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**APPLETON (WI)
BRANCH**

Ah, the merry month of May. A month of celebrations!

May is a great month in Wisconsin, with all its promise for sunny skies and reasons to celebrate. And, in AAUW-Appleton, it is definitely a time to celebrate the efforts and hard work involved in forwarding our mission, particularly through the months of September through April. Just in case you forgot how hard our talented members have worked and how much they have accomplished this past year, skim through this list of events:

Apr 23	Social Justice/ AAUW Reads 1:00 pm
Apr 23	Board Meeting
Apr 26- 27	AAUW State Convention
Apr 30	10 am-Noon Book Drop-off Northland Mall
Apr 30	Social Justice/ AAUW Reads 6:30 pm
May 2	Second Choice Books
May 9	Evening Literature
May 15	Afternoon Lit Luncheon
May 16	Year-End Branch Celebration
May 21	Art Class
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	Social Justice Meeting
June 4	Second Choice Books
June 4	Board Meeting
June 13	Evening Literature

- A delicious reunion of members at our September "Kick-off Meeting"
- Weekly Book Sale Sorting & a tremendously successful Book Sale...oh so many books!
- A delightful Afternoon Literature Tea at the Apple Creek Clubhouse
- Monthly updates on Wisconsin's public policy focuses: School Vouchers, Gerrymandering, DEI
- AAUW Reads/Social Justice Discussion Series on *The Flag and the Cross*
- Travel Group's excursion to destinations like Kohler Arts Center, two trips to Door County
- Social Justice's field trip to Milwaukee's Jewish Museum/Women's Art Exhibit
- A wonderful Holiday Brunch/Auction that supports our Leadership Fund
- Participation with the Women's Action Coalition including support for the Wisconsin ERA
- Tech Savvy's Amazing Day of STEM exposure for local 6th-9th grade girls
- Very informative speakers at our Branch meetings
- Art Classes and Ethnic & Elegant dinner groups that offer great opportunities for camaraderie.
- An ongoing website, monthly newsletter, and email updates that keep us informed.

And, next on that list of reasons to celebrate is our May 16th Branch Meeting where we will honor our Scholarship recipients, our members who have reached anniversary years, as well as our out-going and incoming officers. It promises to be a celebration!

Yes, we do have much to be proud of as a Branch, committed to furthering AAUW's vision of "equity for all." I feel very proud knowing that our Branch, does indeed, exemplify that mission, advancing, whenever possible, the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

And if that isn't something to be celebrated, I'm not sure what is.

See you on May 16th!

Chris Taylor, President

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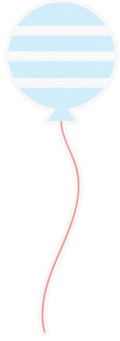
AAUW Appleton Program News

It's Our End of Year Celebration!

Join us on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

325 E. Franklin St., Appleton



Honoring Our Scholarship Recipients,
Members Celebrating AAUW Anniversaries,
And Our Retiring and Incoming Officers!
Snacks, cake, and beverages will be provided.

Membership News

AAUW Election Reminder: If you haven't yet voted on the 2024 bylaws amendment to open AAUW membership, online voting ends at 11:00 a.m. May 15. Any questions, please contact us.

Membership Anniversaries: Plan to come to the End of Year Celebration on May 16th to honor members' anniversaries! See details above under Program News.

Membership Renewal Notice: The majority of the Appleton AAUW members have to renew their membership in June. If you're not sure of your renewal date, call or send us an email. Our info is in the directory.

We encourage you to renew online at the AAUW Community Hub (AAUW.org). Click log in and go to your Personal Snapshot, scroll down and select Renew. Payment is with your credit card. The renewal amount of \$100 includes National (\$72), State-WI (\$13), and Branch-Appleton (\$15).

If you prefer not to renew online, you can send a check for \$100 made out to AAUW Appleton to Jackie Booher, W4897 Golf Course Rd., Sherwood, WI 54169.

Note: As of January 2024, the full amount of the National membership dues (\$72) is now tax deductible. They are no longer exempting the \$3 amount.

Your Membership VPs, Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Book Sale Announcement—One-Time Drop Off Books

Although we are not officially bringing books to our book sale site until June, we are offering one opportunity for you to drop off books on Tuesday, April 30 from 10 am until noon. We are in the same store as last year. If you wish to bring books, come to the back door of our store. The number of the store is 792.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE: Update your directory.

New email for Jacqui Klimaszewski: jjklimaszewski542@gmail.com

Change of apartment for Rachel Edwards to Apt. 205. The rest of her address remains the same.

IN THE NEWS: Hillary Isebrands, daughter of AAUW Appleton member Sharon O’Leary , was a keynote speaker and presenter at our March 2024 Tech Savvy event. She is a Roadway Safety Engineer with the FHWA Resource Center National Safety and Design Team. She was recently featured on the cover of Woman Engineer and featured in an article. Here’s the link: <https://bt.e-ditionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=818193&p=1&view=issueViewer&pp=1/>>

Our AAUW: Wisconsin State Convention is around the corner!!

Reminder for those attending the State Convention:

The Appleton AAUW Branch offers a \$50 stipend as a partial reimbursement of the cost of registration to **any** member who attends. To receive the stipend, you must complete a voucher form signed by the branch president with verified attendance before receiving reimbursement.

AAUW – Appleton Financial Assistance Policy

In any given year, an active AAUW-Appleton member may need financial assistance to pay annual AAUW Membership Dues. An announcement placed in the newsletter will state the availability of funds to assist any active member who may need help paying her annual Membership Dues. Assistance will be only for that portion of the Membership Dues that goes to National AAUW. The recipient is responsible for the State and Local portion of the Membership dues. A member who seeks assistance shall send a note by email or mail to the Assistant VP of Membership with her name and a short explanation of the circumstances of need.

A three (3) member subcommittee of the Membership Committee will review any requests received. The subcommittee will consist of the Assistant VP of Membership plus two (2) other experienced Membership Committee members. The decision of the subcommittee is final. All requests, submittals, and grants awarded are confidential. The Assistant VP of Membership will inform the branch Finance VP of any individual who receives the reduced dues.

It's T-SHIRT TIME !!!

Don't miss this opportunity to order your AAUW t-shirt. The t-shirt is 50/50 cotton/poly blend, navy blue with white lettering (AAUW centered and "because equity is still an issue" below it).

REMEMBER: as you wear them, they make a great marketing tool. AND they look especially great (and recommended) at our Book Sale in October

Payment must accompany the order form. Deadline is June 7, '24. You'll have a chance to order t-shirts at the May 16 branch meeting.

AAUW T-shirt & Cap ORDER FORM 2024

Short sleeve: \$13.00, Long sleeve: \$18.00. Add \$5.00 for 2xl and 3xl orders.
Cap: \$17

Name: _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle t-shirt size: S M L XL 2xl 3xl

Circle sleeve style: SHORT LONG

No of Caps: _____

Orders with payment are due **June 7, '24**
include payment with this form

Make checks payable to; Pat Hauser
4795 N Tony Court
Appleton, WI 54913

You can contact Pat at 920-687-1084 or phauser1@new.rr.com.



SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our March book is *Marmee* by Sarah Miller.
We'll meet on **May 2** at **1:00 pm**.

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

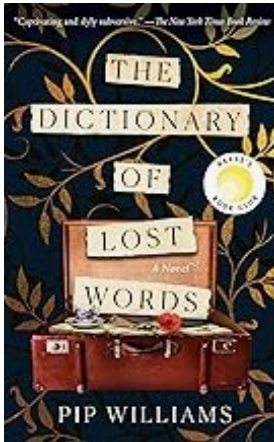
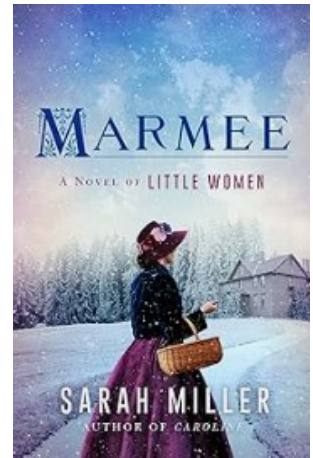
by April 30th to get the location.

RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The June book is *Vintage* by Susan Gloss.

Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.

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



AFTERNOON LITERATURE :

The May book is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

We'll be discussing the book and choosing our books for 2024-2025 at our annual luncheon on May 15th at Butte des Morts Country Club.

Contact Judy Phillips if you have not already signed up for the luncheon.

We'll also be signing up hosts and discussion leaders for the coming year.

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

Evening Literature Group News

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9th, 6:30 PM

Book: Note the change of book to *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Discussion Leader: Allison Moeschberger

Host: Kathy Kuck

RSVP to Kathy or Donna by noon on Wed. May 8th. Contact info is in the year-book/directory.

It's time to choose books for 2024-2025!

--Submit suggestions to Donna by May 27 (limit of 2-3 books each).

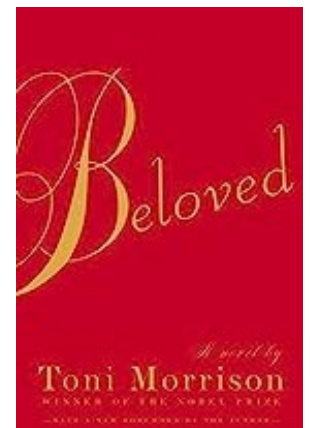
Fiction, nonfiction, banned?

--Donna will compile a list of suggestions and email back.

--Send your nine choices to Donna by June 7. (We meet September-June, we skip October, January, and February).--Please be sure suggested books have good availability at local libraries.

--Choices will be announced at our June potluck meeting.

All members are welcome to join the evening book group!



CRIME SCENE

SUMMER MYSTERY GROUP

SPRING HAS ARRIVED! SO SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Inspector Iverson is looking for your help in determining which “Cold cases” we should look into this shift.

We have enough staff to investigate two lighter crimes and one more intensive case.

(Translated: Now is the time to recommend books for us to read in our Summer book club)

Suggestions for AAUW Summer Mystery Group

Please email suggestions to heeniei@aol.com by May 31st.

Light Reading in July or August

Title. Author # of the book (if in a series) Short description of the book

Heavier book for NEXT June

_Title of book Author



TRAVEL GROUP UPDATES

SOUTHERN DOOR COUNTY—THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH—5 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Visit the Waniger School (restored, 1-room schoolhouse), have lunch at the Belgian Delight restaurant, and tour the Belgian History Center. The plated lunch includes a serving of booyah, plate of meat, vegetable, potatoes & gravy, beverage, and Belgian pie. Cost is \$16 & includes tax but not tip. Other costs include \$10 donation to the History Center and \$10 donation to your driver. Call, text or email Grace Fuller at 920-766-5378 or gracefuller22@gmail.com to register. More details as we get closer to June.

**LET'S
PLAY
BALL**

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

We are ready for another evening of fun! Join us for the Timber Rattlers baseball game at 6:40 pm on Tuesday, June 4 when they play Quad Cities. If we have a group of at least 20, tickets are only \$11/person. Our seats will be on the 3rd base side (in the shade), just down from the concourse (easy access to restrooms and concessions). Domestic beers, Pepsi products, and hot dogs are only \$2 each at Tuesday games. Invite your family and friends to this fun-filled evening. Questions? Call Shirley Schloemer (920-843-8888) or Connie Polley (920-205-3808).

Send your ticket money to Connie Polley, 300 W Highland Park Ave., Apt. 810, Appleton, WI 54911 by May 18.

Let's Paint Again Like We Did Last Summer!

AAUW Art Class
Tuesday, May 21



Aluminum Foil Dip Pour

- Place: Chris Scott's house/ 1406 W. Edmund Drive, Appleton
- Time: 12:30 pm
- Theme: Aluminum Foil Dip Pour
- Materials: Provided
- Cost: \$15

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Just come and have fun.

Please **RSVP** to Laurie Leonard at
RJLLAL@new.rr.com by **Tuesday, May 14.**



Articles for the June newsletter are due May 15th.
Send articles to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

- ◆ 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.

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting
April 9, 2024 6:30 PM
Elisha D. Smith Public Library, Menasha
60 in attendance

Minutes continue on the next page.

- **President Chris Taylor** called the business meeting to order at 7:50 PM after our April program on "Antisemitism" with speaker Lowell Louis
 - With no corrections to the March meeting minutes, they stand approved as published.
- **Finance Report:** Jackie Booher, VP Finance (Finance report for July 1-March 31)
 - Not a lot of activity in our accounts in March except \$2.00 of interest earned Scholarship - \$37,466.44 (\$444 of interest, \$1000 from Goodnight fund)
 - \$2400 coming out for Fox Valley Tech College Scholarship
 - 2025 Operating Budget presented totals \$3844.00 (per handout)
 - See copy of operating budget printed on tonight's agenda
 - 2024-STEM budgeted for...will be removed if an event doesn't occur
 - \$1619 of brunch income is used to balance the budget
 - Becky O. asked about Fox Valley Reads at \$0
 - We had co-sponsored in the past.
 - Program is our biggest expense i.e., must pay for venue rental and speakers.
 - Connie Polley moved to approve the new budget and Judy Goodnight seconded her motion. Motion passed.
- **Program Report:** Paulette Stoltzman, VP Programs
 - Our final program will be May 16 at 6:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Appleton. Info will be in the May newsletter...snacks, cake, and beverages!
 - Honoring Scholarship recipients, member anniversaries, and installation of officers
- **Membership Report:** Linda Buck, VP Membership
 - IMPORTANT to vote on National Bylaws membership inclusion April 3 - May 15
 - Chris Taylor informed us that we are one of 6 Wisconsin branches (out of 19) that got 3 bonus memberships, and that we have the largest number of new recruits.
- **Tech Savvy:** Stephanie M., Jacqui K., Jeanne Tondryk (Stephanie at podium)
 - 2024 Tech Savvy surveys are available to see.
 - Keynote Speaker Hilary Isebrands is on the cover of *Woman Engineer* magazine
 - A committee is forming to consider a new STEM event. Tech Savvy is discontinued.
 - Chris Taylor announced there will be a study group. Contact her, Stephanie, or Jacqui if interested in being involved.
 - Stephanie thanked all for their volunteer participation.
- **Public Policy:** Stephanie M.
 - Visit the 2 MINUTE Activist for monthly happenings.
- **Election of Officers:** Joan Moeschberger, Chair
 - For 2024-2025 these will be the continuing Board officers:
 - Membership VP - Jayne Heinrich
 - Finance VP - Jackie Booher
 - Recording Secretary - Shirley Collins
 - President - Faye Binsfeld
 - These new nominees were voted in after a motion by Joan & second by Mary Grace:
 - Program VP - Helene Iverson
 - Asst Program VP - Lisa Balster
 - Asst Membership VP - Kathy O'Connor
 - Installation will take place at May branch meeting
- **Book Sale:** Mary Grace
 - We plan on being in the same store for the 2024 book sale.
 - Information will be in the May newsletter and at the May branch meeting.
 - Tues., April 30, 10AM-noon will be available for book drop off at the back door.

- Otherwise, June and July on alternating Tuesdays
 - Stephanie M. asked for volunteers to help pick up books from donors.
- **Communications: Judy Goodnight**
 - Directory: Please email any changes you have to Judy.
 - We are looking to streamline the directory due to increasing costs.
- **DEI: Judy Goodnight**
 - Judy hoped that members enjoyed the Facebook feature of “Wisconsin Women Making History” for the celebration of Women’s History Month.
- **Book Groups: Judy G., Judy P. Helene I.**
 - Judy G - 2nd Choice - 4/11 Thursday 1PM “The Wife Upstairs”
 - Afternoon Literature - list of nominated books is online
 - December’s selection is “The Wishing Game” Meg Shaffer
 - Judy P. - Luncheon May 15 at Butte de Morts 11:30 AM
 - Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings or call Judy P. to indicate your menu choice.
 - Donna C. - Evening Literature - 4/11 Thursday evening, “Pachinko”
 - Hosted by Allison Moeschberger at her office (see newsletter)
 - May 9 change - “Beloved”, by Toni Morrison
 - Choosing books info will be in May Newsletter, also about the potluck.
 - Watch the newsletter for Summer Mystery Group. Contact Helene Iverson with book suggestions.
- **Travel Interest Group: Judy Goodnight**
 - Door County in June
 - Need members who are willing to take charge of planning outings. Guidance is available if help is needed.
- **Art Group: Chris Scott**
 - Meeting on May 21st at Chris’ house, 12:30 PM
- **Social Justice: Becky O’Connor**
 - Becky praised the participation in “The Flag and the Cross” book study.
 - Tuesday April 23 at 1:00 for the next discussion at Sylvia Bull’s house.
 - Becky will host the meeting after Sylvia’s (Tuesday, 4/30 at 6:30 pm).
- **Women’s Action Coalition: Becky O’Connor and Faye Binsfeld**
 - Faye announced Appleton Area NOW will gather at the Menasha Library at 6:00 PM April 29th. It’s the only NOW group in the state!!
 - Becky encouraged all to check out the Women’s Fund and the Women’s Empowerment Award information online.
 - Women’s Fund event is May 7 at 4:30 PM Timber Rattler stadium (\$25)
- **New Business:**
 - Connie Polley announced that she will put information in the May newsletter about an upcoming Timber Rattlers game for us fans!

President Chris Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM

Minutes submitted by Georgiann Bravick

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/>

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
 July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

As of 3/31/2024

Budget
 2023 - 2024

INCOME:

		add'l 1145.50 received prior	
		to 7/1/2023	
Membership Dues 2023-2024	870.00		2,100.00
Membership Dues 2024-2025	150.00		0.00
December 2023 Brunch Net Income	3,207.89		1,994.00
Advertisement	50.00		100.00
Interest	\$2.15		0.00
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Total Income		4,280.04	4,194.00

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	221.07		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	381.00		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	219.49		300.00
Finance Expense	61.62		300.00
General Expense	0.00		100.00
Women's Action Coalition	0.00		200.00
Fox Valley Reads	0.00		200.00
Tech Savvy Sponsorship	420.00		500.00
Special Events	0.00		300.00
Diversity	0.00		50.00
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Total Expense		1,951.37	4,194.00

Revenue Less Expenses 2,328.67

Checkbook Balances as of 3/31/2024

General Checking Account	
Leadership Development	8,328.89
General Fund	13,824.16
Total Checking Account	<u>22,153.05</u>
Scholarship Money Market Account*	\$37,466.44

*Includes \$4.44 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

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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