



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

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"My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." – **Maya Angelou**

Our family recently lost a dear friend. She walked into our dorm suite at UWM in 1973 and within minutes there was that connection that lasted a lifetime. That connection that all of us find in our lives with that someone who makes us laugh, makes us think, makes us want to be a better person. Hershey was that beloved aunt at every family celebration. That sister that cuts up the veggies for baby showers and holds the hands of great grandmas at weddings while others dance. That girlfriend that wanders around a hardware store with you for hours while inspecting things like sink drain stoppers and then you can't stop laughing because you both catch sight of the aprons with hilarious sayings on them. That teacher that shakes your skewed perception of American history because she is fiercely Mexican and suddenly there is another side to the story. That beautiful woman who wears a rebozo and brings us good vanilla and does crosswords late into the night with you. That life-long learner whose parents were educated at Harvard and created her name Herzonina to honor a beloved professor. That beloved friend that swears equally well in two languages in front of your little kids and you don't care because it's Hershey. That role model that lives with passion, compassion, humor and style. And I want to be someone just like that who doesn't just survive, but *thrives*.

Our AAUW-Appleton branch gives us so many opportunities to survive. We know from life during COVID that our book groups, our online mahjong and bridge, our art classes, our friends often were (and are) the reasons we kept our sanity during this unending pandemic. But how we thrive is another matter. We thrive because we are defined in these words that are just inside our green directories: ***To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*** We thrive because we are not just a club, but a national organization that advocates for issues of fair pay and economic equity, civil rights, education and Title IX and more. We thrive because 170,000+ members vote on policy that drives our advocacy. We thrive because "we are tenacious and trailblazing – advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future."

Holiday cheers to each of you for your passion, compassion, humor and style.

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



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 *

Don't Delay—Pay Today!

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

Virtual Auction Instructions

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the virtual & live auctions and brown bag gift items!

The virtual auction site <http://www.32auctions.com/AAUWAppleton2021> will be open for browsing on November 24th.

Bidding opens at 6:00am November 26th!

Don't be shy! It's easy to get on the site and easy to bid and rebid on the items you really want! You don't have to open an account just to browse. You DO need an account to place a bid. All it takes is your email address and a password of your choice. If you participated in last year's auction, the site will remember you & you just need to sign in.

Click once on an item for more information and to place a bid. You can click again on the photo for an enlarged view of the item. Click the X in the upper right hand corner to return to the smaller photo. When you make a bid, the auction site will confirm your bid with an email. It will also notify you if you get outbid. That's your cue to go back and BID AGAIN!

Bidding CLOSES at 10:30 PM December 1st.

Plan to stay up late to make those last-minute winning bids!

The site will tell you if you were the top bidder. You may either:

1. Pick up the item at Sylvia's house, 2459 E Glenhurst Ln, Appleton (near Appleton North H.S., off of Ballard Rd). Give Sylvia a call at 920-731-4364 or 920-224-4960 and tell her when you want to stop in.
2. Call Sylvia or Kathy Kuck, 920-850-2792, and tell them you want to pick up the item(s) at the banquet at Grand Meridian Hall.
3. Call Sylvia or Kathy to tell them that you are unable to pick up the item in person. They will arrange for a committee member - a holiday elf - to deliver it.

Important!! Payment is expected at the time of pick up. Check made payable to AAUW Appleton or cash in the exact amount is appreciated. (No credit/debit cards)

AT THE BRUNCH: You may purchase tickets for the brown bag gift items. You may want to bring pre-printed address labels to put on the tickets. Don't forget your check book!

Program News



January Branch Meeting & Program
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM on ZOOM
“Disarming Racial Microaggressions”
Presenter: Ozalle Toms
Assistant Vice Chancellor—Student Diversity,
Engagement, & Success—UW Whitewater

Membership News

2021 was a great year for AAUW Appleton membership. We have an amazing group of new members who bring to our group diverse backgrounds and interests. We all look forward to getting to know you all better. Seeing the many members who joined in on the book sale was also heartwarming. It was a challenging sale but seeing everyone working hard to make it a success made all the hard work worthwhile.

Thanks to JaneAnne McCabe for opening her home for our New Member Open House. (See right)

Watch for a special game night the end of January—a virtual get-together starting at 6:30 pm. Details will be in the January newsletter.

One more greeter is needed for our December 4th brunch. Please email or call me if you are interested—contact info in the branch directory. New members—this is a great way to meet other members!

Mary Bechle, Membership VP



NEW/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

December 1st 1-3 PM

At JaneAnne McCabe's home,

3132 E. Lake Park Crossing #28, Appleton

Wear your ugly sweater while enjoying coffee, tea, and cookies and getting to know other new members. We hope many of our new members and those who joined in the last year or two will be able to attend!

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Merritt Jezwinski

We're so happy you've joined us!

Mary Bechle and Susie Jennings, Membership





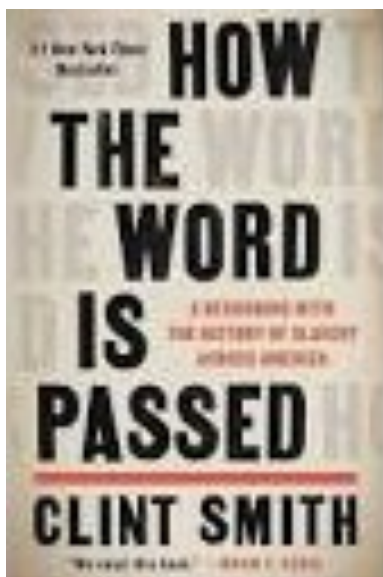
Nominating Committee Update

If you take a minute to think about our AAUW-Appleton branch, what comes to mind? Inspiring and informative branch meetings, actions for public policy advocacy, book groups and art classes that nurture life-long learning, young girls inspired at Tech Savvy, book sales to change the lives of women through scholarships, marching in the Flag Day parade to celebrate the 19th Amendment...and more. We truly have an impact on each other and our community.

So how do we continue to thrive as a local branch of a national organization? It is because of our leaders. **Leaders just like we all can be.** If you are interested or know of someone you think would be a good fit for one of our elected board positions, please contact me. Our committee is beginning the process of reviewing all recommendations and developing a slate of officers for 2022-23. We will be looking to fill the offices of **Assistant Program VP and Assistant Membership VP.**

Becky O'Connor, Nominating Chair

bandboc@gmail.com



AAUW-Reads Book Discussion Opportunities!

Mark your calendars and plan to join one (or both!) discussions for our *AAUW Reads* book! Many have already started this New York Times Bestseller and are looking forward to sharing insights and ideas with branch members. Join us!

Discussions will take place on Wednesday, January 26 and Thursday, January 27. Exact times and formats for these gatherings will be published in the January newsletter.

Public Policy Updates

AAUW Priorities

AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Vision: Equity for all.

AAUW Values: Nonpartisan; fact-based, integrity; inclusion and intersectionality.

AAUW Focus: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines politics and advocacy as the following:

Advocacy is the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal.

Politics is 1. art or science of government, 2 art or science concerned with guiding and influencing governmental policy, or 3. art or science concerned with winning and holding control over a government.

Each member has their reason for joining AAUW, but AAUW's organization is based on our mission,

vision, values, and focus. Our tax status, 501 c4, allows AAUW members to advocate for issues. These issues are determined by members through the AAUW voting process and become part of our AAUW Priorities or Public Policies.

In our branch, as part of our mission, you will see members engaged in supporting an issue that involves guiding and influencing governmental policy. You will see education programming on issues. Our work is nonpartisan and fact-based. What you will not see is campaigning for candidates or supporting political parties.

Sign Up for AAUW Two Minute Activist Made Easier

Here is a direct link

<https://secure.everyaction.com/t79k4XW2qE6zElzj0xIIKA2>



These features will return in the January newsletter.

2021 AAUW BOOK SALE

WE DID IT!

3 stores! 3 weekends! We survived!

Our 2021 book sale is in the books. We had a most successful sale with a profit of \$32,000 after expenses.

You are all part of our success! The dedication of so many of our branch members was incredible. A huge thank you for being such an amazing branch!

After a nice break, we will be back in spring to launch book collection for our 2022 sale!

Gratefully,

Your Book Sale Chairs



Planning continues for the March 5, 2022, Tech Savvy conference at the UWO Fox Cities campus.

The committee is looking for members willing to distribute printed materials to schools and other places. If you are interested in assisting with the distribution of printed materials, you can sign up at the November or December meeting. Contact person is Jacqui Klimaszewski.: jiklimaszewski@gmail.com

The committee is always looking for new members so here is the link for the next meeting:

Stephanie Malaney is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2022 Tech Savvy Meeting Mon. Nov. 29

Time: Nov 29, 2021, 02:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89964281973?pwd=VXhwcGFJZFdrMjFhOWRkUGN2eDdnQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6428 1973

Passcode: 098366

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

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

To do before the meeting:

*Read Chapter 3 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 4 & 5 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.

CELEBRATING BREAKING BARRIERS

April 22 & 23, 2022

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars for next spring's
AAUW-Wisconsin's State Convention!

We will be going virtual again.

The theme is "Celebrating Breaking Barriers", and our speakers will be talking to us about subjects to include diversity, equity, and inclusion. We will continue to keep you posted on all the exciting news leading up to the main event!! 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



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Add New Member to Your Directory:

Jezwinski, Merritt

4920 N. Meade St., Appleton 54913

920-810-1262

Merritt.Jezwinski@thrivent.com

BA Communication Science & Rhetorical Studies,

UW-Madison

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AAUW ZOOM Art Class with Chris Scott 🎨

December 16, 2021 (Thursday) -

Marbled Nail Polish: Cups, Plates, Glasses, Bowls

- Place: ZOOM with Chris Scott
- Time: 12:30 pm
- Theme: Marbled Nail Polish Craft Projects
- Materials: Paper towels, clear glass or white ceramic dishware (cups, plates, bowls, coffee cups, glasses) of your choice (no bigger than 9"), 5-6 bottles of nail polish, gloves, glass cleaner or alcohol, nail polish remover, oil based paint marker in gold or silver, Mod Podge Dishwasher Finish, a quart pitcher of warm water and a 9" x 12" x 2 1/2" aluminum pan. Most supplies can be found at the Dollar Tree. Oil based markers and Mod Podge Dishwasher Finish can be found at Michael's or Walmart.



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

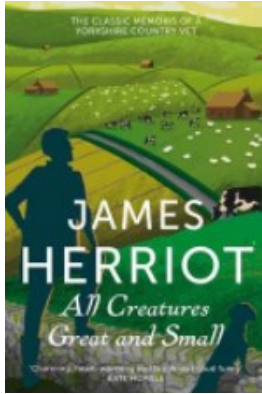
Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by December 10. *The Zoom link will be sent prior to class.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our December book:

All Creatures Great and Small

by James Herriot



Our Holiday Lunch will be on December 15th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton. Parking is located behind the church. Cost: \$8. Reservations required. Reservation and payment to Mary Grace due by December 10th. If paying by check, make payable to Mary Grace. Please wear a mask to the event.

Contact Judy Goodnight (729-9553) or judy@gwd.org for more information about the Afternoon Literature group.

READ 

SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing
Silver Linings Playbook
by Matthew Quick

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

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



Our January book will be
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
By Deborah Moggach.

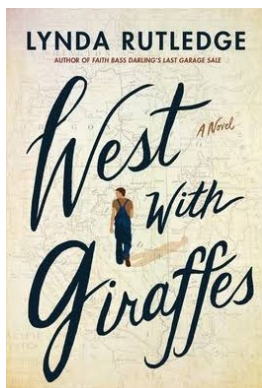
THURSDAY EVENING LITERATURE

Thursday, December 9, 2021
6:30 pm

Hosted by Joan Schneider

Our book: ***West with Giraffes***
by Lynda Rutledge
Discussion Leader: Rachel Edwards
All members are welcome.

RSVP to either Joan S. or Donna Cook by 12/6.



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OF A
book
IS A LOVELY PLACE TO BE



We're keeping it local for January!

The AAUW Travel Group
Invites you to extend your Holiday Season
on January 4, 2022.

You are invited to join us for a
10 AM – 11 AM viewing of over a hundred Christmas Crèches
from around the world
at the Algoma Methodist Church in Oshkosh
followed by the
11:30 – 12:30 tour of the White Christmas Exhibition
at the Oshkosh Public Museum.
We will end with lunch at
The Roxy Supper Club.

Cost for the morning activities is \$15.
A Donation for your driver (suggested \$5) and Lunch (\$10-\$20)
are additional personal expenses.

Due to advanced ticket requirements and limited available drivers, reservations are limited to 8* people. Don't miss out - reserve your spot by calling Ruth at (920)202-3300 or emailing her at ranger1chc@gmail.com.

Deadline for registration is Dec. 20th.

After confirming your reservation, money will be due by Dec. 31st.

*If drivers are available as well as tickets for the museum, this number might be able to be increased.

Articles for the January newsletter are due December 15th.
Send articles to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton

Make Your Reservation For the AAUW Trip to Shipshewana, Indiana

When: May 2-5, 2022

Who: Any interested member of AAUW-Appleton

Cost: Approximately \$350 per person includes 3 nights at our hotel with full breakfast daily, your share of money for gas, a half hour Amish buggy ride and dinner at an Amish home, and entrance to Menno HOF Center and the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Site. Not included are 2 lunches and 2 dinners, meals traveling to and from Indiana, and personal expenses.

There is also an optional play – title and cost to be announced closer to departure.

Itinerary:

Monday, May 2nd – Depart Appleton 8 AM

Arrive at Farmstead Inn mid-afternoon

Tour Menno-HOF Mennonite Amish Information Center

Dinner at local restaurant

Tuesday, May 3rd –

Morning - ??? – Flea Market

Afternoon – Shopping (quilt shops, Amish grocery store, garden centers, furniture stores, bakeries, and more)

Buggy Ride

Amish Dinner in an Amish Home

Wednesday, May 4th

Travel to Rome, IN to visit home of Gene Stratton-Porter

Female author, naturalist, artist, filmmaker

Late afternoon option: Play (TBD – cost approximately \$30)

Thursday, May 5th

Leisurely departure for home

RESERVATIONS AND \$100 DEPOSIT DUE JANUARY 10, 2022

Mail to: Ruth Henschel

555 Ridgeview Circle #314

Appleton, WI 54911

Please let us know if you would be willing to drive. Thank you.

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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