



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Aug 2	Book Sorting and Lunch (Sorting each Tuesday AM)
Aug 3	Second Choice Books
Aug 9	Branch Summer Social Picnic
Aug 11	Evening Literature
Aug 17	Summer Mystery Lunch
Aug 18	BYOL at Joan Schneider's
Aug 18	Art Class
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Aug 23	Social Justice Meeting
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Sept 1	Second Choice Books
Sept 6	Fall Kickoff Program
Sept 8	Women's Fund Luncheon

The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women
Appleton, Wisconsin

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***What did Cinderella wear on her feet when she went swimming?
(glass flippers!)***

Happy Summer, ladies!

I hope you are all enjoying some summer fun. A great time to put away the glass slippers and put on those flippers!

I certainly feel like I need pretty big flippers as I “jump into the deep end of the pool” starting out as your AAUW-Appleton Branch President. So much to learn! Truly...my head is swimming! Yet, I know that I have the support of all of you throughout this journey. (I was going to bore you with more swimming metaphors and say “I have all of you as lifeguards” but enough of that!)

So much to be excited about as we move into the '22-23 AAUW-Appleton year:

-I'm looking forward to a fun social gathering at Telulah Park on August 9th. Really hoping to see a big turnout of members and prospective members!

-Our Opening Branch meeting on September 6th will be a lovely chance to meet in person, share refreshments, and hear about programs and opportunities to participate in throughout the year. We will work hard to accomplish all of that expeditiously, so as not to go too long into the evening.

-The Book Sale gods were looking down upon us this Spring, as we have been able to move book storing and sorting to Northland Mall. Such a fun activity and great way to mix and mingle with other members. Hope to see many of you as sorting begins on August 2nd.

-Our March 11 Tech Savvy event is already in the planning stages. Let's continue to make this a very valuable event for girls across the Fox Valley area.

-I'm looking forward to the plans and opportunities that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Social Justice groups have in the works this year. Their efforts are so important to the mission of AAUW nationally, and certainly locally.

And, of course, there are many other wonderful ways to get involved. Lots of member participation is so important to our branch. Sharing the fun and the work of “advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research” is what makes swimming in the pool so much fun! (sorry, couldn't resist!)

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer of 2022!

Chris Taylor, President

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FRIENDS & FUN

picnic time

AAUW APPLETON BRANCH CORDIALLY INVITES ALL
MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO A PICNIC AT
TELULAH PARK!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 FROM 5 UNTIL 8 PM

BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT TO PASS.

WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MIX & MINGLE,
ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD, HEAR FROM OUR NEW BRANCH
PRESIDENT, AND PLAY A MEMBERSHIP MIXER GAME.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

AAUW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:
CONNIE WUNDERLICH, MARY BECHLE, LINDA BUCK



Congratulations From Our AAUW National Organization!

We're pleased to share that your branch WI4001-Appleton is now a Five Star Branch. WI4001-Appleton has earned a star for each of these Focus Areas of the Five Star National Recognition Program: Programs, Advancement, Communications and External Relations, Public Policy, and Research Governance and Sustainability.

In addition to this notification, your branch will be recognized in Membership Matters and on the AAUW National Website. Also, the branch will receive a Five Star Certificate of Achievement and will be featured in a Five Star success story in Membership Matters. Finally, your branch WI4001-Appleton will receive a Five Star Leadership Briefing. Thank you for your participation and all you do on behalf of women and girls. We look forward to your continued Five Star success.



Save the Date

Fall Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5:15 Gather

5:30 Eat and visit

6:00 Branch Meeting

6:30 Sign-up for activities

Please bring a dessert or savory snack to share

At this time, you can volunteer to help with monthly programs, it's so easy! Just give me a call or email!

Also, if you want to help with the December Brunch, please let me know. We'll meet in late September to start planning that event.

And you can reserve your Box Lunch for the October Book Work Night at this meeting.

Such fantastic opportunities for you!!!

THANK YOU,

Kathy Kuck, 920 850 2792 caedku@aol.com

IMPORTANT: BOOK SALE UPDATES

BOOK SALE DATES:

Plans for our 2022 Book Sale are in full swing. Sale dates are Oct. 13-15, 19-22, and 26-29.

BOOK SORTING :

We will meet every Tuesday morning in August and September from 9:00 am - noon to sort books and put them in their appropriate categories. On August 2 and September 13 we will go out for lunch after book sorting. If you have never come to sorting we would like to welcome you to join us. We will give you a brief orientation and are always ready to answer your questions. Come whenever you are available.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR SORTING SITE:

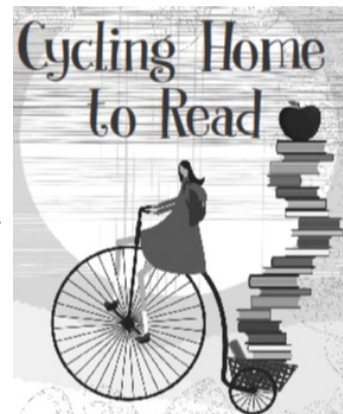
We are sorting books at the Northland Mall in the store that used to be the Martial Arts Studio. Please enter the store through the outside back door on the front side of the mall. The door is marked 956. As you are facing the front of the mall, you will find our store to the left of Papa John's pizza. There will also be an AAUW sign outside our entrance.

BOOK DROP-OFF:

You may drop off books any Tuesday morning between 9:00 am and noon while we are sorting. If you have books to drop off and can't make it any Tuesday mornings, please contact Laurie McCulloch or Stephanie Malaney to arrange a drop off time. ***No books should ever be left outside our door either inside or outside the mall!***

Looking forward to another great book sale season!

Your Book Sale Chairs!



Save the date for our all-day STEM conference for girls in grades 6-9 on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at UWO Fox Cities in Menasha.

Planning has already begun for this event, but we continue to welcome members interested in joining our committees. Our next planning meeting is Monday, August 29, 2023, 2:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Jacqui Klimaszewski jklimaszewski542@gmail.com or Stephanie Malaney smalaney5@gmail.com. Tech Savvy members will also be at the August 9th picnic.

Articles for the September newsletter are due August 15th.

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

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

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

Instagram: #aauwappleton



Dear AAUW Appleton,

Thank you very much for selecting me to receive a scholarship. This will help ease the financial burden of attending school. I know how hard you all work to raise the funds, select applicants, and plan the scholarship dinner, so it really meant a lot to be part of that.

It was so wonderful to meet many of you at the dinner—I felt so welcomed & supported! Hearing the stories of all the recipients was very special as well.

Thank you again for making a difference in our lives. Keep in touch!

Sincerely, Elise Edwards

Elise is the granddaughter of AAUW Appleton member Rachel Edwards.

WOMEN'S fund luncheon

Thursday, September 8th

Hilton Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave., Appleton

Luncheon Check-in 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Luncheon & Program 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

\$75 per person

Contact Helene Iverson at heeniei@aol.com or 920-205-5220 to check on availability of seats at the AAUW tables. If any, register by August 10th.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm at Judy Goodnight's, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah.

New members are welcome to join us. Contact Judy at 920-729-9553 or judy@gwd.org to get on the contact list.

A suggestion was made that we take a look at a PBS series, "Why Race Matters in Wisconsin" that is available on YouTube and use these videos as the basis of our discussions and advocacy.

Link to Episode 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ic2ok5AQkFc>



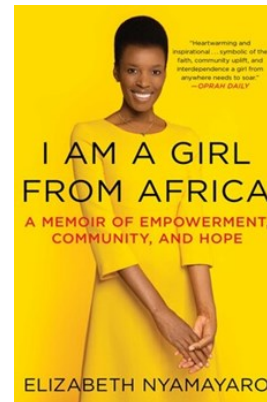
The last **BYO Lunch** is coming up on **Thursday, August 18th** at Joan Schneider's. Everyone is welcome. Drop in with or without your lunch between **11:00 am and 2:00 pm**. Agenda? None! This is a time to relax and visit at **4723 Periwinkle Court**! Bring a friend!

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AAUW READS August 2022



AAUW Reads is a chance to join others in a book discussion that is not part of other book groups or interest groups! We are looking forward to our next conversations and our next gatherings to share ideas and thoughts about *I Am a Girl from Africa* by Elizabeth Nyamayaro. We will be offering two opportunities to talk about this book which highlights many issues relating to women and girls. Mark your calendars and join one or both discussions!

Tuesday, August 23 – 1:00 at Becky O'Connor's home (please RSVP to bandboc@gmail.com)

Thursday, August 25 – 7:00 pm Zoom Discussion with Judy Goodnight (link will be sent close to the date)

About the author: *Elizabeth Nyamayaro is an award-winning humanitarian and former United Nations senior advisor on gender equality. Born in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth has worked at the forefront of global development for over two decades, improving the lives of underserved populations, and has held leadership roles at the World Bank, the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and UN Women. Elizabeth is a political scientist by training and holds a master's degree in politics from London School of Economics and Political Science.*

From the book jacket:

“More than a heartwarming and uplifting memoir, *I Am a Girl from Africa* is a story of millions of girls around the world – and a true testament of what is possible when girls are given an equal right to quality education. Through Elizabeth's remarkable story, we are reminded that education remains the closest thing to a silver bullet when it comes to gender equality.”

If you wish to read another review of the book, you can check out the *New York Times* book review at this link:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/20/books/review/i-am-a-girl-from-africa-elizabeth-nyamayaro.html>

Questions? Ask Becky O'Connor (bandboc@gmail.com) or Judy Goodnight (judy@gwd.org)

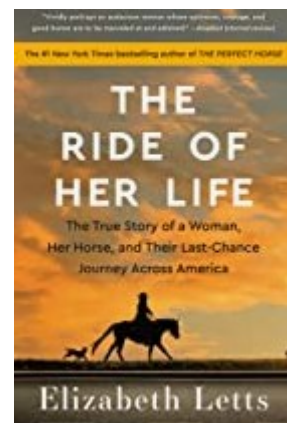
SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts.

Wednesday, August 3rd, 1:00 pm for lunch at Meade Street Bistro.

RSVP to Judy at 920-729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org by 8/2!

September 2022— *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri.



AFTERNOON LITERATURE:

NEW! END OF SUMMER GATHERING - Wednesday, August 31 1:00 PM

Bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverage to Judy Goodnight's, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah.

Enjoy catching up with friends, have a sweet treat, and share your favorite summer reads!

Evening Literature News

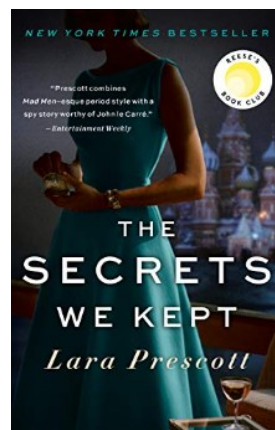
Next meeting: Thursday, August 11th, 6:30 PM

Host: Mary Grace

Book: *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott

Discussion Leader: Judy Goodnight

RSVP to Donna on or by Tuesday, the 9th.



September Meeting: Thursday, September 8th, 6:30 PM

Host: Jane Anne McCabe

Book: *The Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate*, by Pardeep Kaleka and Arno Michaelis

*Interesting note: Pardeep Kaleka will be the speaker at the ESTHER dinner meeting on September 15th.

Discussion Leader: Sylvia Bull

RSVP to Donna on or by Tuesday, the 6th.



All members are welcome to join us for this book group!

Ever Feel Like You Want to Run Away and Join the Circus?

Now's Your Chance!

Okay – so maybe not exactly join but at least enjoy a day at the circus with other AAUW members. You are invited to join the Travel Group on a trip to Circus World Museum in Baraboo where the Ringling Brothers Circus began. You'll have a chance to see "The Greatest Show On Earth" before heading home. Read on for the exciting details of our trip to Baraboo.

Who: Any and all Appleton AAUW Branch Members

When: Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Where: Circus World Museum in Baraboo, WI

What: Exhibits, shows, animals, clowns, costumes, and a real, live 1 hour Circus Performance

Why: Because deep down we're still kids at heart!

How: We'll travel by car and, as always, volunteer drivers are needed.

Registrations are on a 1st come basis based on the number of drivers available. Grounds are handicapped accessible. The day involves about ½ mile of walking with a slight incline to view the circus wagons.

Cost: \$35 includes Circus World Museum fees and money towards gas for our drivers. It does NOT include any food purchases or souvenirs. Drivers will be refunded their share of the gas money once we know who will be driving.

Tentative Schedule for the Day:

8 AM Leave from the old Menasha Shopko 1578 Appleton Rd. (park near the grass area on the south side facing Burger King)

10:30 Brunch at the Log Cabin in Baraboo. Please read the menu on line (www.logcabin-baraboo.com) and plan ahead – there's lots to choose from! Meal cost is NOT included. Due to time limitations, we ask you, if at all possible, to be ready to order when we get to the restaurant.

12:00 Drive to Circus World Museum

12:30 Wagon Tour

1:00 Hippodrome – music show

2:30 Circus Performance

4:00 Leave for home

6:30 Approximate return time

RSVP - Please write check out to and mail to:

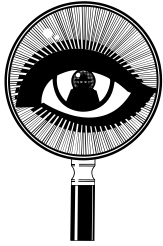
Ruth Henschel

555 Ridgeview Circle Apt. 314

Appleton, WI 54911



DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR TRIP: **AUGUST 10TH**



Summer Mystery Lunches

11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17th

Book: *Mailboat 1: The End of the Pier* by Danielle Lincoln Hanna

Watch for an email with more info soon!

AAUW Art Class

August 18, 2022 (Thursday)

Faux Stained Glass

- **Place:** Chris Scott's House
1406 W. Edmund Dr., Appleton
- **Time:** 12:30 pm
- **Theme:** Introduction to Faux Stained Glass
- **Cost:** \$20(All supplies provided.)



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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com
by Thursday, August 11th.



A NIGHT AT THE PAINE ART CENTER

The Nature of Light: An Exploration after Dark

Tuesday, September 13

Join us for a mesmerizing observation of the grounds, sculptures, and interior of The Paine with light used in an artistic way.

We will have dinner at Benvvenuto's Italian Grill, 300 S. Koeller St, Oshkosh @ 5 and then go to the Art Center. Driving details will be determined, depending on numbers.

Cost: \$15 for admission to The Paine + \$5 gas

Dinner – on your own

(If you have a Paine membership, the exhibit is free.)


To reserve your spot, call/text/email Connie Polley:

920-205-3808, conniepolley@yahoo.com

Deadline: September 1

Out in the Hall

By Dasha Kelly Hamilton



He heard a soundtrack for his future
in the steady click of hard sole shoes
Out in the hall
A guy friend of mine told me this one time
About the curious straightening of his spine
At hearing the stride of a grown man's shoes
Disembodied from any particular man in motion
The audio metered his path
His young imagination was empty of specific plans
He just knew that his shoes would echo with purpose
One day, even his steps would strike and snap firm surfaces
Clacking cadence from the hallway, ballroom
Sanctuary, aisles and stage

I can still recall the slow fade of his expectant smile
When he asked if I felt the same about high heeled shoes

Umm, no.
Well, maybe.

I heard the hallways in a different key
The click of their heels trained my young ears to hear
Confidence and Counterfeit
Feminine and Felonious
Leadership and Lonely
Mission-driven and Mean
The sound of heels is expected
Women are expected
Not to be expected

He dreamed of walking atop linoleum, marble and wood
My inclination was to raise my heels
Just a little
Quiet my approach
Just a little
Lighten my impression and my own load
Measure my stomp against my sashay
I worried about toppling

I first heard my steps fill a hallway with echoes
With my eyes trained up, ahead of me
Not focused on my feet, or anyone else's
I learned to read the music
Of women in motion
Of women taking steps, making moves
Tapping, stomping, scampering, sometimes
Fan kicking, twirling and gliding backwards
Studying women's rhythms helped me better score my own
When we make it to the hallway
Our steps might click clack show tunes, hymnals, trap rap and the blues



I learned to move swiftly in 4:4 time
From watching you
I learned to center my weight on the point of a high heel
From watching you
From you and you, I remember to position my feet into a T for pictures
On the days that pinch and ache
I watched you keep moving
Do not take off the shoes, you said
Toppling is just another two-step

Who's out there in the hallway
Walking all loud
All hard
All steady
All unbothered
Who's that woman making
noise out there in the hall
like she's supposed to be
broadcasting big band sounds
On the ways women have to --get to- move around

Thank you for gliding, stomping, skipping, sliding
Leading our dance in all the ways YOU move
As authentically you
Serenading power to the next set of shoes
making theme music
Out in the hall

Poem written for AAUW Wisconsin April 2022 State Convention

Dasha Kelly Hamilton is a writer, performance artist, curator, and facilitator. Ultimately, she's a creative change agent, leveraging the creative process toward human and social wellness.

Dasha has written for national, regional, and local magazines; produced three collections of poetry; recorded four spoken word CDs; published two novels; been included in several anthologies; and performed in the last season of HBO's Def Poetry Jam. Her nonprofit, Still Waters Collective, initiated literary arts programming for 20 years, creating platforms for thousands of voices to be honored and heard. Through the organization, she still partners on impact projects and manages a creative leadership fellowship.

Dasha served as an Arts Envoy for the U.S. Embassy to teach, perform, and facilitate community building initiatives in Botswana and the island of Mauritius. She was also an artist in residence in Beirut. Dasha has been an adjunct professor at Mount Mary University, Alverno College, Bryant & Stratton and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University and an MA in Marketing Communications from Roosevelt University.

A collection of her micro stories, DashNettes: Life, in Short, will release Fall 2020. Her stage production, Makin' Cake, will tour nationally beginning in 2021. A former Artist of the Year for the City of Milwaukee, Dasha is the city's 11th Poet Laureate.

[Source: <https://dashakelly.com/>]

5.19.2022 Appleton AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

Grand Meridian, Appleton

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed everyone and read our Mission Statement. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and conversation.

President Joan Moeschberger recognized Mary Grace who introduced each person or their representative to receive our scholarships. The ten women receiving scholarships were impressive young women. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for a job well done.

President Joan Moeschberger welcomed us to the business meeting. The April meeting minutes were accepted as published in the May newsletter. Joan reminded everyone to enter the drawing for the book, "I Am a Girl from Africa," by Elizabeth Nyamayaro. This is our new AAUW Reads selection. Becky O'Connor donated the book.

Joan recognized Joan Schneider, our State President. Joan Schneider reminded us that a memorial will be held Saturday, June 4, at 10:30 AM at the United Church of Christ for Ellie Olson. All details about the service are in the May newsletter. Joan Schneider announced that the Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) events will resume this summer at her home. Joan thanked Joan Schneider for her service to us all as State President the past two years.

Joan recognized Betsy Minter from the Book Sale committee. We will be moving books from the Kaukauna Library to the Northland Mall collection spot on May 31. A sign-up sheet was passed requesting help on that day. Other book sale information was shared by the members of the Book Sale Committee.

Kathy Kuck, the Assistant Program Vice President, spoke for Sylvia Bull who was absent. Kathy said there will be a meeting at her home to discuss programs for next year on June 9th. Information about the program planning meeting will be in the newsletter.

Finance Vice President Nancy Grube gave our financial report. Nancy will be living in Door County next year but will continue to serve as Finance Vice President. Jackie Booher will remain as the Assistant VP of Finance.

Membership Vice-President Mary Bechle reminded members that we are encouraged to pay our dues online. A check for membership can also be sent to Jackie Booher. There will be a Timber Rattlers game on July 26th, and a membership picnic on Tuesday, August 9th, for everyone. This picnic will hopefully help to shorten our September Branch Meeting. If you have changes that need to be made in our AAUW Membership Directory, please send those to Cheryl Reissmann. If you change your email address, get that information to Judy Goodnight so you can continue receiving the newsletter.

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Members were recognized for years in the Appleton AAUW Branch. Members with five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five and forty-five years in our branch were recognized. A donation will be sent to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund in their honor.

DEI Chair Mary Bechle announced there will be a meeting on June 6, at 1:00 PM at Seth's Coffee Shop in Little Chute. See our newsletter for details.

Joan announced for Judy Goodnight Communications Chair that there will be two newsletters this summer. The first will be for June-July and the second will be an August-September preview issue. The due date for the August-September newsletter is July 25th.

Members were reminded to look for information regarding Public Policy, Tech Savvy, and the Essay Contest in the upcoming newsletter.

They were also reminded to look for information on the Social Justice Study Group, the next Art Class, Second Choice Books, Afternoon Literature, and the Summer Mystery Book Group in the next newsletter.

Donna Cook, Evening Literature Group Leader, announced a slight change in the group's plans. The group meeting will be held June 9, at 5:30 PM at the Meade Street Bistro.

AAUW Reads Chairman Becky O'Connor announced the winner of the book, Sue Vannorsdall.

Travel Co Chairs, Connie Polley and Ruth Henschel, announced that we have a trip on June 21st to Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan and Elkhart Lake. Deadline for sign up is June 14. On July 26th, we will have a night at the Timber Rattlers. Deadline to sign up is July 12th.

Judy Goodnight and Becky O'Connor recognized the retiring board members: Joan Moeschberger, Sylvia Bull, and Susie Jennings.

New and continuing officers were introduced and installed.

Chris Taylor, our new President, presented flowers to Joan Moeschberger. Chris gave her thanks to the branch members. Chris then announced there was no new business and adjourned the meeting.

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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