "Downton Abbey" at the Neenah Public Library at 1:00 pm. Discussion afterward over beverages at Timshel Cafe, in the Marketplace, 124 W. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah.

January 20, 2020 - "Overcomer" at Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha at 2:00 pm. Discussion afterward over beverages at Koi Coffee and Tea, 204 Main Street, Menasha.

RSVP to Kathleen McDonald at mcdonaldkathleen@gmail.com or call 730-0334.

Pay attention to the different locations and different times!

Appleton Public Library Reel Issues series:

January 23, 2020 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm - Showing "The Public"

APL and Pillars Inc. presentation: An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.



Coming in 2020: A multi-state Convention!

**Join us in East Moline, Illinois
June 18-20, 2020**

Confirmed speakers:

Kim Churches, Kendra Davis, Lisa Maatz, Denise Lieberman

Pre-convention activities planned for June 17
Hyatt Place, East Moline, IL (A new hotel overlooking the Mississippi River)



2020 AAUW Wisconsin State Convention

April 17-18, 2020

Radisson Hotel La Crosse

200 Second Street S., 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI, 54601

(608) 784-6680

Go to <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/files/2019/09/2020-state-convention-plan-July-2019.pdf>
for more state convention information.

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Riverview Gardens

President Becky O'Connor called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. She thanked everyone for coming and stated that the proceeds of this Christmas Brunch will be put in the Convention Fund, used for Tech Savvy, and NCCWSL Scholarships.

Membership VP Nancy Havens told the members and guests that prospective new member forms are available at the entrance display. Assistant VP Georgianne Bravick introduced new members and announced a new and prospective member get together at JaneAnne McCabe's home on the 17th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

27 guests were present at the Brunch.

Finance VP Kathleen Gagnow presented the Financial Report highlighting Book Sale net proceeds of \$26,780.62.

Program VP Joan Moeschberger thanked everyone for their contributions of baskets and other items to the Christmas Brunch. Program for January is "Introduction to Race Equity." The speaker is Tracy Robertson of FIT Oshkosh.

Mary Grace asked members and guests to encourage women to apply for AAUW scholarships. Applicant must have graduated high school in the Greater Fox Cities or been a current 10-year resident of the area. They need to be enrolled as a full-time student entering Junior or Senior year or enrolled in a grad school program. More information and forms can be found on the AAUW Appleton Branch website.

Fanny Behrens announced that children's books have been donated to Pillars.

Carefully selected books have also been donated to Harbor House.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Zanto, Secretary



Jacqui Klimaszewski and Fanny Behrens with Karlyn Barthel from Pillars Family Shelter upon delivering our AAUW contribution of two boxes of children's books.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

November 30, 2019

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets

11/30/19

NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472

Convention Fund	\$	9,826	
Beacon Fund		206	
General Fund		27,160	
		27,160	\$ 37,192

NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907

6,607

Total Assets

43,799

Less: Net preliminary booksale funds due to scholarship account

(13,281)

Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable

(201)

NET ASSETS

\$ 30,317

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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