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*“Life was teaching me that progress and change happen slowly. Not in two years, four years, or even a lifetime. We were planting the seeds of change, the fruit of which we might never see. We had to be patient.” – Michelle Obama, **Becoming***

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

May 5	Second Choice Books
May 8	Votercade Parade
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May 13	AAUW WI Fair Maps Event
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June 8	Art Class

Recently when I was sporting my knee-high post-surgery boot, I had to give myself a daily pep talk on patience. And even now that I have forced my swollen foot into a shoe...patience to put up with the ridiculously low step count on my Fitbit. One of those annoying little setbacks in many of our lives that forces us to wait. To let better days come.

But this last year has been all about waiting and patience, hasn't it. We waited for the testing, waited for the vaccine, waited for the loving hugs, waited for the normal... whatever that was or is. And we were not always patient even when we knew we should be. Understandably, this was one strange year.

It seems to me that the idea of progress and change happening slowly goes well beyond a personal recovery and even a pandemic. How patient must black people be whose history spans 400 years of bottom caste status...from slavery, Jim Crow, mass incarceration, police killings, voter suppression. How patient must women be who have waited since 1972 for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. How patient must be those awaiting the end of the gender pay gap...when it is not going to happen at the current rate until 2093. How patient must the Native American woman be to wait until October 1...and the Latinx woman until October 29...to earn what a white male earns by January 1.

Sort of puts all this patience into perspective, doesn't it?

Since 1881 AAUW has been planting seeds of change. Our branch has been doing it since 1913. With all the issues that remain we really can't sit back and wait and watch. We do our part, as individuals and as a group, to nurture all those seeds planted with such hope for a better world. AAUW co-founder Marion Talbot (1858-1948) said, "My hope is that I may live through my influence. I have no desire for any other kind of immortality."

Progress and change are slow. But with bold actions and advocacy...our influence will be remembered. Hopefully in two years...or four years. Hopefully in our lifetime.

Let's go tend those seeds.

Becky O'Connor, Past President
bandboc@gmail.com

Program News

Join us!

Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Program:

Meet Our Scholarship Recipients

Other Meeting Highlights:

Branch Member Recognitions

Retirement of Officers

Installation of New Officers



Program IDEAS for 2021-2022



You still have time - to send in your ideas for branch programs for '21/'22.
Send them to Sylvia Bull at

sjbcreate@gmail.com

Please include contact information and relevant details, if you have it.
Submit your thoughts and ideas by May 12, 2021.

A program planning meeting will be held on Thurs., June 3 at 1:30pm. If you would like to participate, please email Sylvia Bull.

MISSED THE APRIL MEETING? WATCH IT NOW.

Recordings of the previous month's meeting will be available up to the day before the next branch meeting.

Click on the link below and then **TYPE** in the passcode: **AiY#kF04** Do not copy & paste the code. That is a zero between the F and 4.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/fdJPwKK_m3r2pKD5SvKhh3xUHm-83ds8ZKDaojsxHDsMr5ICLX4IArE-RMsgY5eH.R3dB40OoxRVEpghh

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Announcement re: dues payment

Back by popular demand!! You can win a gift certificate to a popular restaurant on May 20 at our End of Year Celebration branch meeting!

We will hold a drawing for members whose payment of \$90.00 2021-2022 dues arrives by May 19th.

The drawing will take place at the meeting, so remit your payment:

AAUW-Appleton \$90.00—Send to Mary Bechle / 425W. Kennedy Ave. #205 / Kimberly, WI 54136

We'll see you on May 20th, and GOOD LUCK!!!



MEET CONNIE POLLEY:



I am a Wisconsin native, growing up in Cleveland, WI which is on the Lake Michigan shore near Sheboygan. I went to Alverno, a Franciscan women's college, where I earned a degree in medical technology. I worked as a med tech until the birth of our third child and then again after our youngest was in 4th grade. I have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. My children live in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Hawaii so (pre-pandemic) I travel to see them often. I have had a sewing business since 1970 and started teaching sewing after retiring as a med tech in 2000.

I joined AAUW in 1982 and have served in many board positions including as president twice. I have also served on the AAUW-WI board and am presently on their by-laws committee. My passion in AAUW has always been the book sale because it feeds my love of reading, raises money for scholarships, leads to lifelong learning, is a community service and gives our branch great visibility. Most of my memories are connected to the sale and I love how it creates and cements so many friendships in our group.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta is a role model for me. I try to always remember one of her sayings: "I cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." I pray that most of the ripples I have created have helped the world.

In addition to AAUW activities, I read 1-2 books a week, do volunteer work at church and Girl Scouts, walk some miles every day, and travel to learn about other countries and cultures. Presently, I am learning the Chinese language by auditing a class my son teaches.

One of the things that most impresses me about AAUW is our willingness to work together and share our talents.

AAUW APPLETON ANNUAL DUES INVOICE – 2021-2022

- Dues are **\$90.00** (\$62 National, \$13 State, and \$15 Branch).
- Print this page and fill in the information which is used to publish the branch directory.
- Mail the form **NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2021** with a check made out to AAUW Appleton Branch to Mary Bechle, 425 W. Kennedy Ave. #205, Kimberly, WI 54136.

NAME: _____

Check HERE if your current directory information is correct – no changes needed.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

If changes are needed, fill in below **ONLY** those items which have changed.

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

ANY OTHER INFO NEEDING CHANGES:

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RETURN THE UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO MARY BECHLE.

KEEP THIS BOTTOM PORTION FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS AS PROOF OF PAYMENT.

DUES FOR 2021-2022 WERE PAID ON _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

\$59 of your National dues are tax-deductible.



Program VP Donna Cook



Tell us about yourself-personal/educational background, what brought you to AAUW.

I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, with an older brother and a younger sister. My mom was a school teacher, my dad a bricklayer. We lived on a 100-acre "hobby farm," with a HUGE vegetable garden, horses, various cats, a rabbit, and a dog.

I earned a teaching degree at UW-Milwaukee, but never taught. What started as a part-time job (as a switchboard operator, among other things!) during college at a retirement facility led to a 20-year career working with the elderly, first in Milwaukee, and then with the county aging unit back in Wisconsin Rapids.

In 1989 I switched gears and went into hospitality sales and catering at the Hotel Mead in Rapids, then the Tundra in Green Bay, and eventually retiring from the Radisson Paper Valley here in Appleton. Along the way I earned a degree in history with a minor in religious studies from UW-Stevens Point and managed a bookstore for three years.

I joined AAUW in 2005 (I think) because the Paper Valley required its sales staff to become involved with a community group, and I chose AAUW....best decision I ever made!

What's the best part of being in your branch leadership position?

Accepting a leadership position is an excellent way to become more involved, get to know more of the branch members, and contribute to the branch's goals. I highly recommend it! Now that my year as Program VP is almost over, I've offered to take on heading up the Thursday Evening Literature Group.

What AAUW issue is the one you feel most passionate about?

Difficult to answer, there are so many. I think raising our voices, individually and as a group, and advocating for social justice and equity for **all** people, especially at this period in our country's history, has to be my answer.

Do you have any memorable AAUW moments you have experienced? If so, please share one with us.

These happen every year (except 2020!) when I see our book sale come together. It's an incredible achievement, and I'm always so pleased and proud to help make it happen!

What woman has been a role model for you?

I've had so many: my maternal grandmother, who was strong enough to choose divorce as the best option for her family when it was not considered socially acceptable (1940); my mother, who went back to school in the early 1960s and earned her bachelor's and then her master's, while also being a full time wife and mother; my close friend, Connie, who showed me what real friendship was by giving me help and support during a very tough time in my life.

Besides AAUW, what are your interests?

I have loved reading all of my life and am never happier than when I have my nose in a book. I still love horses and would love to take up riding again. I had a community garden for years, until last year, and this year I'm going to see how many veggies I can grow on my patio! I want to travel again. I love learning and hope to take another course at Bjorklunden in Door County. I played piano for years and want to take it up again. Life is good, there is so much to do!

Is there anything else about yourself you'd like to share with our branch members?

Yes! I have always been so glad I became an active member of AAUW!

AAUW – Appleton Financial Assistance Policy

In any given year, an active AAUW-Appleton member may need financial assistance to pay annual AAUW Membership Dues.

An announcement placed in the April newsletter will state the availability of funds to assist any active member who may need help paying her annual Membership Dues. Assistance will be only for that portion of the Membership Dues that goes to National AAUW. The recipient is responsible for the State and Local portion of the Membership dues.

A member who seeks assistance shall send a note by email or mail to the Assistant VP of Membership no later than May 15 with her name and a short explanation of the circumstances of need. If any branch member is aware of a member who may need assistance, she can submit a name in the same manner.

A three (3) member subcommittee of the Membership Committee will review any requests received. The subcommittee will consist of the Assistant VP of Membership plus two (2) other experienced Membership Committee members. The decision of the subcommittee is final.

All requests, submittals, and grants awarded are confidential. The Assistant VP of Membership will inform the branch Finance VP of any individual who receives the reduced dues.



Save the Date



Fair Maps: We All Count

Thursday, May 13, 2021
6:30 PM via Zoom

presented by AAUW WI

Join us hear a panel discussion on Fair Maps
and
see the materials the AAUW WI committee
has assembled for you and your branch
to divide deeper into the issue.

AAUW National proposes elimination of the
degree requirement for membership.

Find out more on the AAUW national website

2021 Bylaws Amendment
VOTING ENDS MAY 17 4PM CDT.

Your AAUW ID and Voting PIN were
sent to you by email from AAUW. Use
the link in that email to go to the
voting section of the website. Enter
your ID and PIN and vote! Besides
the Bylaws amendment, you can vote
on Public Policy Priorities and AAUW
Board members.

“What happens when your government stops listening?”

AAUW is connecting with the LWV of Appleton to present a special screening of *CAN YOU HEAR US NOW*, a powerful new film that shows the personal impact of gerrymandering in Wisconsin. The screening will culminate in a virtual community panel discussion. The panel will include:

- Susan Peters and Jim Cricchi –filmmakers
- Sheila Plotkin - film subject and founder of the website *We, the Irrelevant*
- Anthony Phillips - People’s Maps Commissioner, 8th Congressional District
- Dave Hansen - Former State Senator from Green Bay
- Penny Bernard Schaber - Former Assembly Representative from Appleton, Chair of the 8th CD Fair Maps Team
- Linda Bjella – LWV Appleton Vice-President (moderator)

Register on the LWV Appleton website lwvappleton.org for both the film and the webinar.

- You may view the 90-minute film anytime between Sunday, April 25 and Thursday, April 29.
- You will be automatically registered for the April 29 webinar scheduled for 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- There is no limit to those who may view the film, but participants in the webinar will be capped at 100.
- The panel discussion event will also be livestreamed on the [LWV Appleton Facebook page](#).



ABOUT THE FILM

“Small-town activism. Nail-biting elections. A last-minute power grab. In Wisconsin, voters are finding their lives increasingly irrelevant to state lawmakers. Through the stories of four tireless women fighting to have their voices heard, *CAN YOU HEAR US NOW?* unravels the ways that years of one-party control have reshaped democracy in a state in the crosshairs of American politics.”

Save the Date – Saturday May 8, 2021 - National John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Day. Planning is underway - Watch for your opportunity to participate!

On May 8, make some Good Trouble!

Join Voting Rights Coalition partners coming together across America to demand preservation and expansion of voting rights.

On May 8, 2021, a “John Lewis National Day of Action” will ignite public support for restoring the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act and address one of the greatest obstacles to the passage of civil and voting rights - and one of the last vestiges of slavery - *the filibuster!*

AAUW Appleton will join with more than 100 cities and other Appleton civic organizations in mobilizing to pass the For the People Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, DC Statehood and address the filibuster. Together, we can build a better democracy!

Look for more information on how you can support pending legislation to preserve voting rights!

<https://www.votingrightsalliance.org/upcoming-events-1/2021/5/8/national-john-lewis-voting-rights-advancement-action-day>



It's T-SHIRT time!!

This is your chance to order an AAUW t-shirt. The attractive t-shirt pictured is 50/cotton 50/poly blend in navy blue with white lettering (AAUW centered and “because equity is still an issue” below it).

The order form which must accompany your payment is located on the next page of this newsletter.

DEADLINE for ordering is June 4!

AAUW T-shirt ORDER FORM 2021

(Shirt: Navy blue; 50/50 blend; white screen printing
AAUW center front in large font and 'because equity is still an issue'
below it in smaller font)

Short sleeve \$10.00, long sleeve \$15.00

Sizes S – 3XL (add \$4.00 for 2xl and 3xl orders)

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle size S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Circle sleeve style(s) SHORT LONG

Orders with payment are due **June 4, 2021**

(include payment with form)

Make checks payable to Sylvia Bull

2459 E Glenhurst Lane



Appleton, WI 54913

If you have questions, contact Sylvia at 920-731-4364 or
sjbcreate@gmail.com

ANNOUNCING THE 2021 BOOK SALE!

We have set the dates for our 2021 book sale. Due to a larger than normal expected number of books we have expanded our sale to 2 stores and 3 weekends. In addition to the store we have been using at the Northland Mall we will also be using the former Christopher and Banks store across the hall. Our sale dates will be October 14-17, 21-24, and 28-30. Move in date will be Saturday, October 2. Our sale may look a little different this year depending on what COVID restrictions are still in place by October. We will keep you updated as plans progress.

Since we are still meeting virtually in May, we decided not to do a mass distribution of spring book marks and posters. Trish Brehm has posters and book marks advertising that we are collecting books. If you have a location where you could put a poster, contact Trish and let her know where you are putting the poster. Feel free to share book marks with family and friends. You can pick up the posters and book marks from her porch. You can contact Trish at 920-858-1198 or by e-mail at trishbrehm@yahoo.com.

We are happy to accept your books at the Kaukauna library. Our room will be open every Tuesday morning for book drop off from 9:30 - 11:30. When you come to the library, park in the lower level on the south side of the library. Enter through the parking lot door. If you are not available to drop off books at that time, please contact Betsy Mintern (832-9218), Chris Taylor (636-8153) or Shirley Schloemer (843-8888). One of them will arrange to meet you there at a time which works for you.

We are looking forward to preparing and holding our book sale!
Your Book Sale Committee



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: NEW MEMBER INFO

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Retired Teacher

Articles for the June newsletter are due May 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton



NEXT AAUW ART CLASS:

Tuesday, June 8

Place: Chris Scott's House (1406 W. Edmund Dr., Appleton)

Time: 12:30 pm

Theme: Acrylic Chain Pull Pour

Cost: \$15.00 (All Materials Provided)

***Masks must be worn and class is limited to 8 people for the purpose of social distancing. No experience necessary...just come and have fun!**



Social Justice Group

Date and Time: Tuesday , **May 27th at 1:00 pm—NOTE TIME CHANGE!**

Last meeting before we take a break in June & July

Zoom link will be emailed via Mailchimp. Be sure to **SAVE** the email for the link.

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 Justice.

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

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

May Book: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
Wednesday, May 19th at 1:00 pm on Zoom
NOTE: One meeting day only this month

Zoom link will be sent out to Afternoon Lit group members via Mailchimp.
Be sure to save the email to access the link.

If you're not currently a member of the group but would be interested in attending, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or call 729-9553.



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress
by Dai Sijie.
Wednesday, May 5th at 1:00 pm.

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

The new year of Second Choice books will be announced
at the Afternoon Literature Zoom on 5/19 and will be
posted on our website.

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EVENING LITERATURE

Evening Literature is proud to announce that Donna Cook has offered to become the chair of the Evening Literature group for the 2021-22 reading year!! Congratulations to Donna!

Next gathering: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm via Zoom

Book: *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

Discussion Leader: Faye Binsfeld

If interested in joining the discussion and not already a member of the group, please call or email Joan Moeschberger at 920-209-7488 or joanemoe@gmail.com so she can add your email in order to receive a Zoom link.

Please submit book suggestions for next year to Donna Cook, 920-427-6655 or djocook16@gmail.com by May 10. Discussion about the books will occur at the May 13 meeting and final voting will occur at the June 10th meeting. Discussion will occur at the May meeting as to whether or not we can resume in person gatherings starting in June.

Thank you from Grace Fuller and JaneAnne McCabe for the support of the group's members over the past 3 years. We know the group's future will continue most successfully under Donna's guidance.



Summer Mystery Lunches

Who: Everyone is welcome to join our Summer Mystery Lunches.

What: A different mystery will be discussed each month (June – August)

June book: *Two if by Sea* by Jacquelyn Mitchard (2016)

Discussion Leader: Betty Pontius

*Please suggest light-reading mystery series Bk #1 for July & August and heavier mysteries for next June (Standalone or Bk #1 of a series)
(See below)

When: Wednesday, June 16

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: T.B.D. (perhaps Zoom, perhaps a restaurant)

*Please send your suggestions to bettypontius@yahoo.com by the April 30th deadline.

If suggesting a book for light-reading for July or August:

- Format for a series:

1st Bk in Series Main Character(s) Time Period Setting Author
Plus no more than a 3-sentences summary

If suggesting a heavier book for **next** June:

Title of book Author
Plus brief 3 or 4 sentences description

Ellie Olson Memorial

The committee, with input from the Olson family has decided to award three scholarships to young women pursuing careers in areas which were especially dear to Ellie. In addition, we will sponsor one of three panels making up an informational display about eagles at 1000 Island Nature Center. The inscription on the panel will be :

"In memory of Ellie Olson (1948-2020), passionate environmentalist and dedicated member of the Appleton Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)."



AAUW-APPLETON ON PARADE!

Saturday, June 12, Downtown Appleton

In honor of the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution which gave women the right to vote, we will walk in the annual Appleton Flag Day Parade.

Start planning your costume now to be part of our Celebrating Our Vote entry.

Help plan for the parade at the Copper Rock Cafe in downtown Appleton at 1:00, April 28. We want to represent not only the women who fought to achieve the vote but those who made good use of their opportunities and freedoms.

We need you! Help AAUW be visible in the community and honor the Suffragists!

Contact Faye Binsfeld to see how you can get involved. binsfeldfaye@gmail.com, 268-8246

Moms' Equal Pay Day is June 4th. A working mother has to work close to a year and a half to make the same amount of money that a male colleague working the same job makes in 1 year. We need equal pay for equal work, We need Paycheck Fairness.

AAUW has developed a free program to learn to successfully advocate for yourself – and help close the pay gap for women everywhere. Through Work Smart Online you can research your target salary, highlight your accomplishments and find the right words – and the confidence – to negotiate for better benefits and pay. You can sign up for an online course which takes less than two hours to complete and can be done at your own pace.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/salary/>



AAUW APPLETON BRANCH MEETING APRIL 8, 2021 AT 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

President Joan Moeschberger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and reminded members that AAUW advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. She introduced our Program VP Donna Cook who then introduced Carlene Bechen, Organizer for the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition. Carlene spoke about Fair Maps, Gerrymandering, and Redistricting.

President Joan then welcomed our 43 members in attendance and approved the March minutes as published in the April newsletter. Joan reminded members that voting is now open for the elimination of the degree requirement for membership. Voting ends on May 17 and you can refer to your email from National that all members received.

State President Joan Schneider talked about our State Convention which will be held via ZOOM this year. It is free and will be held on April 23 and 24. You must register on the AAUW website and you can pick which sessions you wish to attend. If you have any problems registering, contact our Branch President Joan Moeschberger.

Program VP Donna Cook announced that our next Branch meeting on May 20, 2021 will be via ZOOM and will include the announcement of our scholarship winners, recognition of our retiring Board members and installation of our new slate of officers.

Assistant Program VP Sylvia Bull put in a request for all program ideas for the coming year of 2021-2022 to be sent to her by May 12.

Membership VP Georgianne Bravick talked about and showed pictures of the April 6 social event in City Park which was well attended. The weather was perfect and members had a chance to get to know each other better. Georgianne then introduced our newest member, Susan Townsend and told us a bit about her. Georgianne also asked that any current members give names of prospective members to her so she can follow up on that. Lastly, Georgianne asked that members send in their dues with a completed invoice sheet to Assistant Membership VP Mary Bechle.

Finance VP Kathleen Gagnow was not in attendance but her March balance sheet was shown. Kathleen will do a finance report at the May Branch Meeting.

Nominations chair Becky O'Connor listed our new slate of officers for 2021-2022. They are: President elect Christine Taylor, Assistant Program VP Kathy Kuck, Assistant Membership VP JaneAnne McCabe, Finance VP Nancy Grube, Assistant Finance VP Jackie Booher, and Secretary Sue Vanorsdall. Becky moved that we accept this slate of officers and it was seconded. There was unanimous approval and this motion was carried. Becky then reminded everyone that our next AAUW Reads Book is The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss.

Communications Judy Goodnight reminded members that if we want an accurate Directory, then we must send in an accurate invoice complete with any changes in our personal information. Judy showed the invoice and highlighted where we are to make corrections if needed. If there are any corrections, please contact Judy so she can also include those corrections in our newsletter. Members can then update their current yellow directories.

Public Policy chair Jacqui Klimaszewski talked about an LWV event concerning Fair Maps which will be April 25-29. There is a Can You Hear Us Now? documentary film and discussion on Thursday, April 29, 6:30-7:30 pm. Jacqui also told us about State Budget Listening Session opportunities, and she showed a website if interested in following up on our previous Branch program on Racial Disparity and its task force program. Finally, Jacqui presented a taped presentation from Elizabeth Riddle, our AAUW middle school contest winner. Elizabeth presented her essay on Katharine Johnson.

(Minutes continued on next page)

Book Sale chair Chris Taylor said that books for the sale may be dropped off at the Kaukauna library on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM. Any questions about book drop off can be directed to Betsy Mintern or Shirley Schloemer. We are definitely having the book sale this October at the Northland Mall and will probably use the vacated Christopher and Banks store as well as our other room across the hallway.

Afternoon Literature and Second Choice Books chair Judy Goodnight talked about The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson book discussion for afternoon literature on April 15 and April 21 at 1pm. Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie for Second Choice Books will be Wed. May 5 at 1 pm.

Evening Literature chair Grace Fuller said that the book Every Note Played by Lisa Genova will be discussed on April 15 at 6:30pm via ZOOM. Volunteer(s) are needed to lead this group for next year.

Summer Mystery Group leader Betty Pontius said that the first book of the summer to be discussed is Two if by Sea by Jacquelyn Mitchard on June 16th at 11:30 AM and location is still to be determined. Please contact Betty with any book suggestions for the months of July and August.

Flag Day Parade chair Faye Binsfeld said there will be a planning meeting at Copper Rock Café on April 28 at 1PM for all interested members. The Flag Day parade will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 2PM.

Social Justice chair Judy Goodnight said that their next meeting will be April 27 at 10 AM via ZOOM. The members were given a scenario to test their implicit bias and all were invited to take a 21week Equity Challenge.

New Business President Joan reminded everyone of the next Branch Meeting on May 20, 2021 at 6:30PM via ZOOM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Wunderlich, Recording Secretary

FINANCE REPORT—AAUW APPLETON

04/05/21	AAUW - Appleton Branch Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2021	Mar 31, 21
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General Checking		
Beacon Fund	206	
Convention Fund	5,511	
General Checking - Other	17,265	
Total General Checking	22,982	
Scholarship Checking	9,980	
Total Checking/Savings	32,962	
Total Current Assets	32,962	
TOTAL ASSETS	32,962	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Net Assets	34,668	
Net Income	-1,706	
Total Equity	32,962	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,962	

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.

The Apple Branch is a publication of the Appleton, Wisconsin Branch of AAUW, the American Association of University Women.

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