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"Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." – **Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Supreme Court Justice**

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Nov 4	Second Choice Books
Nov 9	Public Policy Meeting
Nov 10	Board Meeting
Nov 12	Evening Literature
Nov 15	Newsletter Articles Due
Nov 16	Art Class
Nov 17	Branch Meeting
Nov 18	Afternoon Books—Wed.
Nov 19	Afternoon Books — Th
Nov 24	Social Issues
Nov 27	Auction Bidding Opens
Dec 2	Bidding Closes
Dec 3	Second Choice Books

I felt the sensation of a collective gasp of "oh no!" on that September day when Ruth died. And then the emptiness that followed. What was it about this tiny woman that had such an impact on each of us? Maybe it was the fact that she graduated at the top of her class and became one of nine women (out of 500 enrolled) at Harvard Law School. Or perhaps the fact that she co-founded the *Women's Rights Law Reporter* (the first journal about women's rights) and she fought for her female colleagues to earn the same retirement benefits as her male counterparts at Columbia Law School. Maybe her impact was her tireless advocacy for gender equity and her resolve to fight sex-based discrimination. That certainly resonates with AAUW members.

But I think it is more than this.

When I see RBG as a young woman it is startling. Her image in my head is "old". My age and beyond. Her impact on me is that she worked and advocated and fought for what is right and did it in her later years. She was...in many ways...us. She knew it was tough to raise a child while working. *Exhausting*. She understood that sometimes life takes turns we never expect, as she buckled down to take school notes for her husband while he had cancer. *The loneliness of caretaking*. Her fictional hero as a girl was Nancy Drew. *Of course. Who else??* She moved for her husband's job. *A common experience for women*. She worked through her own sickness and inspired us with push-ups. *Ok. Ok. I will get out and walk*. Our lives often take similar turns and we can certainly look to her for inspiration to trudge onward.

Many of us in AAUW who are "trending older" can hear Ruth urging us to keep at it. She is reminding us that age is no excuse and we need to inspire others to action, to take on leadership, dissent when we see injustice. We can all be those who fight for what is right and we can do it in AAUW...and in a way others want to join us.

Ruth said in 2017 "It's hard to do anything alone. But get together with like-minded people, join organizations." We are that organization...not like-minded in every way, but certainly united in our mission to advance gender equity and work for social justice. We can get things done by being together. And we know that after the election our work continues.

If you can't find your statement collar...wear your AAUW tee shirt.

Becky O'Connor, past president
bandboc@gmail.com

Program News

Join us on Zoom for our November meeting!

Date: Thursday, November 17th, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Business meeting to follow

Join us online as Dr Helen Bannan portrays Jessie Jack Hooper, one of Wisconsin's early and influential suffragists. Dr Bannan's appearance is sponsored by the Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition.



We will also give you the final details on our online Holiday Auction, which will be going live for browsing on November 23rd, and will be open for bidding on November 27th.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 5, 2020

9:30 AM

Even though we can't be together in person for our annual brunch and holiday auction, please join us on Zoom, with your coffee and favorite brunch treats.

Hear the results of our very first online auction, and enjoy a little entertainment before the holidays!

2020 AAUW Appleton Holiday Auction

Get ready to have fun with our first online holiday auction! We have had to postpone our Annual October book sale, so all proceeds from this auction will be used to support local scholarships.

In addition to the information in the October newsletter, here are some additional details:

We have had at least 15 baskets and/or individual items donated so far.

If you would like to provide an item for the auction, here are some great possibilities (in addition to the suggestions in the October newsletter):

Kids basket

Gift certificates for services or non-perishable food items

Friendship basket

Gift card for car wash/detailing

Holiday basket

Puzzles

Ethnic/international food basket

USE YOUR IMAGINATION!



If you aren't interested in bidding for anything online, donations are welcome! Mail them to Mary Grace, and make checks payable to AAUW Appleton, with AUCTION on the memo line.

All payments will be by check only, at time of pickup/delivery by winning bidder. There will be no payment through the auction site.

Timeline:

By 11/13: all donated auction items to Chris Taylor for photographing and uploading to auction site. Items should be unwrapped; please provide a list of items, approximate value, and who donated

11/23: Site available for browsing

11/27: (Black Friday), 5 AM, Bidding opens!

12/2: Midnight, Bidding closes

12/3-4: Winning bidders determined

12/5: 9:30 AM, Results will be announced at branch meeting on zoom. Join us with your coffee and favorite breakfast/brunch delicacies!

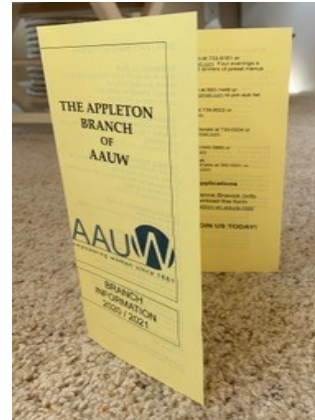
12/5-12: Item Pickup/delivery, check payments

At our November 17 meeting, we will explain how to browse and bid, and provide some contacts to call if anyone needs assistance using the site.

Join in the fun! Remember why we are doing this (scholarships), and please plan to shop often and bid generously!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about AAUW and what we do, let Georgianne Bravick and Mary Bechle know. They can get in touch with any prospects, provide them some AAUW materials, and answer any questions for them.



PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY

Attorney General Kaul Announces Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force Membership

AAUW Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

This is the headline we've been waiting for! If you recall, a couple years ago (when we were still meeting in person), we had a presentation by Renee Gralewicz about the situation of missing and murdered indigenous women. This presentation had an impact on those present and many AAUW branch members sent postcards or called our state representatives/senators calling for a task force to study this issue.

It might have taken two years, but a task force has been established—and Renee Gralewicz has been chosen to be on the task force. We welcome the announcement of the task force—and everyone who wrote or called their state representative/senator should be pleased that YOUR voice was heard!

Read the full article here: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/ag-kaul-announces-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-task-force-membership>

Communications Update

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

CORRECT THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DIRECTORY:

Corrected Address:

Sue Detienne

5818 N. Osprey Dr.

Also delete the land line phone number.

Re: Mailchimp email service

Remember that Mailchimp is a delivery service. If you have questions or comments on something we send via Mailchimp, do not automatically reply to the email. Think about which AAUW member is the one you want to address your question or comment to. Then look up their contact info in the directory & send your email directly to them.

BOOK SALE UPDATE:

BOOK SORTING:

Sorting has been suspended due to the increase in coronavirus cases.

DROPPING OFF BOOKS:

Due to the current high level of COVID-19 cases in the Fox Valley, the Kaukauna library is now operating on a very limited schedule. There are many times when our entrance door is locked. If you have books you wish to bring to the library, please call one of the sorting chairs for the latest information on the accessibility of our sorting site. The sorting chairs are Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Christine Taylor (636-8153), and Shirley Schloemer (843-8888). If it is possible to access our room they will set up a time to meet you there. If not they will give you a list of porches where you can bring the books. If you have room at your home to temporarily store the books, that would be a great option for now!

Watch for future updates as the situation changes. We are looking forward to the day when we can actively prepare for our next book sale!

Your Book Sale Committee

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.

AAUW WISCONSIN 2021 STATE CONVENTION IS ZOOMING!

Last year we did not get to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage but why let a pandemic hinder us this coming year? We will have no registration fees and you can attend from your own home via Zoom. Do put **April 23-24, 2021**, on your calendar now.

Friday, April 23, 2021 (7-9:30)

Welcome by State President

Video from National AAUW

Conversation between early suffragists Jessie Jack Hooper and Carrie Chapman Catt scheduled for 2020 Convention and performed by AAUW members Helen Bannan, dual member of Oshkosh and Milwaukee, and Pam Thiel, a La Crosse member.

Hospitality rooms (small group chat rooms to connect with old and new friends)

Saturday, April 24, 2021 (9:30-3)

Business meeting and Installation of officers

Featured Speaker: Wisconsin State Legislator Shelia Stubbs who tells her story of activism and her pursuit of racial equity.

Breakout (small group) sessions.

Jessica Michna created "Women Who Dared" for the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment. "Cristabel and Emmeline Pankhurst, Susan B. Anthony, Emma Davisson, Elisabeth Cady Stanton; some names you may recognize, others you may not. In this program, Jessica Michna appears as ...HERSELF! You will learn of these and other women (and men) who championed the cause of women's suffrage in this country and overseas in the late 19th and early 20th century. You will learn of the protest jailings, victories, and defeats culminating with the signature of President Woodrow Wilson that would forever give women the right to vote."

Donna Anderson and Kleo Baruth Kritz, District 1 Convention Planning Chairs

Articles for the December newsletter are due November 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton

LAST WEEK OF EARLY VOTING—10/26 THROUGH
10/30

CHECK YOUR MUNICIPALITY FOR EARLY VOTING
HOURS!

ELECTION DAY—NOVEMBER 3RD 7:00 AM—8:00 PM
ANYONE IN LINE AT 8:00 PM WILL VOTE.



Encourage your family and friends to vote also!

≥ WHEN WOMEN VOTE, ≤
THEY CHANGE THE CONVERSATION.

bit.ly/its-my-vote | [#itsmyvote](https://twitter.com/itsmyvote)



Social Issues Study Group

Date and Time: Tuesday afternoon, October 27th at 10:00 am, link will be sent in a separate email just to Social Issues group members. We're reading Part Two of ***The Warmth of Other Suns*** by Isabel Wilkerson.

November meeting on Tuesday, November 24th.

We're continuing our discussions of Racism in America. 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.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Afternoon Literature is Zooming along this year!

November Book: *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

Wednesday group: 1:00 pm on November 18th

Thursday group: 1:00 pm on November 19th

Both groups will be donating baskets to the holiday auction. Donations can be sent to Judy (address in the directory) no later than October 30th.

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



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

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

We are reading *Marilla of Green Gables* by Sarah McCoy and meeting via Zoom,

Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 pm.

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

Thursday, December 3rd will be the next book talk.

We'll be doing a two-fer—*Garden Spells* and *First Frost* by Sarah Addison Allen. They're both quick reads.

EVENING LITERATURE

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

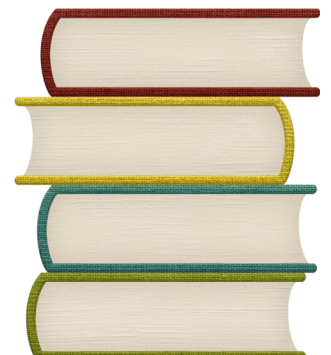
Thursday, November 12 at 6:30

Book: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

Discussion leader: Rachel Edwards

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

Our group has decided to put together a Reader's Basket for the Holiday Auction. If you have items you'd like to donate or would like to contribute a monetary donation so items can be purchased, please contact JaneAnne McCabe at 920-382-0031 or email her at jamforever02@yahoo.com. Please respond ASAP and no later than November 1.



Dear AAUW-Appleton Members:

I am writing to ask for your help in advocating for Appleton Public Library building project. These next two weeks will be critical in deciding whether the library building project moves forward.

As you probably already know, the Mayor recently announced his plan to renovate or replace the library building at its current location of 225 N. Oneida Street.

Mayor Woodford released his proposed budget for 2021. In it he has set aside \$2.4 million in capital expenditures for the planning and design of the new library building. Shortly, Common Council will be convening to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. Here are the dates to keep in mind:

- **Saturday, October 31st is Budget Saturday** where the Mayor presents the budget to Finance Committee for their review and vote.
- **Wednesday, November 4th at 6pm is Budget Public Hearing.** The whole Council will hear public statements about the budget that the Finance Committee approved.
- **Wednesday, November 11th at 6pm is Budget Adoption.** The Council discusses the entire budget including any amendments submitted by Alderpersons and votes to approve it.

The Friends needs your help in advocating for the proposed capital expenditure for the new Appleton Public Library building!!

Please contact your Alderperson and let them know you support the new library building project and the capital expenditure of \$2.4 million in the proposed budget. The Alderpersons will absolutely be hearing from constituents who are against the new library building so it is imperative they also hear from library supporters.

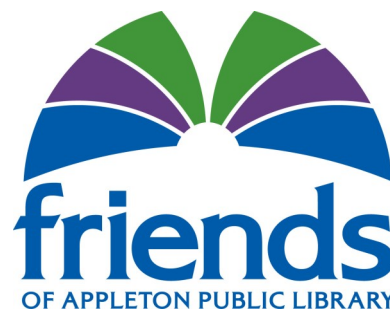
It is also important to keep in mind that it is more effective to contact your Alderperson specifically as opposed to all Alderpersons. Your Alderperson is responsible to you as a constituent. It is also easier to ignore group emails than personal, direct emails or phone calls.

If you do not know which district you live in you can look it up using the City website tool:

<http://my.appleton.org/>

We have been waiting for too long for a new library. The time to act is now. The future of the new library depends upon your support. Thank you in advance for your commitment to this vital community resource.

Best,
Kara Sullivan
Executive Director
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(920) 832-3931



Zoom Art Class with Chris Scott

When: Monday, November 16th

Time: 12:30

Where: Your home

Topic: Acrylic Painting: Winter Theme

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

RSVP to: Laurie Leonard at rjllal@new.rr.com by November 9th if you are interested.

*You will need: an 11X14 White canvas, acrylic paint (white, black, red, yellow, blue and brown), various size brushes, a small bottle of Liquitex Slow-dry Medium, a container of water, paper towels.

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

Next Zoom Class Date will be Thursday, December 17th.

Our topic will be: Holiday/Winter-themed Design. More information will be in the next newsletter.



Our October Zoom Artists

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 Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed 63 members and our speaker to the meeting.

Following the program by Tamra Oman, the president called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.

President Joan Moeschberger reminded our members that AAUW advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. She also reminded members of our AAUW Reads book for this year which is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Program VP Donna Cook explained that our original speaker for this month, Melissa Ludin, formerly of EXPO, and now with Wisconsin ACLU, had a family emergency. She was replaced by Tamra Oman, a member of EXPO. Donna reviewed the November program and gave a timeline for the December program which will be the online Holiday auction. More info on this will be in the November newsletter. Contact Donna or Sylvia Bull if you are interested in attending the next ZOOM auction planning meeting. January and February program planning will be assisted by the Social Issues group.

Membership VP Georgianne Bravick thanked assistant VP Membership, Mary Bechle, for organizing both of our member gatherings in Erb Park this fall. Georgianne also thanked Judy Goodnight for producing our new member trifold publication. Finally, Georgianne also thanked Paulette Stoltzmann for giving her a prospective new member name.

Finance VP Kathleen Gagnow explained the finance report from September 2020. \$5000 from the Convention Fund will be used toward our local scholarships and \$5000 from our General Account has been sent to the national AAUW Greatest Needs Funds.

Communications Chair Judy Goodnight explained how to respond to a Mailchimp email and likened it to getting something from the US Postal Service. Respond only to the person or organization that sent it.

Public Policy chair Jacqui Klimaszewski encouraged people to get out the vote. She gave a list of examples and referred members to the website myvote.wi.gov. Jacqui also talked about the Pack The Polls car parade which will be held on Saturday, October 24. Contact Becky O'Connor via email for more information.

Book Sale committee chair Mary Grace explained that due to Covid, our book sorting has been suspended for now. Mary encouraged people to keep their book donations at their own home as the best option for now. If not possible, contact Betsy Mintern, Shirley Schloemer, or Chris Taylor for options.

Afternoon Literature and Second Choice Books chair Judy Goodnight explained November book choices, days, and times for both groups and asked anyone interested in attending to RSVP to her for a zoom link.

Social Issues leader Judy Goodnight reminded members of their next scheduled meeting, which is Tuesday, October 27, at 10 AM.

(Minutes continued on next page)

Art Class teacher Chris Scott discussed the next meetings which will be virtual. October 19, November 16, and December 17 all via ZOOM. Contact Laurie Leonard to attend.

There was no new business.

The next Branch Meeting will be November 17 at 6:30PM.

President Joan Moeschberger thanked Judy Goodnight for her help with the ZOOM meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wunderlich

Recording Secretary

11:07 AM	AAUW Appleton Branch	
10/07/20	Balance Sheet	
Accrual Basis	As of September 30, 2020	
		<u>Sep 30, 20</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General checking - Northshore		
Beacon Fund	205.96	
Convention Fund	5,510.93	
General checking - Northshore - Other	16,004.21	
		<u>21,721.10</u>
Total General checking - Northshore		21,721.10
Scholarship checking		<u>7,068.45</u>
Total Checking/Savings		<u>28,789.55</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>28,789.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>28,789.55</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Due to AAUW National	354.00	
Due to AAUW Wisconsin	91.00	
		<u>445.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities		445.00
Total Current Liabilities		<u>445.00</u>
Total Liabilities		445.00
Equity		
Net Assets - Restricted (Schol)	7,067.03	
Net Assets - Unrestricted	22,146.91	
Net Income	-869.39	
		<u>28,344.55</u>
Total Equity		28,344.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u><u>28,789.55</u></u>

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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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