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A New Year's Thought!

As we turn this calendar page, I think it is safe to say that there is a combination of anticipation and trepidation about this New Year, 2024. So much excitement lies ahead, yet there is plenty of anxiety as well.

I wondered, is it possible that these same thoughts have been had over many, many years as calendar pages have been turned?

Quite by accident, I came across a poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson written for **New Year's Day 1855!!** (FYI: I abbreviated his poem to make my point.)

"Ring Out, Wild Bells!"

Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind

For those that here we see no more;

Ring out the feud of rich and poor,

Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,

And ancient forms of party strife;

Ring in the nobler modes of life,

With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,

The faithless coldness of the times;

Ring in the love of truth and right,

Ring in the common love of good.

Let's continue AAUW's mission of equity for women and girls by working to ring in the "love of truth and right, ...the common love of good."

Happy New Year!

Chris Taylor, President

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Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 2	Board Meeting
Jan 3	Second Choice Books
Jan 8	Travel Group Close to Home—Movie Matinee
Jan 9	Branch Meeting Zoom
Jan 17	Wednesday Afternoon Literature
Jan 18	Thursday Afternoon Literature
Jan 23	Social Justice—AAUW Reads Chapter 1 (Eve)
Jan 25	Social Justice—AAUW Reads Chapter 1 (Aft)
Feb 1	Second Choice Books
Feb 8	Branch Meeting Zoom
Feb 13	Budget & Board Meeting
Feb 20	Election Day



The 2024 AAUW Wisconsin State Convention will be held April 26 and 27th in Racine. One of the special guests this year will be Meghan Kissell, Senior Director of Policy and Membership Advocacy for AAUW. Mark your calendars for attending the convention and watch Badger Briefs for more information.

AAUW Appleton Program News

Branch Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th

6:30 pm via Zoom

Plan to enter the Zoom meeting room at 6:25 pm so that we can start the meeting promptly at 6:30. Members will be muted but you can use the chat function to converse and ask questions. Zoom link will be emailed several days before the meeting.

**Topic: American Indian Nations of Wisconsin
And Land Acknowledgement**

Speaker: Christine Ebert

AAUW WI Communications Co-chair &
Member of the AAUW Northwoods Branch

For your reference, AAUW WI has a resolution related to this topic included below:

**AAUW Wisconsin Resolution on Education related to the
American Indian Nations of Wisconsin and
Land Acknowledgment Statements**

Whereas AAUW National Policy Priorities state that AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons, and

Whereas the state now known as Wisconsin is home to the largest number of Native American tribes east of the Mississippi River, encompassing 11 sovereign Tribal nations that abide by their own constitutions and

Whereas AAUW – Wisconsin has the privilege and responsibility to acknowledge the Indigenous people who have called this land home for generations, and

Therefore, be it resolved that AAUW-WI will advocate for and support education, related to the history of the land we are on, and the great historical, present, and future contributions of Indigenous people. This will include the issues of Treaty Rights, Ceded Territory, Tribal Sovereignty, Act 31 and Land Acknowledgment Statements. Branches are encouraged to create opportunities to inform members and explore these issues related to the American Indian Nations of Wisconsin and in collaboration with the particular Tribal nation where their branch is located.

More Program News

Coming next month:

Date: Thursday, February 8th

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: ZOOM meeting (Link will be sent out in early February.)

Topic: Engaging Young People in STEM will be presented by Marissa Jablonski, PhD.



A huge and grateful THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped to make our December Brunch a success! Thank you also to all the members and their guests who attended the event. And many, many THANKS to the donors and buyers of this year's auction items. Fundraising efforts which included the silent auction, live auction, anonymous donor and bag drawings resulted in a total profit of \$3,207.89. The money is used to support our branch budget and our Leadership Development Fund.

Membership News

Holiday Gathering – The New Member Holiday Gathering held on December 10th was a lot of fun! Jane Anne McCabe was a wonderful hostess and her home was decorated beautifully for Christmas. There were four new members and one prospective member who attended. We shared stories, ate delicious cookies provided by Chris Taylor's daughter, Claire, and enjoyed our time together. It was a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting!

Renewal Reminder: It is time to renew for those members who joined AAUW in January 2023. 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 is \$100: National \$72, State (WI) \$13 and Branch (Appleton) \$15. If you prefer, you can send a check made out to AAUW-Appleton to Jackie Booher. Her information is in the directory. If you are unsure of your renewal date contact Linda Buck at buck@yahoo.com

Happy New Year! We look forward to another great year spending time with our wonderful AAUW members and continuing to grow our branch in 2024 with more new members!

Your Membership VPs,
Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich



Issue of Gerrymandering

On Nov. 21, 2023 Law Forward – with co-counsels Stafford Rosenbaum, the Election Law Clinic at Harvard Law School, Campaign Legal Center, and Arnold & Porter – argued in front of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court challenging the extreme partisan gerrymandering of Wisconsin’s legislative maps.

Read all Court filings here: [Rebecca Clarke v. Wisconsin Elections Commission Appeal Number 2023AP001399 - OA](#)

Watch the oral arguments here: <https://wiseye.org/2023/11/21/wisconsin-supreme-court-rebecca-clarke-v-wisconsin-elections-commission/>

Issue of School Vouchers

On Wednesday, December 13, the Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected hearing a lawsuit seeking to end the school voucher program. The lawsuit will be filed in a lower court and can still make its way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court through the appeals process.

Read articles on this topic here: [Wisconsin Supreme Court refuses to hear lawsuit challenging voucher school program | Wisconsin Public Radio \(wpr.org\)](#)

[Wisconsin Supreme Court refuses to hear lawsuit challenging voucher school program \(msn.com\)](#)

Election of New Justice in 2025

The 2025 Wisconsin Supreme Court election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2025, to elect a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court for a ten-year term. Incumbent justice Ann Walsh Bradley has indicated she will seek a fourth ten-year term. If more than two candidates file to run for this seat, a nonpartisan primary election will be held February 18, 2025, with the top two vote-getters advancing to the April 1 general election. The filing deadline to appear on the ballot in the 2025 election is January 1, 2025.

As of December 1, 2023, former Attorney General Brad Schimel is running against incumbent Justice Ann Walsh Bradley in the April 2025 election. Other conservatives are also considering entering the race.

Read about the election here: [Brad Schimel campaign signals hot 2025 Wisconsin Supreme Court race | Government | captimes.com](#)



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

We are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 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 any 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/>



TECH SAVVY NEEDS YOU !!!

Many AAUW volunteers are needed to assist at Tech Savvy on March 9th 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. The application can also be found here: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/files/2023/12/Tech-Savvy-Volunteer-Form-2024.pdf>

Completed volunteer forms **MUST BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 1!**

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



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 9, 2024. 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, fill out & send to Judy Phillips at 2609 S. East St. Appleton, WI 54915.



In 2024
there are *FOUR*
important elections
in Wisconsin!

**Spring — Local Leaders &
Presidential Primary**

February 20, 2024

- Primary

April 2, 2024

- General Election
- Presidential Preference
Primary

**Fall — State & Federal
Legislators, President**

August 13, 2024

- Primary

November 5, 2024

- General Election



**Everything you need to
know to register and
vote is right here!**



myvote.wi.gov



SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our January book is ***The Paris Apartment*** by Lucy Foley.
We'll meet on **January 3rd at 1:00 pm**.

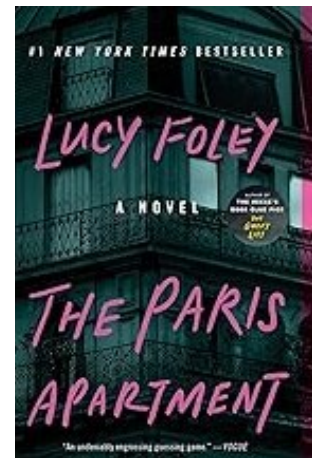
RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
or 920.729.9553

by December 31 to get the location.

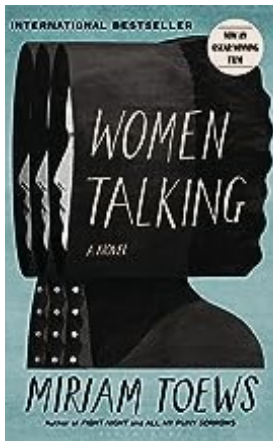
RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The February book will be ***A Single Thread*** by Tracy Chevalier.

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



READ



AFTERNOON LITERATURE : January is our Book and Movie Month.

We'll be reading ***Women Talking*** by Miriam Toews and watching the 2022 movie of the same name. The movie is available on DVD and is also streaming on Prime Video. We'll compare & contrast the material presented in print vs. visual media.

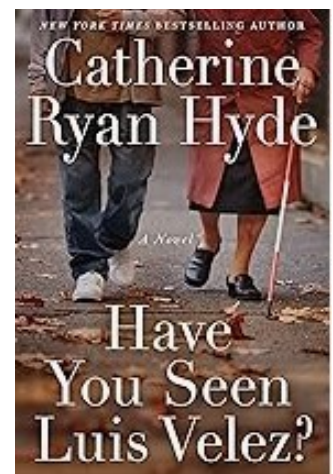
Our January hosts are Joan Schneider on Wednesday, 1/17 and Cheryl Reissmann on Thursday, 1/18. Check directory for contact info and remember to RSVP!

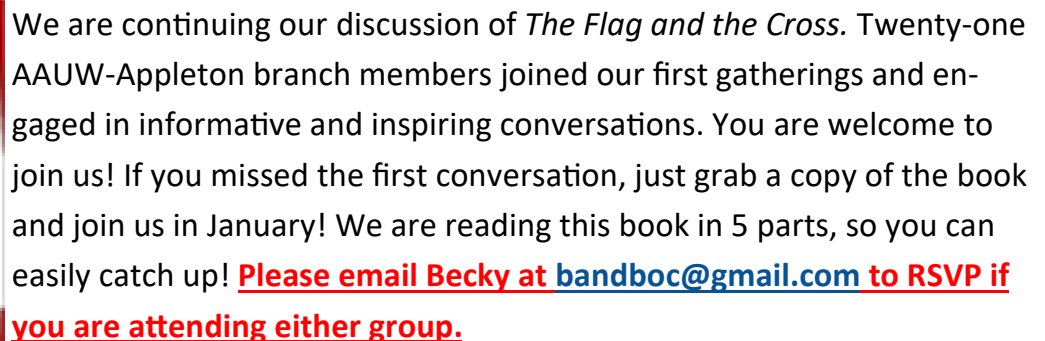
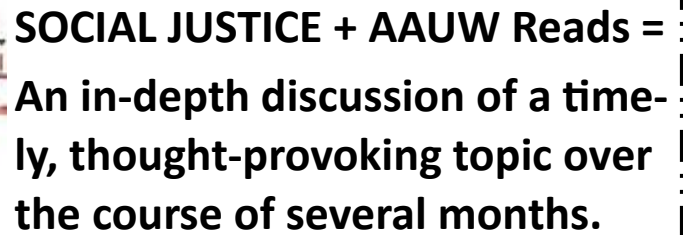
Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

Evening Literature News

The Evening Literature group is on hiatus during January and February.

Take some time to enjoy our other book groups, read books from your To Be Read pile, or get a jump start on our March book, ***Have You Seen Luis Velez?*** by Catherine Ryan Hyde.





Join one of these discussion groups:

Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:00 at LouAnn Graf's home (2404 W. Seneca Drive, Appleton)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81799442804?pwd=K0lgLytGTlB1eTdWODMwMlFBcGdPd09>

Passcode (if asked for): 910470

RSVP to Judy Goodnight—judy@gwd.org

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

December 2, 2023 AAUW Branch Meeting
The Grand Meridian
84 Members Present

Memory usage: 46.4 MB

President Chris Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was preceded by a brunch and drawings for raffle bags.

There was a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/04/2023 Branch Meeting. Motion made by Sylvia Bull and seconded by Sharon O'Leary. Motion passed.

V.P. Finance Jackie Booher reported the balance in the checking account is \$62,392.55. The booksale brought in \$41,221.16; from this, \$24,793.00 will go towards scholarships and \$14,430.00 will go to the National AAUW. Currently the balance in the Scholarship account is \$13,158.30.

V.P. Membership Linda Buck introduced our three newest members.

V.P. Program Paulette Stolzmann reported that the January and February Branch Meetings will be via ZOOM. Information on dates and speakers for these meetings is in the Directory and will be in the Newsletter.

Tech Savvy: Chairpersons Stephanie and Jacqui Klimaszewski gave a brief history of Tech Savvy. It will be held on March 9, 2024. Members were encouraged to pick up flyers and distribute them.

Mary Grace reported from the Scholarship Committee. Two scholarships for \$1,200.00 each are to be given to FVTC. The Scholarship Committee will select recipients for the remainder of the scholarships. They are given to juniors and seniors enrolled in college who are high school graduates from Fox Valley schools or those who have lived in the Fox Valley for 10 years.

Book Groups reported from Donna Cook and Judy Goodnight. News about books and locations from our Afternoon and Evening Literature Groups and the Second Choice Books & December Book Group Luncheon at Heckrodt can be found in our Branch Directory and in the Newsletter.

New Business: Opportunities to become involved:

- We are forming a committee to handle the Holiday Brunch. Those interested please contact Chris Taylor.
- Volunteers are needed to prepare a nice evening to celebrate our scholarship recipients in May. Those interested please contact Chris Taylor.
- We need to find a new editor for the Yearbook/Directory. Cheryl Reissmann is retiring after so many generous years. Contact Judy Goodnight if interested.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Collins
Recording Secretary

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

As of 11/30/2023

Budget
2023 - 2024

INCOME:

		add'l 1145.50 received prior	
Membership Dues 2023-2024	855.00	to 7/1/2023	2,100.00
Membership Dues 2024-2025			0.00
December 2023 Brunch Income	1,548.00		1,994.00
Advertisement	50.00		100.00
Interest	<u>\$1.32</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>2,454.32</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	174.07		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	156.00		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	71.76		500.00
Special Events	0.00		300.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>		<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>1,091.20</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>
Revenue Less Expenses		<u>1,363.12</u>	

Checkbook Balances as of 11/30/23

General Checking Account	
Leadership Development	5,121.00
General Fund	<u>57,271.55</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>62,392.55</u>
Scholarship Money Market Account*	13,158.30

*Includes \$1.62 in monthly interest

2023 Brunch Expenses 16.11

2023 Book Sale Income and Expense Report

INCOME:		
Total Income		45,100.06
EXPENSE:		
Printing		318.16
Mall Rental		1,800.00
Postage		25.74
Table Rental		1,315.85
Insurance		287.50
Returned Check		39.00
Bank Fees		92.65
Total Expense		3,878.90
Revenue Less Expenses		41,221.16
35% for Greatest Needs Fund		14,427.40
65% for Local Scholarships		26,793.76

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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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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