



The Apple Branch

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Hi everyone! I hope you “have the heart” for what follows!!



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Jan 26	AAUW-WI Public Policy Webinar
Jan 31	Deadline for AAUW Art Contest
Feb. 1	JABEID Presentation
Feb 2	Second Choice Books
Feb 2-10	AAUW Art Contest Voting
Feb 7	Branch Meeting
Feb 15	Afternoon Literature: Wednesday
Feb 16	Afternoon Literature: Thursday
Feb 24	Art Class—Zoom
Feb 28	Social Justice Group
Mar 1	Second Choice Books
Mar 7	Branch Meeting
Mar 9	Evening Literature
Mar 11	Tech Savvy

I would guess that most of us have packed away the holiday decorations, consumed the last of the sweets that tempted us for weeks, and have already forgotten our New Year's resolutions. And now we are left wondering how in the world could we be approaching February already!

But “take heart” because, in AAUW, February is a great time of year to “get to the heart of the matter” and dig in, furthering the mission of our organization. It struck me as I was preparing the agenda for the January Branch meeting, that our Appleton Branch is really an exceptionally dedicated group of women in that effort to further equity for women and girls. We do not go about this “half-heartedly.”

Lest you haven't had the opportunity to notice how exceptional we are at “getting to the heart of the matter” of research, education, and advocacy, just look at the list below:

Jane Banning's program for the January 10th Branch meeting, on “Civil Dis-course” was a wonderfully informative and educational lesson on how to handle difficult discussions with people who challenge our beliefs, priorities, and stance on issues. “Bless her heart!” Jane's wise words couldn't help but improve our attempts to advocate for gender equity.

Our State Board Public Policy team invites all of us to attend a webinar on January 26, 6:30 pm to advise us on how to communicate with our legislators, as we approach the Spring Primary and Spring Election season. What better way to research candidates and the issues “dear to the heart” of women everywhere.

Our Social Justice Study Group researches, reads, and discusses topics of equity and fairness monthly. These casual group meetings are a wonderfully thought-provoking and “heart-felt” opportunity to learn, share, and expand one's awareness. Everyone is invited. Consider joining the conversation January 24th, whether you've read the material ahead of time or not.

Our AAUW Reads project has been a meaningful way for many of us to share great books that reflect the values of AAUW. The discussions that follow are always a pleasure to attend. Even if the book does not “warm your heart”, the discussion certainly will.

And, finally, the Tech Savvy leadership team has really “put their heart into” planning what is sure to be a tremendous workshop for 6th-9th grade girls on March 11th. Do not miss the pleasure of volunteering that day. Your “heart will skip a beat” as you witness the STEM excitement our branch provides area girls.

Looking forward to sharing these great opportunities with many of you.

And, I say that “from the bottom of my heart.”

Chris Taylor
President

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Program News



February Branch Meeting - Tuesday, 2/7/23 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Jill Fermanich from Green Bay will be speaking about the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Watch your email for the Mailchimp notice in early February with the Zoom link.

Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Thank you to **Deb Lee**, **Kathy O'Connor**, and **Carol Huck** for joining our AAUW Appleton branch of amazing women! When you meet these ladies, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our branch.

We hope you are all having a wonderful start to 2023!

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



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**Articles for the March newsletter are due
February 15th.**

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

AAUW National News

IT'S AAUW'S ART CONTEST TIME!

Was this the year you finally found time to devote to a painting or art project? If so, you're in luck! AAUW's 14th annual art contest is under way, and we invite members to [submit a high-res image](#) of their original painting, photography, sculpture, collage or other artwork. We're taking submissions through January 31, 2023. Your work could be among the winning entries!

We accept art related to any topic, but we encourage you to consider works that speak to AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

Starting in February, AAUW members will select their favorite entries via ranked-choice voting. The winners will be featured on a collection of notecards sent to all members this spring. The back of each card will include the winning artist's biography, a fact about AAUW and a highlight of the artist's local branch affiliation when applicable.

Please spread the word to your state and branch! We know from past years' entries that there is a lot of talent out there!

For more information on submitting artwork or to peruse last year's art gallery, please visit the [AAUW Art Contest page](#).

We hope to see your work soon!

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Happy New Year,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Tremayne A. Parquet,
Deputy Director of Advancement & Partnerships

AAUW Wisconsin News

AAUW WI Public Policy Webinar

Thursday, January 26, 2023 6:30-7:30 PM

Communicating with Your Legislators

Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvf-CrqjsiH9e2XMpUF3_w1w9IM3XcJua4

The committee continues its work on assisting members in using their voices on issues related to women and girls. Our guest speaker, Katie Rezin, the VP of Public Affairs for A.L.M. Holding Company which is a parent company for several construction and energy subsidiaries in the Midway, will give us insights on how to communicate with legislatures. Katie as s a non-lawyer, and contract lobbyist has represented a wide range of corporate and non-profit clients before the Wisconsin Legislature, such as the Green Bay Packers, General Motors, American Express, YMCA, S.C. Johnson, Boys and Girls Clubs, Eli Lilly, and the Wisconsin Early Autism Project. Ms. Rezin also worked in the Wisconsin State Capitol for Governor Tommy Thompson as a communications assistant, and as a legislative intern in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Stephanie Malaney, AAUW WI Public Policy Co-Chair

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Join us in-person in 2023!

April 28-29, 2023

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Building a
Brighter
Future:
Together.

AAUW Wisconsin
State Convention
April 28-29, 2023



We're counting down!

The 2023 AAUW Wisconsin Convention will once again be held in-person and we can't wait to see you! Registration will open shortly. Be sure to visit our Convention website here:

<https://aauwwisconsinconvention.com/>

At the convention, you'll hear from engaging speakers covering topics like Unconscious Bias and DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion), the UW-Madison Odyssey Project, Environmental Sustainability, Financial Wellness for Women, and more!

As an attendee, you'll also have the unique opportunity to :

- **Meet and engage** with special guest, Katrina Sun Breese, from AAUW National
- Participate in **interactive group learning activities**
- **Network** with other members of similar interests during our small group "counterpart sessions"
- **Enjoy good food and hospitality**, a sense of camaraderie, and raffles!

NCCWSL

**It's National Conference for
College Women Student Leaders
kick-off time!**



**AAUW-WI APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS
BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 15!**

This is an opportunity to promote Wisconsin students and grow the next generation of equity leaders. **The annual conference is held in Washington DC, May 31-June 2, 2023.**

"NCCWSL has grown rapidly since its founding more than three decades ago, attracting over 10,000 student leaders. At AAUW's last in-person conference in 2019, the conference brought together 800 attendees representing 48 states and over 300 colleges and universities. The workshops, panels, speakers and activities, and peer networking provide endless opportunities to learn from experts."

Special opportunity: AAUW Wisconsin will award 5 scholarships to college women who want to grow in their leadership skills. The scholarships will cover registration, room, and board plus \$400 toward travel costs.

**If you know a young woman who
would be interested, have her go to:**

[https://aauw-
wi.aauw.net/2022/12/08/nccwsl-2023-
material/](https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/2022/12/08/nccwsl-2023-material/)

What is JABEID (Justice, Accessibility, Belonging, Equity, Inclusion and Diversity)?

•••And why should AAUW branches care about it?

Dr Lata Murti is co-president of the AAUW-Santa Maria, CA Branch as well as past president of the U of Massachusetts Global Virtual Branch of AAUW. She has dedicated herself to education, particularly in the areas of what she calls JABEID.

Dr Murti has agreed to share this information with us in an **online presentation scheduled for**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6-7:30PM CST.

This interactive, online presentation will answer those questions and will also help you begin brainstorming ways your specific AAUW branch can practice JABEID with regards to membership and programming!



REGISTER AT: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwud-itqz8rGdTbsUVWGKVgUXyasMDHQA12>

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

Are You Tech Savvy?

You will be after a day of hands-on fun with science, mathematics, engineering, and technology!

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

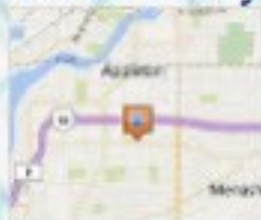
Chemistry,
Coding,
Engineering,
Science of
Packaging,
Crime Scene
Science,
Hematology,
Robotics,
Aviation,
Hydraulics,
Geology
and more!

Saturday, March 11, 2023
8:30am - 3:30 pm

6th-9th Grade Girls
& their parents/guardians/mentors

\$10 per person
includes light breakfast & lunch, hands-on workshops,
and a t-shirt and tote for girls

UWO Fox Cities
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha, WI



Tech Savvy introduces you to careers in science, technology, engineering, math, and other STEM careers. Special sessions for adults help them learn how to support you on your path to college and a career.

On-Line Registration Open January 21, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit: apposhtechsavvy@gmail.com

<https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>

TechSavvy FOX CITIES
 AAUW APPLETON-OSHKOSH



TECH SAVVY NEEDS YOU !!!

Many AAUW volunteers are needed to assist at Tech Savvy on March 11 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus in Menasha. The good news is that you don't even need to be Tech Savvy to volunteer! We need branch members to help with registration/check-in, door greeting, meal distribution, room monitors, etc. You can volunteer for the whole day or just the morning or afternoon.

A volunteer application is included in this newsletter. To volunteer, print the application, complete it and mail it to Judy Phillips, 2609 S. East St, Appleton, WI 54915 or download the form from our website and e-mail it to Judy at cubbie1945@gmail.com. The application can be found here: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/files/2023/01/Tech-Savvy-Volunteer-Form-2023.pdf>

Completed volunteer forms **MUST BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 1!**

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Phillips or Mary Grace. Further details will be sent to those who volunteer.

Thanks for volunteering!
Mary & Judy

Funding Fox Cities Tech Savvy 2023

Fox Cities Tech Savvy committees are busy completing the final arrangements for the March 11, 2023 event. We write grants to fund the event, but members can help as well. Some of you may be a member of organizations or foundations to which you can donate to a nonprofit project. Members can also make a personal donation. Donations for Fox Cities Tech Savvy are held in the AAUW WI Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 which makes them tax deductible. Any donations should be made out to AAUW WI Foundation and sent to Stephanie Malaney, 307 E. McArthur St., Appleton, 54911. Questions, smalaney505@gmail.com

Stephanie Malaney, Fox Cities Tech Savvy Co-Chair



Volunteer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

I will volunteer: ____ All Day ____ Morning Only ____ Afternoon Only

Volunteer Choices: ____ Wherever Needed ____ Door Greeters ____ Meal Server
____ Registration/Check-in ____ Volunteer Room Monitor

Emergency Contact Name _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

I agree to participate as a volunteer at Tech Savvy on March 11, 2023. I agree to ensure a safe and structured learning environment for all girls involved and encourage girls to be excited about STEM and confident in their ability to learn.

I hold harmless AAUW Appleton/Oshkosh and Tech Savvy, including their respective past, present and future officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives against any and all liabilities, injuries, losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees, and expenses which I may sustain or incur as a result of participation in the Tech Savvy program.

I understand that photographs or videos may be taken during Tech Savvy. This may be done as a group or individual photos, or as a part of a media story, and may appear in news stories or reports on the event.

Background Check: _____ Initial I have never been convicted of a crime (including traffic-related offenses), including sexual abuse-related or child abuse-related offenses.

Signature _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt size: ____ XS ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____ None

Lunch Choice: ____ Ham ____ Turkey ____ Vegetarian ____ Gluten Free

Print & send to Judy Phillips at 2609 S. East St. Appleton, WI 54915
or email file to cubbie1945@gmail.com.

Enter the passcode to view the video: Passcode: mFU@48^B



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

Our February book is *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr.

Thursday, 2/2 at 1:00 pm

We'll meet at Good Company

at the corner of College and Richmond.

RSVP to Vicki Johnson vjohn53211@yahoo.com

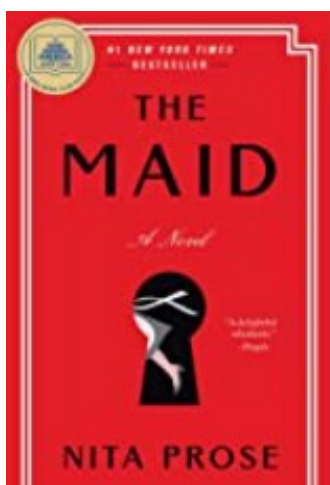
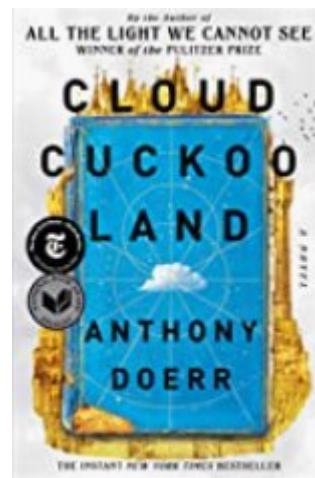
Or 414-651-8264

March book will be *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham.

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

Attend the discussions for the books you want to read.

Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

February Book: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Wednesday, February 15th:

Nancy Samson will host at

620 N. Meade St., Appleton

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Thursday, February 16th:

Cheryl Reissmann will host at

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CherylRonR@gmail.com 920-574-3301

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 when we'll be reading

Under A Painted Sky by Stacey Lee!



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

AAUW Art Class

February 24, 2023 (Friday)

Watercolor: Spring Flowers



- **Place:** Zoom Class with Chris Scott
- **Time:** 12:30 pm (Central Standard Time)
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- **Theme:** Wild Flowers
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- **Materials:** Watercolor Paper, Pencil, 3-4 paint brushes of various sizes, Paper Towels, Water dish, Palette to put paint on, Hair dryer, Watercolor Paint, Extra-fine-tipped Sharpie Marker (black).

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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by February 17. She will send you the link prior to class.



AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting via Zoom
January 10, 2023
47 members present.

President Chris Taylor welcomed our guests AAUW State President Maggie Winz and District 5 Coordinator Debbie Roder. Assistant Program Vice-President Paulette Stoltzmann introduced our speaker, Jane Banning, who gave an interesting, informative talk on Civil Discourse.

Chris Taylor asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December Branch meeting. Sylvia Bull made the motion and Kathy Kuck seconded; motion passed.

Finance Vice President Jackie Booher discussed our finances. [See Financial Report on next page.]

Program Vice-President Kathy Kuck praised Jane Banning's presentation and then announced our next meeting's program. On Tuesday, February 7th, Jill Fermanich will speak on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. This meeting will be via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Assistant Membership Vice-President Linda Buck announced that we have 2 new members: Kathy O'Connor and Deb Lee.

State Public Policy Chair Stephanie Malaney announced there will be a Webinar on January 26 at 6:30 pm on how to communicate with our legislators. This will be a one-hour Zoom meeting. Jacqui Klimaszewski reminded us that there will be an election on February 21; all are encouraged to vote.

Tech Savvy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski stated that Tech Savvy will be on Saturday, March 11. The event is for girls and their parents. We have 2 keynote speakers, hands-on learning events, parent sessions, and a t-shirt and other items for the girls. The event includes lunch. Members who have a daughter in a STEM career are asked to participate in a panel discussion for parents.

Mary Grace and Judy Phillips have made a new Tech Savvy Volunteer Application. This application can be downloaded and printed from our website or newsletter. Print & mail in the application and volunteer for the event. Georgiann Bravick gave an entertaining talk on 100 reasons to volunteer for Tech Savvy.

Stephanie Malaney told us that monetary donations can be made for this event that are tax deductible. [Check the Tech Savvy page on the AAUW Appleton website for information. Money does NOT go to AAUW Appleton.]

Fund Development Chair Mary Grace announced scholarship applications are now available. They can be downloaded from our website. Please encourage women who are continuing their education to fill out the application. Due to a very successful Book Sale, we have many scholarships to give out.

Afternoon Literature Chair Judy Goodnight will be out of town, so please RSVP Pat Hauser for Wednesday's group and Karen Pfefferle for Thursday's. Note: Pat Hauser's email address is incorrect in the Directory. It should be phauser1@new.rr.com

Chris Taylor told members that our State Convention is April 28-29. Members could travel together. Chris also mentioned that the State AAUW Board will be awarding 10 scholarships for the NCCWSL conference in Washington D.C. May 31-June 2.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Vannorsdall, Recording Secretary

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	As of 12/31/2022	Budget 2022 - 2023
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	2,128.00	2,100.00
December 2022 Brunch Income	3,348.00	2,676.00
Advertisement	100.00	50.00
Interest	<u>\$1.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	5,577.19	4,826.00
EXPENSE:		
Membership/Recruiting	0.00	500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	201.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Programs	150.05	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	118.86	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>1,389.35</u>	<u>4,276.00</u>
Revenue Less Expenses	<u><u>4,187.84</u></u>	

Checkbook Balances as of 12/31/22

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>15,550.23</u>
Total Checking Account	21,061.23

Scholarship Money Market Account* 26,523.64 \$3,000 is outstanding.

*We received a generous memorial of \$5,500 from Ellie Olson's family to be used for local scholarships.

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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