

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

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The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women Appleton, Wisconsin

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Gathered together, we find our light And each spark shifts and multiplies, Scattering its radiance on our ordinary lives Like everything precious, more valuable when shared. Like every common miracle, made of the stuff of stars. Let the light shine.

Watch for it falling on each other's faces,

Count the beams, catch them, let them be reflected back, See the hope, see the promise.

Heidi Thomas

Call The Midwife, Series Eight

Gather to do good.

With all the hope I can muster I am wishing for a safe, in person branch meeting in September.

If possible, those of us that feel safe and comfortable gathering in person can look forward to our first in person branch meeting for over a year on Wednesday, September 8th. This evening will give us the chance to get involved in many worthwhile pursuits including our October book sale and Tech Savvy. Giving our time to lead, host or participate in a book discussion, help plan an auction, or join a travel group adventure is good for us as individuals and good for the group.

In all the good we do, we keep our mission, our vision, our values, and our focus in mind.

Gather to grow.

Thanks to the hard work of Sylvia and her program committee, each of our branch meetings this year will give us a chance to learn and become more enlightened and engaged community members.

Our newsletter is page after page of opportunities to grow.

Each of our *five book groups gives us a chance to expand our worlds*. Every interest group requires us to learn new skills and more importantly, gives us a chance to laugh and enjoy each other's good company.

Gather together.

Give some thought to who you can invite to join us at our meetings and events. New, experienced, and prospective members like to feel included. A car ride (even with masks) is a wonderful chance to connect. Any small act of kindness can be a bright spot after a year of loss.

Becky will again author our newsletter articles beginning next month. We are all grateful for her monthly inspiration!

Joan Moeschberger, President joanemoe@gmail.com

Program News

Please Read: We have enthusiastically planned our branch's 2021-2022 programs/ meetings with the intent of being able to meet in-person. HOWEVER, Covid-19 and the new variant have caused considerable concern for many organizations as well as individuals.

That being said, please read the following:

There will be NO food or drink offered at the

SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF!!!

DATE: September 8, 2021, Wednesday

TIME: 5:30pm

PLACE: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet St., Appleton

Please use the West parking lot and entrance (#5)!!

5:30 Gather (with masks on)

6:00 Speaker: "Return to Normalcy after Covid-19" by Susan McFadden

6:30 Meeting and Sign up for activities

Despite having no "nibbles", we will be able have an uplifting and fulfilling meeting. Looking forward to seeing you!!

Be sure to pick up your new 21-22 Directory, sign-up with Special Committees and Interest/Study Groups and chat with your friends. Please say hello to new members!



AAUW National Bylaws Vote

Below you will find the results of our branch's participation last spring in the bylaws vote related to the elimination of the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. We had 139 eligible voters in our Appleton branch.

Yes	36	
No	6	
Abstain	2	Voter
Blank	0	voier.
Branch Participation	31.65%	Participation Participation
% Affirmative	35.71%	Matters!



Join us for a Box Lunch on Book Sale Work Night

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Branch Meeting and Optional Box Lunch at 5:00 Northland Mall

Book sorting opportunities before and after the branch meeting



Box lunches will be from Cousins Subs and include sandwich, chips, a cookie and beverage for \$6.50. All boxes will contain mayo and onions will be available.

Menu Choices:

Italian Special - ham, bologna, salami, provolone, lettuce, tomato, salt, oregano, oil

Ham and Provolone – ham, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes, oregano,

Veggie – provolone, spring mix, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes

Club – ham, turkey breast, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes, oregano

Please indicate your choice of beverage

Water

Diet Coke

Mail your check, (made to AAUW Appleton Branch) sandwich and beverage choice to Kathy Kuck, 4318 N. Marshall Heights Ave. Appleton, 54913

OR Look for the **Box Lunch sign-up Table** at our September 8 meeting and place your checks in the envelope provided.

All orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, September 29th 2021. *Many thanks in advance for your timely response!*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

I am so looking forward to this next year with AAUW. Most exciting is meeting in person once again. I am in need of greeters for our first meeting at Prince of Peace. I am hoping I have some willing committee members who will be able to take on that task and join Susie and me.

Also, I want to announce we have some amazing new members. They are:

Mary Jane Cummings

Mary Girard

Jill Hinkley

Kae Maylander

Helene Pohl

Wendy Ressler

Elizabeth Skrypczak

Judy Tate

Susan Townsend

Susie and I are having a New Member Coffee/Tea at Susie's house on Monday, August 23rd starting at 10:30am. We are excited to get to know our new and prospective members and for them to get to know about us and AAUW. Let's have a wonderful 2021-2022 year and make membership in AAUW amazing.

Mary Bechle, Membership VP

YES— YOU CAN STILL PAY YOUR DUES RENEWAL

Send your payment of \$90 made out to AAUW Appleton along with the dues invoice form (see May newsletter) to Mary Bechle, 425W. Kennedy Ave. #205, Kimberly, WI 54136.



The Member In the Spotlight will return in the October issue.

"One Book Is Never Enough" 2021 Book Sale

Important Dates

Oct. 2 - Move to the Northland Mall

Oct. 7 - Book Sale Work night

Book Sale Dates, Times and Prices

Thurs., Oct. 14th – 9am–8pm (Most books \$1) Fri., Oct. 15th – 9am-8pm (Most books \$1) Sat., Oct. 16th – 9am-5pm (Most books \$1) Sun., Oct. 17th – noon-5pm (Most books \$1)

Thurs., Oct. 21 – 9am-8pm (Most books \$1)
Fri., Oct. 22 – 9am-8pm (Most books \$1)
Sat., Oct. 23 – 9am-5pm (½ price day)
Sun., Oct. 24 – noon-5pm (½ price day)

Thurs., Oct. 28 – 9am-8pm (\$5/bag) Fri., Oct. 29 – 9am-8pm (\$5/bag) Sat., Oct. 30 – 9am-1pm (Books free)



BOOK SALE NOTES!

Book sorting continues every Tuesday morning from 9 to noon at the Kaukauna library. Books can also be dropped off at that time. We have a large number of books so are no longer actively advertising for books. We are still accepting books from people who contact us.

At the September meeting we will have bookmarks and posters advertising the sale dates and times, for you to take and distribute. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can pick them up on Tuesday mornings at the library or by contacting Trish Brehm.

Mark your calendars for moving dates on October 1 and 2, book sale work night on October 7, and the actual sale dates. Our rooms at the mall will also be open every day leading up to the sale.

As it gets closer to the sale we will be sharing guidelines for how we plan to operate the sale safely during whatever the current COVID situation s in October.

Looking forward to working together for a successful sale! Your book sale chairs



Saturday, March 5, 2022

Contact Stephanie Malaney at smallaney505@gmail (920-740-9632) or Jacqui Klimaszewski at JJKlim@new.rr.com (920-830-2919).

Committees will have sign up sheets at the September 8, 2021, meeting. We are still looking for a few chairs (highlighted in red).

Committees for Tech Savvy Planning:

Budget- Stephanie Malaney & Jeanne Tondryk

Establishing cost of event

Fundraising- Stephanie & Jeanne

Raising needed funds to keep the cost at a low rate for participants

Marketing and Publicity

Multiple ways of spreading the word about Tech Savvy

Social Media-Judy Goodnight

Parent Sessions

Establish 1 hour or longer sessions for parents including a panel of STEM career women, paying for college, etc.

Girl Savvy- Becky O'Connor

Planning sessions for girls---I budget, career planning, leadership, personal skills

College Savvy-Sue Taylor & Linda Buck

Work with college recruiters and school counselor - am sessions

STEM Hands-On

Recruiting STEM career women to do girl workshops

Food Planning- Nancy Havens

Meeting food services, planning & selection menu, set up for breakfast and lunch

Volunteering- Mary Grace & Judy Phillips

Establish needs of the day, recruit and train volunteers

Evaluation

Create an evaluation that helps the committees with planning and fundraising

Registration- Marilyn Sim-Tatera & Fanny Behrens

Managing the registrations of parents and students, printing groups, name tags

Check-in Coordinator - Joan Moeschberger & Chris Taylor

Distributing Tech Savvy backpacks, nametags and t-shirts

Opening and Closing of the Day - Stephanie & Jeanne

Speakers and PowerPoints to set the tone of the day and the wrap up at the end

Program Booklet

Assembling the program booklet

Next Planning Meeting September 14, 2021 1:00 by Zoom

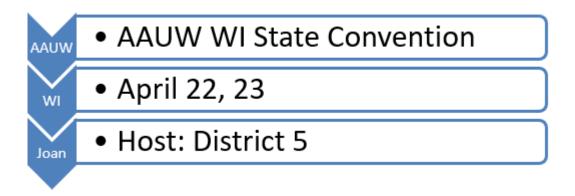
AAUW WISCONSIN

Because of the Pandemic and Zoom, I have been able to participate in many interesting branch activities around the state. I find that each branch has its own special personality. Appleton Branch members can be proud of our amazing branch.

The more you participate; the more you will benefit from your membership in AAUW. Grab the opportunities that are available to you. One of the catch phrases from AAUW that caught my interest when I joined years ago was: a lifetime of learning! That's us! Always learning!

Learning, friendship, and action with AAUW!!

Joan Schneider, AAUW Appleton Branch and AAUW WI State President



OPPORTUNITY FOR BRANCH LEADERS!

District 5 (Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Northwoods, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Wausau, & West Bend branches) is hosting the AAUW WI State Convention in April 2022. Whether or not you have attended state conventions before, we are looking for branch members who would be interested in joining the planning committee. We will be meeting monthly via Zoom for one hour on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 15. Contact me at 920-729-9553 or via email to judy@gwd.org to join us & receive the Zoom meeting link.

Judy Goodnight
District 5 Coordinator





Communications Chair Judy Goodnight

I'm originally from the Albany, NY metro area. We moved to Erie, PA when I was 10. As valedictorian of my graduating class, I received a \$50 scholarship from the Erie branch of AAUW. Perhaps this was foreshadowing?

I attended Michigan State University graduating with a BA in Psychology. I also met and married my husband, Michael, at Michigan State. We lived over a year in the southern metro area of Detroit where I worked teaching preschool. A job change took us to Memphis, TN where our son, James, was born. I actually joined AAUW in Memphis for one year to meet people. Soon



after that, though, I began an MS/PhD program at what is now the University of Memphis. We had a second child, Elizabeth, while I was dithering over possible dissertation projects. I then again took a job teaching preschool. Before I could resolve the dissertation dilemma, we were on the move with Kimberly-Clark to Neenah. For several years I taught Human Development classes for Marian University's evening/weekend program in Appleton and then on campus.

I met Mary Grace and Judy Phillips through Girl Scouts. When AAUW Appleton was doing Math and Science Rock! in collaboration with Girl Scouts, they convinced me to be the GS representative on the planning committee for the event. Before I knew it, I was joining the Appleton branch! I've served the branch as historian, Membership VP, President, and now as Communications Chair. I publish the newsletter, maintain our website, and do our social media posting on Facebook. I also served 2 terms as the State Membership VP and am currently the AAUW-WI District 5 Coordinator for 8 state branches.

My most memorable AAUW experience was attending the 2017 AAUW National Convention while I was branch president. Meeting and talking with AAUW members from all over the country was amazing as was listening to speakers such as Judy Woodruff and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Going to Capitol Hill and lobbying for women at the Senate Office buildings was quite an experience as well.

My main role model was my mother. Besides passing on to me a passion for books & reading, she taught me the power of perseverance and being capable & independent.

Issues I am most passionate about are literacy & the power of reading/education, social justice, and voting rights. At the Book Sale, you'll find me head wrangler of the paperback fiction section. I also tutor English for Fox Valley Literacy. I chair the Afternoon Literature and Second Choice Book Groups as well as the Social Justice group. At election time, you'll find me directing one of the Fox Crossing polling locations.

Besides AAUW, I am Lifetime Girl Scout and active volunteer on the Girl Scout Gold Award committee for our region with Mary Grace and Judy Phillips. I'm a fairly new member of League of Women Voters of Appleton. I've been a member of a Neenah book club since 1988 and for most of those years, I've been the organizer of the group. I hang out with the Leaven book group monthly. During the summer you may catch me ushering for Neenah's Riverside Players Theater in the Park. Many of you know that I am an avid scrapbooker as well.

I am truly thankful to Mary & Judy for nudging me into joining AAUW. It has enriched my life in so many ways from developing leadership skills, learning new things, embracing new opportunities, and making so many new friends who believe fervently in our mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

AAUW Appleton has traditionally reserved a table for the Women's Fun Luncheon. This year's luncheon will again be virtual. We can attend in a GatHER for HER Virtual Party with a minimum of 10 people at \$50 per person. Joan Moeschberger will be coordinating sign-ups for us so contact Joan if you are interested in participating.

This year's featured speaker is Dr. Scharmaine Lawson.



Thursday, September 9

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Countdown to the Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Program

Monday-Thursday, September 6-9 | Silent Auction

Bid on handbags and other items during the silent auction. Register for the event and follow us on Facebook to join all the fun!

The Public Policy Committee would love to have **you** join with your ideas and fresh approaches to AAUW issues advocacy. Contact Jacqui at **jiklim@new.rr.com**

ETHNIC & ELEGANT

Here it is August and time to start making lists of members and menus. But when I think about our fall get-together, it just seems like too much. We need to be careful a little while longer. So, my thought is to resume dinners in small groups in 2022. We will see how things are going and have a signup in December.

Also, I would like a co-chair who could help me with the computer part of this group. If you are interested, call me and we can discuss duties, etc.

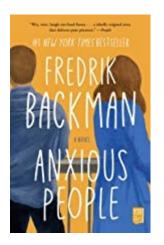
Nancy Samson

(920)857-5322

Samsonnancy47@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

: ALSO: I need a group member who is willing to answer questions about the group and encourage members to sign up at the Branch Kickoff on September 8th. I will be busy with 2 of the book groups.



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

September 15th book : *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Meeting place info will be sent to group members via Mailchimp. Be sure to sign up for the Afternoon Literature group at the 9/8 Kickoff!

For more info, contact Judy Goodnight at 729-9553 or at Judy@gwd.org.



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing

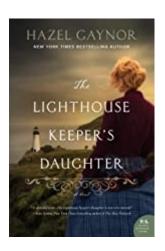
The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter

by Hazel Gaynor

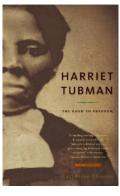
Thursday, September 2nd at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

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

Our October book will be Miss Benson's Beetle Author: Rachel Joyce









THURSDAY EVENING LITERATURE

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM.

Host: Betty Pontius, 846 Millbrook Dr, Neenah

Book: The Tubman Command by Elizabeth Cobbs AND/OR

Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom by Catherine
Clinton

Discussion Leader: Faye Binsfeld

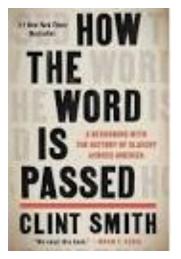
If you would like to join us, please email or call Donna so we can get your name on the list! Thank you!!

AAUW READS - YEAR #2!

One year ago, we launched a new book discussion opportunity... AAUW Reads. Although we have many book groups, we did not have one book to give us common ground for reading, for discussing, for learning, for connecting us as members of our branch. It began with Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson for the first part of the year and continued with The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss for our next book. Our discussions were thoughtful, insightful, and meaningful...and fun as we gathered together! And we are ready to kick off our 2021-22 year with a new book!

Our next AAUW Reads book is **How the Word Is Passed by Clint Smith.** From the book jacket: "Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks – those that are honest about the past and those that are not – that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history and memory." The chapters include **Monticello Plantation, The Whitney Plantation, Angola Prison, New York City,** and others. Clint Smith is a staff writer at *The Atlantic* and a poet. His writing has been published in *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *Poetry, The Paris Review and elsewhere*.

We hope you join us! Check out the newsletter each month for updates and discussion opportunities!



"A work of moral force and humility, *How the Word Is Passed* offers a compelling account of the history and memory of slavery in America. Engaging and wise, this book combines history and reportage, poem, and memoir. It is a deep lesson and a reckoning." -MATTHEW DESMOND, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evicted*.

Member Outreach

Member Outreach is a way for our AAUW community to stay connected and reach out to members during significiant 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

Everything's Coming Up Roses, Butterflies, Ice Cream, and Art

Manitowoc is our destination for the September AAUW Travel Group, which includes all interested AAUW members. We'll start the day exploring the beautiful West of the Lakes Garden and then enjoy a simple lunch at Beerntsen's Confectionary before ending our day touring the Rahr-West Art Museum.

When: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Where: 10 - 11:30 AM - West of the Lake Garden, 915 Memorial Drive

We're hoping the monarch butterfly migration is on but Mother Nature may have a different idea.

11:30 AM - 1 PM - Beerntsen's Confectionary 108 N. 8th Street

Sandwiches and Soup are on the menu at this old fashioned ice cream and candy store found ed in 1932. Complete your meal with an ice cream delight sitting in the old wooden booths from years gone by.

1 PM (or whenever we've finished lunch and maybe some candy shopping)

We'll explore the **Rahr-West Museum, 610 N. 8**^{th.} The museum is housed in an 1893 Victorian mansion. (*There are steps involved in getting into the house and to explore the upper floors). The art gallery hosts the Manitowoc Country Artist Show and an exhibit entitled Really Big Prints.

Time: We will car pool from the Park and Ride at the corner of Hwy. 10 and Cty. N at 8:21 AM and then travel to Manitowoc. Plans are to be back in Appleton by 4:30 PM.

Cost: Please plan to pay your driver \$5 to help cover the cost of gas. Both the Garden and the Muse um are free but donations are appreciated. Lunch cost is your own.

RSVP: By September 3rd to Ruth Henschel by phone (920) 202-3300 or email Ranger1chc@gmail.com. Please let her know if you are willing to drive and how many people (including yourself) you can take.

TRAVEL GROUP: SAVE THE DATE

Plan Ahead & Reserve Now

Get your holiday spirit off to a great start and join the AAUW Travel group on a November 3rd trip to Fort Atkinson and the Fireside Theater to enjoy their show, Holiday Inn. Because of the need to pay for reservations in advance, there are only 12 tickets reserved for the group. These will be available on a first come, first paid basis. The nonrefundable \$100 cost includes a wonderful meal, the play, and a donation to your driver for the round trip ride. Drivers need only pay the Fireside fee of \$85. A waiting list will be kept just in case anyone would need to cancel. Reservations, with payment, are being accepted NOW. Contact Ruth Henschel at (920) 202-3300 or ranger1chc@gmail.com for reservations or questions.

Looking Ahead to 2022...

Reserve a spot on your calendar for a multi-day trip to Shipsewana, Indiana from May 2nd to May 6th. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

Influential Women STEM Essay Contest -Honorable Mention

Rachel Carson by Emma Elizabeth Kinzelman

I have grown up knowing that girls can do anything they want to do, be anything they want to be, and know everything they want to know. But even as recently as in my grandparent's generation, this was not always true. Girls were often encouraged to become teachers, nurses, or homemakers; they were seldom encouraged to seek advanced degrees or participate in male-dominated fields. One woman who received an advanced degree and entered male-dominated fields at a time when few women would consider even trying to follow this path was Rachel Carson. She was a world-renowned ecologist, zoologist, and activist by the time of her death in 1964, but her path was not an easy one. When she attended college in the 1920s, only 7.6% of women were enrolled in undergraduate program and even fewer sought graduate degrees in the biological sciences. Rachel Carson de-



serves to be remembered because she specialized in the STEM fields well before girls were encouraged to do so, and because her work ultimately initiated the environmental movement and highlighted key issues that are still important today.

Growing up, Rachel Carson loved writing and being in nature and often went on walks on her family's property. She loved writing so much that her first story was published when she was only eleven years old. She knew from a young age that she wanted to be a writer, and up until a mandatory science class, she was going to be. Rachel attended the Pennsylvania College for Women, now known as Chatham University. One of her requirements in college was to take a science-based class, and she chose biology. She loved that she got to see the natural world up close; she loved it so much that she changed her major to biology. This was a hard decision to make because she knew it would be hard for her to find a job as a female scientist. Even though she knew it would be hard, she was inspired by her biology Professor Mary Scott Skinner, and she continued to follow her dreams. She worked hard and graduated from Chatham University in 1929, but she wanted to continue her studies and attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins. She later graduated with a masters degree in zoology. This may not seem like that big of a deal, but in the 1920s and 1930s, less than 10% of women even went to college, and even fewer attended grad school.

Rachel Carson wrote many books, but one of her best known is *Silent Spring*. It became a best seller and may be one of the most influential books in the environmental movement. *Silent Spring* is about the chemical DDT or Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane. This chemical harmed

wildlife because its main use was an insecticide. Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* in 1962 after she was made aware of birds being killed by the chemical in Cape Cod by an old friend. When she was fighting for her life with breast cancer while also trying to ban DDT, she told the Congressional subcommittee that, "Our heedless and destructive acts enter into the vast cycles of the earth and in time return to bring hazard to ourselves." She, unfortunately, would not live long enough to see DDT banned in 1972.

Rachel Carson's writings can be described as poetic; this could be part of the reason her books were best sellers for so long. Her books were also informative, and they helped inspire many civilians to support the environmental movement. *Silent Spring* won Rachel Carson many awards including the Conservationist of the Year and the 1963 Achievement Award.

Rachel Carson is important and deserves to be remembered because she showed the world that girls can get an education, that they can make a difference, and that they can change the world if they have resilience. She proved that women could attain similar educational levels to men when it was uncommon for women to even go to college. She became a bestselling author in a male-dominated field that she was told she would fail in. She also demonstrated that if we do not care for our earth now, it will not be here to care for us later.

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About the Author



Emma Elizabeth Kinzelman is a 7th grade student at Appleton Connections Academy. She is in Mrs. Johnston's class who hails Emma as an excellent student. This is the first essay contest that Emma has entered. She selected Rachel Carson as the topic because she had learned about her in her ecology science project for school that involved water pollution and cleaning up the beaches. She also had a

book on Rachel Carson. Emma's favorite school subjects are science, especially biology, and history. Outside of school, she likes to go horseback riding and dancing. Her career interests fluctuate, but she is thinking about something in medicine.





SEPTEMBER AAUW ART CLASS:

Wednesday, September 15

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

Time: 12:30 pm

Theme: Faux Stained Glass

Cost: \$15.00 (All Materials Provided)

No experience necessary...just come and have fun!

Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard RJLLAL@new.rr.com by September 8





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

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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