



The Apple Branch

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Serving the Greater Fox Cities Area

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APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Oct 24	Social Justice Group— CANCELED
Oct 25-28	Book Sale Week 3
Oct 31	Book Sale Celebration - MUST RSVP
Nov 1	Second Choice Books
Nov 2	Trip to Kohler, WI
Nov 4	Branch Meeting: AM Program & Lunch
Nov 7	Board Meeting
Nov 9	Evening Literature
Nov 15	Wednesday Afternoon Literature
Nov 16	Thursday Afternoon Literature
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Nov 28	Social Justice— AAUW Reads Intro Session
Dec 2	Holiday Brunch

A shockingly unbelievable exhibit of a carefully planned and cleverly executed undertaking!

No, I am not talking about the devastating attack by Hamas upon Israel. That horrific black mark on the world's history goes far beyond my ability to comment here.

I am talking about the unfolding of another commendable page in our AAUW-Appleton's history, with the amazing start of our 86th Used Book Sale on October 12th. It was an awesome sight to see 65 of our members assemble on October 5th for our annual Work Night/Branch meeting. Sitting on boxes and lawn chairs, we held a Branch meeting while eating our "Box Lunches" and got our marching orders from the Book Sale Chairs. Members wasted no time putting books up on tables, starting to order them alphabetically, or by category, and sharing laughs with each other.

Imagine 40-60,000 books needing to be organized in a presentable way that would appeal to our shoppers. Seasoned Book Sale volunteers worked next to new members to make that happen that night and for the week that followed. We shared hours of camaraderie while moving closer to Opening Day!

We are a special group of women! I started to call out a few of the planning "chiefs" by name here, but the list is very long, and I'd hate to overlook anyone. Let's just say that the Book Sale Chair list in the Directory is a pretty good summary of the dedicated leaders of this charge.

We also can't forget that there have been a few special men in the troop along the way, helping to lug boxes, set up tables, and offer help in so many ways. Thank you particularly to Glenn Mintern and Mike Goodnight.

You've just got to give it to Helen Reddy though:

*"I am woman, hear me roar
In numbers too big to ignore..."*

Chris Taylor, President
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Program News

November Branch Meeting and Program

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023 Time: 10 am

Place: Wilder's Bistro, 2639 S. Oneida St, Appleton

Topic: Outagamie Public Health and ADRC services

Lunch can be ordered off the menu with separate checks.

Please **RSVP** to Paulette Stoltzmann, pstoltzmann@gmail.com or text 920-428-4844 by **October 25th**. We need to provide the number of members attending so the restaurant knows which room to set up for us.

Our **Holiday Brunch and Fundraiser** planning has started. Members are asked to contribute items for auctions and bag drawings. Items will be separated into three categories; 1) Silent Auction 2) Live Auction and 3) Bag drawing.

All items should be delivered to the home of either Paulette Stoltzmann or Linda Kellett by **November 21, 2023**.

Membership News

October Meeting & Book Sale: Thank You! It was great to see so many new members helping out at the Book Sale. It takes many volunteers to have a successful book sale and your involvement was much appreciated!

Renewal Reminder: It is time to renew for those members who joined AAUW in August, September or October of last year. You can renew online at AAUW's Community Hub. Just click log in and go to your personal profile with your credit card. Renewal amount of \$100-renew National \$72, then State (WI) \$13 and Branch (Appleton) \$15. If you are unsure of your renewal date contact Linda Buck at buck1108@yahoo.com

Greeters Needed: Three greeters are needed to welcome members to our November 4 meeting at Wilder's Bistro between 9:15-9:30 a.m. If you can help out, contact Linda Buck or Jayne Heinrich.

Your Membership VPs,
Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich



BOOK SALE NEWS

We have had an amazing book sale so far and we still have one weekend to go. A huge thank you to the many branch members who have worked so hard to make our sale so successful!

Volunteers needed:

We are still in need of volunteers for our last weekend for most shifts. We are especially looking for more people to assist with clean-up beginning at noon on Saturday, Oct. 28. If you can help on any shift on the last weekend, please sign up on the sheets in the back office at the book sale or contact Mary Grace at 920-915-6379 or mcggs@aol.com.

Book Sale Shifts

**Oct. 25, 26, 27: 8:30-11:30, 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:00,
5:00-7:30**

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

Book Sale Celebration – Tuesday, Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m.

If you have not done so already, be sure to RSVP for our celebration lunch. You can either RSVP on the sign up sheet at the mall or contact Mary Grace.



Communications Updates

Corrections to the 23-24 Directory/Yearbook:

Pat Hauser— Address—Street is Tony Court.

Pauline Werner (Michael)

[address & email are correct]

920-574-2025

Bachelors—Michigan State University

Taught English at Appleton West

Worked at Middle School in Niagara, WI

- ◆ 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.

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? “

-Mary Oliver, "The Summer Day"

Our branch does a great deal of good.

We support each other and the women of our community and state.

Through our national organization, we support women nationally and world-wide.

The good we do and the change we make requires all of us to roll up our sleeves and get involved.

As we prepare a slate of officers for 2024-2025, please consider a position on your branch board. Our leadership positions allow you to learn, grow, and share your many talents.

Talk the positions over with a current or past leader and then contact me to let me know you are interested and ready to contribute.

Joan Moeschberger, Nominating Chair

joanemoe@gmail.com



Art Classes with Chris will be on hiatus for the winter. If this changes, you will be notified in future newsletters or by Laurie Leonard. Classes will resume in May.

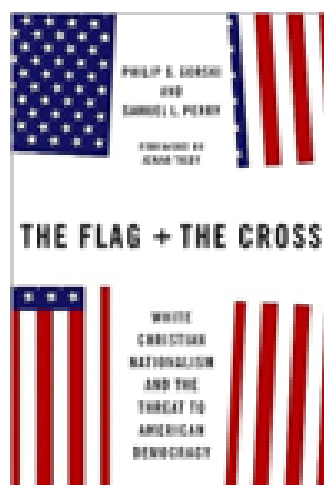
Have a safe winter and I'll see you in the Spring.

Chris Scott



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) we wanted 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 take action on important legislation is all part of AAUW public policy.

The first gathering for this discussion will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm. Please email Becky at bandboc@gmail.com to let us know you are participating. We will then be sure you get information about where the group will be meeting.

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our November book is **Maureen** by Rachel Joyce.
We'll meet on November 1st at **1:00 pm**.

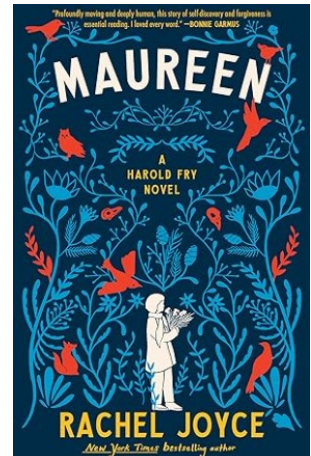
RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
or 920.729.9553

by Oct. 30 to get the location.

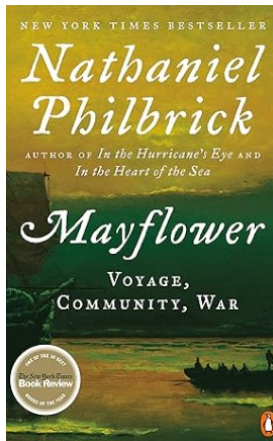
RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The December book will be **No Two Persons** by Erica Bauermeister.

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



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AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our November book is **Mayflower** by Nathaniel Philbrick.

RSVP promptly to either the Wednesday or Thursday host:

(Wed, 11/15) Pat Hauser, 4795 N Tony Ct., Appleton

or (Thu, 11/16) Marlene Angevine, 2110 N. Douglas St., Appleton

Contact info in your directory.

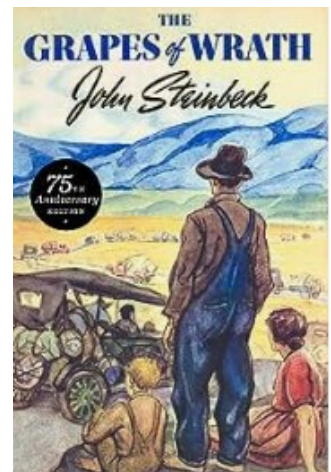
Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

Evening Literature News

All members are welcome!

Our November book is **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck.
Join us for our discussion on Thursday, November 9th, at 6:30 PM.
Our discussion leader will be Mary Grace.
Mary Ditter and Grace Fuller will be hosting at Eagle Point located at 955 E. John Street in Appleton.
Please sign in and wear a mask as you enter.

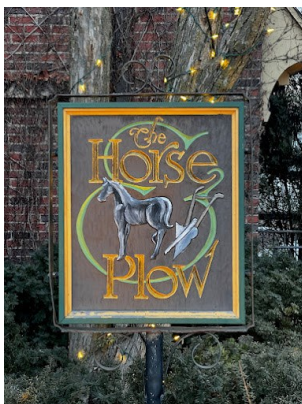
RSVP to Grace Fuller gracefuller22@gmail.com on or before Tuesday, November 7th.



October 24th Meeting Canceled due to 10/15 Travel to Jewish Museum. Next Meeting will be November 28 in conjunction with the AAUW Reads discussion group.

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If you surveyed the 12 of us who traveled to the museum, you would probably get 12 different answers as to which piece of art was their favorite. I decided to highlight this piece, ***Life in Limbo*** by Wisconsin artist Judy Zoelzer Levine for you. Quilting, spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing, stitchery—primarily done by women—have been diminished in the cultural setting to that of a craft, not a piece of art. Yet these women produce not only amazing artwork but also provide provoking statements about our society, the problems we face, and the effects of these problems and cultural prejudices on women’s lives. In the work above, Ms. Levine portrays many figures—women, men, children, who represent the 272 million international migrants globally. At the bottom of the fabric piece, she has handstitched reasons that cause people to leave their homes to seek a safer, better life for themselves and their families such as famine, drought, war, persecution, & dictatorship. We were all moved by the exhibit which continues through December 31st. I encourage you to visit on your own. -Judy Goodnight



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 by Monday, Oct. 30 to Sylvia Bull or Laurie Leonard. See directory for contact info.

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes
Oct. 5, 2023 5:00PM Northland Mall
58 members present

President Christine Taylor called the meeting to order. She offered thanks to Paulette Stoltzmann and Linda Kellett for arranging for our box lunches. She also repeated a caution to members to refrain from promoting any political party or candidate as we work at the book sale. Discussions around issues are acceptable, but AAUW does not endorse any political party or candidate, so our conversations should not include partisan language.

The minutes of the Sept. 7th meeting were approved. Connie Polley made the motion to approve, Chris Scott seconded. The motion passed.

Chris Taylor summarized the financial report since Jackie Booker was absent.

Program announcements were made by Paulette Stoltzmann. She invited any volunteers to help plan for the December program on Oct. 10, 1:00, at her home. The next branch meeting will be on Nov. 4, 10:00, at Wilders Restaurant. Speakers on public health issues will present the program before the business meeting and lunch. We will order off the menu and pay individually. Reservations for lunch need to be made to Paulette by Oct. 25.

Linda Buck welcomed new members to the meeting and reminded us to take yearbooks for any members we know.

Public Policy committee continues to work with the state public policy committee. Stephanie Malaney reported updates will appear in the Lil' Badger or our newsletter.

Tech Savvy committee needs members who have personal connections to middle schools in our area so that we can more effectively get information to girls in those schools. We seek to find ambassadors for our event at the schools among the teaching staff or administration. Post cards about the event will be available at book sale as well.

Becky O'Connor reminded us that the AAUW Reads and the Social Justice group have joined to promote reading the book *The Flag and the Cross* in 5 segments with discussion of each section during the coming year. The first discussion will be held Nov. 28.

The Social Justice group is sponsoring a trip to The Jewish Museum in Milwaukee on Oct. 15th open to anyone in the branch. Contact Judy Goodnight to make your reservation.

The Travel group will be traveling to Kohler in November. Contact Sylvia Bull with questions or to sign up to attend.

Nancy Samson reminded the group that Ethnic and Elegant has openings for chefs and diners. Three meals are shared each year.

Betsy Mintern, Mary Grace, and Judy DeShaney gave the group reminders for working at Book Sale. Ruth Henschel offered gift certificates for the book sale that may be made out for any amount.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Faye Binsfeld

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

As of 9/30/2023

Budget
2023 - 2024

INCOME:

		add'l 1145.50 received prior	
Membership Dues 2023-2024	795.00	to 7/1/2023	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	<u>\$0.49</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>795.49</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	110.00		800.00
Yearbook	360.69		300.00
Insurance	287.50		300.00
Public Policy	0.00		150.00
Historian's Expense	0.00		150.00
President Expense	41.18		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	<u>0.00</u>		<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>886.34</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses (90.85)

Checkbook Balances as of 9/30/2023

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	5,121.00
General Fund	<u>12,473.28</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>17,594.28</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* 13,154.95

\$11,000 was sent for 8 scholarships 8/6/23

*Includes \$1.57 in monthly interest

2023 Book Sale Expenses

Prior to 7/1/2023	168.09
Current fiscal year	2,579.16

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 December newsletter are due November 1st.

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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