



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Aug 23	AAUW Reads— Afternoon Session
Aug 23	Social Justice Meeting
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Sept 27	Social Justice Meeting

The Apple Branch

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"Celebrate endings---for they precede new beginnings."

-Jonathan Lockwood Huie

It's always so difficult to turn the calendar from August to that September page! The ease of summer is pretty much behind us and the obligations of "normal life" loom ahead. But the flip side of all that is the excitement of the "new beginnings" that will unfold with the start of Autumn: a new school year for some, opening of the football season (Go Pack Go!), beautiful fall foliage, and the start of a new AAUW year.

And an exciting year it promises to be!

- Lots of work and camaraderie will be had with the preparations for our 85th Used Book Sale. The months of September and October will be busy as usual with sorting, set-up, and sale days on the schedule. Be sure to read inside this newsletter about the details of the sale and your opportunities for participation. We'll definitely need "all hands on deck" for this very important branch event, to support AAUW scholarships and educational endeavors.

- Our monthly branch meetings provide members a wide array of important exposure to presentations that expand our mission of advancing gender equity for women & girls. Your directory lists those programs, which include topics such as:

- Appleton Police Dept's Behavioral Health practices
- The Electoral College and National Popular Vote updates
- Civil Discourse How To's
- Immigration updates from United World Relief
- Emotional Mental Health information & practices

- And don't forget to put some good old-fashioned fun on your calendar too! Great book groups, art classes, mah jongg, bridge, travel, and Ethnic and Elegant dinners are all available for sign-up. Contact people are listed in the directory, could be found on the AAUW-Appleton website, and will be available at the September 6th Branch meeting (Prince of Peace Church, 5:15 pm).

As we turn the page on our calendars, there is no question that we will be encountering a lot of politically controversial issues seemingly everywhere we turn. With that in mind we must remember that AAUW is a **nonpartisan** organization that promotes equity for women and girls. At any AAUW sponsored events, from book sale work to branch meetings and interest groups, we do not name or endorse particular politicians or candidates. From our national website: "We have a long *herstory* of creating social change through public policy efforts. Our work has always been political but has never been partisan." The advocacy we do as an organization is based on issues relating to our mission.

And with that, I give you a little levity:

Knock, Knock, who's there?

Radio.

Radio, who?

Radi-o not, here we go!

Let's enjoy another AAUW-Appleton year!

Chris Taylor, President

taylor.christine50@gmail.com



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 Sale Work Night at this meeting.

Such fantastic opportunities for you!!!

THANK YOU,

Kathy Kuck, 920 850 2792 caedku@aol.com

Join us for a Box Lunch on Book Sale Work Night

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Branch Meeting and Optional Box Lunch at 5:00 pm

Northland Mall

Book sorting opportunities before and after the branch meeting



Box lunches will be from Cousins Subs and include sandwich, chips, a cookie and beverage for \$7.50. All boxes will contain mayo and onions will be available.

Menu Choices:

Italian Special – ham, bologna, salami, provolone, lettuce, tomato, salt, oregano, oil

Ham and Provolone – ham, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes, oregano,

Veggie – provolone, spring mix, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes

Club – ham, turkey breast, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes, oregano

Please indicate your choice of beverage

Water

Diet Coke

Look for the **Box Lunch sign-up Table** at our September 6 meeting and place your order with cash or checks in the envelope provided. (Exact cash amount appreciated.)

OR

Mail your check (made out to Kathy Kuck) with sandwich and beverage choice to Kathy Kuck, 4318 N. Marshall Heights Ave. Appleton, 54913

All orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, September 28th, 2022.

Many thanks in advance for your timely response!

Membership News

September is only a few days away and fall is fast approaching. Our September Kick-off is planned and we're ready for another year of great program meetings and getting to know our new and returning members better!

Our August "Shape the Future" Social was a great success! About 50 current and prospective members enjoyed a beautiful summer day at Telulah Park with great food, lots of conversation, and learning about AAUW.

Welcome to our new branch members! They are Mary DeNoble, Nicole Noonan, Allison Moeschberger, Barbara Weir, Nancy Horvath, Trudi Pickett, Kenice VanDenEng, and Ann Halverson. We're so excited to have you join us in AAUW Appleton! Current members, be sure to introduce yourselves and help our new members discover all the amazing opportunities in store for them in AAUW.

The membership committee needs some assistance in contacting members who have not yet renewed for the 2022-2023 year. In some cases we've made several attempts with no success. If your name is on this list, you can renew by either sending a check made out to AAUW Appleton to Jackie Booher, W4897 Golf Course Rd, Sherwood WI 54169 or by going to the AAUW.org website and registering online. If you are not renewing, would you just let any one of the Membership VPs know? If you are good friends with someone on the list, please contact them and share the renewal information.

Looking for: Dawn Ahrens, Kathy Colclasure, Diane Colombe, Joni Conrad, Courtney Furlow, Jolene Olson, and Ligia Rivera.

Our September Kick-off brings the opportunity to sign up for interest groups and to help out with committees. We hope you will consider joining the Membership Committee. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas!

Your Membership VPs—Mary Bechle, Connie Wunderlich, and Linda Buck



ETHNIC & ELEGANT DINNER GROUP

It's time to sign up for the dinner group. It includes a get together in late fall and three dinners after the new year. The menus are designed for couples. This can be a spouse, another AAUW friend, or someone outside the group. Recipes are provided.

Sign up at the September meeting or contact Nancy Samson at samsonnancy47@gmail.com or 920-857-5322.



Planning continues for Tech Savvy which will be held at the UW Fox Cities campus on Saturday, March 11, 2023. We are currently looking for members willing to help on the following committees: Marketing and Publicity, Fundraising, and Evaluation. If interested in any of these committees please contact Stephanie Malaney, (920) 740-9632 or smalaney505@gmail.com.

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.

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 continue sorting books every Tuesday from 9:00 AM - noon and **Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** through the end of September. Optional lunch out after sorting on September 6th.

Please join us whenever you are able. We have written guidelines and book sale chairs ready to answer your questions if you are coming for the first time. Books may also be dropped off during these times. We are also in need of paper boxes.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR SORTING SITE:

We are sorting books in the former Martial Arts Studio at the Northland Mall. Please enter the store from Door #956 which faces the front of the mall. The door is located just to the left of Papa John's. You will see an AAUW sign outside our door. There is a small area to park just outside the door if you are dropping off books.

POSTERS AND BOOKMARKS:

We now have the new posters and bookmarks .

They will be available at the September 6 branch meeting and all September book groups.

If you will not be at any of those events, please contact Trish Brehm to get yours.



SET-UP GENRE/DEPARTMENT LEADERS

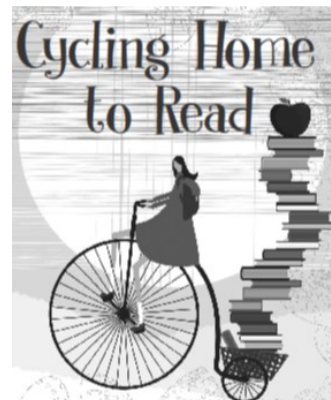
INFO IN RED

Genre/Department leaders are needed for each of the categories of books that we sell at the book sale. If you graciously agreed to be a "Department Lead" last year and would be interested in doing that again, please let Chris Taylor know. (taylor.christine50@gmail.com or 920-636-8153).

And, **of course**, if you have not been a lead but would like to organize the set-up of a particular area of books, please contact Chris. There will be many helpers to assist our leaders; but we do need a person or two for each department to be sure that the set-up is orderly and presents well for our shoppers.

Looking forward to another great book sale season!

Your Book Sale Chairs!



AAUW-WI PUBLIC POLICY EVENT—COMING SOON

Mark your calendar for our next AAUW WI Public Policy webinar, Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:30-7:30 PM. This webinar will highlight our AAUW WI Public Policy Priorities and the process of following an issue.

Topic: AAUW WI Public Policy September

Time: Sep 15, 2022 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82050677787>

If you missed our webinar in July on Making Your Vote Count you can view it at <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/upcoming-events/>.

DEI COMMITTEE (DIVERSITY—EQUITY—INCLUSION)

DEI has continued to work on ideas and processing for our next year. This group has done a fabulous job of brainstorming ideas of how we, as AAUW, should proceed from here. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 30th, 1:30pm at Seth's Coffee Shop in Little Chute. New members always welcome!

JaneAnne has volunteered to connect with the Boys and Girls Club. We are still waiting to hear back. Anne Planner had an amazing idea! Since our group is so big on books, book sales, and social justice discussions of books, maybe we could put together a Book Club for girls sponsored and led by AAUW members— a book a month that empowers girls. AAUW could purchase a book for each girl every month or perhaps the library could work with us on this. And, since we have such an amazing Art Interest Group, perhaps we could sponsor a couple of art classes. This artwork could be displayed at our Book Sale, put on note cards, help the Boys and Girls Club, and get AAUW's name out there. We could display this also on our website and Facebook pages. More brainstorming on getting supplies will be needed.

We also hope to expand our group to work with adults as well. One possibility is to collaborate with Fox Valley Tech working with the local immigrant population.

Come join us on August 30th!

Mary Bechle

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

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

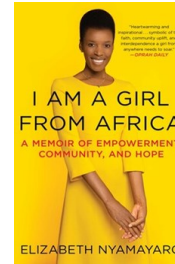
New members are welcome to join us. Contact Judy at 920-729-9553 or judy@gwd.org to get on the contact list.

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>

September Meeting: Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm—Location to be announced

AAUW READS August 2022



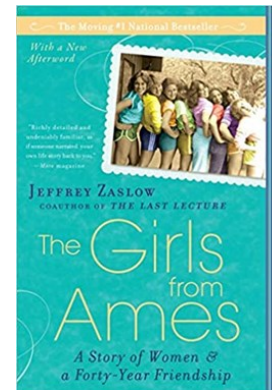
SEE YOU AT ONE OR BOTH DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK!

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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82318083850?pwd=WHJab3VYWWTl3SGhqQ1lXT0V6STMydz09>

AAUW Reads 2023



AAUW Reads is a book discussion opportunity that is now in its third year! Our branch has many groups that read including afternoon and evening literature, summer mystery, and social justice. But **AAUW Reads** joins us all in one common book that encourages our members to engage in interesting discussions, learn about various topics, and gather with other AAUW-Appleton members. Our past books have done just that. We have read *Just Mercy* (Bryan Stevenson), *The Woman's Hour* (Elaine Weiss), *How the Word is Passed* (Clint Smith), and *I Am a Girl from Africa* (Elizabeth Nyamayaro).

Our next book is *The Girls from Ames: A Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship* by Jeffrey Zaslow. Whether you are new to AAUW or have been a member for 50+ years, you will find this story of friendship meaningful.

From The New York Journal of Books:

This is a nonfiction tribute to a 40-year friendship between the 10 surviving members of an 11-member high school clique. They are a group of women who "reached maturity in the era when feminism was blooming."

The women from Ames are mothers and female role models in their own communities. But most of all they remain the best of friends. They are friends, survivors, and a mutual support network. They have all been battered a bit by life and, except for the still greatly missed Sheila, they have made it through.

Join us in reading this book, share your books among branch members, and look for discussion opportunities in January!

SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri.
(This book is available through Hoopla and also Kindle Unlimited.)

Thursday, September 1st, 1:00 pm at Seth's Coffee Shop

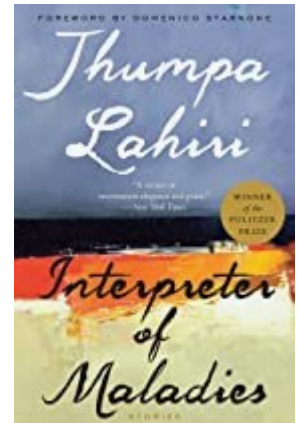
106 E. Main St, Little Chute

We'll have a room all to ourselves!

RSVP to Judy at 920-729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org by 8/28!

October 5, 2022— Our book will be

The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrowes.



Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.

Attend the discussions for the books you want to read.

Just RSVP so we know to expect you!



Evening Literature News

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, September 6th.

NO EVENING LITERATURE IN OCTOBER DUE TO BOOK SALE

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



AFTERNOON LITERATURE END OF SUMMER GATHERING

Judy Goodnight's house, 1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah (Fox Crossing)

[Link to Google Maps](#)

Bring a lawn chair and a beverage and enjoy some treats that Judy will provide.
Bring your list of recommended books from your summer reading to share with everyone.
The list of books will be compiled and posted on our AAUW Appleton website.

You'll also have a chance to RSVP on this day for the September Tea & Book Discussion.

Anyone interested in joining the group is more than welcome to join us!

Rain or Shine—We'll gather in our lovely garage if need be.

AFTERNOON LITERATURE SEPTEMBER TEA



An Afternoon Tradition Returns!

September 21st at the Apple Creek Clubhouse
2228 Milestone Drive, Appleton ([Google link](#))



\$3.00 per person to cover the clubhouse cost (exact cash, please)

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12 to Nancy Samson—920.857.5322

or samsonnancy47@gmail.com

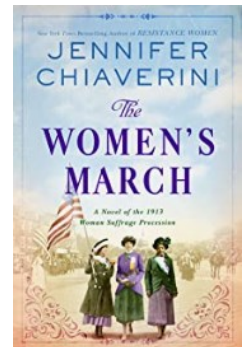
Sign up to help with set-up, provide one or more sets of place settings for 4,
bring a savory snack, or a sweet dessert item. Food items should be in small servings.

If setting up, plan to arrive by 11:15. If bringing food, plan to arrive by 11:30.

Event begins at 11:45.

Discussion of Jennifer Chiaverini's book—
The Women's March: A Novel of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession
will follow the tea.

CARPOOLING IS ADVISED! The parking area is limited.





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

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

AAUW Art Class

September 30, 2022 (Friday)

Acrylic Dutch Pour:

- **Place:** Chris Scott's House
1406 W. Edmund Dr., Appleton
- **Time:** 12:30 pm
- **Theme:** Dutch Pour (Please bring hair dryer.)
- **Cost:** \$15 (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 Friday, September 23th.

Articles for the October newsletter are due September 15th.

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

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
July 1,2021 to June 30, 2022

Budget
2021-2022

As of 6/30/22

INCOME:

Membership Dues	477.00	1,875.00
December 2021 Brunch Income	3,713.00	3,224.00
Advertisement	50.00	50.00
Interest	2.56	-

Total Income	4,242.56	5,149.00
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EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	460.71	500.00
Financial Assistance	-	189.00
Newsletter	-	25.00
Programs	1,042.00	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 Expense	0.00	100.00
Finance Expense	195.13	70.00
General Expense	99.58	100.00
Essay Contest Awards	200.00	200.00
Essay Contest Expense	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	0.00	50.00

Total Expense	4,225.32	5,149.00
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Revenue Less Expenses	17.24	0.00
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Checkbook Balances as of 6/30/22

General Checking Account

Beacon Fund	206.00
Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	11,064.51
Total Checking Account	16,781.51

Scholarship Money Market Account	17,546.48
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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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