



## APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Oct 25	Social Justice Group
Oct 26-29	Book Sale Week 3
Nov 1	Book Sale Celebration Lunch
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# The Apple Branch

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### Imagine this: I picked up a book the other day!!

That is actually an understatement, of course. Like so many of you wonderful Book Sale volunteers, we have been doing a lot of “book-picking-up”! Uniquely, this particular book attracted my attention, calling my name for some reason. It was a children's book with an ancient message of peace and appreciation for Mother Earth and all her inhabitants. Wow! Don't we need that!

Giving Thanks, written by Chief Jake Swamp, is a Native American “good morning message” recounting the words still spoken at ceremonial and governmental gatherings held by the Iroquois, or Six Nations of upstate New York and Canada. Native children are taught to greet the world each morning by saying “thank you” to all living things.

November gives all of us an opportunity for expressing such gratitude. As an AAUW branch, we have so much to be grateful for:

- a lovely community to live in, a place where we can do the work of advancing equity for women and girls
- enthusiastic members who are willing and able to foster that cause
- the opportunity to grow through the programs and experiences provided by our branch
- the constant kindness that our members show to one another

Here is some of the Iroquois “Good Morning Message” which, I hope, might inspire each of us to continue to express the gratitude that this month emphasizes:

***“To be a human being is an honor, and we offer thanksgiving for all the gifts of life.***

***Mother Earth, we thank you:***

***Thank you, deep blue waters around Mother Earth, for you are the force that takes thirst away from all living things.***

***We give thanks to green grasses that feel so good against our bare feet.***

***Thank you, good foods from Mother Earth, our life sustainers, for making us happy when we are hungry.***

***Fruits and berries, we thank you for your color and sweetness.***

***Thank you, all the animals of the world, for keeping our precious forests clean. All the trees in the world, we are thankful for the shade and warmth you give us.***

***Thank you, all the birds in the world, for singing your beautiful songs for all to enjoy.***

***Thank you, Grandfather Thunder Beings, for bringing rains to help all living things grow.***

***Elder Brother Sun, we send thanks for shining your light and warming Mother Earth.***

***We give thanks, twinkling stars, for making the night sky so beautiful and for sprinkling morning dew drops on the plants.***

***And most of all, thank you, Great Spirit, for giving us these wonderful gifts.”***

(<https://tribalrelations.wisc.edu/2021/07/12/tree-of-peace/>)

And with that, I leave you with the wise words of the venerable Charlie Brown:

“What if, today, we were just grateful for everything?”

Gratefully, Chris Taylor, President [taylor.christine50@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.christine50@gmail.com)

## Program News In Brief



**November Branch Meeting: “Safety, Crime, and Guns in the Fox Cities”**  
Tuesday, November 15th at the Appleton Police Department, 222 S. Walnut St.

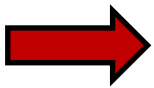


Gather at 6:15 pm, panel discussion begins at 6:30 pm, branch meeting to follow the presentation.

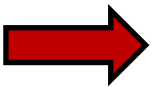


Save the date for our annual Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 3rd. We'll gather at 8:30 AM at the Grand Meridian, 2621 N. Oneida St, Appleton.  
Brunch & Auction info - next 2 pages.

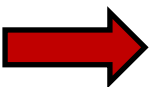
## Membership News



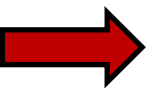
**Welcome, New Members!** Be sure to welcome our two newest branch members—Pauline Werner and Diane Vanderheiden. Pauline is a retired teacher living in Appleton who received her degree from Michigan State. [Editorial comment: Go Spartans!] Diane worked in business administration at St. Willebrord Church in Green Bay with degrees from UW-GB and St. Mary's University.



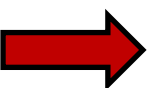
**Welcome Back!** We are so happy to have former member Marie Krueger back in AAUW Appleton once again. She began helping with the book sale right away!



**Greeters Needed:** At least three greeters are needed to welcome members to our November meeting and direct them to the room we'll be using. If you can help out, contact Mary Bechle. See directory for contact info.



**Fun Stuff:** The Membership Committee held a drawing at the October book sale work night meeting for a book sale gift certificate. The names of new & newly returned members were entered. Congrats to Marie Krueger, the lucky winner. We're sure you'll have no problems finding some good books at the sale!



**Membership Committee Wants You!** We'd love to have some new committee members and fresh ideas on how to attract new members and make them feel welcomed. Input from new members would be greatly appreciated! Contact the Membership VP Team: Connie Wunderlich, Mary Bechle, and Linda Buck.





## *Holiday Brunch Details*

Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Place: Grand Meridian  
2621 N. Oneida Street, Appleton

Time: 8:30 AM Gathering  
9:15 AM Plated brunch will be served.

Menu: Spinach Frittata, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Sausages,  
Basket of Sweet items, Coffee, Tea, Juice.  
A cash bar will be available.

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Guests are welcome! Include their names when sending payment in for your group.  
Dietary restrictions? Put them in writing along with your reservation.

**Checks made out to: AAUW Appleton Branch**

**Due by November 25\*\***

**Send checks to: Bonnie Krueger  
3116 E Gazebohill Rd  
Appleton, WI 54913**

**\*\*Thank you for understanding that we cannot honor reservation requests made after 11/25.**



## *Holiday Brunch Auction Info*

Our Holiday Brunch brings us together each year to relax and enjoy camaraderie with our AAUW friends and guests over a delicious morning meal and also raise funds for our Appleton branch.

Once again we are asking members to donate items for the December Brunch auctions, live, virtual and the 'bag' drawings.

The virtual auction will again be held on the 32auctions website.

Gather items to donate to the December Auction, and drop them off anytime after Oct. 24 at Kathy Kuck's, 4318 N. Marshall Heights, 920 850 2792, Appleton or Paulette Stoltzmann's, 124 Regent Place, Neenah, 920 428 4844. **Please call before you come over.**

We will sort items into 'live' auction and virtual. Auction ideas would be those we consider “bigger” items such as tickets to an event or an overnight getaway, artwork, themed baskets, restaurant gift certificates, handmade items, services, decorative items.

Smaller items will be 'in the bag' drawings. This might be items such as baked goods, candy, ornaments, notecards, or small decorative items.

Don't be limited by these lists! Be creative and consider giving a gift you would like to receive.

Consider having your interest group donate a basket or item as a team. Mah Jongg, Bridge, Literature groups, Ethnic and Elegant, Book Sale, Tech Savvy, Art, Travel and Social Justice could provide great themed gifts. Or get together with a few of your AAUW friends to put together a basket.

We've had wonderful donations in the past and hope to continue the trend. You are such generous members!! Thank you in advance for considering a donation.

**Please have items to Kathy or Paulette by November 18.**

## BOOK SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If you have any bookmarks at your house that you have not used, please bring them to the mall. We are all out!

2. Volunteers are still needed for the last weekend. We especially need more people for the final clean-up on Saturday afternoon October 29. Sign up at the book sale or contact Mary Grace.

3. A huge thank you to all of the Book Sale Volunteers. So far the sale has been very successful!

-Your Book Sale Co-Chairs

## BOOK SALE CELEBRATION!

Please join us for lunch to celebrate another wonderful sale.

Place: Pullman's Restaurant

Date: Tuesday, November 1

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: Purchase your lunch

RSVP: Sign up at the Book Sale or contact Mary Grace

At 920-915-6379 or  
[Mcggs@aol.com](mailto:Mcggs@aol.com).



**Articles for the December newsletter are due November 15th.**

Send articles to Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org).

# Title IX

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### More information from AAUW:

\*56% of college students are women.

\*1.13 M more boys participate in high school sports than girls.

\*42% of high school athletes are women.

\*Women hold 48% of tenure track positions.

Source: American Association of University Women

Joan Schneider



Any changes in email, phone number, or address should be reported to Judy Goodnight ASAP to ensure no disruption in our communications to you. [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) Those changes will be shared with our directory editor.



## SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

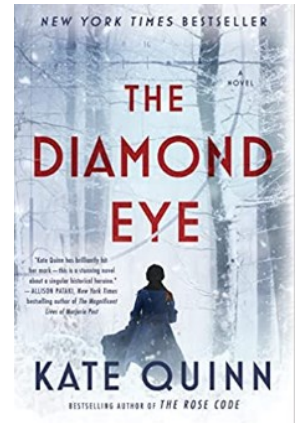
November 2, 2022— We are reading *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn.

Wednesday, 11/2 at 1:00 pm we'll meet at Wilder's Bistro  
2639 S. Oneida St., Appleton

RSVP to Judy at 920-729-9553 or email [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) by 10/30.

December 1, 2022—Our book will be  
*The Family Chao* by Lan Samantha Chang.

Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.  
Attend the discussions just for the books you want to read.  
Just RSVP so we know to expect you!



## AFTERNOON LITERATURE

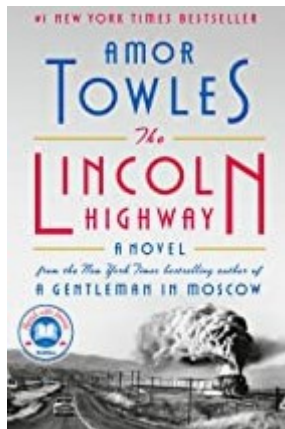
November Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Jodi Picoult

Wednesday group is meeting at 1:00 pm on November 16th  
At Chris Taylor's, 2661 Northern Rd, Unit F, Appleton.  
Carpooling encouraged!

RSVP to Chris at [taylor.christine50@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.christine50@gmail.com) or 636-8153.

Thursday group is meeting at 1:00 pm on November 17th  
At Marlene Angevine's, 2110 N. Douglas St., Appleton  
RSVP to Marlene at [mangev1@yahoo.com](mailto:mangev1@yahoo.com) or 733-5969.

Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or 729-9553.



## Evening Literature News

Our next meeting will be:

**Thursday, November 10, 6:30 PM**

**Host: Joan Moeschberger**

**Discussion Leader: Mary Grace**

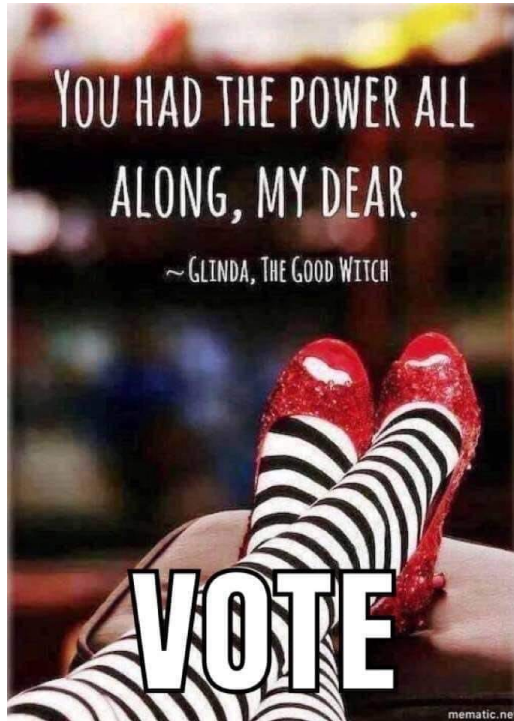
**Book: The Last House on the Street by Diane Chamberlain**

**RSVP to Joan M. no later than Tuesday, November 8th.**

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



# ELECTION DAY—NOVEMBER 8TH



## MY VOTING PLAN CHECKLIST

- ☐ I confirmed my registration is up to date
- ☐ I have identification if I need it
- ☐ I researched my local races and ballot initiatives
- ☐ I encouraged my friends to make a voting plan
- ☐ I saved the Election Protection Hotline number (1-866-OUR-VOTE)
- ☐ I requested my mail-in ballot OR I found my polling place
- ☐ I mailed in my ballot OR made a plan to vote early OR on Election Day

LET  
PEOPLE  
VOTE

ACLU

## Community Outreach: DEI in Action

Please make note of our new committee name. This was done to distinguish our purpose from that of the Social Justice group. That group has been doing excellent work educating themselves and the branch on the many areas of injustice existing in today's society.

We met in September to begin the next step to make the first community outreach attempt. A few of us will be meeting soon with a start in that direction. Once all the details are in order we will update. We have high hopes we are moving in the right direction. We are always looking for new members so if this is an area you have an interest please contact me. Send an email to Mary Bechle [msnn3bs@yahoo.com](mailto:msnn3bs@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 563-235-3968.

Thanks, Mary Bechle, Community Outreach Chair

### 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](mailto:jamforever02@yahoo.com)





## AAUW ZOOM Art Class

Thursday, Nov 10



### *Tissue Paper Collage: Bold Bright 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](mailto:RJLLAL@new.rr.com) by **November 4th**. \*The Zoom link will be sent prior to class.



## **Shawano County Awaits Your Visit on Wednesday, November 9th**

It's after book sale, after elections, and time to just have a fun day get away! Join the AAUW Travel Group as we journey to Shawano County. Read below for the highlights of the day.

We **leave Appleton at 9 AM.** As always, drivers are needed.

We have scheduled a **10 AM tour at Sundrop University** also known around town as Twig's.

Twig's still makes over 12 sodas in authentic glass bottles. You will have a chance to tour the museum, view the production line, and get some "swigs of Twig's" as you sample sodas at their soda bar

After our tour at Sundrop University, we will enjoy a **short driving tour of 20 of the nearly 400 barn quilts** that blanket Shawano County. It would take days to see them all but, if you watch carefully, you will see others during the day. Have fun deciding on your favorite!

It's on to the **Timeline Saloon and BBQ for a fantastic BBQ lunch** (other items also available). The cost of the meal is on your own. It's connected to Doc's Harley-Davidson and you'll find the dining décor interesting.

We'll end our day **visiting Lark Country Store, an Amish store** that carries everything from food to gifts. For those of you who went to Shipshewana, it's your chance to replace those noodles you probably have long since used up. You'll find children's toys, household/kitchen items, puzzles, and so much more!

We plan to be **back in Appleton around 4 PM.**

To register please send \$6 to Ruth Henschel, 555 Ridgeview Circle #314, Appleton, WI 54911.

Please indicate if you are willing to drive. Thank you.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**



## OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please join us as we travel to Elkhart Lake to experience the OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET which is reminiscent of the Christkindlmarkets of Germany. The 70 plus booths feature regional and international vendors selling items such as blown glass ornaments, hand carved nutcrackers, jewelry, apparel, alpaca products, fine chocolates and other tasty treats, woodwork, Russian nesting dolls, hand painted items, lace and much more.

**Date:** Thursday, December 8

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$7.00 admission to the Market, lunch, and donation for gas.



**Transportation:** We will carpool from Appleton.

If you are willing to drive, please let us know when you register.

**Lunch:** We will have lunch together in Elkhart Lake after we visit the Market.

**Dress:** Dress warmly. The Market is in a large, heated tent.

**To Register:** Call Judy Phillips at 920-739-1000 or

or email [cubbie1945@gmail.com](mailto:cubbie1945@gmail.com) by December 3.

Complete information will be sent to those who register.



## **Minutes of the AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting**

**October 6, 2022**

Northland Mall

President Chris Taylor welcomed members to the meeting. We used our new sound system which worked wonderfully. Thanks again to Sylvia and Guy Bull for finding this system for us. We also saw our new AAUW sign . The September Branch meeting minutes were published in the October newsletter. Betty Pontius moved to accept the minutes and Donna Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Program Vice President Kathy Kuck provided information about our November 15th meeting at the Appleton Police Department with the mayor, police chief, and mental health officers speaking on Safety, Crime, and Guns in the Fox Cities. If you have specific issues you would like to see discussed, please contact Kathy.

Our Holiday Brunch will be on December 3rd. Sign up to attend the brunch. We also need items for both the live and virtual auction along with tech support. We will have bigger items at the auction along with smaller items for the drawings.

Assistant Finance Vice President Jackie Booher gave our financial report. (See next page.)

Membership Co-Vice-President Connie Wunderlich introduced newly returning member Marie Krueger. A drawing was held for a \$5.00 book sale gift certificate with all new member names entered. The winner was Marie Krueger.

### **Standing & Special Committee Reports:**

Public Policy—Joan Schneider and Georgiann Bravick reported on the many important things our national AAUW does to support all women.

Interest Groups: President Chris Taylor made reports for the following groups:

Afternoon Literature, Second Choice Books, Social Justice—Any questions? Contact Judy Goodnight

Bridge Group—Trish Brehm would be happy if you would like to be a sub at bridge.

Travel Group—See the newsletter concerning the November 9th trip to Shawano County.

Evening Literature—No October meeting. Next meeting is November 10, 6:30 at Joan Moeschberger's house.

### **Book Sale:**

Mary Grace and other book sale chairs gave an update on our progress. Helene Iverson led us in a rousing Book Sale song. Cindy Fallona offered sales tips and techniques:

S: Smile at customers, A: Acknowledge customers, E: Encourage customers (Can you help them?), T: Thank you!

Mary Grace reminded everyone that a person needs to be with the cash box & attentive to it at all times when on checkout duty. Also, hardcover fiction books will now be selling for \$2.00

President Chris Taylor reminded the members that we are a non-partisan group before adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannorsdall

Recording Secretary



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

	As of 9/30/2022	Budget 2022 - 2023
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Membership Dues	2,028.00	2,100.00
December 2022 Brunch Income	0.00	2,676.00
Advertisement	100.00	50.00
Interest	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,128.44</b>	<b>4,826.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Membership/Recruiting	0.00	500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	201.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Programs	50.05	1,000.00
Yearbook	245.03	275.00
Insurance	287.50	300.00
Public Policy	0.00	300.00
Historian's Expense	0.00	150.00
President Expense	0.00	100.00
Finance Expense	40.94	300.00
General Expense	0.00	100.00
Essay Contest Awards	0.00	200.00
Essay Contest Expense	0.00	350.00
Tech Savy Sponsorship	46.97	500.00
Book Sale	1608.57	0.00
Special Events	500.00	500.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>2,779.06</u></b>	<b><u>4,826.00</u></b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b><u>(650.62)</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>

Checkbook Balances as of 8/31/22

<b>General Checking Account</b>	
Beacon Fund	206.00
Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>10,356.62</u>
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>16,073.62</b>

Scholarship Money Market Account	7,047.78
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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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