



APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Sept 26	Social Justice Group
Sept 27	Art Class Part 1
Oct 5	Second Choice Books
Oct 5	Book Sale Work Night
Oct 9	Art Class Part 2
Oct 12-14	Book Sale Week 1
Oct 18/19	Afternoon Literature Groups
Oct 18-21	Book Sale Week 2
Oct 24	Social Justice Group
Oct 25-28	Book Sale Week 3
Nov 1	Second Choice Books
Nov 2	Trip to Kohler, WI
Nov 4	Morning Program & Lunch



The Apple Branch

American Association of University Women Appleton, Wisconsin
Serving the Greater Fox Cities Area

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“We (women) have the privilege of impacting others' lives.”

Oh yes we do!! I was reminded of that fact while listening to Laurie A. Carter, President of Lawrence University, at the Women's Fund Luncheon a couple of weeks ago. Her life long dedication to higher education leadership was a privilege to learn about at that luncheon. I was quite impressed to learn about the impact she has had on others' lives over her professional career.

However, even more impressive is that she forged on as a woman, no less a woman of color. I couldn't help but reflect on the privilege that we AAUW women have as a dedicated team impacting the lives of women and girls in our community, and through our National membership, helping women and girls across the country.

Just last year alone our branch impacted many lives via:

- Our Book Sale proceeds providing scholarships to 10 local women while also supporting National's Greatest Needs Fund to further other projects that meet our mission.

- Our membership collecting many, many personal hygiene products and diapers for refugee women in our community at our March Branch meeting.

- Our Tech Savvy workshop for 6-9th grade girls encouraging their interest in STEM careers.

- Our response to the “Period Poverty Campaign” and “The Monthlies Project” by contributing so many menstrual supplies that my car was full to the brim, delivering them for distribution to Appleton Area School District and other locations.

Those speakers at the Women's Fund luncheon also impressed me with some statistics which serves as motivation for all of us, as AAUW members, to continue our work to improve the lives of women and girls in our community, our state, and our country. I learned that “nearly two-thirds of all households in poverty in Wisconsin are headed by single women” (<http://womenscouncil.wi.gov>), I was startled to learn that “only 1.9% of all U.S. charitable giving is directed specifically towards women and girls.” (The Women's Philanthropy Institute). Looks like we have lots of room to exercise our “privilege of impacting other's lives!!”

Looking forward to a year full of opportunities to grab on to that privilege. Let's charge ahead!!

Chris Taylor, President
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Program News

SAVE THE DATE

October 5th—Book Sale Work Night—Info on next page with box lunch order information

Lunch orders due September 25th to Linda Kellett!

November 4th—Saturday morning program by Outagamie Public Health & ADRC with lunch at Wilder's Bistro. Mark your calendar now.

Program VPs are looking for a few more members to help with **planning the December brunch**. Contact Paulette at pstoltzmann@gmail.com or 920-428-4844.

Membership News

Kick-Off Meeting: It was wonderful seeing so many new members at the September Kick-Off. We hope you felt welcomed and are excited to be part of AAUW!

Directories: Thank you to all who volunteered to deliver the 23-24 directory to members who weren't able to attend the September meeting. There are still some that need to be delivered. If you have not received your directory, contact Linda Buck at 920-213-6371.

Greeters Needed: If you would like to be a greeter at future meetings, contact either Linda Buck or Jayne Heinrich. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a great year!

Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich

Membership VP Team

Communications Updates

Corrections to the 23-24 Directory/Yearbook:

Mah Jongg Group Chair—Sylvia Bull

Evening Literature July 2024 date is July 11.

Thursday Afternoon Lit group Feb. 2024 is Feb. 15.

Add to **Lisa Balster's** info:

B.S. Elementary Education, UW-Milwaukee, 1990

Employed at Neenah Menasha YMCA of the Fox Cities - Early Childhood Teacher

Lisa Barwick correct email: lisarbarwick@gmail.com

Sally Lindow Husband is Brian and correct address is 2492 Stroebe Island Dr. Appleton 54914

Jeanne Tondryk Add Home phone 920-966-0204

Also UW-Oshkosh BBA Marketing

Owner, Selective Shows LLC

JOIN US!

On Book Sale Work Night
For an (Optional) Box Lunch from Cousin's Subs

When: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Where: Northland Mall at our new location (formerly Rogan's Shoes)

Time: 5:00 pm

Book sorting opportunities before and after the branch meeting

Menu Choices

Italian Special: ham, bologna, salami, provolone, lettuce, tomato, salt, oregano, and oil

Ham and Provolone: ham, provolone, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, oregano, and mayo

Veggie: provolone, spring mix, cucumbers, green peppers, onions, and tomatoes

Club: ham, turkey breast, provolone, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, oregano, and mayo

Each box will include a 7 ½" sub, chips, and cookie. Water will be available.

Cost: \$11.00 includes 5.5% state sales tax and 20% tip.

Place your order at our table during the September 12th meeting. Exact cash amount or check much appreciated. Checks are to be made out to Linda Kellett and can also be mailed with your lunch order no later than Monday, September 25, 2023:

Linda Kellett
831 E. Pondview Ct.
Appleton, WI 54913

BINGE ON BOOKS!

2023 AAUW USED BOOK SALE

Book Sale Urgent Request

We are in need of someone with a truck or trailer to transport our boards from the Atlas mill to our book sale site at the Northland mall. We need them at the mall by September 30. If you can help, contact Betsy Mintern at 920-832-9218.

Book Drop-offs—Members only!

If you are dropping off books come to the back door which is labeled and open. If you are staying to sort, you will need to move your car to the front to park.

Bookmarks and Posters

The bookmarks and posters advertising the sale dates, times, and new location are ready to be distributed. They are being handed out at all AAUW events and are available at the book sale site. You may also contact Trish Brehm at trishbrehm@yahoo.com if you won't be at any of our September events.

Gift Certificates

We have gift certificates which you can purchase to give to family or friends. They are available in any amount. You can get certificates by contacting Ruth Henschel by email at ranger1chc@gmail.com.

**Looking forward to another
successful sale!
Your Book Sale Chairs**





BINGE ON BOOKS

2023 AAUW BOOK SALE

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Book Sorting at Northland Mall

Tuesdays – 9 a.m. – Noon – Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. thru Sept. 27

Sale Store Set Up – Sept. 30

Saturday 10:00 to noon - Help set up tables at Northland Mall

Book Sale Work Night – Oct. 5 (Thursday)

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Supper and Branch Meeting at 5:00 – work times before and after supper meeting

Pre-Sale Work Times at Northland Mall

Sept. 30: noon – 4:00 pm

Oct. 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 7: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come whenever and as often as you can.

Book Sale Shifts

Oct. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27: 8:30-11:30, 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:00, 5:00-7:30

Oct. 14 & 21: 8:30-11:30, 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:30

Oct. 28: 8:30-12:00, 12:00-3:30

Sign up on the chart at the Northland Mall, or contact Mary Grace at 920-915-6379 or mcggs@aol.com.

Book Sale Celebration – Oct. 31 (Tuesday)

11:30 a.m. – place to be announced.

Note: Please remember to distribute your posters and bookmarks.



The following piece was recently published in our AAUW-Wisconsin "Li'l Badger". Just in case you missed it:

Public Policy Committee : Where We Stand on these issues

If you watch the news, you know there are plenty of issues to advocate for today. We want to point you to some great information from AAUW on several issues. Be proud of your membership in an organization that advocates for important issues that affect so many women and children.

Where Do We Stand: School Vouchers

AAUW advocates opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.

Where Do We Stand: [LGBTQ+ Rights](#) AAUW advocates freedom in definition of self and family, including protection from discrimination, and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures, and vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights.

----Provided by Stephanie Malaney and Barbara Peterson

Public Policy Co-Chairs, State AAUW Board



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, September 26 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.

We're reading the **final chapter** of the book

“Antisemitism: What It Is. What It Isn’t. Why It matters. “ by Julia Neuberger for discussion. It’s available to read on the free Kindle app—book is 1.99 + tax on Amazon.

Contact judy@gwd.org if any questions

October meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, same time, same place.

***Watch for a special mailing for a travel group outing to the Jewish Museum in Milwaukee for their new exhibit titled "Women Pulling At The Threads of Social Discourse".

Join us for our next AAUW Reads book!

New book, new format, new collaboration!



We are looking forward to our upcoming AAUW Reads all branch book. We are also excited to collaborate with our AAUW-Appleton Social Justice group which is co-sponsoring this book. Although we have many book groups (afternoon and evening literature, summer mystery among them), the purpose of AAUW Reads is to unite our branch with a common book to engage our members in a new way. In the past we have read *Just Mercy*, *How the Word is Passed*, *The Woman's Hour*, *The Girls from Ames*, *I Am a Girl from Africa* and *Until I Am Free*. Our next book, *The Flag and the Cross*, explores the topic of white Christian nationalism. It is written by Philip S. Gorski and Samuel Perry. Although the book does name political candidates and leaders, our discussions will focus on the topic of what white Christian nationalism is and why it threatens democracy. From the AAUW national website: *AAUW is a non-partisan organization – but non-partisan does not mean “non-political”*. Mobilizing AAUW members to work toward civil rights, voting rights, and to take action on important legislation is all part of AAUW public policy.

We are also reading and discussing this book in a new way! Stay tuned and look for more information in later newsletters, but it will be read in shorter chunks with 4 or 5 discussions offered as we go along. We will hold some winter discussions via Zoom so our winter travelers can participate...and then some in person discussions later in the year.

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our October book is ***The Sentence*** by Louise Erdrich.
We'll meet on October 5th at **12:15 pm**
at Draft Gastropub, 664 W. Ridgeview Dr., Appleton.

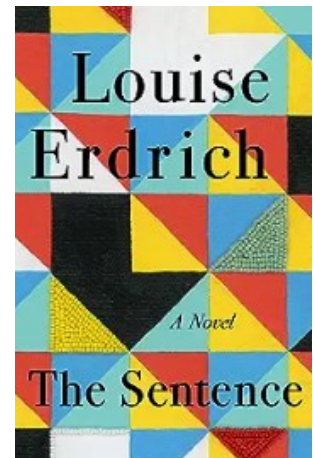
RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
or 920.729.9553

by Oct. 1 if you plan to attend.

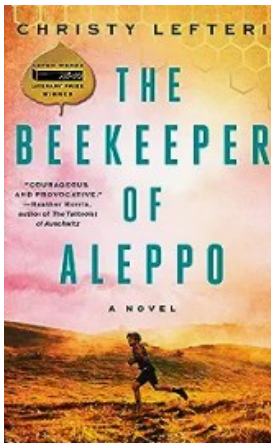
RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The November book will be ***Maureen*** by Rachel Joyce.

Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.
Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.



READ



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our October book is ***The Beekeeper of Aleppo*** by Christy Lefteri.

RSVP promptly to either the Wednesday or Thursday host:

(Wed) Sylvia Bull, 2459 E. Glenhurst Lane, Appleton

or (Thu) Liz Lokensgard, 614 E. Roosevelt, Appleton

Contact info in your directory.

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

Evening Literature News

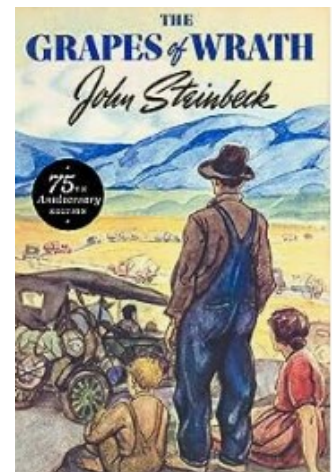
There will be no meeting in October because of the book sale.

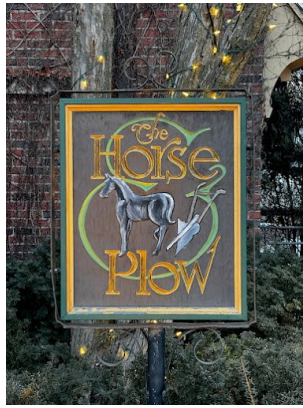
November: The Grapes of Wrath

Thursday, the 9th, 6:30 PM

Location: TBD

All members are welcome to attend!





Day Trip to Kohler, WI

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Destinations: Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan
Lunch at The Horse and Plow Restaurant
Kohler Design Center

8:30 - Leave from the Northland Mall parking lot (near the former Shopko store)

10:00 - Arrive at the Kohler Arts Center to see their latest displays (The word is “don’t miss the bathrooms”!)

11:00 - Drive to the American Club’s The Horse and Plow restaurant

11:30 - Enjoy a delicious lunch (reservations are required)

12:45 - Head to the Kohler Design Center to explore their latest product designs for kitchens and bathrooms (You may fall head-over-heels in love with a latest toilet design!) Photo ops galore at this place.

2:00 - Head back home

3:30 - Hello Appleton

The two centers are free; lunch is on your own; \$5.00 goes to the driver.

After visiting the Design Center, you may decide to venture over to the Woodlake Shopping Center if your driver agrees. Then your arrival back home will be later than 3:30pm.

RSVP’s essential so we can make restaurant reservations and determine how many cars/drivers needed.

Are you willing to drive?

RSVP to Sylvia Bull or Laurie Leonard - See directory for contact info

AAUW Art Class (2 Parts: must attend both)

Instructor: Chris Scott

Tuesday, September 27 at 12:30 pm

Thursday, October 9 at 1:30 pm



Ceramic Garden Mushrooms

\$15 All Materials Provided

These two class will consist of:

Week 1 Hand building a clay mushroom.

Week 2 Glazing your mushroom.

Book Sale – October 2022 Financial Report

Gross Proceeds from Sale	\$38,243.21
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Less: Expenses:

Mall Rental (paid prior year)	\$ 400.00	
Mall Rental	400.00	
Posters/Bookmarks (pd in PY)	182.44	
Posters/Bookmarks	339.63	
Table Rentals	1605.00	
Liability Insurance	287.50	
Printing Gift Certificates	31.65	
Wood	52.28	
Bank Chg. For Deposits	<u>69.92</u>	<u>(3,367.42)</u>

**Note: Net Proceeds from Book Sale transferred
from Checking Account to Scholarship Money
Market Account:**

\$34,875.79

At the September Board meeting, it was decided to publish the annual Book Sale financial report in the newsletter each January. This is the 2022 financial report, for members' information, as we did not have that policy in place last January.

Chris Taylor, Branch President

9/12/2023 AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

62 Members Present.

President Chris Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. After sharing sweet and savory treats, Linda Buck and Jayne Heinrich welcomed new members. This was followed by Joan Schneider giving a talk about "Explaining AAUW's Greatest Needs" Fund.

Business Meeting: There was a motion to accept the minutes from the 5/18/2023 Branch Meeting. Motion made by Kathy O'Connor and seconded by Judy Goodnight. Motion passed.

Jackie Booher presented the written Financial Report, and reported that an audit was done and everything balanced.

Program V.P. Paulette Stoltzmann let everyone know that the programs for the year are in the Directory. All locations are also in the Directory except the May Branch Meeting. Location to be decided later.

A big thank you to Cheryl Reissmann and everyone else who worked on the Directory!

Stephanie Malaney reported on Public Policy. AAUW is focusing on voting, fair maps, and women's health. Stay informed with "Badger Briefs" and "Li'l Badger"

Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney reported on Tech Savvy. They are working on marketing, fundraising, and ways to distribute literature about Tech Savvy to the community. They are looking for STEM interested members to join the committee.

Judy Goodnight talked about communications. If you are not receiving the Newsletter, let Judy know. Keep Judy updated on email changes. Newsletters are on our website. We have a Facebook page. Mail Chimp is used to inform members about events.

AAUW Reads Book: The Flag and the Cross. There was a drawing and Mary Jane Cummings won a copy of the book.

Book Sale: Donna Cook, Ruth Henschel, and Stephanie Malaney talked about different aspects of the Book Sale. Information will be in the Newsletter. Gift Certificates are available for purchase. Bookmarks and flyers are also available for members to distribute. We are still asking for book donations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Collins, Recording Secretary

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

As of 8/31/2023

Budget
2023 - 2024

INCOME:

		add'l 1145.50 received prior to 7/1/2023	
Membership Dues 2023-2024	735.00		2,100.00
Membership Dues 2024-2025	0.00		0.00
December 2023 Brunch Income	0.00		1,994.00
Advertisement	0.00		100.00
Interest	50.34		0.00
Total Income		<u>735.34</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	86.97		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	0.00		800.00
Yearbook	0.00		300.00
Insurance	0.00		300.00
Public Policy	0.00		150.00
Historian's Expense	0.00		150.00
President Expense	0.00		300.00
Finance Expense	0.00		300.00
General Expense	0.00		100.00
Woman's Action Coalition	0.00		200.00
Fox Valley Reads	0.00		200.00
Tech Savvy Sponsorship	0.00		500.00
Special Events	0.00		300.00
Diversity	0.00		50.00
Total Expense		<u>86.97</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses 648.37

Checkbook Balances as of 8/31/2023

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	5,121.00
General Fund	14,416.66
Total Checking Account	<u>19,537.66</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* 14,653.38

\$11,000 was sent for 8 scholarships 8/6/23 but only 7 were cashed

*Includes \$2.39 in monthly interest

2023 Book Sale Expenses

Prior to 7/1/2023	168.09
Current fiscal year	800.00

2023 Book Sale Income

Donation - prior to 7/1/2023	72.00
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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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Articles for the November newsletter are due October 15th.

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



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



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