



The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women

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**APPLETON (WI)
BRANCH**

April 22/23	AAUW WI State Convention
April 26	Social Justice Meeting
May 2-5	Shipshewana Trip
May 11	Second Choice Books
May 12	Evening Literature
May 18	Afternoon Literature Luncheon
May 19	End of Year Banquet & Meeting
May 24	Social Justice Meeting
May 26	AAUW Webinar: Creating Change
June 1	Second Choice Books
June 9	Evening Literature
June 15	Summer Mystery Lunch

"This moment marks another major step forward for women, and the American Association of University Women is proud to have been part of that progress. Over the course of our 140-year history, our activism and advocacy have contributed to the achievement of many firsts." – **AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria Blackwell on the confirmation by the U.S. Senate of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.**

It's hard to imagine, but when AAUW was founded, many "firsts" had not happened. There was no Coca-Cola, no paper clip, no sliced bread, and no zipper. AAUW began before the Times Square Ball drop, the Winter Olympic games, and talking-picture movies. When a group of women decided it was time to advocate for education and equity for women in 1881, there were no Girl Scouts, no Coast Guard enlistees, no National Park Service workers. There was no right to vote for women.

Sometime when you have a moment, check out the AAUW timeline on the national page (be sure to create your new login at the same time!) and take a moment to appreciate being part of an organization that has such a history of firsts. Member Frances Perkins, for one. In 1933 she became the first U.S. Cabinet Secretary and became an "integral part of many New Deal initiatives." In 1938 AAUW published *The Living Wage for College Women*, documenting widespread sex discrimination in academia. In 1945 AAUW actively advocated for the creation of the United Nations. In 1968 they founded the Coretta Scott King Fund. In 1969 AAUW urged branch members to study environmental problems in their communities. Gloria Blackwell: "We stood strong when Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman Supreme Court Justice" and "when Kamala Harris was elected vice-president. These women's accomplishments may now seem commonplace, but we must never forget the hard work and sacrifice it took to break new ground."

It is no wonder that AAUW is so proud of Judge Jackson's confirmation by the U.S. Senate. As the first black woman on the court, we know we can celebrate yet one more nick on that timeline. And maybe in some small way, we helped. Just a bit. By sending in our dues, by joining a discussion, by attending a meeting, by accepting a leadership role. Just a bit...but all adding up to making a difference.

Proud to be a member with you.

Becky O'Connor, past president

bandboc@gmail.com

Program and Meeting News for May

Our Year-end Dinner Celebration

Honoring our scholarship recipients, recognizing member anniversaries and welcoming incoming officers

Date: May 19, 2022

Place: Grand Meridian (2621 N Oneida Street)

Time: 5:00pm Gather
5:30pm Dinner served
6:30pm Program starts

Menu: Served family style: broasted chicken, sirloin beef tips, coleslaw, a broccoli carrot blend, baby red potatoes, rolls and a choice of bars for dessert. Coffee, tea at the table. Cash bar available.

Cost: \$21.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Due by: May 11, 2022 **



Checks made out to: **GRAND MERIDIAN** and

SEND checks to: Trish Brehm
716 S Fidelis St.
Appleton, WI 54915

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

*No refunds after payment is made

Guests are welcome! Include their name and reservation fee when you send in your check.

Dietary restrictions? Put them in writing along with your reservation.

Oh boy - yes, I want to join this year-end celebration on May 19. Enclosed is my check (made payable to **Grand Meridian**) for \$21.00 per person. I'll send it to Trish.

Name (please print) _____

Guest name(s) _____

Dietary restrictions, if any _____

Look for Art table at May Banquet!!

Art work by AAUW members who have attended Chris Scott's art classes will be on display at the May banquet. The works will be categorized by the media used, e.g., acrylic, water color, "stained glass".



State Convention This Weekend!

Still time to register:

[Click Link Here](#)

Membership News

It has been another year of where meetings in-person were again a month to month decision. Thank goodness we were able to have a book sale, holiday brunch, Tech Savvy, and in May a banquet. This year we are honoring our first and second year members and the special anniversaries of some of our longer term members. Your attendance at the banquet to receive this recognition is greatly appreciated. First and second year members will receive a mailed invite.

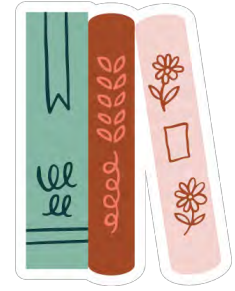
We are encouraging all our members to renew your memberships on-line. At this time we are still awaiting the database to be updated and ready for this. We have until June 30th to renew. If you have any information changes to our AAUW Directory, please notify Cheryl Reissmann. It will be up to each member to personally take care of this.

We will keep you posted on upcoming summer events. Right now we are looking at a baseball tailgate/ game gathering and an August social/picnic.

Another Membership Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th, 1:30pm at JaneAnne McCabe's, 3132 E Lake Park Crossing, #28, Appleton.



BOOK SALE NEWS



CYCLING HOME TO READ!

Our 2022 Book Sale

Preparations for the 2022 book sale have begun. If you have books to drop off in Kaukauna, Betsy and Donna will be there at the following times (all dates are Tuesdays):

April 19. 9-10 am

April 26, 1-2 pm

May 10, 9-10 am

May 17, 1-2 pm

We are located in the basement of the old Thilmany building below the Kaukauna library.

Please enter from the parking lot on the south side of the building. If you cannot come at any of these times, contact Betsy or Donna to make other arrangements. We will begin sorting in August.

If someone needs a book pickup have them call Laurie or Stephanie. Check your yearbook for contact information.

Our Book Sale will be held at the Northland Mall on the following dates:

Oct. 13-15

Oct. 19-22,

Oct. 26-29



Your Booksale Chairs:

Betsy Mintern and Donna Cook -Sorting

Laurie McCulloch and Stephanie Malaney -Pick up

Missy Boveroux -Special Books

Trish Brehm - Publicity

Mary Grace and Ruth Henschel - Business Managers

It's T-SHIRT time!

NOW is your chance to order an AAUW t-shirt. The t-shirt is a 50/50 cotton-poly blend, navy blue with white lettering (AAUW centered and "because equity is still an issue" below it).

Print this page - fill out the order form below and send the form along with your check to Sylvia Bull.

ORDER DEADLINE IS MAY 30TH!

New members, please note: These shirts can be worn walking around the block, shopping local farmers' markets, going to rummage sales, or anytime you're out & about! Plus they serve as a great marketing tool to help us spread the word about AAUW. Plan to wear them to the Timber Rattlers event this summer (See Membership News) and especially at our October Book Sale.

AAUW T-shirt ORDER FORM 2022

Shirt: Navy blue; 50/50 blend; white screen printing AAUW center front in large font and 'because equity is still an issue' below it in smaller font.

Short sleeve \$12.00, long sleeve \$18.00

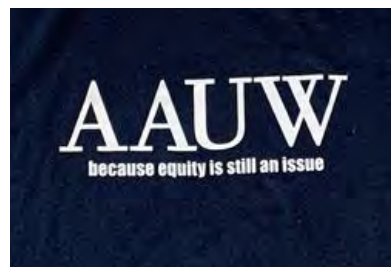
Sizes S – 3XL (add **\$4.00** for 2xl and 3xl orders)

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle size S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Circle sleeve style(s) SHORT LONG



Orders with payment are due **May 30, '22**

(include payment with this form)

Make checks payable to Sylvia Bull
2459 E Glenhurst Lane
Appleton, WI 54913

If you have questions, contact Sylvia at 920-224-4960 or
sjbcreate@gmail.com



PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR—TECH SAVVY CO-CHAIR
JACQUI KLIMASZEWSKI



Time to learn more about this very active AAUW member:

I was raised on a dairy farm in Northeastern Wisconsin--a great way to be brought up, but with not a lot of money. Luckily, at that time, the State of Wisconsin invested in their young people and I was able to attend college on state grants and scholarships. At UW Oshkosh I earned a degree in Secondary Education (English & Social Studies), a Master's Degree in Reading Education, and eventually certification to be a Curriculum Coordinator.

I was a Title I Reading Teacher in Omro, Wisconsin, working with students struggling in reading and math from Pre-School through 6th grade. From there I taught a high school Freshman Reading class to provide those students with a leg-up on high school English courses. I also was the District Curriculum (K-12) Coordinator before moving on to being a field consultant for the School Evaluation Consortium/North Central Association (school accreditation) and traveled throughout the state working with public and private schools on school improvement processes.

In 1993 I started at the Appleton Area School District as a Curriculum Coordinator and went through various iterations of that title, retiring as the Humanities Coordinator. In all the curriculum coordinator positions I had responsibility for the administration and evaluation of Title IX. Currently I am an ad hoc professor at Concordia teaching reading and education courses.

I married Jim in 1971--he was also an educator and we met at UW-O. We have two cats (Lady and Tramp) and hope to be getting back to some traveling soon.

I have been an AAUW member since 2007 after retiring from Appleton Area School District. Stephanie Malaney brought me to the Holiday Brunch. I have been Asst. Vice President of Program, VP of Program, President, and co-chair of the STEM committee and chair of the Public Policy Committee. Being part of leadership really helps you get to know and work with a variety of wonderful women on matters that are important to improving the opportunities for women and girls. Having the honor of being the branch president during the 2013 Centennial year for our branch is certainly memorable. It was great to work with all the members who worked on the celebration (organizing and adding their creativity) and fascinating to hear about and meet former members.

Equity and equal access have always been integral to all my work and endeavors--I think it's that Quaker strand that runs through my lineage. Eleanor Roosevelt has always impressed me. She went forward pushing others to do the right thing in a time when there was great pressure and prejudice not to. She was an activist who influenced individuals, the nation and the world--from youth organizations to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She is the embodiment of my passion for equity.

Although much of my time is taken up with work with AAUW, League of Women Voters and Literacy organizations, I enjoy reading, jigsaw & word puzzles, and gardening.

Thank you, Jacqui, for letting us get to know you better!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION GROUP

- We had a great meeting on April 11th. We are setting two goals at this time to work with the Appleton Schools and FVTC. If any member is interested in joining us, please let me know at my email msnn3bs@yahoo.com. We have not yet scheduled our next meeting; we are waiting replies from our school contacts.
- 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, April 26th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

To do before the meeting:

*Read Chapters 7 and 8 of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee

Looking ahead: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th. Let's focus on finishing up The Sum of Us and read chapters 9 & 10.

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.

Celebrate Ellie Olson!
June 4, 2022 at 11:00 am
First Congregational Church
Family of Ellie inviting all AAUW members to attend.
More details to follow—shared by Joan Schneider

Articles for the June/July newsletter are due May 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton

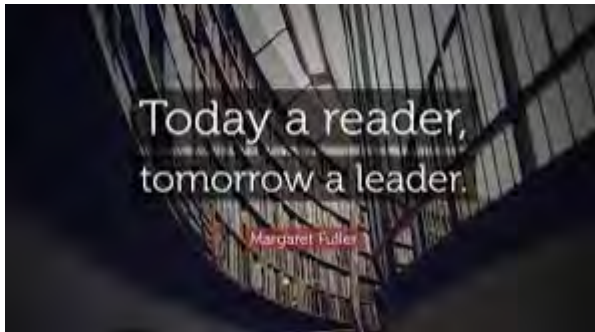
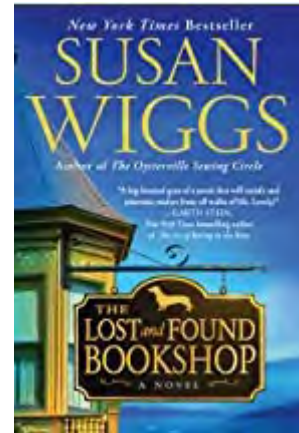
SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing
The Lost & Found Bookshop
By Susan Wiggs

Wednesday, May 11th 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 June book will be announced at the May
Afternoon Literature Luncheon.



EVENING LITERATURE NEWS

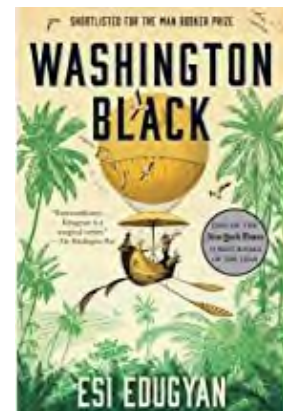
Next meeting: Thursday, May 12, 6:30 PM

Host: Grace Fuller, 624 Black St., Kaukauna

Book: *Washington Black*, by Esi Edugyan

Discussion Leader: Donna Cook

RSVP: to Grace or Donna (contact info is in your yearbook)



Book Choices for 2022-2023:

---Submit suggestions to Donna by May 27th.

---Donna will compile list and email.

---Vote for your nine books, in order of preference, by email to Donna
no LATER than June 6th.

---Choices will be announced at the June 9th meeting.



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our May Book: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

The Wednesday and Thursday groups will meet at Butte des Morts Country Club, 3600 W. Prospect, **Wednesday, May 18 at 11:45 A.M. Lunch is served at 12:00.**

Be prepared to vote on the nominees for the books we will be reading next year. The list of books is posted on the AAUW-Appleton website.



[AAUW-Aft.-Book-nominations-for-2022-2023.pdf](#)

If you are unable to attend the luncheon, you may email your choices (1 December book, 1 May book, plus an additional 7 books) to judy@gwd.org no later than May 17th.

If you haven't signed up for the luncheon, there is still time. Please call Judy Phillips at 920-739-1000 or email her at cubbie1945@gmail.com and she will give you needed information and register you for the lunch. **Please make checks out to Judy Phillips.**

(Luncheon choices were distributed at the April 12th Branch meeting and the Wednesday Afternoon Book Group gathering. Thursday Afternoon Book Group was informed via ZOOM.) **The deadline for registering is Monday, May 9.** All are welcome.

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

Essay Contest - Revisited

If you are interested in working on re-looking at the Essay Contest (or brainstorming an alternative) and discussing goals, process and revisions, please join us. We will meet during the week of April 25 to go through a group process to generate ideas and thoughts. We will meet again in May to formalize those ideas into a proposal to go to the board in May.

Contact me at jjklm@new.rr.com or 830-2919 if you are interested in working on this. If you aren't interested in meetings, please send any ideas/comments to my email address before 4/25 and I will include that information at the meeting.

Thanks!

Jacqueline E. Klimaszewski



Summer Mystery Lunches

Who: Everyone is welcome to join our Summer Mystery Lunches.

What: A different mystery will be discussed each month (June – August)

June book: Split Second by David Baldacci

Discussion Leader: Judy Goodnight

*Please suggest light-reading mystery series Bk #1 for July & August
and heavier mysteries for next June (Standalone or Bk #1 of a series)
(See below)

When: Wednesday, June 15

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: T.B.D.

*Please send your suggestions to bettypontius@yahoo.com by the April 30th deadline.

If suggesting a book for light-reading for July or August:

Format for a series:

1st Bk in Series Main Character(s) Time Period Setting Author
Plus no more than a 3-sentences summary

If suggesting a heavier book for **next** June:

Title of book Author
Plus brief 3 or 4 sentences description

AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed members and stated our mission.

Program Vice President Sylvia Bull introduced our speaker, Guy Reiter, who spoke about *Rights of Nature*.

Following our program, President Joan announced that the March meeting minutes were accepted as published in the April newsletter.

Program Vice-President Sylvia Bull told us about our May 19th celebration honoring the recipients of our scholarships. We will meet at The Grand Meridian at 5:00PM, dinner will be served family style at 5:30PM, and our program will begin at 6:30PM. The price is \$21.00 and checks need to be made out to The Grand Meridian. Send checks for this event to Trish Brehm.

Please send any program ideas for next year to Sylvia Bull or Kathy Kuck.

Membership Vice-President Mary Bechle discussed our dues for next year. The dues will be \$95 and we are encouraged to pay online when national tells us they are ready for us to do so. Technical help will be offered for those who need it. If paying by check, please send the checks to Jackie Booher. Mary will let us know when we can start paying dues online.

Mary would like us to think about what motivated us to join AAUW. Please send your thoughts about this to her. Mary and the Membership Committee are investigating summer activities. All branch members are welcome to join the Membership Committee. Contact Mary for dates and times of the committee meetings.

Mary also spoke about the DEI Committee's work. They are planning to support an Appleton School and actively pursue our goals concerning diversity.

All changes to the Membership Directory and Yearbook are to be sent directly to Cheryl Reissmann by email. It is each member's responsibility to keep their personal information current. No form is necessary. If you have an email address change you must also contact Judy Goodnight in order to continue receiving your newsletter.

Finance Vice President Nancy Grube gave our March financial report and circulated copies of it.

Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski proposed that we evaluate our annual essay contest. We have sponsored the essay contest for 13 years along with the Appleton Public Library. The APL is no longer involved. Branch members agreed to meet with Jacqui. She will set a date and time for the meeting.

Bylaws and Policy Chair Stephanie Malaney stated that the branch board has moved to accept the updated and revised bylaws presented by Stephanie and the committee. Cindy Fallona seconded the motion. The revised and updated bylaws were sent by email to all branch members prior to this vote. 43 members were present and the motion was passed unanimously.

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April 12th Branch Meeting Minutes (continued)

Book Sale Chair Betsy Mintern announced changes in the Book Sale Committee. Drop off dates for books are Tuesday, April 19, at 9:00AM to 10:00AM, and Tuesday, April 26, from 1:00PM to 2:00PM at the building that also houses the Kaukauna Public Library. We will start sorting on August 2. The committee will continue to pick up books, but they will not enter houses. The book sale will be held on October 13-15, 19-22, and 26-29.

Nominating Chair Becky O'Connor presented Paulette Stoltzmann as a candidate for Program Assistant Vice President and Linda Buck as a candidate for Membership Assistant Vice President.

Becky moved that we accept these nominees.

Judy Goodnight seconded the motion.

Branch members voted unanimously to approve these candidates. They will be installed at the May branch meeting.

Mary Bechle and Connie Wunderlich will work together as Co Vice Presidents of Membership in 2022-2023 due to Susie Jennings moving out of state. A big thank you to Susie for the great job she did as Assistant Vice President of Membership this year.

Georgianne Bravick and Judy Goodnight reminded us that the AAUW State Convention will be April 22 and 23. The convention is free and virtual. Our own Chris Scott created the logo. There will be an online auction. The list of speakers and meeting opportunities is exceptional.

Social Justice group chair Judy Goodnight asked for 1 or 2 volunteers to organize a visit to the Jewish Museum in Milwaukee for the Japanese Internment exhibit. Other Social Justice group meeting dates will be in the newsletter.

Communications Chair Judy Goodnight needs to be informed if you change your email. She is pleased to announce that Merritt Jezwinski is our new Facebook Editor.

Second Choice Book Chair Judy Goodnight stated that on May 11, the book to be discussed will be, "The Lost and Found Bookshop," by Susan Wiggs. Judy also announced that the next book to be discussed for the Afternoon Literature Group will be, "The Four Winds," by Kristin Hannah. Information about submitting book titles for next year and the May 18th Luncheon was given.

Evening Literature Leader Donna Cook said that our Evening Literature Group has resumed. The April 14 book is, "The Sunflower Sisters," by Martha Hall Kelly. If interested in joining the group at any time, please contact Donna.

Joan Moeschberger spoke for Betty Pontius and reminded us that our Summer Mystery Book Group will resume on June 15. The group will be meeting for lunch and discussing, "Split Second," by David Baldacci. See the newsletter for more details.

Vice President Sylvia Bull stated that we will be able to buy AAUW shirts (short or long-sleeve) in May. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Our next branch meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19, at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. Gather at 5:00.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sue Vannorsdall

Recording secretary

FINANCE REPORT— as of March 31, 2022

Appleton AAUW Income & Expense Statement
July 1,2021 to March 31,2022

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>2.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total Income	 \$ 4,192.13	 \$ 5,149.00

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	\$ 144.29	\$500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	189.00
Newsletter	0.00	25.00
Programs	732.00	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
Finance Expenses	152.96	70.00
General Expenses	84.58	100.00
Essay Contest Awards	200.00	200.00
Essay Contest Expenses	562.90	150.00
Tech Savy Sponsorship	542.90	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>\$ 3,541.73</u>	 <u>\$5,149.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses	<u>\$ 650.40</u>	\$0.00
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Checkbook Balances as of 3/31/22

General Checking Account

Beacon Fund	\$ 206.00
Convention Fund	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>12,761.05</u>
Total Checking Account	\$ 18,478.05

Scholarship Money Market Account	\$ 17,094.78
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**Note - Total insurance is \$575.00

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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