



# The Apple Branch

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## APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

May 23	Art Class
May 23	Social Justice Group
May 29	Memorial Day
May 31	Program Planning Meeting
June 1	Moving Book Sale Supplies
June 1	Second Choice Books
June 3	Deadline to sign up for June Summer Mysteries
June 5	Tech Savvy Committee Meeting
June 6	First Tuesday Book Dropoff at Northland Mall
June 6	Board Meeting
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June 14	Summer Mysteries Book Group
June 21	BYOL at Joan Schneider's

### There is no end to education.

**It's that time of year; school is almost out! I must say, this has certainly been a year of AAUW education for me! Here's a list of just some of what I learned:**

-So many Appleton AAUW members have been dedicated to the mission of AAUW for many years: *advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*. There are 100,000 members nationally in 1000 branches. Our 110 year old branch is the oldest in the state of Wisconsin, a detail I learned at the State Convention last month.

-This year's monthly branch programs have taught me facts about practicing Civil Discourse, The National Popular Vote initiative, local World Relief efforts, and other very timely and important topics. All of these programs complement our commitment to understanding how and why we need to advance equity. As Marissa Jablonski stated in her keynote at the State Convention: "What helps females, helps everyone."

-I didn't expect to be so well instructed in pertinent Native American issues, but had the very good fortune at the State Convention to attend the AAUW Northwoods Branch's session on "The American Indian Nations of Wisconsin and Land Acknowledgment Statements." So much to learn!!! Just a small tidbit: Wisconsin is home to the largest number of Native American tribes east of the Mississippi River, encompassing 11 sovereign Tribal nations." Wow!

-Our Social Justice Group has been a "gold-mine" of learning for me. We've explored racism's effect on poverty, education, housing, and mental health. It is certainly true that "the more you know, the more you realize that you don't know." It's been quite a learning experience to share these realizations with other AAUW members in our monthly get-togethers. And, by the way, there's lots of room for newcomers!

-I have learned some impressive statistics about our commitment to advancing educational opportunities for women. For example, AAUW annually awards nearly \$6 million in post-graduate fellowships, grants and awards to outstanding women around the globe. We are all a part of that financial commitment with our fundraising efforts and personal donations.

-Thanks to a wonderful presentation from Joan Schneider via Zoom last week, I learned so much that I had to take a little nap after! Did you know: 188,000 individuals have taken AAUW's salary negotiation programs, 68,271 letters were sent to elected officials via AAUW's Two-Minute Activist program, and AAUW has had over 3.1 million impressions via media such as ABC News, New York Magazine, Philanthropy News Digest, Fortune, and Yahoo. Now, that's keeping our mission alive!

-I'm looking forward to all the learning that lies ahead. Please join me!

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## Program News

### ➡ Program Planning Meeting—May 31—1:00 pm

Paulette Stoltzmann's, 124 Regent Place, Neenah

If you are interested in helping with Program selection, speakers, dates, and venues, or being an ongoing member of the Program Committee, RSVP to Paulette at 920.428.4844 or email [pstoltzmann@gmail.com](mailto:pstoltzmann@gmail.com). If you can't make the meeting, send ideas for topics & possible speakers to either Paulette or Assistant Program VP Linda Kellett (920.450.5570) or [lekellett75@gmail.com](mailto:lekellett75@gmail.com).

## Membership News



It's MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL time if your membership expires on June 30th! You should have received an email with instructions from National on accessing your Personal Snapshot to renew online via credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, send a check for \$100.00 made out to: AAUW Appleton and mail it to Jackie Booher, our Finance VP. Check the directory for her address.



Each May we celebrate branch members who have reached 5 year multiples of membership in our Appleton branch. In their honor we send a \$100 donation to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund. Members may have been in AAUW for a longer period of time; we're just counting branch years. Five Year Members: Fanny Behrens, Sue Detienne, Jane Doughty, Ann Muenster, Vicki Mulder, Janice Watson, Linda Zacherl. Ten Year Members: Marcia Engen, Karen Gosse, Gail Heiks, Helene Iverson, Christine Taylor, Sue Vannorsdall. Twenty Years: Pam Ulness. Twenty-Five Years: Betsy Mintern. Fifty Years: Betty Pontius.



Betsy Mintern, Jan Watson, and Helene Iverson heeded the call for photos at the May Banquet. Congratulations!

By the way, Jan has a grand total of 65 years in AAUW. We're lucky that she's been with us for the last five of those years!



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

## Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients!



L to R: Nicole Bezella (UW Madison), Alexandra Oldenburg (FVTC), Abby Kuehl (UW LaCrosse), Alexandra Ziepke (Bellin College), Kelly L. (Lakeland College), Izabella G. (Lawrence University), Callah Dornfeld (UW Madison), Kara Koerner (UW Madison), Corinne Mussatti (UW Green Bay), and Cassie Wied (FVTC).

Meeting our scholarship recipients and hearing their plans for their future is the best way to end our program year and get us energized for the upcoming book sale this fall! Many thanks to Julie Coenen from Fox Valley Technical College who introduced the two students selected by the college to receive our scholarships. Thanks also to Jim Olson who once again contributed to the scholarship fund in memory of his wife, Ellie, a long-time member of our branch. Two scholarships were given in her name—one in social sciences and one in biology.

### 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 WI PUBLIC POLICY CALL TO ACTION

Troy Gunderson, a retired public school superintendent, has put together a video on public school funding with the help of Cindy Zahrte, also a retired public school superintendent and a member of the AAUW WI Public Policy Committee.

Public School Funding is part of the State Budget and is coming to the floor very soon. We are asking members to contact their legislators to support the Governor's proposal on School Funding.

Public School Funding is a complex issue and we hope this video will help members have a better understanding.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCX7XAjbg64>

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OF THE FOX VALLEY

*ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY*

As you most likely know by now, our AAUW-Appleton is a member of a newly formed coalition of women's groups in the Fox Valley. This coalition includes AAUW-Appleton, League of Women Voters Of Appleton-Fox Cities, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region. We are all woman-focused organizations and clubs aligned in our desire to celebrate, educate, and advocate for women's rights.

Recently this coalition 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 has already created the new logo and is working to develop our presence online. Each organization has also donated to the coalition as well.

The launch of this coalition will be **Women's Equality Day, August 26**, which coincidentally coincides with the downtown Farmer's Market. We plan to have a presence at the market right on Houdini Plaza to create excitement and inform people of the Women's Action Coalition that day!

**Be watching for summer updates on how you can be a part of this exciting day!** Remember...we are each a part of this coalition and your presence and participation will be so important!

Stay tuned...and be proud that our own AAUW Appleton is part of such an exciting community effort!

# BINGE ON BOOKS!

## 2023 AAUW USED BOOK SALE

### Location Update

By now, many of you have heard that the City of Appleton Park and Rec Department has rented both of our stores. We will be moving to the former Rogan's shoe store on the strip, just to the east of Kohl's. It is still owned by the mall and considered to be part of it. The store is larger in square footage than both of our last year's stores combined. We will be doing our book storage, sorting, and selling in that store.

### Moving In On June 1

We do have supplies and some books at the former Martial Arts studio. We need to move those items to our new store. We are looking for volunteers to help move these items on Thursday, June 1 at 9:00 am. We will meet in the new store. If you can help, please call Betsy Mintern at 920-832-9218 or email [minterng@yahoo.com](mailto:minterng@yahoo.com).

### Book Drop Off

We will have an opportunity for **members** to drop off books every Tuesday in June and July. We will alternate mornings and afternoons starting on June 6.

Mornings - 9:00 am - 11:00 am	Afternoons - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25	June 13 and 27, July 18

Remember: This is drop off by **members only**. Do not instruct friends, etc. to make store drop-offs or to leave books at any other Northland Mall area.

### Entering Our New Store

Plan to enter the store from the back door. To access the back side of the building, enter the mall area at McDonald's off Richmond, drive up towards the mall and turn right just before you reach Pet Smart, then turn left at the back. Our door is marked 972 and is just before Kohl's.

### Book Sale Posters and Bookmarks

If you were not at one of our May events and didn't receive bookmarks and posters to distribute, please contact Trish Brehm

Looking forward to another adventure-filled book sale season!  
Your Book Sale Chairs



# We need your used books!

*For the 86th Annual AAUW Book Sale!*



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

(920) 284-7098 • (920) 843-8888

(920) 734-6750 • (920) 540-7751

*Contributions appreciated  
by Monday, October 2nd.*

*Please contribute the following:*

Hardcover • Paperback  
Children's • Large Print  
Books on CD  
Sheet Music  
CDs • DVDs  
Puzzles • Games

*(Please, no magazines,  
textbooks, or VHS tapes)*

**Mark Your Calendars  
For the Book Sale!**

**October 12-14, 2023**

**October 18-21, 2023**

**October 25-28, 2023**

Northland Mall

900 W. Northland Ave, Appleton, WI  
[booksalefinder.com](http://booksalefinder.com)

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## A TIME FOR SO LONGS & WELCOME ABOARDS...



It was time for the changing of the guard with some of our elected board officer positions. Many thanks were given to outgoing Secretary Sue Vannorsdall, Membership Co-Vice-Presidents Connie Wunderlich & Mary Bechle (not pictured), and Program Vice-President Kathy Kuck.



Continuing and newly elected officers were then installed: President Chris Taylor, Program VP Paulette Stoltzmann, Assistant Program VP Linda Kellett, Membership VP Linda Buck, Assistant Membership VP Jayne Heinrich, & Finance VP Jackie Booher. President Elect Faye Binsfeld and Secretary Shirley Collins were not present and will be installed at the next board meeting.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

#### NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY, May 23 6:00 PM**

**STARBUCKS 1680 S Appleton Road**

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**—We're turning to the subject of antisemitism in the US and specifically in Wisconsin. Group members should have received an email with article links to read for discussion. Contact [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) if you need the links.



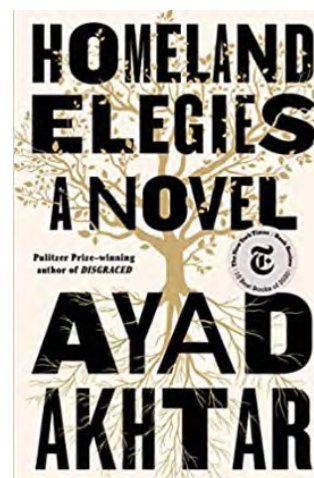
## SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our June book is ***Homeland Elegies*** by Ayad Akhtar.  
We'll meet on June 1st at 1:00 pm at Wilder's Bistro  
S. Oneida St., Appleton.

RSVP to Vicki Johnson at [vjohn53211@yahoo.com](mailto:vjohn53211@yahoo.com)  
or 414.651.8264  
by May 28 if you plan to attend.

The July book will be ***Homecoming*** by Kate Morton.  
Place your reserve now for this book.

Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.  
Attend the discussions only for the books you wish to read.



## AFTERNOON LITERATURE

The Afternoon Literature group is officially on hiatus for the summer but that doesn't mean we stop reading! We'll gather again on August 30th 1:00 pm at Judy Goodnight's for a casual outdoor afternoon of sharing titles and authors read over the summer while enjoying tasty treats and cool beverages. It's a BYOB and BYOLC (bring your own lawn chair) event!

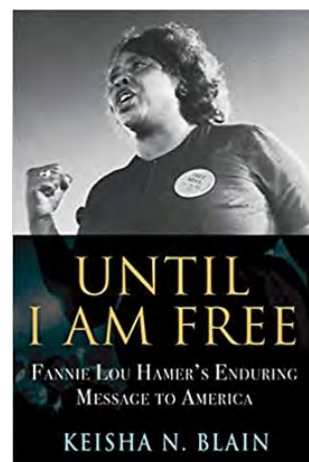


## AAUW Reads

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, June 8th, 5:30 PM (Note earlier time)**

**Hosts: Donna Cook and Joan Moeschberger**

**RSVP to Donna by morning of June 7th (contact info in yearbook)**

**Where: Lake Park Crossing Apartments Community Room**

**3135 E. Lake Park Crossing, Appleton**

**It's a Potluck!**

**Bring light dinner fare: pasta salads, fruit salads, green salads, cheese/crackers, finger sandwiches, chips/dip, etc.**

**Bring your own Beverage.**

**DESSERT, utensils, ice will be provided.**

**BOOK: State of Terror, by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny**

**Discussion Leader: Faye Binsfeld**

### **Book Choices for 2023-2024**

--Submit suggestions to Donna by May 24th.

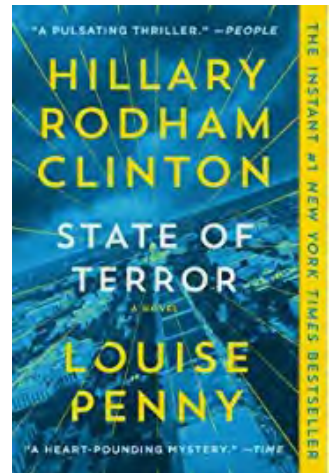
--Donna will compile and email to you.

--Vote for your 9 choices by email to Donna no later than June 3rd.

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

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

**All members are welcome to join the evening book group!**



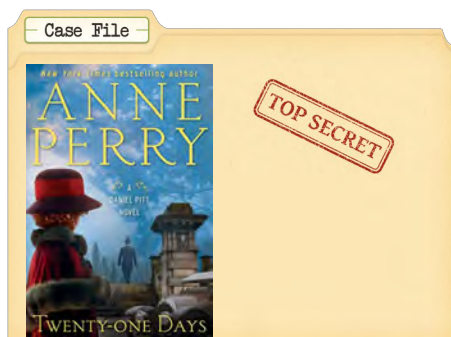
## **IMPORTANT BULLETIN**

**Chief Inspector Helene Iverson here.**

**The Mystery Book Club is unfolding.**

We have found the top secret location for our first lunch meeting at 11:30 on June 14. I will be sending out that information to all qualified team members on **June 3rd**. If you have not previously informed Chief Iverson of your interest, you will not receive the location !!!

Contact [heeniei@aol.com](mailto:heeniei@aol.com) immediately.





You are all invited to **BYO Lunches** at my house this summer! Everyone! Please, join me!

**June 21, Wednesday**

**July 11, Tuesday**

**August 7, Monday**

Everyone is welcome.

Drop in with or without your lunch between **11:00 am and 2:00 pm**.

Agenda? None! This is a time to relax and visit at **4723 Periwinkle Court**! Bring a friend!

Joan Schneider      [joandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:joandschneider@gmail.com)

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- ◆ 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 July newsletter are due June 15th.**

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

# WOMEN'S fund

## for the fox valley region, inc.

The annual luncheon for the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region will be on **September 7, 2023**. AAUW has always had at least one table at this worthwhile event, and we hope to support our Woman's Action Coalition partner once again!

If you are interested, please let Becky O'Connor know ([bandboc@gmail.com](mailto:bandboc@gmail.com)) and I will be in touch with you with details!



Tech Savvy Committee Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Houdini School LMC ( 2305 W. Capitol Dr. Appleton 54914)

This will be our initial planning meeting. This meeting will review the feedback received and how we will move forward.

Contact [smalaney505@gmail.com](mailto:smalaney505@gmail.com), (920) 740-9632

Stephanie Malaney, Co-Chair



### TRAVEL GROUP CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

Connie Polley & Ruth Henschel have decided to retire as chairs of this group after two years of leading wonderful trips for us. They're looking for one or more interested members in taking over leadership of the group. Judy Goodnight, the original travel group chair, and Mary Grace are willing to provide aid and support to anyone taking the position. If interested, contact either Connie, Ruth, or Judy. Contact info in the branch directory.



Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement  
July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

Budget  
2022 - 2023

As of 4/30/2023

**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>\$1.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,652.87</b>	<b>4,826.00</b>

**EXPENSE:**

Membership/Recruiting	43.18	500.00
Financial Assistance	0.00	201.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Program	356.09	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>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>1,691.34</u></b>	<b><u>4,276.00</u></b>

**Revenue Less Expenses** 3,961.53

Checkbook Balances as of 4/30/2023

**General Checking Account**

Leadership Development	5,371.00
General Fund	<u>15,222.47</u>
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b><u>20,593.47</u></b>

**Scholarship Money Market Account\*** 25,541.50 \$3,000 is outstanding.

\*Includes \$2.94 in monthly interest

Book sale expense	150.59
Leadership fund expense	140.00

**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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