



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Mar 26	Travel Group
Mar 29	Social Justice Meeting
April 5	Election Day
April 5	Board Meeting
April 7	Second Choice Books
April 12	Branch Meeting
April 13	Zoom Art Class
April 14	Evening Literature
April 15	Afternoon Book Nominations Due
April 20	Afternoon Literature
April 21	Afternoon Literature
April 22/23	AAUW WI State Convention
April 26	Social Justice Meeting

The Apple Branch

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"The best way to not feel hopeless is to do something. If you go out and make good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, and you will fill yourself with hope." – **Barack Obama**

I'm not sure what to call it other than unexpected joy. The day we heard that this little boy was born. And a day later when his soon-to-be parents were flying to his state of birth and his soon-to-be big brother was perhaps thinking about his new role in the family. And his four grandparents were all taking a collective deep breath because we knew that this surely was meant to be. Unexpected joy.

We wonder how we ever find those moments of joy in the midst of so much sorrow in our world. We know that so many are trying to navigate unspeakable hardships clinging to hope and courage. So many are trying to expose truth with hope and courage. What possibly can we do? We focus on what we can do. And we can bring joy and find joy because we do good things. Like Tech Savvy.

Close to 90 girls wearing their black matching tee shirts. Carrying their purple draw-string bags. Checking their nametags to see where they could find *Crime Scene Investigation*. Or *Genes in a Bottle*. Or *When Zombies Attack*. Programming their robots and sharing experiences about taking good risks and building confidence. Joining high school girls in a discussion of gender equity and women in STEM. Unexpected joy for sure. Doing something.

And that's not all. 36 AAUW-Appleton volunteers...inspired by the tireless leadership of Jacqui and Stephanie...rising to the occasion. Leading girls to classes, serving meals, greeting parents, handing out tee shirts and nametags, registering participants and assisting in workshops, leading Girl Savvy sessions and adult panels, coordinating the college representatives, pointing out where the bathrooms are, and more. Unexpected joy at every turn. Doing something.

And that's not all. There was a room to relax and store our stuff that became a room of camaraderie and laughs for all of us. We worked our little jobs with members we never really knew and others we have known for years. New friends. Old friends. Unexpected joy.

We need to find those moments of joy. And we will, because AAUW does so many good things.

I will see you at the next thing. Not sure what it will be, but I know it will be good. And we will find joy.

Becky O'Connor, past president
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Program News

April Program & Branch Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM
Company E Room (lower level)
Elisha D. Smith Public Library
440 1st Street, Menasha
Carpooling suggested

The program, Rights of Nature with Guy Reiter, recognizes and honors that Nature has rights too, rather than being treated as property under law.

Gather by 5:15 PM to settle in and enjoy a cup of coffee or water and a snack.

Masks are no longer required at the library. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

Program Follow-ups:

- ♦ If you missed the March meeting, you can watch the recording at ([CLICK HERE](#)) with the passcode **W=cQ#+P9**
- ♦ You may get a pop-up asking if you trust the site. Just click ALLOW.
- ♦ The recording will be deleted on April 20th so don't delay!

AAUW Green Bay Area Member's Film Airs on Nova on April 6th

Green Bay Branch member Eileen Littig's film "Determined" will be shown on Nova on April 6, at 8:00pm. It was co-produced with Therese Barry-Tanner, also from Green Bay and directed by her daughter Melissa Godoy. There was an extensive article about the film in the Green Bay Press Gazette.

[Green Bay Press Gazette article: PBS to Air "Determined"](#)

"It is a marvelous film about three Wisconsin women in the Wisconsin Alzheimer Project. Wisconsin leads the world in the study of Alzheimer's. Did you know Alzheimer's affects more women than men? This is a film created and produced by Wisconsin women about Wisconsin women. It is an amazing achievement to have it shown on PBS's NOVA. It is really worth seeing and now you can see it from the comfort of your home." Sara Ramaker, AAUW Green Bay Area

Membership News

- ♦ Dues for 2022-2023 will be \$95.00. You will be able to pay your dues online through the AAUW national website. The new Community Hub is not fully functional yet for dues payments. We'll keep you informed and let you know when you can renew & what the process entails.
- ♦ The Membership committee and the Travel Group co-chairs are working together on a possible AAUW outing to the Timber Rattlers this summer.



BOOK SALE NEWS



WE'RE BACK AND GEARING UP TO GET READY FOR 2022'S BOOK SALE!

If you have books to drop off at the Kaukauna Library, Betsy & Glenn Minter will be at our library space from 9:00 until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 29th. Remember do NOT bring books to the library. Use the entrance from the south side of the building and the lower parking lot.

If you have books but can't make it at that Tuesday time, get in touch with Betsy or Donna Cook to make arrangements for drop-off.

AAUW Appleton Book Sale Committee



Wanted: Leadership Team of 2 or more members to plan our AAUW participation in the Saturday, June 11th Flag Day Parade! Parade begins at 2:00 pm.



State Convention Update

Convention Schedule

Friday, 4/22

6:15-6:45 PM District Meetings

7:00 – 9:00 PM Convention Opening

Welcome from State President Joan Schneider

Poem from Dasha Kelly Hamilton , Wisconsin Poet Laureate

Keynote Address—Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO –

Breaking Barriers & AAUW 140 years & Moving Forward

140th Anniversary Video

9:15 – 10:00 PM Hosted Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, 4/23

9:30 – 10:45 AM Business Meeting & Installation of Officers

11:00 AM – Noon Keynote Speaker – Renee Gralewicz

Noon – 12:25 Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:10 PM Breakout Session 1 (4 choices)

1:20 – 2:00 PM Breakout Session 2 (4 choices)

2:10 – 2:50 PM Breakout Session 3 (4 choices)

3:00 – 3:20 PM Closing Speaker – Dr. Susan McFadden

3:20 – 3:25 PM Final Message of the Day

Quick & Easy Registration Opens Soon!

Watch for an email sent directly to you!

April Voting

As part of our April 12th branch meeting, we will vote on our nominees for Assistant VP—Membership and Assistant VP—Program : Linda Buck & Paulette Stoltzmann.



**Linda Buck – Assistant VP
Membership**

**Paulette Stoltzmann – Assistant
VP Program**



2022 Wisconsin Spring Election

Next Election is on Tuesday, April 5th.

Check your Voter Registration Status & Request an Absentee Ballot

Go to myvote.wi.gov

- Check your registration status
- Register to vote
- Request Absentee Ballots for 2022
- Find your polling place
- View sample ballot for your municipality



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.



A Special Thank You to Tech Savvy Committee Chairs

- Tech Savvy Committee
 - Jacqui Klimaszewski-Curriculum & Volunteers
 - Jeanne Tondryk-Co-Chair & Fundraising Coordinator
 - Stephanie Malaney-Co-Chair & Marketing and Outreach Coordinator
- Chairs
 - Volunteers-Mary Grace & Judy Phillips
 - Food-Nancy Havens
 - Jacqui Klimaszewski-Hands-on & Parent Workshops
 - College Savvy-Linda Buck & Sue Taylor
 - Registration-Marilyn Sim Tatera
 - Registration-Joan Moeschberger & Chris Taylor
 - Girl Savvy- Becky O'Connor
 - Photography -Judy Tate & Mike Goodnight
 - Marketing-Stephanie Malaney

A Huge Thank You to Tech Savvy Volunteers

- Marlene Angevine
- Mary Bechle
- Faye Binsfeld
- Sylvia Bull
- Georgianne Bravick
- Linda Buck
- Donna Cook
- Debra Cox
- Rachel Edwards
- Judy Goodnight
- Mary Grace
- Pat Hauser
- Nancy Havens
- Merritt Jezewski
- Vicki Johnson
- Linda Kellett
- Carol Lenz
- Laurie Leonard
- Susan McFadden
- Kay Maylander
- Marian Moberg
- Joan Moeschberger
- Becky O'Connor
- MaryBeth Petesch
- Judy Phillips
- Marilyn Sim Tatera
- Paulette Stolzmann
- Judy Tate
- Chris Taylor
- Sue Taylor
- Sue Vannorsdall
- Cynthia Whitely
- Connie Wunderlich
- Mary Zanto
- Mike Goodnight

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION GROUP

Events you may wish to attend:

- Michelle Alexander, author of "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" will be speaking virtually on **Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7pm**. The virtual link is: <https://tinyurl.com/SpeakerSeriesMichelle>. It is sponsored by: Speaker Series, part of Social Justice Week.
- Tommy Orange, author of "There There: A Novel", will be speaking at Appleton North HS on **May 12th at 6:30 pm** as part of the Fox Cities Reads book program. It will also be livestreamed on Facebook. About the book: **NATIONAL BESTSELLER • PEN/HEMINGWAY AWARD WINNER • One of *The New York Times* 10 Best Books of the Year • A wondrous and shattering novel that follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

To do before the meeting:

*Read Chapter 6 of ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*** by Heather McGhee

*Do the Week 11-13 Activities for the 2021 United Way Fox Cities Equity Challenge

Looking ahead: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26th. Let's focus on finishing up *The Sum of Us* and read chapters 7 & 8 for April and chapters 9 & 10 for May.

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.

Articles for the May newsletter are due April 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton

AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our April Book: ***The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah
Wednesday group will meet in person on April 20th at 1:00 pm at Pat Hauser's home, 4795 N. Tony Ct., Appleton. RSVP, please!

Thursday group will meet via Zoom on April 21st at 1:00 pm.
Discussion Leaders: Mary Grace (W), Linda Loomis (Th)

IT'S BOOK NOMINATION TIME! Email book titles & authors to Judy Goodnight by April 15th. You'll be notified when the list of nominees is posted on the website. If you will **not** be attending the luncheon on May 18th, you may submit your votes by email to Judy any time up to midnight, May 17th.

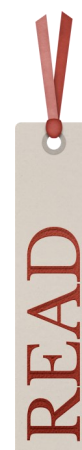
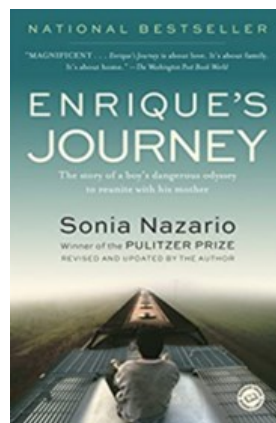


Contact Judy Goodnight (920-729-9553) or judy@gwd.org for more information about the Afternoon Literature group.

SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing
Enrique's Journey
By Sonia Nazario
Thursday, April 7th 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 May book will be
The Lost & Found Bookshop
By Susan Wiggs

EVENING LITERATURE RESUMES

Welcome back! Our first book discussion after our winter break will be:

Thursday, 4/14/2022, 6:30 PM

Hosted by: Rachel Edwards

at: Eagle Point, 955 John Street, Appleton
in the Theater (3rd floor across from the elevator)

Please note: masks are required at Eagle Point in public areas

Book: ***Sunflower Sisters***, by Martha Hall Kelly

Discussion Leader: Mary Lee Powell

RSVP: to Rachel Edwards or Donna Cook
(contact info is in your yearbook)



AAUW ZOOM Art Class

April 13, 2022 (Wednesday)

Acrylic Painting: Cherry Blossom Time

- Place: ZOOM with Chris Scott
- Time: 12:30 pm
- Theme: Cherry Blossom Time
- Materials:

Paper towels

11x14" stretched and primed canvas

Acrylic Paint = red, yellow, blue, white and black

Small pointed brush, 1/2" flat brush, 1" brush

Sea Sponge or cut sponge 2"x2"

Bowl for water

Tray for mixing paint

Colored glitter - silver or gold

Clear Elmer's Glue Gel

Pencil and eraser

(*Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree.)

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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at

RJLLAL@new.rr.com

by Friday, April 8th.

*The Zoom link will be sent prior to class.



FINANCE REPORT— as of February 28, 2022

Appleton AAUW Income & Expense Statement
July 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022

Budget
2021-22

INCOME:

Membership Dues	\$ 477.00	\$ 1,875.00
December Brunch Income	3,713.00	3,224.00
Advertisement	0.00	50.00
Interest	<u>1.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total Income	 \$ 4,191.97	 \$ 5,149.00

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	\$ 43.78	\$500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	189.00
Newsletter	0.00	25.00
Programs	487.00	775.00
Yearbook	250.20	240.00
Insurance	287.50	300.00
Public Policy	84.40	300.00
Historian's Expense	0.00	150.00
President's Expenses	0.00	100.00
Treasurer's Expenses	152.96	70.00
General Expenses	84.58	100.00
Essay Contest Awards	0.00	200.00
Essay Contest Expenses	562.90	150.00
Tech Savy Sponsorship	42.90	500.00
NCCWSL Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
Special Events	500.00	500.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
 Total Expense	 <u>\$ 2,496.22</u>	 <u>\$5,149.00</u>
 Revenue Less Expenses	 <u>\$ 1,695.75</u>	 \$0.00

Checkbook Balances as of 2/28/22

General Checking Account

Beacon Fund	\$ 206.00
Convention Fund	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>13,806.40</u>
Total Checking Account	\$ 19,523.40

Scholarship Money Market Account

\$ 18,093.77

AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

President Joan Moeschberger greeted visitors and members to the meeting. She reminded us of our AAUW Mission which is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

STEM/Tech Savvy Co Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski introduced the winners of our Influential Women in STEM Essay Contest. Mariel Pante received first place, Gracie Berken got second place, Madi Eckhart and Sophia Scherwinski each received honorable mention.

Each winner read their essay to our visitors and members. STEM/Tech Savvy Co Chairs Stephanie Malaney and Jacqui then explained the purpose and content of *Tech Savvy* which took place on March 5th. Stephanie and Jacqui shared pictures of the event with their explanation.

President Joan Moeschberger told us the February meeting minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter. She requested a member of the branch step forward to organize and plan for our participation in Appleton's Flag Day Parade on June 11th at 2:00 PM.

Program Vice President Sylvia Bull stated we will be meeting at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library (Menasha Public Library) on Tuesday, April 12, at 5:30 PM. Our speaker, Guy Reiter, will talk about *Rights of Nature*.

Membership Vice President and DEI Chair Mary Bechle told us that our dues will be \$95 for next year. We are encouraged to pay our dues online this year. Dues payment should be possible after April 1. We may be having a Timber Rattlers membership event this summer.

There are some local DEI events coming up. Author and civil rights activist Michelle Alexander will be making an appearance on April 14th. She is author of the book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Author Tommy Orange will be at Appleton North High School on May 12th, speaking about the book, *There There*. The branch DEI committee will be meeting in late March.

Finance Vice President Nancy Grube prepared and gave this month's financial report.

Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski reported that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has voted to adopt Governor Evers' redistricting map. The next statewide election is on April 5th. If you have any questions go to myVote.WI.gov.

The Scholarship Committee report was given by committee member Donna Cook. Scholarship applications are now on our website. Paper copies are available by contacting Mary Grace.

Nominations Chair Becky O'Connor said the candidate for our Assistant Vice President of Membership is Linda Buck. Our candidate for Assistant Vice President of Programs is Paulette Stoltzmann. Voting for new AAUW board members will take place at the April meeting.

Bylaws Chair Stephanie Malaney asked us to please read the April Newsletter to learn about bylaw changes being recommended by the board. ***

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March 15th Branch Meeting Minutes (continued)

Judy Goodnight spoke about the upcoming virtual AAUW State Convention. There will be many breakout sessions. See your April Newsletter for further details. Registration will open soon.

Social Justice Group Leader Judy Goodnight said the next Social Justice meeting is March 29th. Please read chapter 6 of *The Sum of Us*, and complete weeks 11, 12, and 13 of the Equity Challenge. In late April or early May a trip will be organized to the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee to see the exhibit ***Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties***.

Communications Chair Judy Goodnight welcomed Merritt Jezwinski as our second Facebook Administrator. She also highlighted the Book Discussion and Social Justice Groups on our Facebook page.

Afternoon Literature and Second Choice Book Group Leader Judy Goodnight stated the books for April are *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah, and *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. Members of the Afternoon Literature group should start submitting book choices for next year.

Evening Literature Leader Donna Cook said the book for discussion on April 14th is *Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly. The group will be meeting in person at Eagle Point. The discussion leader will be Mary Lee Powell and the host will be Rachel Edwards.

Art Class Instructor Chris Scott said our last virtual class of the year will be acrylic painting on April 13th. See your newsletter for needed supplies. RSVP to Laurie Leonard. The art class will be meeting in person from late spring into summer.

Travel Group Co Leader Connie Polley said there will be a trip to Neville Public Museum, The Grapevine Cafe and Von Stiehl Winery on Saturday, March 26th. The costs for the event are in the March newsletter. Gas costs could be increased.

There was no new business.

The next branch meeting will be Tuesday, April 12.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Vannorsdall

Recording Secretary

*** Look for a special mailing of the proposed bylaws changes in early April. Be sure to read the mailing thoroughly to be prepared for any discussion and then voting. ***

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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