



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

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"Knitting was a comfort to the soul. It was regular. It was repetitious. And, in the end, it amounted to something." – Jan Karon, *At Home in Mitford*

I am not a great knitter, but I simply love to knit. I always have a project going and before it is even close to being finished, I am thinking about what I will tackle next. I am obsessed with buying and stashing more yarn than I will ever use... and anyone out there who also knits understands *that* situation. I have a magnet on the fridge my husband gave me that says *I knit so I don't kill you, dear* so there's that scenario too. I love the way I can look at a mitten or a sweater and realize that the whole darn thing was created one (one!) stitch at a time. I love that knitting directions look like some sort of mysterious code, but once understood are a very simple language that guides me as I create something. I love that my hands and fingers are creating in a way my mom's did and I am so grateful she taught me. I love the repetition.

There are many ways we can look at our mission in AAUW through the eyes of a knitter. Advocacy is a lengthy process that doesn't have quick results. One stitch, one step at a time and the end seems never in sight. We call our legislators and leave messages and then wonder if we ever are heard. We write letters and postcards and then wait for any sign that anyone noticed. We hear public policy refrains again and again and wonder when we will see change... voting rights, civil rights, fair pay, economic equity, fair maps, public education...and we wonder when this project will be done. When we can say: *Here you go. It's finished. Enjoy.*

We probably won't. But the work we do should be filled with patience and hope and vision, because some young granddaughter or great grandson will have a better world because of us. There will be a time that the project we are working on will be worn and every stitch of it will be appreciated because although it might have flaws, it was done with commitment and love.

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee said "You don't knit because you are patient. You are patient because you knit." Let's hang in there together with our projects, friends. Someone...someday...will wear them.

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

Program News

March Program & Branch Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM on ZOOM

13th Annual Middle School Essay Contest Recognition

“Influential Women in STEM”

A branch meeting will follow the program.

Watch for an email with the Zoom link a few days before the meeting.

Save the email with the link!

Mark your calendar for April 12th at 5:30 pm at the Menasha library. The program “Rights of Nature” will be followed by a branch meeting.

Program Follow-ups:

- ♦ If members are interested in purchasing a copy of “Words, Women and Wednesdays” by Bonnie Buchanan (February meeting presenter), they can find a copy at the History Museum at the Castle, the Hearthstone Museum or Thomas Lyons Bookstore in Neenah.
- ♦ If you missed the February meeting, you can watch the recording at [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) with the passcode **G1?0\$KEL**
- ♦ The recording will be deleted on March 14th so don't delay!
- ♦ Information and tools relevant to the January Microaggressions presentation by Dr. Ozalle Toms are available for download at the following links:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19bBq-Y-wM5Edc8o27meMcsaayKfGtkxA/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KpEPf7X1zbyFqt5Ms99WoTTRAT3SB05W/view?usp=sharing>

Dr. Toms will be doing breakout sessions on Microaggressions on Saturday afternoon on April 23rd as part of the AAUW WI State Convention.

We are sad to announce the death of one of our newer members of AAUW Appleton—Susan Townsend. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

Nominating Update

Our AAUW-Appleton branch has always had remarkable and hardworking leaders. In fact, there are more than 150 women in our branch that would be great additions to our leadership team! We are so excited to announce the two nominees for open positions in our branch for the 2022-23 year. *The members of our branch will be voting for these two women at the April 12th branch meeting.* Thank you, Linda and Paulette, for your willingness to take on these important positions in our branch!



Linda Buck – Assistant VP
Membership

Paulette Stoltzmann – Assistant
VP Program



Also thank you to those who will be moving into their new roles in the 2022-23 year:

Chris Taylor – Branch President

Susie Jennings – VP Membership

Kathy Kuck – VP Program

And thank you to those who will remain in their current positions:

Nancy Grube – VP Finance

Jackie Booher – Assistant VP – Finance

Sue Vannorsdall – Recording Secretary

Congratulations and thank you from the Nominating Committee!

Becky O'Connor, Nominating Chair

News from National AAUW



Dear [REDACTED],

I'm very pleased to introduce the new [AAUW Community Hub](#), your personal portal into AAUW. Thanks for your patience over the past week while we prepared this improved system, where you can manage your giving, membership, contact details and personal preferences with ease.

But first things first: We'd like you to create your account login. To access your account, visit <https://my.aauw.org> or click the "Log In" link at the top right corner of the AAUW website. **The first time you log in, you will need to reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.**

Once you create a password and log in, we hope you'll take the time to update your profile with us. You can do this by clicking "My Profile" in the menu on the left side of your "Personal Snapshot" screen. Visit our [Systems Update](#) page for more instruction and video tutorials.

As always, you'll be notified when it is time to renew, vote or take action on other important issues.

I also invite you to attend a [special webinar](#) at 3:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 3, for more in-depth training on the new system. If you have additional questions or feedback, please reach out to connect@aauw.org.

AAUW is committed to continuously enhancing our members' experiences, and I hope you find the Community Hub a valuable resource for doing that. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katrina".

Katrina Sun Breese
Senior Director of Institutional Advancement

In case you missed seeing this email

2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

We are now accepting applications for our local scholarships for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. To be eligible, a woman needs to be a full time student entering her Junior or Senior year in college or attending graduate school. She also needs to have graduated from a Fox Valley area high school or lived in the Fox Valley for at least 10 years.

Deadline for applying is April 15.

You can access the complete guidelines and the application on our website by clicking on the following link: [SCHOLARSHIPS](#) If you have questions or would like a paper copy of the guidelines, please contact Mary Grace at Mcggs@aol.com or 920-915-6379.

NCCWSL

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Great news! NCCWSL is back!

This national conference is for women in degree programs. Any woman seeking an Associate degree (or equivalent), Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, attending a technical college or other two- or four-year public or private college may apply.

NCCWSL is all about leadership training and networking.

This virtual conference will take place May 24th through the 26th.

AAUW Wisconsin will be giving out 10 scholarships for this program that provide FREE registrations. Our branch has the chance to submit nominations for these scholarships. Students are asked to first submit their applications to our branch by March 1 for review. We will then send the applications to the state by March 15.

Who do you know that could benefit from this experience?

More information can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>.

If I can assist you in any way, please contact me at joanemoe@gmail.com.

Bridge Subs Needed

If you play bridge and are available to play afternoons, contact either Trish Brehm or Chris Calhoun to get your name added to a sub list.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

- ♦ We're still in need of some more volunteers! Please contact either Judy Phillips at cubbie1945@gmail.com or 920-915-9112 or Mary Grace at 920-915-6379 or mcggs@aol.com.
- ♦ If you haven't returned your volunteer form yet, take care of it ASAP. Lunch & T-shirt orders are due soon! Mail forms to Judy Phillips, 2601 S. East St, Appleton WI 54915.
- ♦ Click here: [2022 Volunteer Form](#)
- ♦ Tech Savvy Training and Materials Prep will take place on March 4th from Noon to 4pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm via Zoom

To do before the meeting:

*Read Chapter 5 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 8, 9, & 10 Activities for the 2021 United Way Fox Cities Equity Challenge

*Sharing Time: Did you do anything to celebrate Black History Month?

Looking ahead: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29th.

New members are 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.

****Information for the March meeting PowerPoint presentation will be due March 8th.****

Articles for the April newsletter are due March 15th.

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

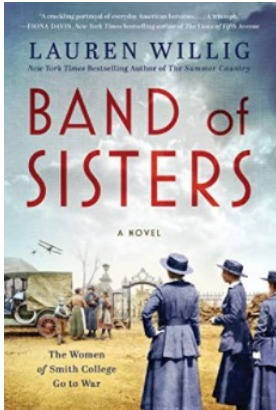
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAppleton/>

Instagram: #aauwappleton

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our February Book: ***Band of Sisters*** by Lauren Willig



Wednesday group may meet in person on March 16th 1:00 pm
at Sylvia Bull's home, 2459 E. Glenhurst Lane, Appleton
OR the decision may be made to meet by Zoom.
If in person, attendance limited to 15. RSVP is a MUST!

Thursday group will meet via Zoom on March 17th 1:00 pm.

Discussion Leader (both days): Judy Goodnight

Contact Judy Goodnight (920-729-9553) or judy@gwd.org for more information
about the Afternoon Literature group.

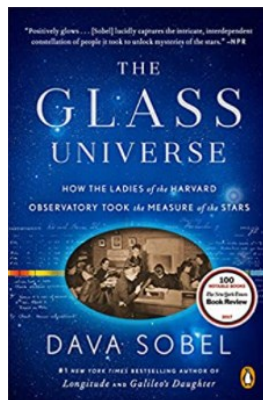
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SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing

***The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard
Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars***

By Dava Sobel



Wednesday, March 2nd at **1:00 pm** on Zoom.

RSVP to Judy at 920-729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org
so that you get the Zoom link.

Our April book will be

Enrique's Journey

By Sonia Nazario

BETWEEN THE
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IS A LOVELY PLACE TO BE

THURSDAY EVENING LITERATURE

Is on hiatus until April 2022.

Join us then in reading & discussing

Sunflower Sisters

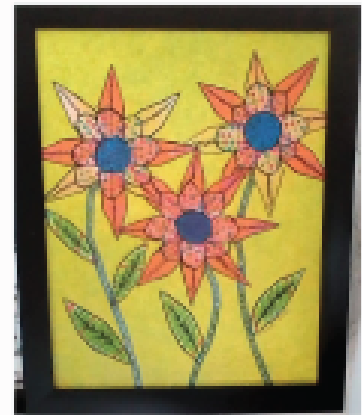
By Martha Hall Kelly.



AAUW ZOOM Art Class

March 15, 2022 (Tuesday) -

Tissue Paper Collage: Bright Spring Flowers



- Place: ZOOM with Chris Scott
- Time: 12:30 pm
- Theme: Tissue Paper Collage
- Materials:

Paper towels

Mod Podge, Matt Medium or Clear School Glue

Pencil and Eraser and black Sharpie Marker

Scissors

1" Brush

Tray or bowl: to put medium in.

11x14" Canvas Board

Tissue Paper - Various colors. Design of your choice.

Napkins (Optional. Designs of your choice.)

(*Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree. I used a tissue paper assortment that had coordinated prints and solids.)

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Just come and have fun.



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

Celebrate Women's History Month
With a trip to
Neville Museum and Von Stiehl Winery



Saturday, March 26

Leave Appleton at 8 am, tour the Neville exhibit of **Herstory** as well as their other exhibits, lunch at **The Grapevine** in Bellevue (a cafe with a gift shop), and then celebrate with wine tasting at **Von Stiehl's** with a tour and wine tasting. We will return at about 4 pm. Costs include \$7 for the Neville, \$11 for the winery, \$5 for gas, and lunch on your own. Call Connie Polley at 920-205-3808 or email conniepolley@yahoo.com to reserve your space for this fun-filled day.

FINANCE REPORT— as of January 31, 2022

General Checking Account holds \$20,179.94

- Total deposits in January \$0.26 (interest)
- Total withdrawals in January \$15,894.85

Speaker fee of \$50.00

Transfer of \$15,844.85 to Scholarship Account

Scholarship Account holds \$34,092.72

- Total deposits in January \$15,870.66

Interest Paid \$0.81

Contribution to the Scholarship Fund of \$25.00

Transfer from the General Checking Account \$15,844.85

AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed members to our meeting and reminded us that our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Program Vice President Sylvia Bull introduced our speaker, Bonnie Buchanan, author of, "Words, Women and Wednesdays." Bonnie gave a very interesting talk about women and their organization from Appleton's past.

President Joan Moeschberger announced that there are scholarships being offered for NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), an AAUW national program for women enrolled in a degree program. Ten scholarships will be offered by AAUW Wisconsin. NCCWSL offers the participants training in leadership and networking. The program will take place virtually May 24 through May 26. All applications for the scholarships should be sent to our branch by March 1. If you know of someone interested, please contact Joan for the application.

Program Vice President Sylvia Bull spoke about our upcoming program on Tuesday, March 15th. This will be the 13th Annual Middle School Essay Contest Recognition. The meeting will be on Zoom and will start at 6:30 PM. This start time is a change from the published time in our directory.

Membership Vice President and DEI Chair Mary Bechle reported that national dues will go up \$5 this year resulting in a dues increase from \$90 to \$95 for our Appleton Branch Members. Due to the MPP (Membership Payment Program) being adopted by the Appleton Branch, there will be two ways to pay this year. You may pay by credit card or by personal check. Mary told us about Susan Townsend's recent death. Susan was a new member this year. Mary is going to start an Action Plan for DEI. Assistant Membership VP Susie Jennings spoke about our first successful Trivia Night. There were 6 teams that entered. We hope to do it again. Susie did a great job planning and running this event. Mike Goodnight assisted.

Joan Moeschberger prepared and gave this month's financial report. The balance in the General Checking Account is \$20,179.94 to date. The balance in the Scholarship Account is \$34,092.72 to date.

Public Policy Committee Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski spoke about a program entitled *Speaking Out for MMIWG2S*. This is an event pertaining to murdered and missing Indigenous Women, on Feb. 14th at Houdini Plaza from noon to 2:00. This is a hybrid meeting.

AAUW supports Culturally Responsible and Inclusive Curriculums. There will be a vote on adopting this resolution at our upcoming State Convention.

Our AAUW Influential Women Essay Contest Celebration is coming up and will be held virtually on March 15th. Branch members will be reading the essays from March 2 to March 8. If you would like to help please contact Jacqui.

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February 8th Branch Meeting Minutes (continued)

Tech Savvy Co-Chairperson Stephanie Malaney spoke about Tech Savvy. The event will be March 5th, at the UW-Oshkosh at Fox Cities Campus. Mary Grace mentioned that we still need many volunteers to run the event. Please contact her or Judy Phillips if you can help. If you are helping, you will need to complete a volunteer form available online. Nancy Havens spoke about the breakfast and lunch arrangements for Tech Savvy. Everything will be wrapped due to health concerns.

Funds Development Chair Mary Grace stated that we are accepting applications for scholarships. All information and applications are online. Paper applications are available through Mary.

Communications Chair Judy Goodnight announced that our newsletter and AAUW links are now on the homepage of our website.

AAUW Reads leader Becky O'Connor thanked everyone for participation in this event. Members read the book, "How the Word is Passed," by Clint Smith, and also participated in the book discussions on January 26th and 27th. This book seemed to have a big impact on all branch members that read and discussed it. An announcement for the next book is coming soon.

State Convention Representative Georgianne Bravick updated us on speakers for our virtual convention. Dr. Ann McKee will be a breakout speaker. Dr. McKee is from Appleton and specializes in CTE and Alzheimer's disease. There will be an online auction prior to the convention.

Social Justice Group Leader Judy Goodnight stated that the February meeting for Social Justice will be on March 1. Please read chapter 5 of, "The Sum of Us," and complete weeks 8, 9, and 10 of the *Equity Challenge*. February is Black History Month, and Black History is US History.

Afternoon and Second Choice Book leader Judy Goodnight reminded us that the Second Choice book selection for March is, "The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars", by Dava Sobel. The book for the Afternoon Literature Group in February is, "The Vanishing Half", by Brit Bennett.

President Joan Moeschberger spoke for Chris Scott and Laurie Leonard reminding members that there will be a Zoom art class for the Marbled Nail Polish Craft Project on February 23, at 12:30 PM. AAUW is having a national art contest. Members can vote between February 2 and February 16. Three of our branch members: Becky O'Connor, Chris Scott and Sylvia Bull have entries in the contest.

President Joan Moeschberger reminded members that substitutes are needed for bridge.

Our next meeting will be on March 15, 2022, at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be conducted on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned.

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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