



The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women Appleton, Wisconsin
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Spring has sprung some realizations and appreciations for me!

For example...

As we conclude April's Women's History Month, I recall my excitement while watching the NCAA Women's Basketball Finals a couple of weeks ago. "Wow," I thought, "We have made progress." There were **no** girls' sports teams in my high school experience! Yes, I am old, but not that old! I **appreciate** AAUW National for the protections of Title IX, which would not have become law without AAUW's meticulous research and grassroots political strength. The work continues.

Speaking of AAUW and equity, I only recently became aware of "Period Poverty," a concept I hadn't even imagined in my privileged life. I didn't **realize** that 1 in 5 girls misses school and other commitments during their menstrual cycle, as their families are unable to afford menstrual supplies. This was not on my radar screen. However, our generous Branch members responded beautifully and brought over 80 packages of menstrual products to our April Branch meeting, donating them to "The Monthlies Project" which is co-sponsored by The Women's Fund and Feeding America and provides menstrual products to schools in the Fox Valley. My **appreciation** for our Branch's response springs forward.

It occurs to me that some problems deserve **appreciation**. AAUW Appleton seems to have such a problem. Our amazingly successful Book Sale has made such amazing profits the last few years that we find ourselves faced with a decision regarding the use of those funds. Our present Branch Policy states that we use 50% of the profits to fund scholarships for local college girls/women. The remaining 50% funds AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund. All that money!!! How to divvy it up, going forward!! What a great problem to have!

We'll have an opportunity to learn more about the Greatest Needs Fund and discuss the allocation of our Book Sale funds at a Special Branch Zoom meeting rescheduled for May 9th at 6:30 pm. A Zoom invitation will be sent out to all members.

Do you **realize** that our regular year of Branch meetings will draw to a close on May 18th with our "End of Year Dinner Celebration"? It is a great opportunity to show our **appreciation** for the accomplishments of scholarship recipients, members who have anniversaries with our branch, and retiring and incoming officers. I'm looking forward to seeing a great turnout for this special evening.

Spring really is a great time for **realizations** and **appreciations**!

Chris Taylor
President

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APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Apr 25	Social Justice Group
Apr 28-29	AAUW WI State Convention
May 3	Second Choice Books—Sangria's
May 5-6	Travel Group: Milwaukee/Racine
May 9	Greatest Needs Fund Zoom Meeting
May 11	Evening Literature
May 17	Afternoon Literature: EOY Luncheon
May 18	Branch Banquet & End of Year Celebration
May 23	Art Class
May 23	Social Justice Group
May 29	Memorial Day
June 1	Second Choice Books
June 14	Summer Mysteries

Program News

End of the Year Celebration

*Honoring Scholarship Recipients, Members Milestone Anniversaries,
Retiring Board Officers, and Installation of New Board Officers*

Thursday, May 18th
Grand Meridian, 2621 N. Oneida St., Appleton
Gather at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 5:30
Program at 6:30

Cost \$24 per person
Family Style Dinner: Herb roasted chicken breast, Baked spiced ham, Wild rice blend, Cole slaw, Broccoli & carrot blend, Assorted dessert bars.
Coffee, tea, and milk is included. Cash bar available.

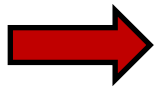
Make your reservation with Paulette Stoltzmann by calling 920.428.4844 or email pstoltzmann@gmail.com. Pay with check made out to AAUW Appleton or by hand delivering cash in an envelope with your name on it.

Reservations and payment MUST be made by May 8th.

Hope to see you all there!

Planning will begin soon for the 2023-2024 program year. Your help is needed! Submit ideas for topics and/or speakers for next year's programs to Paulette Stoltzmann by phone or email to pstoltzmann@gmail.com. If you are interested in being part of the program committee, being a greeter at meetings, or providing light snacks at a meeting, get in touch with Paulette for that as well. As the saying goes, many hands make light work! Thanks in advance for your participation!

Membership News



The week of April 24th an email from AAUW with renewal reminder #1 will be sent to all members whose membership will be expiring on June 30th.



Dues for 2023-2024 will be \$100. This is the last of the planned \$5 increases from National AAUW.



Any new members still in need of a 2022-2023 directory should contact Linda Buck. There are still a few directories available. [Linda 920.213.6371]



We hope to see many of our new members at our May Banquet. It's a really fun night! Email Connie Wunderlich or Linda Buck with any questions you might have about the event.



Thinking ahead—Our AAUW picnic for new and prospective members will be in August. Watch summer newsletters for more details!

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 Financial Assistance Policy

In any given year, an active AAUW-Appleton member may need financial assistance to pay annual AAUW Membership Dues. An announcement placed in the April newsletter will state the availability of funds to assist any active member who may need help paying her annual Membership Dues. Assistance will be only for that portion of the Membership Dues that goes to National AAUW. The recipient is responsible for the State and Local portion of the Membership dues.

A member who seeks assistance shall send a note by email or mail to the Assistant VP of Membership no later than May 15 with her name and a short explanation of the circumstances of need. If any branch member is aware of a member who may need assistance, she can submit a name in the same manner. A three (3) member subcommittee of the Membership Committee will review any requests received. The subcommittee will consist of the Assistant VP of Membership plus two (2) other experienced Membership Committee members. The decision of the subcommittee is final.

All requests, submittals, and grants awarded are confidential. The Assistant VP of Membership will inform the branch Finance VP of any individual who receives the reduced dues.

Special AAUW Appleton Membership Meeting

May 9th, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

- Presentation about AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund—What is it? Why are we as a branch donating to it?
 - Discussion and member input as to the level of our branch contribution

Watch your email for a Zoom link to be sent out several days before the meeting.

The following two articles are reprinted from Badger Briefs and provide some background information that is valuable to review before attending the May 9th Zoom meeting.

Demystifying AAUW's Greatest Needs I

Hello to all of my fellow members of AAUW WI! Someone posed the question: "Where is Joan?" It would appear that I had disappeared after my term as state president ended. Well, here I am, one of the new members of the National Advancement Committee. The goal of the committee strongly aligns with my desire to encourage and support the relationship between branches, states and National. Since many members of AAUW WI have questioned The Greatest Needs Fund and National wants it clarified, I begin with that!

Why would National encourage us to donate our hard earned money to Greatest Needs instead of a specific scholarships? Here are some of the things National does with the Greatest Needs Fund...

Research supporting our issues and dissemination of it.

Programs that need more funding like NCCWSL, Work Smart/Start Smart/Money Smart, Empower.

Policy advocating for AAUW values.

Operations to help us weather future economic instability.

Membership support to branches such as Connect Team and Resources.

Communications like the *3.1 million* social media impressions including ABC News, Refinery 29, MSNBC, New York magazine, Philanthropy News Digest, Fortune, Forbes, The Hill, Yahoo and more.

Remember, if you designate a scholarship for your funds, the money can only be used in that fund. Even if that fund is flush with money, it cannot be diverted elsewhere. The Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to look over our needs and new developments, and then respond with judicious flexibility.

Joan Schneider, National Advancement Committee

Demystifying AAUW's Greatest Needs II

Do you sometimes see the news and wonder what you can do? You want action? You want change?

Aren't we lucky, clever, smart to belong to a nationwide organization dedicated to addressing issues we value? I know my 40+ years in AAUW have kept me informed, offered me a platform, and prepared me to act on issues. I try not to take it for granted.

Look what is happening in our names!

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AAUW's Seat at the Table...

- ***White House Gender Policy Council** (weekly call)
- ***White House Equal Pay Summit** (with President and Dr. Bidden)
- ***UN NGO** (nongovernment org.) **on the Status of Women**
- ***Institute for Women's Policy Research (WPR) Power Summit**
- ***UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

Now more than ever... issues arise that need timely action by AAUW. (The money so diligently raised by AAUW members through the years is still providing scholarships for women. Those funds are safe and growing.) But solid finances are needed to provide action. You are given a voice for change by your membership and participation in AAUW. Now we need financial support for our mission. The following are some of the issues that have arisen.

- ***Catastrophic effect of the pandemic** on women
- ***Challenges to women's rights**
- *Snail pace progress on **pay equity** and **leadership** positions for women
- ***\$929,000,000,000 student debt** held by women (yes, billions)
- *Women's lack of **economic security**

Please, join me in supporting AAUW's Greatest Needs!

Joan Schneider

Advancement Committee

AAUW WI State President '20-'22

Appleton Branch

AAUW National News

It's Time to Vote in the AAUW National Election!

Sometime around April 5th you should have received your AAUW ballot. Look for the email titled "AAUW Election 2023." The email contains your Elector ID and your password. By clicking on the link directly following the ID and Password, you go straight to the ballot. Merely put in your personal Elector ID and password. That takes you straight to the ballot. Vote, then hit "continue". That will give you a final chance to confirm. Hit "confirm" and you have voted. It is that quick and easy! Do not delay, just vote now.

Three reasons you should vote: 1) It is one of the easier duties that AAUW asks of its members. Elections are necessary under AAUW Bylaws. Voting ensures it continues to function smoothly and appropriately. 2) A certain percentage of the membership must vote for there to be a valid election. We are always asking people to vote in support of our policies. This is your turn to vote. 3) It is easy.

Have questions? Check the Frequently Asked Questions page here:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/faq/>

It's T-SHIRT TIME! The pictures tell the story!

Here's your opportunity to order an AAUW t-shirt. The t-shirt is a 50/50 cotton-blend, navy blue with white lettering (AAUW centered with "because equity is still an issue" below and is true to size. **NEW this year** is an AAUW cap, same blue with AAUW in white centered in front, one size fits all (twill with a Velcro strap in back). Print this page to use the order form. **Please note the prices and deadline for ordering.**



AAUW T-shirt & Cap ORDER FORM 2023

T-shirt sizes: Small - 3xl

Short sleeve: \$13.00, Long sleeve: \$18.00 Add **\$5.00** for 2xl and 3xl orders

Cap: \$17

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle t-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Circle sleeve style(s) : SHORT LONG

Cap: _____ (no. ordering)

Orders with payment are due **May 31, '23**

(include payment with this form)

Make checks payable to Sylvia Bull
2459 E Glenhurst Lane
Appleton, WI 54913

If you have questions, contact Sylvia at 920-224-4960 or sjbcreate@gmail.com

BINGE ON BOOKS!

2023 AAUW USED BOOK SALE

Book Sale Dates and Location

This year's sale will again be held at the Northland Mall over 3 weekends in October.

The dates are Oct. 12-14, Oct 18-21, and Oct. 25 - 28. Set up will take place in our sale stores starting on Oct. 2.

Book Collection

Bookmarks and posters requesting book donations will be distributed at our May meeting and May book groups. If you are unable to attend, you may get book marks and posters by contacting Trish Brehm. If you are interested in helping with book pick ups, please contact Laurie McCulloch or Stephanie Malaney.

Book Drop Off and Sorting

We will again be renting the former Martial Arts Studio at the Northland Mall for the months of June through September. Drop off dates will be every Tuesday during June and July. Watch the June newsletter for information on specific times and directions for entering the drop off site. Book sorting will be held every Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening starting on August 1.



We need your used books!

For the 86th Annual AAUW Book Sale!



Hardcover • Paperback
Children's • Large Print
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CDs • DVDs • Puzzles • Games
*(Please, no magazines,
textbooks, or VHS tapes)*

**For Book Pick-up
Please call:**

920-284-7098 • 920-843-8888
920-734-6750 • 920-540-7751

Contributions appreciated by Mon., Oct. 2nd.
Mark Your Calendars For the Book Sale!

Oct. 12-14, 18-21, & 25-28 2023

Northland Mall
900 W. Northland Ave, Appleton, WI
booksalefinder.com

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SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, April 25 6:00 PM

STARBUCKS 1680 S Appleton Road

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME—We're returning to the video series, "Why Race Matters" on PBS Wisconsin. For our April meeting, watch the Season 1 episode: Black Artists & Appropriation along with the Season 2 episode: Art & Black Joy <https://pbswisconsin.org/why-race-matters/episodes/>

The following recommended by the AAUW Social Justice Group:

Solitary Confinement Cell Tour

ESTHER/WISDOM's

Transformational Justice Campaign

is hosting a life-size replica of a solitary confinement cell at

St. Joseph Catholic Church,
404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI

May 11-12, 2023

10am-6pm



NO COST
The cell is open for
the public to experience

"On any given day, more than
80,000 prisoners around the
country and 700 to 800
Wisconsin inmates are locked in
an isolated 6'x10' cell 23 hours per day"

To schedule a group or class to experience the cell contact us
920-843-8083 or email: office@esther-foxvalley.org





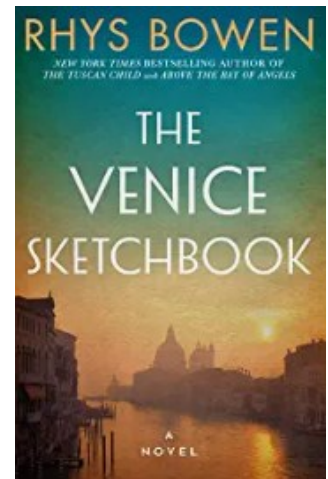
SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our May book is ***The Venice Sketchbook*** by Rhys Bowen.
We'll meet on May 3rd at 1:00 pm at Sangria's Mexican Grill
215 S. Memorial Dr., Appleton.

RSVP to Karen Pfefferle at frauinator@gmail.com or
920-810-0649 by May 1 if you plan to attend.

The June book will be ***Homeland Elegies*** by Ayad Akhtar.

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.



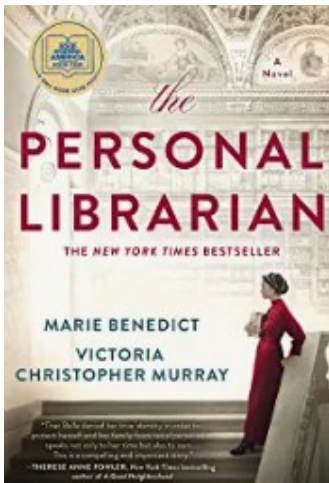
AFTERNOON LITERATURE

On May 17, 2023 the Wednesday and Thursday Afternoon Book Groups will meet at Butte Morts Country Club, 3600 West Prospect Avenue at 11:45 a.m. We will have lunch, discuss The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict, and choose books for the next AAUW year.

If you were at the April Book Group meetings, you probably have already signed up to attend this event. If not, contact Judy Phillips at 920-915-9112 or email her at cubbie1945@gmail.com to get the information needed and to make a reservation. Please let me know your intentions by May 8, 2023.

If you are interested in joining this group, this would be a good time to come & help choose next year's books. We would love to see you there.

[If not attending the luncheon, email your book votes to Judy Goodnight by May 15th as instructed in the Mailchimp notice sent.]

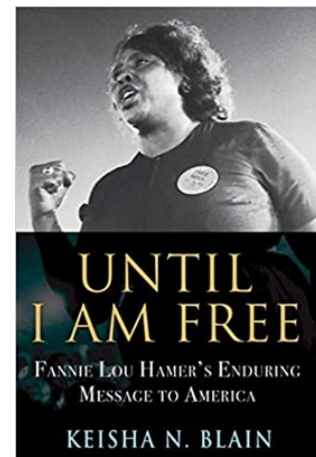


AAUW Reads

For those new to our branch...we have many opportunities to join various book groups. This is a bit different...as it is ONE book we can ALL read together. The discussion groups for this book will be held in August. Plenty of time to read and share your copies!! ALL are WELCOME!!

Until I Am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer's Enduring Message to America by Dr. Keisha N. Blain

Becky O'Connor and Judy Goodnight, AAUW Reads



Evening Literature News

Next meeting: Thursday, May 11, 6:30 PM

Host: Sylvia Bull, 2459 E Glenhurst Lane, Appleton

Book: Under the Banner of Heaven, by Jon Krakauer

Discussion Leader: Any volunteers?

RSVP: to Sylvia or Donna by the morning of the 10th (contact info in yearbook)

Book Choices for 2023-2024

--Submit suggestions to Donna by May 24th.

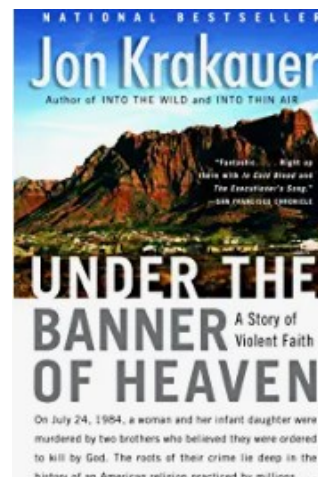
--Donna will compile list and email.

Vote for your 9 books by email to Donna no LATER than June 3rd.

--Choices will be announced at our evening book group meeting on June 8th. We will also need volunteers to host and lead book discussions.

--Suggestion: Try to include at least one (or two!) banned books in your list.

All members are welcome!



CALLING ALL SLEUTHS

Chief Inspector Helene Iverson is looking for detectives to help her solve three mysteries this summer.

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR:

1. The summer mystery book club will meet at 11:30 on the following Wednesdays : June 14, July 12, and Aug. 9 at safe locations to be determined.
2. The first book to be read is "Twenty-One Days" by Anne Perry. Judy Goodnight will be the lead (discussion leader) on this case.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW:

1. Who will be on the team. If you want to apply for this work and receive future updates (e-mails) you **MUST** contact the Chief Inspector heeniei@aol.com by **May 15**.
2. What the future crimes (books) will be. Once we have our team assembled, we will vote on which crimes we will investigate.
3. How much fun we will have eating and matching wits with these killers (mystery authors).

Next AAUW Art Class:

May 23, 2023 (Tuesday)



Reverse Glass Art: Choice of Themes

- **Place:** Chris Scott's House
1406 W. Edmund Dr. Appleton, WI
- **Time:** 12:30 pm
- **Theme:** Artist Choice
- **Materials:** Materials will be provided. Class cost: \$15

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

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at RJLLAL@new.rr.com by May 16.



- ♦ Changes of address/phone number/email address? Report any changes to Judy Goodnight ASAP to ensure that your branch records stay up-to-date. Make sure you update your information in the national database as well.
- ♦ Are you on Facebook? Have you liked the AAUW-Appleton Facebook page? When you see our branch Facebook posts, like them, then share them!
- ♦ Have you visited our website? Find it here: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>

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Articles for the June newsletter are due May 15th.

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

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

	As of 3/31/2023	Budget 2022 - 2023
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	2,203.00	2,100.00
December 2022 Brunch Income	3,348.00	2,676.00
Advertisement	100.00	50.00
Interest	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	5,652.71	4,826.00
EXPENSE:		
Membership/Recruiting	18.00	500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	201.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Programs	200.05	1,000.00
Yearbook	273.80	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>1,510.12</u>	<u>4,276.00</u>
Revenue Less Expenses	<u><u>4,142.59</u></u>	

Checkbook Balances as of 3/31/2023

General Checking Account	
Leadership Development	5,511.00
General Fund	<u>15,313.53</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>20,824.53</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* 25,538.56 \$3,000 is outstanding.

*We received \$3.38 in interest
\$1,000 was sent to FVTC for 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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