



The Apple Branch

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A little birdie told me...



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Feb 24	Art Class—Zoom
Feb 28	Social Justice Group
Mar 1	Second Choice Books—Seth's Little Chute
Mar 7	Branch Meeting
Mar 9	Evening Literature
Mar 10	Tech Savvy Volunteer Training
Mar 10	Art Class
Mar 11	Tech Savvy
Mar 15	Afternoon Literature: Wednesday
Mar 16	Afternoon Literature: Thursday
Mar 20	CrafTea—Travel Group
Mar 28	Social Justice Group
Apr 6	Second Choice Books
Apr 11	Branch Meeting

Well, a lot of little “birdies” have been chirping in my ear these days. That is one of the features of being President, I suppose. All kinds of previously unknown-to-me information is passed along for general AAUW enlightenment. So, I will share some of that with you here:

Tweet, Tweet: National has proposed a revision of AAUW Bylaws, which we will all be able to vote on this Spring. The revisions focus on modernizing the bylaws so that they “streamline procedures, ensure language consistency, and increase organizational transparency,” according to Sara Ramaker, Bylaws Chair, State Board. There will not be a proposal to change membership requirements this Spring. She expects we can look for that proposal to come up again next year.

Chirp, Chirp: The State AAUW convention will be April 28-29, at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. The theme this year is: “Building a Brighter Future Together,” which certainly presents lots of possibilities for interesting speakers, collaboration with other branches, and exposure to new ideas. The conference hours are Friday, 28th 2:00pm -9:30pm and Saturday, 8:00am – 4:45pm. Keep your calendar open for those dates!!

We are being asked to brag about our branch by way of a tri-fold display and/or branch photos for a slide show. I'd love to hear from a branch member or two who would like to work on this for us. Feel free to chirp in my ear about that!!

Peep, Peep: One more “peep” about the State Convention. An auction will be held at the convention, offering contributions from the state's branches. This could include event tickets, a themed basket, or something unique to our area or branch. Items will be available for viewing on 32Auctions, but bidding will only be in-person at the convention. Again, I'd love hear some “peeps” from anyone who has an idea for our contribution and/or would like to handle the responsibility of creating it.

Twitter, Twitter: Perhaps, you too, have heard this little birdie chirping in your ear! The Board is aware that there is some discussion going on about the amount of money we, as a branch, send to National from the proceeds of our Used Book Sale. We are planning an opportunity for members to meet and discuss the pros and cons of continuing that commitment in the near future. We hear the concerns, the twitters, and want to reach a decision with your input.

Hoot, Hoot: The Tech Savvy Committee wants everyone to “chirp” about the day-long workshop on March 11. Tell all your neighbors, friends, relatives about this great opportunity for 6th-9th grade girls to experience STEM careers and interests.

Thanks for reading this “bird-brained” message. Take care everyone. Hope to see a flock of you at the Branch meeting Tuesday, March 7th.

Chris Taylor

President

taylor.christine50@gmail.com



Program News



March 7th Program & Meeting

First Congregational Church, 724 E. South River St., Appleton, lower level

“Immigration and Resettlement”

Speaker: Tami McLaughlin, Director, World Relief—Fox Valley

Gather at 6:15, Speaker at 6:30, meeting to follow



Community Outreach: DEI in Action

To assist women in our community who struggle with issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Community Outreach committee is asking our members to bring donations of personal hygiene necessities to each of this year's remaining Branch Meetings.

In conjunction with the March meeting topic of Immigration and Resettlement, we are asking members to bring donations of personal and home care products that immigrant refugees would appreciate. We suggest feminine products, soap, shampoo, etc., as well as baby items such as diapers, pull-ups, and baby wipes.

This is a simple way to make a difference in disadvantaged women's lives and we hope our membership participates enthusiastically.

Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Thank you to **Kelli Antoine** for joining our AAUW Appleton branch of amazing women! When you meet Kelli & other new members, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our branch.

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

Communications Updates

Add to your AAUW directory:

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MS Ed Leadership UW-Madison

Retired Administrator KASD

Correction:

Note: Carol Huck's phone number was not correct in last month's newsletter. Her Phone number is (920) 579-2301.

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

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

AAUW Wisconsin News

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://aauwwistateconvention.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!



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!



There will be a volunteer orientation on Friday, March 10th at 1:00 pm in the lobby of Perry Hall at the UW-O Fox Cities Campus.

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.

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

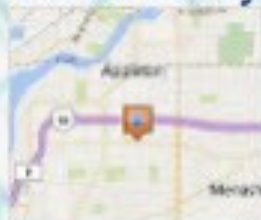
& their parents/guardians/mentors

\$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



Women's Action Coalition

We are pleased that our AAUW-Appleton branch is a member of a newly formed coalition of area women's groups in the Fox Valley. This coalition includes AAUW, the League of Women Voters, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley. As outlined in a past newsletter, this coalition is a **collaborative group of women-focused associations, organizations and clubs, all aligned in our desire to celebrate, educate and advocate for women's rights.**

The coalition recently was awarded a grant from The Community Foundation. This grant will go towards funds needed for start-up, including webpage and logo design. Coalesce Marketing and Design, a local certified women-owned business will work with the Women's Action Coalition to launch our online presence. The Community Foundation was very interested in this as a model for non-profits joining forces and working collaboratively.

Already we can see how working together is making us stronger! The Women's Fund publication "Her Voice" had a section on Women's Fund Supported Events and one event supported was our Tech Savvy event! Please consider supporting and sharing information for all these members of the coalition when you see them on social media!

Faye Binsfeld & Becky O'Connor

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

We are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. Women who will be Juniors or Seniors in college or graduate students are eligible. Applicants must have also graduated from a Fox Cities area high school or currently reside in the Fox Cities and have done so for at least 10 years. ***The deadline for applying is April 15.***

Applications and eligibility requirements are available to download on our Appleton branch website or Facebook page, or by contacting Mary Grace for a paper copy at 920-915-6379 or mcggs@aol.com. When you see the scholarship post on our Facebook page, please share with your friends.

Our branch website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>

Scholarship information: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/scholarships/>



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 6:00 PM

STARBUCKS 1680 S Appleton Road

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME—We're re-

turning to the video series, "Why Race Matters" on PBS Wisconsin. For our February meeting, watch the Season 1 episode: Black Farming and Land Ownership along with the Season 2 episode: Home Ownership.

<https://pbswisconsin.org/why-race-matters/episodes/>

Next meeting: March 28—same time, same location—Watch for notice with March topic.

As Black History Month draws to an end, DID YOU KNOW...

Feb. 4:

Rosa Parks, also known as "mother of the freedom movement," was born on this day in 1913.

Feb. 8:

Debi Thomas Becomes First Black Woman to Win a National Figure Skating Title in 1986.

February 12:

Lift Every Voice and Sing is publicly performed for the first time on this day in 1900.

Missed all or part of the February Program and Branch Meeting? Want the details on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact? Here is the link to the recorded program & meeting :

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XN-cumdG-rawJidLmpnSvTtsFCxaKVHDCyx971nLTiSSzdQ9-XOa9jw5P9KL50r9.EE3j_YuhEeaHW2a5

Enter the passcode to view the video: Passcode: q=MD^6zq

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

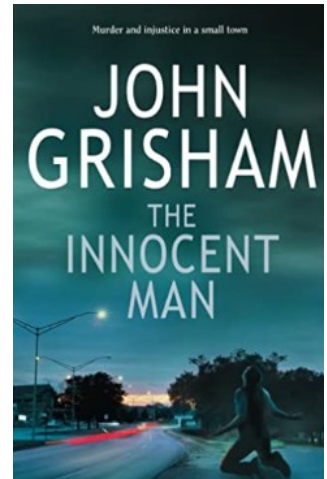


Our March book is ***The Innocent Man*** by John Grisham.
We'll meet on March 1st at 1:00 pm at Seth's Coffee Shop,
106 E. Main St., Little Chute. Lunch, coffee, desserts available for
purchase at counter, discussion in private room

Please notify Faye Binsfeld at binsfeldfaye@gmail.com or
920-268-8246 by Feb. 24 if you plan to attend.

April book will be ***Everything I Never Told You*** by Celeste Ng.

Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.
Attend the discussions only for the books you want to read.
Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

March Book: ***The Music Shop*** by Rachel Joyce

Wednesday, March 15th: We will meet at Seth's Coffee Shop, 106 E Main
St. Little Chute, at 1:00. Faye Binsfeld will host. Refreshments will be served.

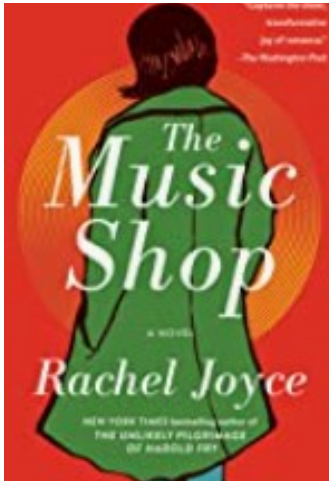
Please notify Faye Binsfeld at binsfeldfaye@gmail.com or
920-268-8246 by March 10 if you plan to attend.

Ruth Henschel is the Discussion Leader

Thursday, March 16th: We will meet at Karen Gosse's home, 1334 W.

Cloverdale Dr., Appleton at 1:00. Please notify Karen at
dickkarengosse@hotmail.com or 920-739-8425 by March 10 if you plan to
attend. Linda Buck is the Discussion Leader.

Timely RSVPs to your hosts are a MUST!



EVENING LITERATURE

After our winter hiatus, we will resume meeting on the second
Thursday evening each month at 6:30 PM.

So our next meeting will be:

March 9th

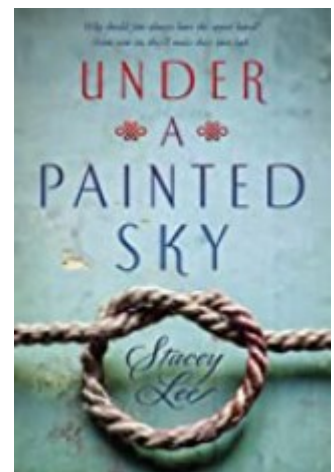
Host: Kathy Kuck (address and contact info in AAUW directory)

Discussion Leader: Grace Fuller

Book: ***Under A Painted Sky*** by Stacey Lee

RSVP by Wednesday, the 8th, either to Kathy or to Donna Cook
(contact info in directory)

All AAUW members are welcome to join us!



AAUW Art Class

March 10, 2023 (Friday)

Acrylic Painting: Under-the-sea



- **Place:** Zoom Class with Chris Scott
- **Time:** 12:30 pm (Central Standard Time)
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- **Theme:** Under-the-sea
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- **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). Also, bring some simple designs based on the theme. Suggestions: Seahorses, Jelly Fish, Octopus, Fish.

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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by March 3. She will send you the link prior to class.



You Are Invited to Join the AAUW Travel Group for a

Craf-TEA Outing on Monday, March 20, 2023

Travel to Seymour and Black Creek for an eclectic day of

High Tea (\$30) – scones, sandwiches, desserts, and 2 types of tea

A Board and Brush creation of your own making (\$15) and

An opportunity to enjoy (and maybe buy) other people's creations

We will leave Appleton at 9:15 AM and, as always, drivers are needed.

Because numbers are limited due to space for this event, the schedule and departure places will be determined after the registration deadline and drivers are in place. We will return by 4 PM at the latest.

FINAL deadline to register is March 6th.

Please send check made out to Ruth Henschel for \$48 (which covers the cost of the tea, craft, and a \$3 donation to the driver toward gas expense) by March 6th to:

Ruth Henschel

555 Ridgeview Circle #314

Appleton, WI 54911

Questions???? Call Ruth at 920/202-3300

Save the Dates!!!!

You are invited to come along on an AAUW Travel Trip Friday, May 5 - Saturday, May 6 for an event that definitely B.E.A.R.S. (Books, Eating, Architecture, Racine Kringle, and Shopping) considering. Details will be in the April newsletter but include stops in Milwaukee and Racine. Do the names IKEA and Frank Lloyd Wright sound familiar? We'll also have a wonderful surprise as guests of our very own Becky O'Connor. Cost for the 2 day event will be around \$150 plus any personal purchases you make. Cost includes hotel (based on 2 beds/2 people per room), gas money for your driver, activity fees, and food. Details are still being worked out but we wanted you to mark your calendar and save the dates so you don't miss out on these 2 fun-filled days.

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 Appleton Branch Meeting via Zoom
February 7, 2023
47 members attending

President Chris Taylor opened our meeting. Our speaker, Jill Fermanich, was introduced by Assistant Program Vice-President Paulette Stoltzmann. Jill's topic was the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Jill had an amazing presentation that we all learned from and enjoyed.

Starting the business meeting, President Chris Taylor asked for a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Judy Goodnight so moved, and Kathy Kuck seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

Finance Vice President Jackie Booher gave the financial report. [See next page] Jackie mentioned that she would send Jill a stipend for her talk tonight.

The Budget meeting to determine next year's budget will be held along with the Board Meeting on February 21.

Program Vice President Kathy Kuck stated that our next Branch meeting will be on March 7 at the First Congregational Church. The location for the meeting was just determined. We will gather at 6:15 and start the meeting at 6:30. Our speaker will talk on World Relief and Immigration.

Membership Vice President Connie Wunderlich told us that we now have 150 members. Mary Bechle is moving away on April 1. Connie thanked Mary for all her work.

Public Policy Chairs Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney told us the next primary election in Wisconsin is Tuesday, February 21. The Spring General election will be on Tuesday, April 4. There are public policy & election webinars on the AAUW WI website under the News tab.

Tech Savvy Chairs Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney said they were able to get some grant money for Tech Savvy with the help of Mary Girard. We need to place posters for the event. Members can get posters from Stephanie.

The committee is looking for parents of young women who have STEM careers to be part of a panel for parents.

Judy Phillips and Mary Grace are organizing volunteers for Tech Savvy. Please fill out an application. These are found on our branch website and newsletters. The application also serves as your lunch request and t-shirt order. Send these in before March 1.

Scholarship Chair Mary Grace said that due to a successful Book Sale, we have scholarship money to give out. Applications can be found on our Web site. Deadline is April 15.

Judy Goodnight, Communications Chair, presented information on the next Travel Group trip – CraftTea travel to Seymour and Black Creek for High Tea and an art project. Details will be in the March newsletter but note that the deadline is March 6th to sign up. In addition, voting is open for the AAUW national Art Contest. We have two members who have submitted some pieces for the contest. Finally, if anyone is not receiving the newsletter or other Mailchimp notices, contact Judy.

President Chris Taylor mentioned some new business. Our AAUW Wisconsin Convention will be on April 28-29, in Waukesha.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Vannorsdall
Recording Secretary

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
July 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

	As of 1/31/23	Budget 2022 - 2023
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	2,158.00	2,100.00
December 2022 Brunch Income	3,348.00	2,676.00
Advertisement	100.00	50.00
Interest	<u>\$1.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	5,607.37	4,826.00
EXPENSE:		
Membership/Recruiting	18.00	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	64.94	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>1,431.35</u>	<u>4,276.00</u>
Revenue Less Expenses	<u><u>4,176.02</u></u>	

Checkbook Balances as of 1/31/2023

General Checking Account	
Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>15,453.41</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>20,964.41</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* 26,532.13 \$3,000 is outstanding.

*We received a \$5 donation and interest of
3.49

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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