



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

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| Nov 2 | Book Sale Celebration/ Second Choice Books |
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| Nov 11 | Evening Literature |
| Nov 15 | Auction Items Due |
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"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

– **Sitting Bull, Native American chief**

These last months have been exhausting for many. Our book sale leadership team knows that for sure. They have been guiding us with thoughtfulness and dedication and *grace*. (No pun intended there. Or maybe pun intended, actually.) They have lost sleep, made tough decisions, worked tirelessly and basically made our whole organization look good. Hearing Mary and Chris on the radio show *Focus Fox Valley* gave me goosebumps. I was so proud. And we can't thank them enough.

We are quite a group of women. We each carry challenges and worries and joys with us. We are caretakers for children and spouses and friends and parents. We have daily jobs and we volunteer so much that some days it seems like a second career. Some days it is all we can do to breathe. But we keep putting our minds together. And good things happen - like organizing 80,000 books.

One of the new tables in both the children's section and the general section highlighted an AAUW initiative: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. It took some "putting our minds together", but having this focus was important. From AAUW National, it is quite clear that issues of immigration, income and socioeconomic status, racial and gender equity, and more...all are part of AAUW advocacy. Finding books that have children with black and brown skin as characters was a challenge. Out of our packed room of books for kids, I found less than 40. One book had a child in a wheelchair. One book had a Hmong theme. Our new national CEO, Gloria Blackwell, "has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to AAUW's vision of achieving equity for all". Taking positive and clear actions to demonstrate our own commitment is important. Next step? Our November 18 branch meeting "Hmong Struggles with Inclusion in the Fox Valley" is sure to be informative and enlightening.

Join us at meetings, at book groups, at anything. Let's keep putting our minds together and see what a life we can make for our children.

Becky O'Connor, past president
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Program News

November Branch Meeting and Program



DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2021

TIME: 5:30pm

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

!! Please use the **East** parking lot and entrance (**# 2**)
(Greeters will be there to direct you to the hall)

5:30 Gather (**with masks on**)

5:45 Speaker: Dr. Pafoua (Pam) Her
Hmong Community Struggles with Inclusion
in the Fox Valley

6:45 Meeting

Greeters needed for our November meeting. Two additional greeters needed for our December Brunch. If you can help, email Mary Bechle at msnn3bs@yahoo.com or call 563-235-3968.

Thank you to all our new members for their help with our book sale. I am so impressed with your dedication and support! -Mary Bechle, Membership VP

New Member Gathering: Plans are in the works for a late morning tea/coffee and ugly sweater get-together. Watch your email for details of date, time & place.

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Pat Hauser

We're so happy you've joined us!

Mary Bechle and Susie Jennings, Membership





Holiday Brunch Details

Date: Saturday, December 4th, 2021

Place: Grand Meridian
2621 N Oneida Street, Appleton

Time: 8:30am Gather
9:15am Plated brunch will be served

Menu: Spinach Frittata, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Sausages,
basket of Sweet items, Coffee, Tea, Juice
A cash bar will be available.

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Checks made out to: AAUW Appleton Branch

Due by November 24 *

Send checks to: Bonnie Krueger
3116 E Gazebohill Rd
Appleton, WI 54913

Guests are welcome! Be sure to include their names when you send your check to us.
Dietary restrictions? Put them in writing along with your reservation.

****Thank you for understanding that we cannot honor reservation requests made after 11/24.**

Holiday Brunch / Fundraiser

December 4, 2021

Our Holiday Brunch brings us together once again to chat with friends and new members, eat good food and raise funds for our Appleton Branch.

Members are asked to contribute items for the auctions and bag drawings. The fundraiser this year is a composite of the last few we've had - one will be virtual on an auction site, another a live auction and another a bag drawing.

ALL auction and bag drawing items should be delivered to the home of Sylvia Bull. Items will be placed in 3 categories: 1. Virtual auction 2. Live auction (4-5 items) and 3. Bag drawing.

Auction ideas: these we consider the "bigger" items, e.g., tickets to an event, new furniture, art objects, children's toys, large themed baskets, books (also autographed books), restaurant gift certificates, jewelry, handmade items, services (cooking or baking for others) and decorative items.

Bag drawing ideas: these "smaller" items could be bakery, canned foods, candy, ornaments, decorative gifts, notecards, personal items, jewelry.

Don't be limited by the ideas list! Think about what you might want to receive or give as a gift. Hopefully committee members and study/interest groups will want to put together a basket for the virtual auction - they were a big hit last year.

Please - ALL contributions are to be brought to Sylvia Bull **by November 15**. Or sooner if you can. (Provide a description and value, please.)

Drop off your item(s) at:

2459 E Glenhurst Lane, Appleton (near Appleton North H.S., off of Ballard Rd.)

Need help? - call Sylvia at 920-731-4364 and she will arrange for a pick up of your item.

Timeline for Virtual Auction on the 32Auction site:

- 11/15 All items to Sylvia Bull
- 11/24 Site available for browsing
- 11/26 Bidding opens at 6:00am
- 12/01 Bidding closes at 10:30pm



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I was a young teacher when Grace Fuller invited me to my first AAUW meeting. We heard a panel of women talking about staying active physically and then enjoyed a delicious meal served by the students at Fox Valley Technical School as it was known then. I liked the opportunity to meet new people, listen to interesting programs, and sample delicious food. I still do! That probably was in 1974, and I have been a member ever since, one of my best decisions.

I've been most every leadership position and I enjoyed a stint on state AAUW board very much, and am thrilled that my closest friends from that time are now members of our branch.

AAUW's advocacy for women and girls is one I am proud to support. Backing up our stances with careful research gives us real credibility when we speak out, and that's also important to me.

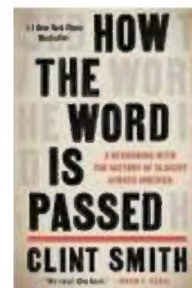
When I was a kid, my mother was a charter member of the branch in our little college town. Their fundraiser was to bake birthday cakes for students at the college whose parents had paid a fee and given date and flavor information. I vividly remember carefully watching over the box with the layer cake as we drove to the dorms, took the cake to the front desk, looking around wide-eyed at that exotic place! I guess good food and AAUW were joined in my mind early!

Of course my mother was my main role model, but I've been helped greatly by strong women I've known. My life has been filled with "nutritious" friends, many of them AAUW sisters.



AAUW READS

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! January discussion dates will be shared in the next newsletter.



Program VP Sylvia Bull



I grew up in the Town of Menasha and attended Menasha schools. Much of my youth during the summers and many weekends was spent going up north to my Grandmother's farm (do you know where Gleason is?) It was there where my sister and I spent countless hours roaming the woods and fields and jumping across the nearby creek. Hugging the calves, helping work the sap shack in the spring and driving the tractor was equally enjoyable.

I attended the U.W. Oshkosh as a non-traditional student graduating with a Major in Sociology and Minor in Business. During this time I married Guy, a Neenah native. My last four jobs were the most interesting. I helped set up one of Appleton's first cellular service offices, Cellular One. I helped open up the Appleton office of the Fox Valley AIDS project. I worked there 7yrs and then 7yrs at the Homeless Shelter (as it was called then). Both of those positions were as a Volunteer Coordinator. My last position - and favorite - was Supervisor of the Menasha Senior Center. I loved interacting with the seniors, planning programs, events, speakers and parties. And I had fun - I learned to line dance and play shuffleboard.

I have been an AAUW member for 11 years. Trish Brehm introduced me to the organization and served as my "buddy" explaining what goes on in the organization. I am currently serving as Program VP and am enjoying it very much. Know, however, that it is really nice having the Assistant VP's help and the President's ear. Oh, and I can't forget: I have been the "T-Shirt Lady" for the branch for the last few years.

I have enjoyed not only meeting but learning from fellow members. And being the Program VP has allowed me to learn from current and previous members who have held leadership roles. Their experience, knowledge and willingness to lend a hand has proven to be so beneficial. And we all believe in education which I feel is so important - educating youth as well as adults.

There are many women whose qualities I have greatly admired. But in my life experience, my own sister's positive attitude, joy in living and outgoing nature are qualities I greatly admired. She was 5 years my junior and, despite our age difference, we were very close and enjoyed each other's company. She was fun and I like being around fun people. I miss her terribly (she died 3yrs ago).

In addition to AAUW, I love nature (Hug a tree. It can be very meaningful for you and the tree!), hiking, mahjongg, animals and especially art. Art in all forms. I love admiring art and I love creating art. I love buying art, too, but now I have no more space for it!!

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

Public Policy Updates

FAIR MAPS – Next Steps

People's Maps Commission Released Voting Draft Maps

Catch up on what's happening with redistricting in Wisconsin!

Stay up-to-date and engaged with the movement to #EndGerrymandering and achieve #FairMapsWI in Wisconsin.

Read about what's happening and how to be involved:

https://bit.ly/FM_SepOct21News

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Wisconsin Eye Morning Minute Review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-JrFXAH88U>

NPR broadcast: <https://www.wpr.org/wpr-reports-mapped-out-podcast-and-live-event>

Spectrum News 1: <https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/madison/politics/2021/09/30/people-s-maps-commission-releases-draft-maps>

People's Map Commission background: <https://govstatus.egov.com/peoplesmaps/about>

LOOK HERE for 3 sets of proposed maps for state assembly and senate and US Congressional seats: <https://govstatus.egov.com/peoplesmaps/work-records>

Look these over to decide which ones you feel are the best, provide feedback to the Commission and contact your state representative and senator to encourage their support for your map and explain why!!

Note: The state legislature approved a Joint Resolution regarding the redistricting process. However, one of the requirements is to keep the new maps as close as possible to previous maps. In other words, it is NOT a proposal for Fair Maps; rather, it is a proposal to entrench the UNFAIR maps we presently have.



Many of the participants from Senate District 19 on Fair Maps Lobby Day on September 27, 2021 (Not all present for photo.)

2021 AAUW BOOK SALE

Book Sale Shifts

It takes many volunteers to staff 3 stores and we have 2 weekends to go. We are open Wednesday through Saturday both weeks. We also need many volunteers for Saturday afternoon, Oct 30 for the final clean up. If you can help fill any of the above openings sign up at the mall, call or text Mary Grace at 920-915- 6379, or e-mail her at mcggs@aol.com.

Book Sale Final Wrap Up Needs Workers—Saturday, Oct. 30 Starting at 1:00 PM

Tasks to complete:

1. Boxing all the remaining books
2. Loading boxes into St. Vincent van
3. Loading boxes into trailers, cars, vans, trucks to take across the street to Goodwill
4. Breaking down remaining boxes
5. Stacking the tables
6. Packing up all items that need to be returned to Kaukauna
7. Clean up rooms-returning items to original places

Monday, Nov. 1 Starting at 9:00 AM

Tasks to complete:

1. Move all book sale items back to Kaukauna
2. Trucks or trailers are needed for boards used for shelving

Sign Up to Help by:

Sign-up sheets at the Book Sale

Let one of the Book Sale Committee Members know

Email or call Stephanie Malaney smalaney5@aol.com or 920-740-9632

Book Sale Celebration – Nov. 2 (Tuesday)

It's time to celebrate another successful book sale. Please join us at Mark's East Side for lunch on Tuesday, November 2 at 11:30 am. We will be ordering off a limited menu. To make your reservation, sign up on the sheet in the office behind children's at the mall or contact Mary Grace.

We hope you will celebrate with us.



The Fiction Store—All ready for the start of the sale!

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Add New Member to Your Directory:

Hauser, Pat

4795 N. Tony Ct., Appleton 54913

920-687-1084 phauser1@new.rr.com

BS Education, UW-Eau Claire

Corrected Phone Number

for Mary Lee Powell:

920-716-2671

A note from Communications: Any notice sent out by AAUW Appleton that you are not interested in, just delete the email. DO NOT CLICK UNSUBSCRIBE. If you do, you will not receive any notices at all including, but not limited to, notices of newsletter publication and urgent notices regarding changes to meetings or other events.

AAUW ZOOM Art Class

November 16, 2021(Tuesday) -



Acrylic Balloon Dip: Vase of Flowers

- **Place: ZOOM with Chris Scott**
- **Time: 12:30 pm**
- **Theme: Balloon Dip Vase of Flowers**
- **Materials: Paper Towels, 11x14 Primed Canvas, Acrylic Paints (Red, Yellow, Blue, White and Black), Mixing Tray, Floetrol (Home Depot) or Clear Elmers Glue, Stir Sticks, 3 oz. Cups, 2- 9" Balloons, 1" brush, Water Container.**

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

Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by November 9. *The Zoom link will be sent prior to class.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE



Our November book is ***Raft of Stars*** by Andrew J. Graff.

Wednesday, 11/17, 1:00 pm (in person)—Host Laurie Leonard
Limited space—MUST RSVP! If full, plan to attend on 11/18.

Thursday, 11/18 (via Zoom) - link sent via Mailchimp



MARK TUESDAY, 11/16, 6:30 PM ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Author of ***Raft of Stars***, Andrew J. Graff, will be joining us from Ohio via Zoom to talk with us about his writing career, his book, and his Wisconsin background. All branch members are welcome to join us for this special presentation. Contact Judy Goodnight (729-9553) or judy@gwd.org to receive the Zoom link for that evening.



NOTE: THE TIME
CHANGE FOR THIS
MONTH ONLY
Members wishing
to attend the Book
Sale Celebration
Lunch will still be
able to attend our
discussion.



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie

by Marie Benedict

Tuesday, November 2nd at **2:00 pm** on Zoom.

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

Our December book will be
Silver Linings Playbook
by Matthew Quick

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



THURSDAY EVENING LITERATURE

Thursday, November 11, 2021

6:30 pm

Hosted by Joan Moeschberger

Our book: ***American Dirt*** by Jeanine Cummins
Discussion Leader: Anne Planner
All members are welcome.

RSVP to either Joan M. or Donna Cook by 11/8.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

To do before the meeting:

*Read Chapter 2 of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee

*Sign Up (if not already done) and do the Week 2 & 3 Activities for the 2021 United Way Fox Cities Equity Challenge

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6388702/WI-Equity-Challenge-Fall21>

New members welcome to join us. Contact Judy at 920-729-9553 or judy@gwd.org to get on the contact list. Zoom link will get mailed a few days before the meeting.

ACTION IN APRIL 2022

April 2022 will be here before you know it!

So, keep your eyes and ears open

for upcoming news and details on our

AAUW WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION!

Stay Tuned!



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 October Branch Meeting Minutes

Book Sale Work Night at Northland Mall

October 7, 2021

Executive Board Reports

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed members to the site of our upcoming book sale. She reminded us of our mission. Joan also reminded us that we are a non-partisan organization. She thanked Becky O'Connor for the bookmarks which were in our directories. Joan thanked Kathy Kuck for arranging our box suppers.

Program VP Sylvia Bull handed out information on the December brunch.

Membership VP Mary Bechle introduced our new member, asked for greeters at the November and December meetings and discussed a new member tea which will be scheduled in November.

Finance Assistant VP Jackie Booher gave a brief financial report.

Standing Committees

Public Policy - Jacqui Klimaszewski handed out information about Fair Maps and what our next steps should be.

Tech Savvy/STEM - Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney gave out information about Tech Savvy which will be Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Communications - Judy Goodnight advised members to read the newsletter and watch for updates on Mailchimp. She also reported about how our book sale information was spreading on Facebook.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Literature, Second Choice Books and AAUW Reads - Joan advised members to refer to the newsletter and watch for updates via Mailchimp.

Evening Literature - Joan announced that the Evening Literature Group will meet again on November 11th. The group will meet at her house to discuss, "American Dirt," by Jeanine Cummins.

Social Justice Study Group - Joan advised members to refer to the newsletter and watch for updates through Mailchimp. This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Travel - Joan reported that Ruth and/or Connie will be contacting participants on the trip to Fireside Theater closer to the departure date. The deadline for the trip has passed.

Art - Joan told members that the next art class will be on November 16th. Classes will continue on Zoom throughout the winter and spring.

Bridge - Joan announced that subs are needed. If interested, contact Chris Calhoun or Trish Brehm.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Book Sale Chairs gave announcements and instructions for the remainder of our work night.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannorsdall, Recording Secretary

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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