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"We need more hope. We need more mercy. We need more justice." -Bryan Stevenson, author, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama

I was reading a chapter of *The Hero Two Doors Down* to Jack, one of my two 10-year-old grandsons. It came on the recommendation of his cousin Cole, also 10, who had already stated it was the best book ever. The book centers on a young boy in Brooklyn in 1948 who discovers that his new neighbor is none other than his idol, Jackie Robinson. As I tried to elaborate on the "laws" of the time...the hotels and restaurants that would not allow black ball players, for example, Jack simply asked, "Why would they do that?"

I don't know, Jack. I just don't know.

I don't know why I thought we solved all problems of racial equality with the Civil Rights Act. I don't know why I never realized that the white race can be so fragile and defensive when it comes to addressing current issues. I don't know why I never knew that in 1945 the Supreme Court upheld a Texas statute that limited the number of black jurors to 1 per case. I don't know why we ban poor women and their children from receiving SNAP benefits and public housing if they have a prior drug conviction. I don't know of the many cases of violence against women in prison. There is so much I don't know.

But what I do know is AAUW is committed to the issue of justice. Joan Moeschberger referenced Kim Churches' press release in the July newsletter, and I also was reassured and moved by AAUW national's strong stand on this issue. "While we are deeply sad, we mustn't feel helpless. Now is the time to fight for justice." Churches urged us to listen, learn and speak up.

And learn we will. Our branch has a long history of reading and learning. And we will take it to a new level with our first "AAUW-Appleton Reads" all branch book. I encourage you all to read our first pick...*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. It will be a step toward learning and advocating together. If you read it once, plan to read it again (I plan to do that...). If you saw the movie, see how it compares to the written word. Share your book, share your ideas, share your insights and share AAUW's work to stand against racism.

With hope and commitment,
Becky O'Connor, Past President
bandboc@gmail.com

Program News

Join us on Zoom for our 1st Branch

Meeting of the year!

Our speaker will be Penny Bernard-Schaber, former Wisconsin State Assembly member, who will address "How to Be an Effective Political Advocate." Penny was our scheduled speaker for this past April at one of our canceled meetings. We are so pleased she will be the first speaker of our new year!

DATE: September 17th, 2020

TIME: 6:30 PM

Business Meeting to follow



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

REMINDER: We are still accepting dues for AAUW 2020-2021 membership year!

Please send your check for \$87.00 ASAP to:

Georgianne Bravick
2300 E. Tuscany Way
Appleton WI 54913

And, please, do not hesitate to call Georgianne (920.609.4333) if you have any concerns.
Thank you!

Communications Update

New Address—Mary Zanto

484 W. Highland Park Avenue #1308
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Remember to send all changes to your contact info to judy@gwd.org.



Nevertheless, We Progress! Celebrating One Hundred Years of Women's Rights

In so many ways, we have changed and yet have not. Join us in celebrating together our challenges and triumphs.

Women suffragists had to struggle through the 1918 flu pandemic yet still managed to persevere and get the 19th amendment passed. Our celebration of the 19th Amendment Centennial will go on but adapted to protect our safety during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Nevertheless, We Progress" will be a high-energy virtual celebration including local voices sharing suffragist history, vibrant music by well-known musicians, and valuable information on how and why to vote.

Join us for this exciting virtual event launching on Women's Equality Day, Wednesday, August 26, the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to celebrate women's rights.

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



August 11th Partisan Primary Election
Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Request your absentee ballot now and vote from home safely.

Check <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or contact your municipal clerk .

AAUW WI Public Policy Events

For now, Public Policy is going virtual. We have two events planned for August. Our focus is assisting members in understanding some of the issues impacting us. Our first virtual event is Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 pm to hear about Fair Maps and Public Education as it impacts the residents of Wisconsin.

Our second meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 pm to hear how you can help Get Out the Vote.

More information will be coming soon. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Malaney, AAUW WI Public Policy Chair. Smalaney5@aol.com (920) 740-9632



BOOK SALE UPDATE:

We do have access to our book sale storage area in the basement of the Kaukauna library. Our room is locked so you will need to contact one of the following book sale chairs to set up a time to bring your books to the library. Please call Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor (636-8153), or Shirley Schloemer (843-8888).

The Book Sale chairs will have a decision soon about when and how we will hold our sale. Stay tuned!

Women's Fund *virtual* luncheon

The Women's Fund annual luncheon is a wonderful event in our community. With donor support, the Women's Fund is a leader in making an impact on social issues concerning women and girls by funding organizations that create positive change in our communities. From the website: *The ballroom may be empty this year for the Women's Fund Luncheon, but we're still going to celebrate and bring you the same inspirational program that has made this the premier event in the Fox Cities for the past 19 years. Tune in virtually on September 10 for the luncheon of a lifetime.*

We hope to support this partner in women's advocacy by purchasing a table for 10. The staff hopes to arrange a private Zoom room for us to "mingle" before the event.

Please let me know **by August 10** if you want to be a part of an "AAUW Table" at this event. A "virtually together" table will be \$500.

Please email me at bandboc@gmail.com and I will put you on this list. I will then contact you once I have all the information about registering our group! I will also send out more details of the event once we have our table set.

Becky O'Connor



Social Issues Study Group

Date and Time: Tuesday morning, August 25th 10:00 am, link will be sent in a separate email just to Social Issues group members.

Zoom Meeting for those who want to finish the Kendi book and wrap up our discussion so we can move on in September. Ideas for September can be shared in the Social Issues Facebook group.

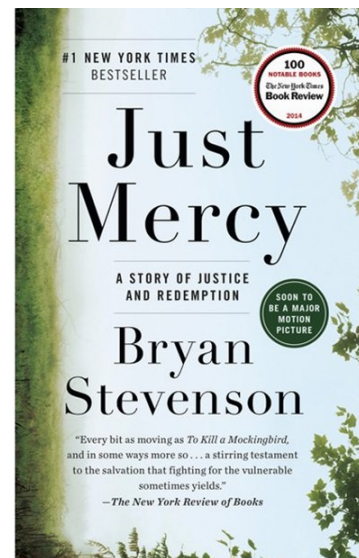
How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi—Read Chapters 6 to the end.

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.

Announcing...

Our first *AAUW Reads* book pick for the start of our 2020-2021 year!

We encourage all members to read this book and learn together. We will stay connected by reading, sharing ideas, and advocating together.



Articles for the September newsletter are due August 15th. Send articles to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAppleton/>

Instagram: [aauwappleton](https://www.instagram.com/aauwappleton)

The Mah Jongg group has been playing online. If you would like more information about how to join the online play, contact Mary Zanto at mzanto5747@gmail.com or call 920-540-3960.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

We will not be holding our traditional September tea this year.

Instead, this August we will have 2 days of Summer Sharing via Zoom. Show and tell about books you read over the summer that you recommend to others. Share a little bit about the book and why you recommend it.

We'll have two sessions: Wednesday, August 19th at 1:00 pm and Thursday, August 20th at 1:00 pm. Zoom on either day or Zoom on both! Links will be sent to all Afternoon group members. If you'd like to be added to the group, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

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SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are reading ***The Bookman's Tale: A Novel of Obsession***
by Charlie Lovett and meeting via Zoom,
Thursday, August 13th at 1:00 pm.
RSVP to Judy at 729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org
so that you get the Zoom link.

Wednesday, September 2nd will be the next book talk.
The book will be ***The Secrets We Kept*** – Lara Prescott.

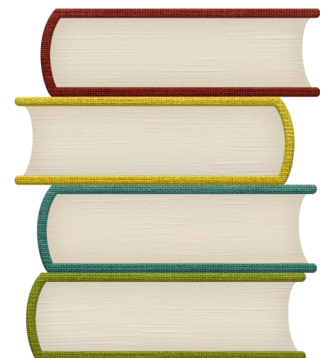
EVENING LITERATURE

Evening Literature will continue to meet via Zoom until further notice.

Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 pm
Book: ***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama
Discussion Leader: Donna Cook

Joan Moeschberger will host the Zoom meeting & send out the link to group members a few days before the scheduled evening. If you're not a group member & want to join the discussion, call Joan at 920-209-7488 or email joanemoe@gmail.com to be placed on the list.

Questions? Contact JaneAnne McCabe (jamforever02@yahoo.com) or Grace Fuller (gracefuller22@gmail.com).



AAUW Summer Mystery Group

From the following list, please vote for **any** of the books you would like us to discuss at next June's luncheon. Please send your selection(s) to bettypontius@yahoo.com, within a week, please.

AAUW Summer Mystery Book Selection for June 2021

___ *Murder in the White House* Capital Crime Series (1st) Margaret Truman 1980

In a town where the weapon of choice is usually a well-aimed rumor, the strangling of Secretary of State Lansard Blaine in the Lincoln Bedroom is a gruesome first. Rumors included: he was a womanizer with ties to a glamorous call girl and had unofficial connections with international wheeler-dealers. Only a few highly placed insiders had access to the Lincoln Bedroom –one of them was the President...

___ *Two if by Sea* Standalone book Jacquelyn Mitchard 2016

Former police officer Frank Mercy loses his pregnant wife and her family in a tsunami in Australia, but rescues a three-year-old boy who he takes home to a farm in WI where he plans to raise horses as his father and grandfather had done in the past. He begins to believe the boy has an extraordinary, impossible telegraphic gift, and he learns he needs to keep Ian safe from a sinister group who want him back.

___ *The Woman in Cabin 10* Standalone book Ruth Ware 2016

Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a traveling magazine, has just been given the assignment of her lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise with only a handful of cabins. Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a dark and terrifying nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. The problem: all passengers remain accounted for. Tightly wound, enthralling story.

___ *The Suspect* Standalone Book Fiona Barton 2019

When two 18-year-olds go missing in Thailand, their families are thrust into the international spotlight – desperate, bereft with worry. Journalist, Kate Waters, always wanting to be the first to the story, with the exclusive, and first to discover the truth, is eager for this story. As the case unfolds, all find that danger can lie closer to home than one might think.

Also: Please let me know if you would be willing to lead a discussion in June 2021.

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	REVIEWER
9/10/20	Little Faith	Nickolas Butler	Cindy F.
10/8/20	Island of Sea Women	Lisa See	JaneAnne M.
11/12/20	Dutch House	Ann Patchett	Rachel E.
12/10/20	Late Homecomer: A Hmong Family	Kao Kalia Yang	Mary Lee P.
4/8/21	Every Note Played	Lisa Genova	Grace F.
5/13/21	Woman of No Importance	Sonia Purnell	Faye B.
6/10/21	5 Quarters of an Orange	Joanne Harris	Donna C.
7/8/21	Lady Clementine	Marie Benedict	TBA
8/12/21	Poison Squad	Deborah Blum	Shirley C.

**Evening
Literature
Books for
2020-2021**

Zoom Art Class with Chris Scott

When: August 12th

Time: 12:30

Where: Your home

Topic: Watercolor landscape

No prior skill is needed. Just come and have fun.

Please contact Laurie Leonard by August 10th if you are interested.

You will need watercolors, watercolor paper, hair dryer, Styrofoam plate or regular plate, and brushes.

You will be sent the meeting number and the password prior to the class.

RSVP to rjllal@new.rr.com by August 10th.

Additional date is Tuesday September 22nd. Topic will be announced in the next newsletter.



During the production of the June newsletter, the names & photos got out of register. Apologies to our branch member Courtney Furlow who was misidentified.

And congratulations on your recent wedding!

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 Influential Women STEM Essay Contest – Second Place Winner Rosalind Franklin by Sophia Pietsch

Women in the STEM field have not always been given the recognition for their accomplishments that they deserve. Oftentimes, women are seen as inferior to men, not only in the STEM field, but in daily lives as well. But in fact, there are women all around the world, who have made a major impact on the STEM field.



When I think of women who have made an impact in the STEM field without recognition, I think of Rosalind Franklin. She was a biophysicist who made an impact in the STEM field by having a major role in discovering the structure of DNA. At first, she was not given the recognition that was deserved for what she had discovered due to the fact that she was seen as inferior to many men working in the biophysics unit with her. Though women haven't always been seen as educated or capable compared to men in the STEM field, Rosalind Franklin is a perfect example of why women are not inferior to men and can accomplish anything a man can.

Rosalind Franklin was a biophysicist who researched a wide variety of topics, but she is commonly known for the discovery of the structure of DNA. She had always been an intelligent woman, as she studied chemistry and physics as a young girl, which then inspired her to study chemistry at Cambridge University. Rosalind did research at many laboratories, but what she is recognized for today was during a 3-year research scholarship in a biophysics unit at King's College.

When Rosalind arrived at King's College, she was already seen as inferior to the men working along with her. Specifically, a man named Maurice Wilkins had assumed that Rosalind was hired to be his assistant, which was an incorrect assumption, but unfortunately, this was a very common misconception, that women were not meant for leadership positions in the STEM field. The relationship between her and Wilkins would later have an impact on Rosalind not getting credit for her discoveries.

At King's College, where Rosalind made her breakthrough in the STEM field, she made an amazing discovery. Rosalind took pictures of DNA and discovered that there are two forms of DNA, a wet form and a dry form. These pictures would become critical evidence used to discover the structure of DNA. Specifically, the photo, "Photo 51" which was taken by Rosalind, and images acquired by x-ray exposure that was refined by Rosalind herself, held critical evidence to show the structure of DNA. This became a very important event in the science world; her discoveries made a huge impact on the science world.

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Despite the fact that she most certainly deserved the recognition and credit for her discovery, her male colleague, Maurice Wilkins, did not see her as his equal and interfered with the recognition that she deserved. In January 1953, Wilkins disclosed Photo 51 without Franklin's permission. Wilkins then published Photo 51 on March 7, 1953 without giving credit to Rosalind, when in fact, much of the evidence that was recovered to show the structure of DNA was rooted from Franklin's findings. Wilkins walked away with most of the credit for the finding of the structure of DNA, as well as the Nobel Prize in 1962.

Rosalind Franklin parted her ways with King's College in 1956 and relocated to Birkbeck College, where she continued to make an impact and studied the structure of RNA, the tobacco mosaic virus, and the studies of coal. After five years, she and her team would publish 17 papers on viruses which laid the foundations for structural virology.

I chose Rosalind Franklin because I plan to work in the STEM field one day, and she is a perfect example of why women can do anything they put their minds to. She created an impact in the STEM field while facing criticism from her male colleagues. It did not stop her from achieving her goal and having a major effect in the STEM field. She shows that any woman can do whatever they aspire no matter what the stereotypes say.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Sophia Pietsch is an 8th grader at Einstein Middle School in Appleton; Mr. Cross is her teacher. Sophia chose to do her essay on Rosalind Franklin after hearing about the unfairness toward her in Science class.

Sophia's favorite subjects are science, math and art. She enjoys rollerblading and running—as well as attending NEW Fusion Dance. Her current career goal is something in STEM such as Astronomy or Astrophysics.

**AAUW Influential Women STEM Essay Contest –
FIRST Place Winner
Jocelyn Burnell: An Advocate, A Scientist, A Woman**

by Callie Siamof

Jocelyn Bell Burnell is among the most profound women in the science industry. She was one of the few women scientists of her time, and through this, she broke many barriers. She did what she wanted to-- not what others believed was right for her. Her discovery of radio pulsars as a graduate student developed all aspects of astrophysics and is considered to be the most important astrological discovery of the 20th century. Despite these boasting achievements, the astronomers she worked under received all the credit. She, in turn, received no acknowledgment for her part in this discovery, never winning a Nobel prize.

The passion that drove her to this discovery was anything but sudden. Jocelyn Bell was born Susan Jocelyn Bell on July 15, 1943, in Belfast, Ireland. Her parents realized that Jocelyn had an interest in science at a young age, so they supported her by giving her science books and taking trips to an observatory nearby. Although she never was great in all aspects of school, she clearly excelled in science class. She eventually attended the University of Glasgow, where she received a bachelor's degree in physics. Right after graduating, she attended Cambridge University to begin her graduate studies in radio astronomy, where she was a research assistant under her advisor, Antony Hewish, and Martin Ryle. After her huge discovery at Cambridge, she went on to become a professor in London while conducting her own private studies.



It seems like a slap in the face for all of her efforts to go unnoticed. She discovered a forcefully magnetized, rotating neutron star that emits large amounts of electromagnetic radiation. She discovered a truly remarkable aspect of space, something that is essentially the yellow brick road to the universe- leading scientists closer and closer to how the solar system works. Yeah, a real slap to the face it must have been to not receive credit. She was the first one out of her colleagues to notice the pulsing coming

from the star- she was the first to estimate that this star was even rotating. In fact, when her advisor tried to convince her that the pulses were artificial, she stayed true to her beliefs. Yet, her role in this discovery was minimized for being a woman, doing a “man’s” job. She even suspected this herself, as she remarks that her “student status and “gender” was her “downfall”, and that “at the time, science was still perceived as being carried out by distinguished men” (Brainy Quote).

I find Jocelyn Bell Burnell to be an inspiration to all girls, no matter their interests. Even to myself, someone involved heavily in the arts and especially interested in math, she (continued on the next page)

seems to be a figure of power and finesse. She defied what standards were associated with women, something that inspires me as someone who doesn't like to tailor to gender roles/stereotypes. . The same standards that have been intact for years continue, with a still male-dominated STEM career cluster that most girls find intimidating. As a girl, this story seems familiar, the subconscious bias that is noticed especially in the sciences, which has an expected tendency to avert any girls.

At 76 years old, Jocelyn Burnell is still an advocate today, trying to counteract these stereotypes and biases that occur. Her efforts were clearly presented when she donated the 3 million dollars from the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, which she won 52 years after her discovery in 1967, to the U.K.'s Institute of Physics. Here they fund graduate degrees for those in the unrepresented category of STEM (women, people of color, etc.). Her breaking of barriers in order to change science for the better good is something that inspires me, and I hope inspires other girls. I hope that someday I can have an effect similar to that of Jocelyn Burnell, a true idol. Her impact is and was immeasurable, out of this world (pun intended).

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Callie Siamoff is an 8th grader at Einstein Middle School in Appleton; Mr. Cross is her teacher. Callie chose to do her essay on Jocelyn Burnell after hearing about her in Science class and then doing research on the internet. Callie's favorite subjects are math and music. She plays the trumpet, cello and piano—AND sings. She enjoys running and biking with friends. She hopes to have a career in music.

Copy & paste this link to watch Callie reading her essay:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYWgkhSk-7_31AS_kBQFIsuJf_yAelq8/view

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TREASURER'S REPORT

June 30, 2020

AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets

06/30/20

NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472

Convention Fund	\$	10,511	
Beacon Fund		206	
General Fund		16,430	
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	\$		27,147

NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MKT #1907

14,067

Total Assets

41,214

Less: AAUW Nat'l & WI dues payable

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NET ASSETS

\$ 41,214

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