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Sept 2	Second Choice Books
Sept 8	Book Sorting begins
Sept 8	Public Policy Committee Mtg
Sept 10	Women's Fund Luncheon
Sept 10	Evening Literature
Sept 15	Newsletter Articles Due
Sept 16	Zoom Practice
Sept 16	Afternoon Books—Wed.
Sept 17	Afternoon Books —Thurs.
Sept 17	Branch Meeting
Sept 22	Social Issues
Sept 29	Art Class
10/1	Second Choice Books

"My greatest hope is that we don't reach for normal; that we reach for better." –

Michele Norris, American journalist, co-host of NPR's *All Things Considered*

I never was a cheerleader in high school. I'm not sure if it was my choice, my inner voice telling me I did not have that type of talent, or my dad (and principal) guiding me subtly toward forensics, debate and music. I did, however, make sure I positioned myself in the pep band close enough to sit by my future husband (yes, it's true) and encourage the Galloping Ghosts. Who, of course, were all boys' teams at the time. But I was not a cheerleader.

Fast forward a ton of years...and I am about to become a cheerleader.

An AAUW-Appleton Branch cheerleader.

Michele Norris, a recent guest on Michelle Obama's podcast, said "The great pause needs to become the great recalibration." Well AAUW-Appleton has recalibrated. A once in a lifetime pandemic can't stop a group of strong women. And I am cheering you on to take part in our branch in some way. In any way.

Join us at our first branch meeting on September 17. Can't Zoom? No worries.

Join me in the practice session the day before! And mark your calendars for every monthly meeting!

Read the letter in the Badger Briefs from our State President, Joan Schneider, and know that it is a call to action! We can do this!

Book Sale postponed? No problem. We are still collecting and sorting. And planning for when it does happen. Join others at book sorting...safely masked and physically distanced.

Read *Just Mercy* and know that as our first "AAUW Reads" book we are opening our eyes to those defending the poor, the wrongly condemned and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our justice system.

Join a book group or art class to chat, think, create, pause for breath during this pandemic.

Support our Public Policy actions...our voices together can make a difference!

Explore the topic of race in our Social Issues interest group.

Vote and encourage everyone you know to vote!

Above all keep connected, keep in touch with AAUW friends and know that our mission of advocating for women and girls is more important than ever.

Our AAUW branch is not reaching for normal. We are reaching for better. Let's cheer each other on as we start this new year of learning and advocacy!

Becky O'Connor

Past President, AAUW-Appleton

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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 different issues under the umbrella heading of “How to be an Effective Political Advocate.” Penny was our scheduled speaker for this past April meeting, which was canceled due to the pandemic. We are so pleased to be able to welcome her as our first speaker of our new year!

Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Business meeting to follow

Still feeling a bit confused about Zoom? No problem! Just let me know that you want to practice! I will set up a Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00**. Let me know if you want an invitation with a link to this practice session. I will send out the invitation the day before and I will be looking for you to do any troubleshooting! This practice session will ensure you can join our branch meeting on September 17th without a hitch! Email me at bandboc@gmail.com if you want to join the Zoom practice meeting! Becky O'Connor

SAVE THE DATE

October Branch Meeting

Thursday, October 15th, 2020 6:30 PM

We will have a speaker from EXPO (Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing)
on the Incarceration of Women



Important Reminder!

AAUW is a **nonpartisan** organization that promotes equity for women and girls. It is always good to remind ourselves of this. At any AAUW sponsored events, from book sale work to branch meetings and interest groups, we do not name or endorse particular politicians or candidates. From our national website: “We have a long *herstory* of creating social change through public policy efforts. Our work has always been **political** but has never been **partisan**.” The advocacy we do as an organization is based on issues relating to our mission, and these are outlined in our Public Policy Priorities.

More Program News

Sign ups for Committees and Special Interest Groups

Normally, at our September meeting, we would be meeting, sharing a snack, catching up on the summer, and signing up for any interest groups or committees we would like to participate in or work on in the coming year...but of course, nothing is normal right now! We are doing things a little differently this year!

So, if you are interested in becoming active in any of the activities below, please connect with the contact people listed (email addresses and phone numbers are listed in your directory).

Afternoon Literature	Judy Goodnight
Evening Literature	JaneAnne McCabe/Grace Fuller
Summer Mystery Group	Betty Pontius
Second Choice Books	Judy Goodnight
Ethnic and Elegant	Nancy Samson
Bridge	Trish Brehm
Mahjongg	Mary Zanto
Art Classes	Laurie Leonard
Travel	Kathleen McDonald
Member Outreach	JaneAnne McCabe
Social Issues	Judy Goodnight
Diversity	Mary Bechle
Tech Savvy	Jacqui Klimaszewski/Stephanie Malaney
STEM Essay Contest	Jacqui Klimaszewski
Public Policy	Jacqui Klimaszewski/Stephanie Malaney
Book Sale Pick-up	Donna Cook/Stephanie Malaney
Book Sale Sorting	Betsy Mintern/Shirley Schloemer/Chris Taylor
Book Sale Publicity	Trish Brehm
Book Sale Co-Managers	Mary Grace/Mary Ditter
Scholarship Selection	Mary Grace
Holiday Brunch/Fundraiser	Donna Cook/Sylvia Bull



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



AAUW welcomes new 2020 - 2021 member Anne Planner, who moved here in April from Florida. ... and with our beautiful Wisconsin summer weather, I bet she doesn't miss it a bit!!!

It's disappointing though, for all of us that we meet virtually, but "this too shall pass"! In the meantime, Anne has discovered that she has AAUW neighbors, and they have already hooked up! Yay, Mary Zanto! By way of further introduction, Anne is originally from Appleton. She is a cousin of Christine Taylor, a Xavier grad, and a retired nurse. Anne is an avid volunteer in multiple areas, loves to read, and puts on lots of miles walking. We hope to see you at our kickoff meeting September 17th, Anne! Welcome to the Appleton branch of AAUW!

Welcome to Appleton AAUW, Susan Ahrens!

Susan is originally from Oak Park, Illinois, has earned her Masters in Education from Indiana University, and has taught in both Indiana and Florida. Happily retired now, Susan loves living back in Appleton where she can be near her three children and seven grandchildren. Susan still volunteers in education at AASD, and more. She enjoys reading, knitting, jigsaw puzzles, and of course, her grandchildren!! We look forward to getting to know you, Susan!! In person!!! Welcome!



Appleton AAUW welcomes Barbara Waedekin, who joined us in December of 2019. We would like to remind her that we are so happy to have her in our branch!

Barbara attended Marquette University and has an M.D. in psychiatry. Barbara is Retired; however she continues to volunteer at multiple clinics. She enjoys knitting, crocheting, sewing (she knows Connie Polley), reading, gardening, baking, and lots of other crafts. Welcome to our Appleton Branch of AAUW, Barbara, and we look forward to seeing you on September 17th at our Zoom kick-off meeting!

Communications Update

Remember to send all changes to your contact info to judy@gwd.org.

New Email for Mary Skatrud: mary.skatrud@gmail.com

New member information:

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planneranne@gmail.com

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DIRECTORY DELIVERY:

Since we will be meeting virtually, we had to devise another method for delivering the directories. Members of the AAUW Appleton board will be making doorstep drop-offs of directories sometime after Labor Day and before our branch meeting on 9/17.

BOOK SALE UPDATE:

In our July 31 announcement we shared that our 2020 Book Sale has been postponed. We are still collecting and sorting books. Following is the information for both activities:

Collecting books:

If you have books you would like to deliver to our storage area in Kaukauna, you may bring them during any of our Tuesday morning sorting times. If you would like to deliver books at another time, please contact Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor (636-8153), or Shirley Schloemer (842-8888). They each have a key and can arrange a time to meet you there.

Book Sorting:

We will have book sorting every Tuesday morning from 9:00 am until noon starting on September 8. This should be a safe small group activity in a large space. If you feel comfortable attending and plan to go, please wear your mask. When you arrive at the Kaukauna library, park in the lower lot and enter through the lower entrance to the library. There are orange cones in front of the door and it is open. Our room is straight ahead and then down a short hallway to the left.

On September 8, you are invited to stay afterward for a socially distanced lunch in the parking lot. Bring a chair and your lunch. We will be looking at other options for boxed lunches for future sorting days.

AAUW-Appleton Board Update!

We welcome **Connie Wunderlich** to the board who has taken the position of secretary. Our best wishes for improved health go to Kathleen McDonald who had to step down at this time. Although we will miss Kathleen on the board, we will eagerly welcome her back in the future!



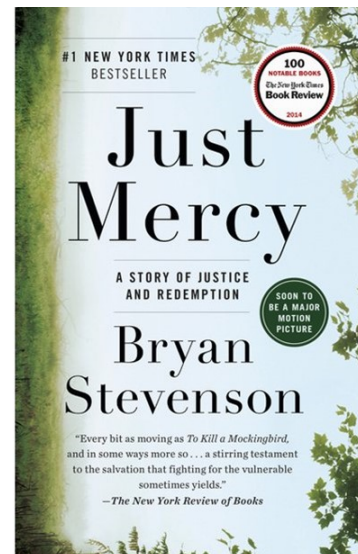
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Have you checked out this webpage recently? AAUW is a proud part of this big effort to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment! Be sure to check out the resources for educators and parents! AAUW members Jacqui Klimaszewski, LouAnn Graf and Becky O'Connor worked to put together kits for students in all Appleton Area School District elementary and public charter schools. All schools/parents/teachers will find the online resources helpful as well. Special thanks to AAUW member Chris Scott who designed coloring pages that honor the lives of Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony.

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.



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.

Articles for the October newsletter are due September 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)

Scholarship Update!

In May we introduced you to our 12 university scholarship recipients. We also award 2 scholarships to women who are in their second year of an associate degree program at Fox Valley Technical College. These recipients are chosen by the FVTC scholarship selection Committee. We recently received their names.

Congratulations to Amy Vander Hyden of Combined Locks and Samantha Schmidt of Neenah. Amy will graduate next May with an associate degree in accounting and plans to seek full time employment in the accounting field. She is a non-traditional student with experience but found it difficult to advance in her field without a degree. Samantha will graduate next May with a degree in interior design. After graduation she plans to start her own design business. She has always loved interior design and has a passion for art and creating things.

Social Issues Study Group

Date and Time: Tuesday morning, September 22nd at 10:00 am, link will be sent in a separate email just to Social Issues group members. Topic will be decided at the August 25th meeting.

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.



Sign up for the AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE: Act, Learn, Engage. It's clear and concise format makes taking action easy. <https://ww3.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/>

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Afternoon Literature is Zooming along this year!

Our Summer Sharing Reading Recommendations will be on the AAUW website soon. Go to the What We Do tab and click Interest Groups in the drop-down menu. Lots of great books were shared!

September Book: ***The Library Book*** by Susan Orlean

Wednesday group: 1:00 pm on September 16th

Thursday group: 1:00 pm on September 17th

Zoom links will be sent via Mailchimp. If you're new and want to join the group, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK



We are reading ***The Secrets We Kept*** by Lara Prescott and meeting via Zoom,

Wednesday, September 2nd at 1:00 pm.

RSVP to Judy at 729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org so that you get the Zoom link.

Thursday, October 1st will be the next book talk.

The book will be ***The Tumbling Turner Sisters*** by Juliette Fay.

EVENING LITERATURE

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

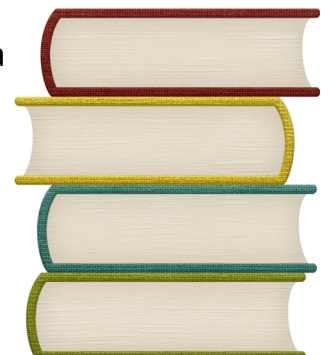
Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 pm

Book: ***Little Faith*** by Nickolas Butler

Discussion Leader: Cindy Fallona

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](mailto:joanemoe@gmail.com) to be placed on the list.

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



Art Class with Chris Scott

When: **September 29th (New Date)**

Time: 12:30

Where: Chris's yard

Topic: Different Pour from what we have previously done.

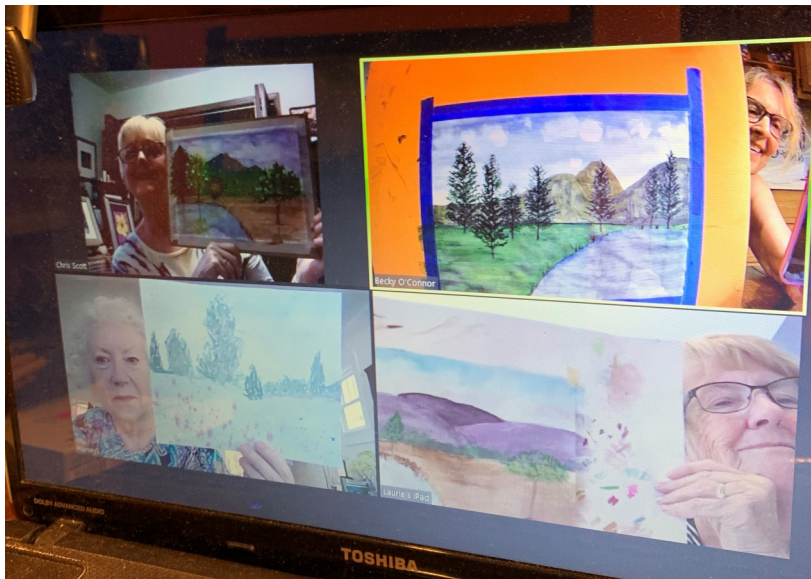
No prior skill is needed. Just come and have fun.

Please contact Laurie Leonard by September 23rd if you are interested.

Cost: \$10

RSVP to rjllal@new.rr.com by September 23rd.

The class will be outside with masks required. Social distancing will be observed throughout the class. Since social distancing is being observed the class will be limited to the first seven people who respond. A waiting list will be started if needed.



*Yes, you can do
art class by Zoom!*

ETHNIC AND ELEGANT

Due to COVID-19, Ethnic & Elegant will not be meeting, at least for the foreseeable future. We hope to reevaluate in the New Year. If you would like to become a member of Ethnic and Elegant, please email Nancy Samson at samsonnancy47@gmail.com.

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Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2020

	<u>Jul 31, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General checking - Northshore	
Beacon Fund	206
Convention Fund	10,511
General checking - Northshore - Oth...	<u>16,431</u>
Total General checking - Northshore	27,148
Scholarship checking	<u>14,068</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>41,216</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>41,216</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,216</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	41,214
Net Income	<u>2</u>
Total Equity	<u>41,216</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>41,216</u>

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 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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