

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

Jan 23	Social Justice— AAUW Reads Chapter 1 (Zoom))
Jan 25	Social Justice— AAUW Reads Chapter 1 (Aft)
Feb 1	Second Choice Books
Feb 8	Branch Meeting Zoom
Feb 12	Travel Group Close to Home—Movie Matinee
Feb 13	Budget & Board Meeting
Feb 15	Thursday Afternoon Literature
Feb 20	Election Day
Feb 21	Wednesday Afternoon Literature
Feb 27	Social Justice— AAUW Reads Chapter 2 (Zoom)
Feb 29	Social Justice— AAUW Reads Chapter 2 (Aft)
Mar 5	Branch Meeting
Mar 6	Second Choice Books



The Apple Branch

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

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"We are tenacious and trailblazing--- advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future."

I caught this quote on the 'About AAUW' page of AAUW.org and was inspired to click on the link: 'Faces of AAUW.' **Wow!** What fun it was to scroll through the lengthy collection of AAUW Trailblazers there; Women who are/were members and award winners who pioneered advances for gender equity.

I was quickly reminded of two trailblazers mentioned by Chris Ebert's 'American Indian Nation' presentation at our Branch meeting this month. She highlighted **Deb Haaland**, a Pueblo of Laguna Tribe member, who is presently the 1st Native American Head of the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

Chris also praised **Ada Deer**, a member of the Menominee Tribe in Wisconsin. She was an American scholar and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. We even learned that our own Mary Grace knew Ada personally in their mutual work with Girl Scouts!!

I highly recommend you learn more about the tenacious trailblazers featured on that AAUW link, especially with these wintry, stay-at-home days we're facing. Just a sampling of the ladies highlighted there:

Rep. Jeannette Rankin – 1st woman elected to Congress (1917)

Rep. Shirley Chisholm – 1st Black woman elected to Congress (1969)

Rep. Edith Green – proposed Equal Pay Act in 1955

Wilma Mankiller – From Tahlequah, Oklahoma, she was the first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and an adviser to the U.S. Sec. on Tribal Affairs. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Patricia Roberts Harris – Was the first female U.S. Cabinet Secretary.

Eleanor Roosevelt – started World Center for Women's Archives with AAUW member Mary Beard to 'write women back into history."

Mary Child Husted – an AAUW member, she was the brain and voice behind Betty Crocker.

Marie Curie – In 1920 AAUW members raised \$100,000 to buy a gram of radium for her research.

Dorothy Boulding Farabee – A child of slaves in Virginia, was a board member of the AAUW Washington (DC) Branch; worked tirelessly to ensure access to health care for underserved communities. I have a "sort of" connection to trailblazer Wilma Mankiller....I actually lived in Tahlequah, OK 1973-75!

Happy Researching!

Chris Taylor, President

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As a member of AAUW, your voice <u>and your vote</u> count. This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee to open membership. In accordance with AAUW's bylaws, every AAUW member has the right to comment on this proposed change to the bylaws – and to recommend any other bylaws changes – before they are put to the membership for a vote.

Comments can be submitted until Friday, January 26 at 5:00 pm ET.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL TO OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Key Dates for 2024 Vote

- o January 26 | Comment period ends at 5:00 pm ET
- o **April 3** | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)
- o May 15 | Online voting ends at 12:00 pm ET and results announced online

We encourage your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Best regards,

Shannon Wolfe

Managing Director and Chief of Staff



AAUW's annual art contest is officially under way, and we invite members to <u>submit a high-res image</u> of their original painting, photography, sculpture, collage or other artwork. We will be accepting submissions through January 31, 2024. Your work could be among the winning entries!

Starting in February, AAUW members will select their favorite entries via ranked-choice voting. The winners will be featured on a collection of notecards sent to all members this spring. The back of each card will include the winning artist's biography, a fact about AAUW and a highlight of the artist's local branch affiliation when applicable.

Please spread the word to your state and branch! We know from past years' entries that there is a lot of talent out there!

For more information on submitting artwork, or to peruse last year's art gallery, please visit the **AAUW Art Contest page.**

AAUW Appleton Program News

Branch Meeting: Thursday, February 8th 6:30 pm via Zoom

Speaker: Dr. Marissa Jablonski

Topic: Engaging Young People in STEM

Dr. Jablonski is a water engineer, environmental advisor, and plastics reduction expert. Based at UW-Milwaukee, she is Executive Director of Freshwater Collaborative and a founding member of Engineers Without Borders. She was also a keynote speaker at the April 2023 AAUW Wisconsin Convention.

Note: Zoom link will be sent out via Mailchimp on Tuesday, February 6th.

Please sign in to the meeting between 6:15 and 6:25. You will be in the waiting room, then admitted all at once, and muted. When on speaker view, latecomers pop up noticeably on the screen and are disruptive to the guest presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

Our 1st In Person Branch Meeting of 2024:

Tuesday, March 5th

First Congregational UCC

724 E. South River St., Appleton

Gather at 6:15 pm.
Program at 6:30 pm.
Speaker from Fox Valley Literacy
Followed by branch business meeting and
socializing



Membership News

Membership Status: The question was asked at the January Branch Meeting as to how many members the Appleton Branch currently has. There are 152 members as of January 14, 2024. Of those 152 members, 16 became new members in 2023! Let's see how many more members we can recruit for 2024! If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, please send me their names and contact info and I will get in touch with them. Let's continue to grow our phenomenal branch!

Renewal Reminder: It is time to renew for those members who joined AAUW in February 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. Jackie's information is in the directory. If you are unsure of your renewal date, contact Linda Buck at buck@yahoo.com

Stay warm and think Spring!

Your Membership VPs, Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich

Communications Update

 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.

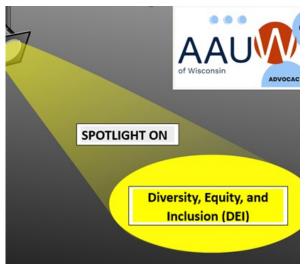
Native American Blessing—from Chris Ebert, January speaker

"May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life."



AAUW has a public policy priority which focuses on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

The new Red Scare for red states: Diversity programs - POLITICO
What is diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I)? | McKinsey
U. Of Wisconsin Flip-Flops; Approves Deal To Limit Diversity Efforts
(forbes.com)

<u>Map of Anti-DEI Efforts on College Campuses Across the U.S. - The Education Trust (edtrust.org)</u>

<u>DEI has become a political flashpoint. Here's what's happening. - The</u> Washington Post

<u>One Parent Got 444 Books Removed from a Wisconsin School District</u> (bookriot.com)

Amid record demand to ban books nationwide, Wisconsin libraries see efforts to remove certain works | Wisconsin Public Radio (wpr.org)

From the AAUW Diversity Officers:

Diversity matters even more: The case for holistic impact | McKinsey

DEI programs under fire | The Week

In addition, you can also review the DEI Toolkit located online:

<u>Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881</u>

Update on WI Gerrymandering Supreme Court Case

The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 in favor of Democrats who argued that the legislative maps are unconstitutional because districts drawn aren't contiguous. New maps are likely to be unveiled in about two months. The court appointed two consultants who already had a hand in reshaping districts in other states. Jonathan Cervas, of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, redrew New York's congressional and state Senate maps after a court struck down ones adopted by the Democratic-led Legislature. Bernard Grofman, of the University of California, Irvine, helped redraw Virginia's federal and state legislative districts after a bipartisan commission deadlocked. The maps from parties to the lawsuit are due by Jan. 12, with supporting arguments due 10 days later. Reports from the consultants are due by Feb. 1, with responses a week later. This means the court will release new maps likely sometime in late February or early March unless the Legislature acts first. The state elections commission has said maps must be in place by March 15 if the new districts are to be in play for the 2024 election.

Ways You Can Take Action With AAUW:

- Sign up for the Two Minute Activist at https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/
- Go to the AAUW Policy Center and educate yourself on AAUW's Public Policy Priorities
 https://www.aauw.org/act/policy-center/
 - Check out the AAUW Advocacy Toolkit https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/
 advocacy-toolkit/

Tech Savvy Update

Registration is now open! We are very excited about the keynote speakers. The morning keynote speaker is Alexis Staniec—you may recognize her as the meteorologist for Storm Center 5. She will share her story of combining her love for science and media in her profession.

The 2:30 keynote is Hillary Isebrands. She is Sharon O'Leary's daughter and the Senior Roadway Safety and Design Engineer/Team Leader for the Federal Highway Administration—quite an important position!! She will also be doing a morning hands-on presentation and presenting as part of the panel of women working in STEM careers in Girl Savvy. We are lucky that she was able to fit us into her schedule.

Read about the rest of the program presentations on our updated website!

Special thank you to all those who helped sort and distribute posters and flyers to the school. Please promote registering for Tech Savvy with any girls in grades 6-9 that you may know—as well as schools—teachers, counselors, library/media, etc. There are some extra posters/flyers—just contact me at jiklim@new.rr.com and I will get them to you to distribute. We can always get you some more of the small cards as well to pass out.



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 DayMorning OnlyAfternoon Only								
Volunteer Choices:Wherever NeededDoor GreetersMeal Server								
Registrat	tion/Check-in	nVoluntee	r Room Monito	or				
Emergency Conta	ct Name							
Home Phone:	e 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 (ast, 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	atureDate:							
T-Shirt size:	xs	sM	LXL	XXLXXXLN	lone			
Lunch Choice:	Ham	TurkeyVe	getarianG	luten Free				

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

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 the January 22nd 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/



The first of four 2024 elections is Tuesday, February 20th. Are you registered to vote? Do you know your poling location? Have you moved recently and need to update your registration?

Make your vote count!

Just a reminder: If you're not going to be in town for elections, sign up for an absentee ballot.

Check https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/





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 February book is **A Single Thread** by Tracy Chevalier. We'll meet on **February 1st** at **1:00 pm**.

RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
or 920.729.9553
by January 30 to get the location.

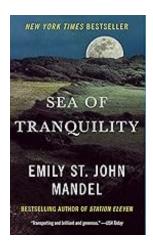
RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The March book will be *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.

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







AFTERNOON LITERATURE:

The February book is *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel.

Our February hosts are Karen Gosse on Thursday, 2/15 and Nancy Samson on Wednesday, 2/21. Check directory for contact info and remember to RSVP!

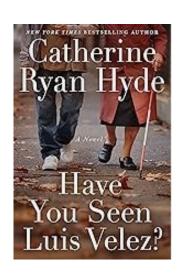
DIRECTORY HAS INCORRECT DATE FOR THURSDAY GROUP. 2/15 IS CORRECT.

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.





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An in-depth discussion of a timesocietal ly, thought-provoking topic over the course of several months.



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January 23 Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83987238917? pwd=UVRqMi8vb0VWUk1UUE1PQjM4cEZWZz09

February AAUW Reads/Social Justice Book Discussion:

We are continuing our discussion of The Flag and the Cross. Many AAUW-ALC: HARACLES Appleton branch members joined us for our first two gatherings and engaged THREAT TO in informative and inspiring conversations. You are welcome to join us! If you ARREST CAR missed the first two conversations, just grab a copy of the book and join us in February. We are reading this book in 5 parts, so you can easily catch up!

Please email Becky at bandboc@gmail.com to RSVP if you are attending either group.

Read Chapter 2 ("The Spirit of 1690").

Join one of these discussion groups:

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:30 on Zoom (link will be sent by Mailchimp)

Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:00 at Joan Moeschberger's home (312 E. Timberline Drive, Appleton)

Travel Group—Close to Home—Wintertime Movie Matinee @ Neenah Library

Movie: A Haunting in Venice—Kenneth Branagh in a new Agatha Christie Hercule Poirot mystery

February 12th 1:00 pm. 240 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah — Shattuck Room

RSVP to Judy Goodnight—judy@gwd.org

Articles for the March newsletter are due February 15th.

Send articles to Judy Goodnight at <u>judy@gwd.org</u>.



<u>Illuminating Women</u> is a photographic and written-word exhibit that seeks to bring the stories of 30 incredible women from the Appleton area into focus. The women are diverse in backgrounds, ages, and work, yet they all are a gift to their community. Juliane Troicki and Laura Schneider collaborated to create the exhibit, and are on a quest to take this concept to celebrate women in communities everywhere. Laura Schneider is the photographer, Juliane Troicki the storyteller.

The exhibit opens January 12, but on Friday, March 8, there will be a special program in honor of International Women's Day. In addition to free admittance all day, there will be a panel discussion by several of the women who are featured in the exhibit. We are invited to learn and be inspired by their lives of achievement. The panel discussion will be held from 5:00-7:00 that evening. Make plans to attend with friends or family! More info in March newsletter.

1/9/2024 AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes via ZOOM
45 Members Present

President Chris Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Paulette Stoltzmann introduced our guest speaker Chris Ebert who gave a talk about American Indian Nations of Wisconsin and Land Acknowledgement.

Business Meeting: There was a motion made by Cheryl Reissmann and seconded by Sue Taylor to accept the minutes from the 12/2/2023 Branch Meeting. Motion passed.

Jackie Booher presented the Financial Report. There is \$22,694.94 in the checking account. \$8,328.89 of this is the Leader Development Fund which leaves \$14,366.05 in the General Fund. There is \$31,453.30 in the Scholarship Money Market Account.

Program Vice President Paulette Stoltzmann informed us that the February Program will be presented by Marissa Jablonski on "Engaging Young People in STEM."

Membership Vice President Linda Buck requested that members do recruiting and send names of interested persons to her.

Tech Savvy: Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney

- Posters and flyer packets have been sorted and delivered
- Registration opens Friday, January 12
- •There is still a need for guidance counselors to lead workshops
- •Thanks to Becky O'Connor and Judy Goodnight for their help
- •Help is needed to get information out to kids and parents
- •Thanks to Mary Girard for a grant from the Community Foundation
- •Volunteers are still needed to help at Tech Savvy

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Public Policy: Stephanie - Highlights about Fair Maps will be spotlighted in the Newsletter

Funds Development/Scholarships: Mary Grace

- •The 2024 Book Sale will start Thursday October 17, 2024 and run for three weekends.
- •Scholarships are now available. Two scholarships for \$1,200.00 each have been given to FVTC to give to two qualified students.

Communications: Judy Goodnight

We have a new Directory/Yearbook Coordinator: Jane Doughty

Thanks to Cheryl Reissmann for her past service with the Directory/Yearbook

Send any changes in name, address, etc. to Judy.

Book Groups: Judy Goodnight - information is in the Newsletter; remember to RSVP so hosts will know how many people to expect

New Business:

Faye Binsfeld: Trout Museum Exhibit "Illuminating Women"

This exhibit tells the stories of 30 incredible women from the Appleton area. Each woman is featured in one black and white photo and one biographical narrative.

Amendment to National Bylaws: to remove the 2- or 4-year degree membership requirement. Members can comment on the proposed change by emailing Shannon Wolfe, AAUW Managing Director and Chief of Staff

Art Contest: go to AAUW.org and search "art contest"

NCCWSL-National Conference for College Women Student Leaders: University of Maryland, College Park, May30-June1. Registration is now open. Offers leadership training, networking, and inspiration. Scholarships available. Contact Mary Grace.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Collins

Recording Secretary

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement					
July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023				Budget	
	As of 12/31/2023			2023 - 2024	
INCOME:					
M	add'l 1145.50 received prior				
Membership Dues 2023-2024	8/0.00	to 7/1/2023		2,100.00	
Membership Dues 2024-2025				0.00	
December 2023 Brunch Net Income	3,207.89			1,994.00	
Advertisement	50.00			100.00	
Interest	\$1.58		-	0.00	
Total Income		4,:	129.47	-	4,194.00
EXPENSE:					
Membership/Recruiting	221.07			400.00	
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00			144.00	
Newsletter	0.00			0.00	
Program	231.00			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	56.89			300.00	
Finance Expense	30.00			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	0.00			50.00	
Total Expense		1,	258.91	-	4,194.00
Revenue Less Expenses		2,	870.56		
Checkbook Balances as of 12/31/2023					
General Checking Account					
Leadership Development	8,328.89				
General Fund	14,366.05	_			
Total Checking Account	22,694.94	•			

31,453.30 \$1,000 check outstanding

Scholarship Money Market Account*

^{*}Includes \$3.84 in monthly interest

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





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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