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**APPLETON (WI)
BRANCH**

Two years as AAUW Appleton's Branch President:

Let me say a few words about that!!

Oh my gosh! Gee whiz! Goodness gracious!!

No exaggeration: it's been an unplanned AAUW and personal journey into a territory, ripe with new realizations and appreciations. What a learning curve!

A few examples of the things I learned:

- Never, never, never going anywhere without my calendar!
- Carrying a copy of the Branch Directory in my car, and suitcase if I'm out of town.
- Holding Board meetings with dedicated officers and managing forward progress
- Writing agendas (and following them!)
- Consulting "seasoned" members for advice, and being amazed at their wisdom
- Running Branch meetings under the duress of limited time frames
- Remembering people's names (oh so hard for me!)
- Dealing with questions I had no answer for, UGH!
- Relying on wonderful officers and members for those answers: YEAH!
- Attending Branch committee meetings, State Board Zoom meetings, National Zoom meetings, and learning that it's ok to skip some (of the latter!)

♥ But most importantly:

Realizing that the Appleton Branch is one remarkable group of women with a tremendous desire to meet our mission, working toward equity and advancement for women and girls, while also genuinely enjoying each other's company.

Thank you all for being wonderful contributors to my "learning curve". It has been one of those unanticipated life events that has certainly provided me a gold mine of wonderful experiences.

As I may have said before: "Never underestimate the power of a surprise when it comes along!" (Anonymous)

Chris Taylor, President

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May 21	Art Class
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	Social Justice Meeting
June 4	Second Choice Books
June 4	Board Meeting
June 4	Timber Rattler Game
June 10	Art Class
June 13	Evening Literature
June 19	Summer Mysteries
June 25	Social Justice Meeting
June 27	Travel: Southern Door Co. Trip
July 2	Second Choice Books
July 4	Independence Day
July 13	Evening Literature
July 17	Summer Mysteries

AAUW Appleton Membership News

New Members – Welcome to our new member, Jessica Larsen. We look forward to her involvement with AAUW! Please be sure to introduce yourself to Jessica so she can get to know you and find out just how wonderful our Appleton branch is!

Welcome to our newest member, Mike Goodnight. You've probably met Mike either at the Book Sale or when he's been an official photographer for the Communications Chair. Now he's a full-fledged member of the Appleton Branch!

Membership Anniversaries – The following members are celebrating anniversaries of membership in our Appleton branch and were recognized at the May Branch Meeting:

5 yrs.: Vicki Huffman, Marian Moberg, Ligia Rivera, Connie Svindland

10 yrs.: Mary Walsh Curry, Barbara Fleming, Carol Knight, Carol Lenz, Virginia Schuller-Rach

15 yrs.: Ruth Henschel, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Pat Nelson, Maggie Thompson

20 yrs.: Miriam Douglass 30 yrs.: Mary Ditter, Kathleen Gagnow

35 yrs.: Barbara Wulf

40 yrs.: Mary Grace

55 yrs.: Brunhilde Courtney

Congratulations and thank you for your continued involvement in AAUW!

Mary Grace, Kathleen Gagnow,
and Miriam Douglass—
Anniversary Honorees



(Note: Anniversary years reflect years in the Appleton branch only, not total AAUW membership years.)

Summer Picnic – Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 for our summer picnic at Telulah Park in Appleton from 5:00-7:00 pm. An invitation will be sent out the week of July 9, 2024 via email and will also be posted in the July newsletter. Plan on attending and bring a friend! It's a great way to spend a summer evening!

More Membership News

Membership Renewal Reminder: If you have a June renewal date you should have already received an email reminder from infosf@aauw.org. **If you choose to renew online, note the following:**

You must reset your current password.

Need to confirm information regarding address, phone number, and degrees earned.

Need to renew National dues.

Then, add the state and branch levels.

Scroll through all the Branches listed and select your branch.

You need to confirm Wisconsin State dues.

Then, you can pay via credit card

To renew online go to the AAUW's 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.

Your Membership VPs, Linda Buck, Jayne Heinrich

AAUW Appleton Program News

The wheels are already starting to turn on planning the 2024-2025 program year. Helene Iverson, the new Program Vice-President would like to hear any suggestions you might have for programs for the coming year.

Some of you have already put some bugs in my ear from State Convention. If there are any other ideas, please let me know by **SATURDAY, JUNE 15.**

Our Branch is never sleeping!! (Although napping is allowed occasionally!)

Helene Iverson

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2024 BOOK SALE NEWS:

Jazz Up Your Life With Books

On The Move: New Location—The Old Exclusive Company Store at Northland Mall located right next to the store we used last year. Door #770. It's smaller so we will face some new challenges but we will make it work.

Book Drop-Off:

You will be able to drop your off books every Tuesday during June and July. We will alternate dates on the following schedule:

Mornings - 9:00 - noon; Tuesdays, June 4 & 18. July 2, 16 & 30

Afternoons - 1:00 - 3:00 pm; Tuesdays, June 11 & 25. July 9 & 23

When you come to drop off books, come to the back door labeled 770. If you come to help in those mornings or afternoons, park in front & come to the front door.

Sorting:

Sorting will begin on Tuesday, August 6 from 9:00 am to noon and Thursday evening, August 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It will be held every Tuesday morning and Thursday evening in August and September. We will go out to lunch on August 6 after sorting to celebrate the beginning of the book sale season.

Posters and Bookmarks

If you have not yet received your posters and bookmarks, contact Trish Brehm or pick some up at the book sale drop off site. These are the posters and bookmarks which ask for book donations.

Sale Dates

We will again hold our sale for 3 weekends. The sale dates are Oct. 17 to 19, Oct. 23 to 26, and Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

Questions?

Contact any of the Book Sale Chairs in your directory.

AAUW Appleton Public Policy

Our AAUW-Appleton Public Policy leadership has always been exemplary. Over recent years, under the guidance of Ellie Olson, Jacqui Klimaszewski and Stephanie Malaney (our current AAUW-WI Public Policy Co-Chair) we have been kept informed and connected to the public policy set in place (through member voting) at the national level. It is the core of who we are as an organization.

As we look ahead, we know this year brings unprecedented focus on issues facing women. It will be an important year to be active participants in advocacy.

We will be forming a Public Policy Committee to share ideas and coordinate advocacy. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, contact me at bandboc@gmail.com.

In the meantime, what can you do *right now*?

Sign up for the Two Minute Activist at [Two-Minute Activist – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#) so you can receive regular updates on issues and easy (two minute!) actions for you to take.

AAUW gives us the megaphone to make a difference!

Becky O'Connor
Branch Public Policy Chair



Equal Pay *Paycheck Fairness Act* **Retirement Security** *Paid Leave*

Health Care *Student Debt* **School Vouchers** *STEM education*

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in School

Title IX **Voting Rights** **Equal Rights Amendment**

Human Trafficking **LGBTQ+ Rights** *Reproductive Rights*

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.

**NEW! SWEATSHIRTS NOW
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FOR PRICING INFORMATION.**





SOCIAL JUSTICE INTEREST GROUP

In May, the Social Justice group will return to its regularly scheduled meeting time and location—May 28th, 6:00 pm at the Appleton Road Starbucks. We invite all those who joined us for the AAUW Reads experience to join us at this meeting. **Kindly RSVP by May 24th** (the beginning of the holiday weekend) in case we need to find a home to meet in instead! We'll be discussing what topic we intend to tackle next! RSVP to Judy Goodnight—920-729-9553 or judy@gwd.org.

Future meeting dates are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday evening each month.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: Update your directory.

New email for Laurie McCulloch: lmcculloch@gmail.com

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Engineering, Michigan State University

WOMEN'S fund luncheon

Thursday, September 5th

We've reserved two tables of 8 each for this annual event, but we're able to add more if needed. All who are interested in attending and representing AAUW, contact Kathy Kuck (check directory for info) to get details on payment options and due dates.

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

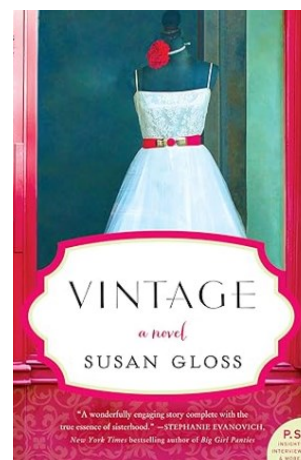
Our June book is *Vintage* by Susan Gloss.
We'll meet on **June 4** at **1:00 pm**.

RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org
or 920.729.9553
by June 1st to get the location.

RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The July book is **Lady Tan's Circle of Women** by Lisa See.

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



AFTERNOON LITERATURE :

The Afternoon Literature group is on hiatus for the summer. Enjoy some carefree summer days relaxing and reading! Then plan on joining your Afternoon Lit friends on August 28th at Judy Goodnight's for an End of Summer Gathering to enjoy some refreshments and share the books you've read over the summer.

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

Evening Literature Group News

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13th, 5:30 PM (note time change)

Hosts: Donna Cook and Joan Moeschberger

RSVP to Donna by noon on June 12th. (contact info in yearbook)

Where: Lake Park Crossing Apartments Community Room

3135 E. Lake Park Crossing, Appleton

It's a potluck! BYO beverage and bring a dish to share—light dinner fare: pasta/green/fruit salads, cheese/crackers, finger sandwiches, chips/dip, etc.

Dessert, utensils, ice will be provided.

Book: *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Discussion Leader: Rachel Edwards

2024-2025 Book Choices

Submit book suggestions to Donna by May 27th (limit of 2 books each).

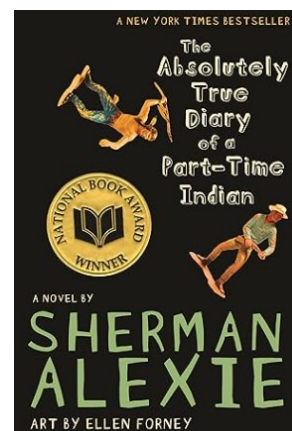
Be sure suggested books are readily available at local libraries.

Donna will compile the list and email to group members by June 7th.

Choose 9 books from the list & email your 9 choices to Donna **by June 10th.**

The winning books will be announced at the June potluck meeting.

All AAUW members are welcome to join the evening book group!





Chief Inspector Helene Iverson is looking for detectives to help her solve three mysteries this summer.

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR:

1. The summer mystery book club will meet at 11:30 on the following Wednesdays : June 19, July 21, and Aug. 21 at a safe location in the hidden back room at Meade Street Bistro, 2729 N. Meade Street. We have 25 seats reserved for detectives.
2. The first book to be read is **“The Killer Speech”** by Kevin Kluesner. Judy Goodnight will be the lead detective (discussion leader) on this case. RSVP to the Chief heeniei@aol.com if you plan to attend.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW:

1. Who will be on the team. If you want to apply for this work and receive future updates (e-mails) you **MUST** contact the Chief Inspector heeniei@aol.com by **May 31**.
2. What the future crimes (books) will be. Once our new team responds, we will know which crimes we will investigate. *** (See below)
3. How much fun we will have eating and matching wits with these killers (mystery authors).

*****Suggestions for AAUW Summer Mystery Group**

You have a few more days to email book 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

Once all the suggestions have been tabulated, the chief will issue a press release with the book titles & authors along with voting instructions and when voting closes. Be sure to RSVP for the first Crime-Solving Gathering!



Articles for the July newsletter are due June 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.

Ceramic Coil Pottery: Part 1

Monday, June 10th



Place: Chris Scott's house/
1406 W. Edmund Drive, Appleton

Time: 12:30 pm

Theme: Ceramic Coil Dish/Pot

Materials: Provided

Cost: \$15

Note: This will be a 2 part class. The second class will be on Monday, July 8.

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

Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard at

RJLLAL@new.rr.com by Monday, June 3.

Ceramic Coil Pottery: Part 1

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting
May 16, 2024
7:15 PM First United Methodist Church, Appleton

President Chris Taylor called the business meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

With no corrections to the April minutes, the minutes stand approved

Finance Report: Jackie Booher, VP Finance (Finance report for July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024)

Jackie Highlighted the amounts in our accounts & reminded us to pay dues.

(See the finance report in June newsletter)

Program Report: Paulette Stoltzmann, VP Programs

President Chris Taylor thanked the committee for this End of the Year event.

Any ideas for future programs should be sent to Helene Iverson by May 30, 2024.

Membership Report: Jayne Heinrich Assistant VP - Membership

Georgiann reminded everyone to SAVE THE DATE for the August picnic.

Jayne announced one new member, Jessica Larsen.

Members were honored for 5, 10, 20, 30, 35, 40, and 55 years of membership.

Another reminder to PAY dues!

Book Sale - Mary Grace, et al.

Our new location is next door to last year's location and smaller in size.

Pre-sort any books being donated. Bring only the best books.

Book drop off will start June 4 and sorting will start in August. All information will be in the newsletter.

All our supplies left at the previous location need to be moved. Volunteers are needed to help May 21, at 9:30. Enter at the front door.

Be on the lookout for a new location for next year.

Trish Brehm had posters and bookmarks available for everyone to take.

Stephanie Malaney sent a sheet around to sign up for book pick-up volunteering.

Women's Action Coalition - Becky O'Connor

Becky called attention to the Women's Action Coalition posters on display.

Becky encouraged everyone to visit the Women's Action Coalition website to get the digital version of the voices of the Women of the Fox Valley.

AAUW READS - Becky O'Connor

Super participation!!

Social Justice Group will consider the next AAUW Reads book choice.

Travel - Connie Polley

Timber Rattler game has tickets available at \$11

The event is Tuesday, June 4 starting at 5:30 (Contact Connie Polley or Shirley Schloemer)

Southern Door Co. 6/27/24 Register with Grace Fuller. See May newsletter.

Evening Literature Group - Donna Cook

Suggestions for next year are due by May 27th, 2024. Details in newsletter.

Social Justice - Judy Goodnight

All are invited May 28 at Starbucks on Appleton Road.

RSVP to Judy by May 24th.

Art Class - May 21 See Laurie Leonard.

AAUW T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats

Contact Pat Hauser 920-687-1084

Orders are due June 7th; order forms are in the May newsletter.

Minutes continue on the next page.

Officer Retirement and Installation Ceremony - The evening concluded with the ceremony conducted by Joan Moeschberger and Judy Goodnight.

Appreciation to Retiring Board Members - Judy Goodnight

The following officers came forward to be recognized & thanked for their service.

Program VP - Paulette Stoltzmann

Program Assistant VP - Linda Kellett

Membership VP - Linda Buck

Outgoing President's Remarks and Appreciation to President - Joan Moeschberger

Chris Taylor spoke briefly about her experiences over two years as branch President.

Joan extended our deep appreciation for Chris' time, talent, and dedicated effort.

Intro of Continuing and Newly Elected Officers - Judy Goodnight

The following officers came forward, if present, and took the oath of office.

President - Faye Binsfeld

Program VP - Helene Iverson

Assistant Program VP - Lisa Balster

Membership VP - Jayne Heinrich

Assistant Membership VP - Kathy O'Connor

Finance VP - Jackie Booher

Secretary - Shirley Collins

Intro of the Remaining Board Members – Joan Moeschberger

Nominating Chair - Chris Taylor

Communications Chair and Historian - Judy Goodnight

Directory - Jane Doughty

By-laws/Branch Policy - Stephanie Malaney

Funds Development - Mary Grace

Public Policy - Becky O'Connor

Intro of Special Committee Members

Book Sale - Betsy Mintern, Chris Taylor, Donna Cook, Stephanie Malaney, Trish Brehm, Mary Grace, Laurie McCulloch, Missy Boveroux, and Ruth Henschel

Pledge by Member on Behalf of all Branch Members

LouAnn Graf spoke on behalf of all branch members

Joan thanked LouAnn and introduced the Branch Board of Directors for 2024 -2025.

Incoming President's Remarks - Faye Binsfeld

Faye made a wonderful speech about the value of AAUW.

Adjournment

Approximately 55 members attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann Bravick

Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
 July 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

As of 4/30/2024

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	225.00		0.00
December 2023 Brunch Net Income	3,207.89		1,994.00
Advertisement	50.00		100.00
Interest	<u>\$2.34</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>4,355.23</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	321.07		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	481.00		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	241.54		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	500.00		500.00
Special Events	0.00		300.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>		<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>2,253.42</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses

2,101.81

Checkbook Balances as of 4/30/2024

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	7,908.89
General Fund	<u>13,797.30</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>21,706.19</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* \$35,071.11

*Includes \$4.67 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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