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**“We have the opportunity once more to right some wrongs,
to pray for peace,
to plant some trees,
and sing more joyful songs.”**

Wm. Arthur Ward

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Dec 29	History Museum at the Castle (See email notice for info.)
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 4	Second Choice Books
Jan 9	Art Class—Zoom
Jan 10	AAUW Reads
Jan 10	Branch Meeting
Jan 12	AAUW Reads
Jan 17	Travel—Lunch & Bergstrom Museum
Jan 18	Afternoon Literature: Wednesday
Jan 19	Afternoon Literature: Thursday
Jan 24	Social Justice Group
Feb 2	Second Choice Books
Feb 7	Branch Meeting

2023!

So, we turn the page of that calendar and start fresh, so to speak. How encouraging to look at the New Year as an opportunity! Heaven knows there are many wrongs that need righting and room for peace in so many places. The environment is screaming for those trees, among other things. And, we can never hear enough joyful songs.

Truthfully, there is a bit of “oh, oh, what are we in for” crossing some minds too. We all know that every year includes lots of challenges, unexpected turns-of-events, and discouraging developments. I guess that's when Ward would advise that we uplift ourselves by tuning into those joyful songs!

And, whether looking at opportunity or apprehension, it certainly is nice to be among like-minded women as we move through the next year. With AAUW-Appleton we are so fortunate to experience the wealth of knowledge and experience that 150+ of us have to offer. We see that in the skill with which our members conduct a very successful Book Sale, pull off a lovely Holiday Brunch, inspire book groups with monthly book discussions, orchestrate a Fox Valley-wide STEM program, and promote young women's advancement by awarding them college scholarships.

We also have many opportunities to simply enjoy the company of one another with our bridge, art, Mah Jongg, travel, and Ethnic and Elegant interest groups. Those are great places to have fun, and learn from one another, and share each other's insights, perspectives, and life experiences.

No question: our branch holds the potential for a great 2023! I wish each of you a Happy New Year, bursting with fulfilling and interesting opportunities.

And remember, if opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!!

Chris Taylor

President

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PS: Have you noticed the logo at the top of the newsletter? FYI: We are one of only 25 branches in the country who have received that recognition. Check out the requirements for “5 Star” standing at AAUW.org! One more proof of the quality of the membership mentioned above. Congratulations everyone!!

Program News



January Branch Meeting - Tuesday, 1/10/23 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

We've had a change in the program. The topic will be Civil Discourse presented by Jane Banning. This was originally scheduled for our February meeting. Watch your email for the Mailchimp notice in early January with the Zoom link.



Save the date for our February Meeting—Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Jill Fermanich from Green Bay will be speaking about the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.



Finally, a big 'Thank You' to all for such a wonderful Holiday Brunch. The online auction was a success. Many thanks to all who donated and bid and bought! The 'bag' drawings were another big success thanks to all the ticket purchasers. AND a huge thank you to the donors and buyers of the Live Auction items. We had awesome participation. A great time was had by all!!

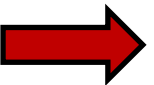
Membership News



Our New Member get-together on December 11th was a great success. Connie Wunderlich's home was beautifully decorated and her husband was an accomplished barista. We have some amazing new members! Make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them at our gatherings. We also were delighted to meet two new prospective members. It's our hope they join us in the future.



If you were not able to get a copy of the new member directory supplement, please let Linda Buck know so we can make sure this gets out to you. Also, if you need a copy of the directory, please contact Mary Bechle.



In closing, Happy 2023 everyone! Let's keep moving forward to another exciting year ahead of AAUW events!

Your Membership VP Team: Connie Wunderlich, Mary Bechle, and Linda Buck.





SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 6:30 PM

STARBUCKS 1680 S Appleton Road

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME—We're reading the book *There There* by Tommy Orange, a stunning debut novel whose characters share many of the struggles of urban Native Americans. The novel has several essays interspersed between chapters sharing the unvarnished history of the treatment of indigenous Americans. Helpful hint: You may want to jot down the names of the main characters of each chapter and their relationship to other characters as revealed in the story along with the location and time period. It makes it easier to see how the author is bringing the story together piece by piece.

If not a regular member of the Social Justice group but you're interested in the book & discussion, please join us!!

We'll return to the video series, "Why Race Matters" on PBS Wisconsin in February.

Title IX

Ashley Badis, now 21, attended the largest public high school in Hawaii and played on the girls' water polo team. While the boys' team practiced, showered, changed clothes in their locker room and pool, Badis and her teammates practiced in the ocean, ran to a nearby Burger King for bathroom needs, and sometimes changed clothes under the nearby bleachers or on the bus as they returned from events. James Campbell High School was built in 1962 with no female locker rooms.

Badis is among the plaintiffs in a Title IX case that alleges widespread and systematic sex discrimination against female athletes at her high school. Almost as troubling as the denial of equal facilities is the accusation of retaliation against the girls and their team's future.

Usually such cases reach a settlement, but this one, despite asking for no compensation, just remediation, has an October of 2023 trial date. The plaintiffs hope to send a message that schools receiving federal funds must make every effort to meet Title IX regulations.

50 years and we're still fighting.

source: New York Times 10/22/2022

Articles for the February newsletter are due January 15th.

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



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

Our January book is *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.

Wednesday, 1/4 at 1:00 pm

We'll meet at Meade Street Bistro

In the little plaza at the corner of Meade and Northland.

RSVP to Connie Svindland csvind0@gmail.com or 920-358-7510 so
Connie can reserve a table.

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

Attend the discussions for the books you want to read.

Just RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
so we know to expect you!



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

January Book: *The Guest Book* by Sarah Blake

Wednesday, January 18th:

NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION

Pat Hauser will host on Wednesday.

4795 N. Toney Ct., Appleton

Thursday, January 19th:

Judy Goodnight will host on Thursday.

1406 Fieldstone Court, Neenah

(Seating limited to 16)

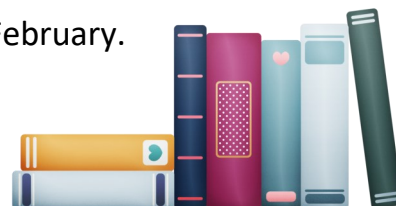
Timely RSVPs to your hosts are a MUST!

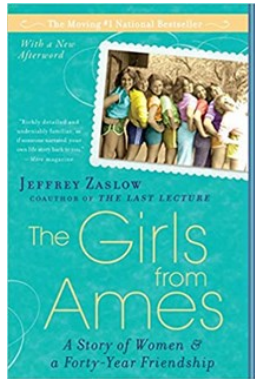
Evening Literature News

Reminder: Evening Literature is on hiatus during January and February.

Watch for our return in March 2023!

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





AAUW READS

Join us for one of the discussions (or both!) for our latest *AAUW READS* book! Whether you are a new branch member or a long-time member, you will enjoy these discussions and zoom gatherings. And this book will be the perfect way to celebrate new friends and old. Grab this book...share it with friends...and pop in to say hello!

Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 (Becky O'Connor discussion leader)

Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 (Judy Goodnight discussion leader)

Zoom links will be sent closer to these dates.

Optional: Send two photos to Becky (bandboc@gmail.com) that we can share: one of you at a young school age, one your high school graduation picture. If you are reading the book, you will see photos like this. Please get your photos in by **January 4** if you wish to participate.

“An empowering and uplifting nod to the importance of long-lasting female friendships.”

–Woman’s Day

“An in depth look at the enduring bond of friendship among a tightly knit group of middle-class Midwestern women born in the early 1960’s...A heartwarming account, ripe for discussion in women’s book clubs.” – Kirkus Review

“You want heart, you go to Jeff Zaslow...Books like Zaslow’s reflect our hopes for the world we want to live in.” – Washington Post

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



CONVENTION



The Event: OUR FIRST LIVE CONVENTION since 2019
The Hosts: District 2 (Milwaukee, Watertown, West Suburban-Milwaukee)
The Theme: AAUW: Building a Brighter Future Together!!!
The Place: Marriott West Milwaukee in Waukesha (just off I-94)
The Plan: Put on your calendar now and start packing!!
The When: April 28-29, 2023

Get Inspired and Let Your Creativity Flow

Join the AAUW Travel Group on Tuesday, January 17th for lunch at the Ground Round Restaurant in Neenah (check online for menu options which include limited vegetarian choices). After lunch we'll enjoy a tour of the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass and then you'll have a chance to create your very own 3" x 9" glass fusion garden stake. Cost of the class is \$20. You are responsible for your own lunch and transportation for the day.

THERE IS LIMITED SPACE FOR THIS EVENT AND YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOUR \$20 CLASS FEE IS RECEIVED.*

*A waiting list will be kept after the class size is reached in case of a cancellation. You will be notified if you are on the waiting list. Money will be refunded if you are not able to attend due to the class being full.

Please send name, phone number, and registration fee of \$20 to:

Ruth Henschel
555 Ridgeview Circle #314
Appleton, WI 54911

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10, 2023

AAUW Art Class

January 9, 2023 (Monday)

Acrylic Painting: Winter Trees



- **Place:** Zoom Class with Chris Scott
- **Time:** 12:30 pm (Central Standard Time)
- **Theme:** Winter Trees
- **Materials:** 11X 14 Canvas Board, Pencil, 3-4 paint brushes of various sizes, Paper Towels, Water dish, Palette to put paint on, Palette knife, Hair dryer, Acrylic paint (Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange, Green, Purple, White and Black), Coarse texture gel (or Fine Craft Sand to be mixed with paint.) Also, bring some simple designs based on the theme.

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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by Monday, January 2. She will send you the link prior to class.



AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting
November 15, 2022
Appleton Police Department

50 members were present for the panel discussion on Safety, Crime, and Guns in the Fox Cities.

Program Vice-President Kathy Kuck introduced the panelists: Appleton Mayor Jake Woodford, Chief of Police Polly Olson, and Behavioral Health Specialist Ignacio Enriquez. The panel answered questions members had submitted in advance. Kathy gave an honorarium to Chief Olson for the Police Benevolent Association.

President Chris Taylor asked for approval of the minutes of the 10-6-22 Branch meeting. Cheryl Reissman moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sheryl DeHart. Motion passed.

Chris thanked Nancy Grube for her work as Finance Vice-President. Nancy has moved to Door County. Jackie Booher will take over as our new Finance Vice-President. Jackie then gave the latest finance report to the members. [Check the newsletters for the monthly reports.]

Program V-P Kathy Kuck shared information about the December 3 Holiday Brunch. Auction baskets need to be at Kathy's house by Friday. The auction will begin at 8:00 pm on Sunday, November 27th. The virtual auction site is: <https://www.32auctions.com/AAUW2022>

For our January Zoom Program, Barbara Paterick will speak on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents Mary Bechle and Connie Wunderlich introduced 3 new members: Anita Hankey, Paulene Werner, and Diane VanderHeiden. A directory supplement listing new members and their information will be given out at the December meeting.

Standing and Special Committee Reports-

Becky O'Connor and Faye Binsfeld will be the AAUW representatives to the Women's Action Coalition working with 4 other local women's groups to make a difference for women locally.

Book Sale- We had the most successful book sale ever. See the newsletter for more information.

Nominating Chair Joan Moeschberger asked members to consider serving on the Branch Board.

Chris Taylor shared the following on behalf of Judy Goodnight: Mary Jane Cummings has been added to the Communications groups for Marketing & Promotions. Also, there will be no Social Justice meetings in November or December.

Evening Literature group will be meeting at Joan Schneider's house on December 8 discussing 'The Fountains of Silence' by Ruta Sepetys.

Judy Phillips announced that the Travel group will be going to the Christmas Market in Elkhart Lake on December 8. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Vannorsdall

Recording secretary

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting
December 3, 2022
Holiday Brunch at The Grand Meridian

President Chris Taylor welcomed everyone to our event.

Program Vice President Kathy Kuck spoke about our upcoming Zoom Meeting on January 10th. The program by Barbara Paterick will focus on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Zoom invites will be sent out.

Membership Vice President Connie Wunderlich announced a new member and the inserts for our directory of new members.

Chris Taylor gave the Financial Report. See Newsletter for Financial Report.

Standing/Special Committee Reports-

Directory/Yearbook- Chris Taylor told us that the new inserts were available.

Communications- Chris Taylor reminded us to read the newsletter and directory. All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to Judy Goodnight by the 15th of the month.

Funds Development- Mary Grace told us that scholarship applications for 2023 are available and will be out in January. Please encourage young women to apply.

STEM/Tech Savvy- Stephanie Malaney stated Tech Savvy will be March 11, 2023. The committee has started working.

Interest/Study Groups-

Evening Literature- Donna Cook announced that the group would meet on Thursday at Joan Schneider's house. The book is "The Fountains of Silence" by Ruth Sepetys.

AAUW Reads- Becky O'Connor stated the read is "The Girls from Ames" by Jeffrey Zaslow. Book discussions will be by Zoom on January 10 and January 12.

Art Group- Chris Taylor told us it will be via Zoom and to see our Newsletter. If interested let Laurie Leonard know.

Mah Jongg- Chris Taylor told members to contact Mary Zanto if interested.

Travel Group-

Information is in the newsletter. Chris Taylor stated the trip on December 8 will be to Elkhart Lake.

Ruth Henschel told us about the trip to Bergstrom Mahler. The fee is \$20.

Kathy Kuck thanked everyone for supporting the Holiday Brunch.

The Business Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Vannorsdall
Recording Secretary

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

	As of 11/30/2022	Budget 2022 - 2023
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	2,128.00	2,100.00
December 2022 Brunch Income	0.00	2,676.00
Advertisement	100.00	50.00
Interest	<u>\$1.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	2,229.02	4,826.00
EXPENSE:		
Membership/Recruiting	0.00	500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	201.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Programs	100.05	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	40.82	100.00
Finance Expense	40.94	300.00
General Expense	0.00	100.00
Tech Savvy Sponsorship	46.97	500.00
Special Events	500.00	500.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,261.31</u>	<u>4,276.00</u>
Revenue Less Expenses	<u><u>967.71</u></u>	<u><u>550.00</u></u>

Checkbook Balances as of 9/31/22

General Checking Account	
Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>13,152.10</u>
Total Checking Account	18,663.10

Our checking account contained book sale money at the end of October. \$34,945.71 will be moved to our Scholarship account.

Scholarship Money Market Account*	26,021.60	\$1,500 is outstanding.
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*National acknowledged receipt of \$17,403.00 for the Greatest Needs Fund in early December, and \$6,500.99 has been sent to cover semester tuition for our scholarship recipients.

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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