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**APPLETON (WI)
BRANCH**

June 19	Summer Mysteries
June 23	Rally For Reproductive Freedom
June 25	Book Drop-off 1:00—3:00 pm
June 25	Social Justice Meeting
June 27	Travel: Southern Door Co. Trip
July 2	Book Drop-off 10 am-noon
July 2	Second Choice Books
July 4	Independence Day
July 8	Art Class
July 9	Book Drop-off 1:00—3:00 pm
July 13	Evening Literature
July 16	Book Drop-off 10 am-noon
July 17	Summer Mysteries
July 23	Book Drop-off 1:00—3:00 pm
July 23	Social Justice Meeting

Hello Friends,

Sweet, Sultry, Seductive.... no, not us, but how about Summer? Perhaps because my entire life operated on a school year's schedule, I have a long-standing, deep appreciation for Summer's delights. My only sport was swimming. My teenage job was life-guarding. My favorite foods come from July and August bounties. And, best of all, summer allowed for hours of reading in delightful settings!

As your new president I may soon be calling you to new adventures and responsibilities, but what I wish for you this month is to relax, replenish, and restore yourself. Our lives are full of giving and helping, but without occasional respite from all that, we lose our reserves.

Some of us have faced loss and sadness recently. May July and August bring you peace and strength as you work through changes and challenges. AAUW will be ready to pull all of us back into the active, involved lives we want soon, but for now, let's enjoy the joys of summer.

Our program committee has gathered some great ideas and will be meeting soon to produce another interesting year of programs for us. We are always looking for spaces to hold our meetings, so pass on any locations you know of that are free or have a nominal charge. Helene Iverson would love to hear from you.

Another reminder is that if your snail or email address has changed, we need to know! Judy Goodnight or Jane Doughty would appreciate corrections or updates.

Happy Summer! Come on in, the water's fine!

Faye Binsfeld, President
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AAUW Appleton Membership News

Summer Picnic – The summer picnic will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at Telulah Park in Appleton from 5:00-7:00 pm. The invitation is included in this newsletter. We hope you will attend this fun-filled evening. It's a great way to reconnect, sit back and relax, and eat good food! It's also a great opportunity to bring a potential new member!

A huge thank you to Georgiann Bravick for creating the summer picnic flyer! It looks fantastic!

Membership Directory – Any changes or updates for the 2024-2025 Membership Directory need to be submitted by August 6, 2024. Please contact Jane Doughty at jane@wood-doughty.net with any changes or updates you may have. Jane has taken over the directory from Cheryl Reissmann. Cheryl has done an incredible job maintaining the Membership Directory for many years. We greatly appreciate all her hard work and dedication! The Membership Directory will be available at the September branch meeting.

Membership Renewal Reminder: If you have a June renewal date and haven't yet renewed, we encourage you to do so by June 30. **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.

Enjoy your summer! Again, we hope to see you at the picnic on August 6!

Your Membership VPs, Jayne Heinrich, Kathy O'Connor

AALLW



August Picnic

for **Members and Guests**

A great opportunity to bring a potential new member to learn about AALLW

When: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Where: Telulah Park Pavilion

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Bring a salad 🥕 **or dessert** 🍰

(Beverages will be provided)

We can't wait to reconnect!



Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients!



Scholarship recipients who were able to attend our May recognition meeting:
Front: Molly Ruffing, Elizabeth Rosiejka, Michaela Woodward, Sophia Henning, Jessica Spaltner-Penney
Back: Jessie Johnson, Hannah Bloxham, Paige Panzenhagen, Alexandra Ziepke

Fox Valley Technical College:

Katie Harley, Foundations of Teacher Education; Jessica Spaltner-Penney, Marketing

Graduate Students:

Hannah Bloxham, UW-Whitewater, Master of Social Work (Ellie Olson Memorial Scholarship)

Elizabeth Braatz, UW-Madison, PhD in Entomology (Ellie Olson Memorial Scholarship)

Elise Edwards, U of Miami School of Medicine, MD

Paige Panzenhagen, UW-Stout, Master in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Elizabeth Rosiejka, Marquette University, Master in Speech Language Pathology

Molly Ruffing, UW-Oshkosh, Master of Science in Education

Emma Van Der Loop, Marquette University, Juris Doctorate

Michaela Woodward, UW-Milwaukee, Coordinated Masters of Library and Information Science

Alexandra Ziepke, Bellin College, Doctorate of Physical Therapy (Goodnight Family Scholarship)

Undergraduate Students:

Madeline Beck, St. Norbert College, Biology/Biomedical

Sophia Henning, Marquette University, Speech Pathology

Jessie Johnson, UW-Green Bay, Psychology

Sigrid Lokensgard, Swarthmore College, Astrophysics & Computer Science

Kaitlin Powers, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Graphic Design and Illustration

Abigail Thomas, UW-Oshkosh, Biomedical Science

Lydia Witthuhn, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Biology

AAUW Appleton Public Policy

- **Vote NO: August 13 Federal Funds Constitutional Amendment Questions**

Wisconsin voters will be asked two questions to amend (change) the constitution on their August ballot. These potential changes will impact both the process for distributing federal money, and who has the power to make those decisions. These large sweeping changes will impact a wide range of issues voters care about, from education to the environment to how quickly the government can respond to emergencies (like a public health crisis or a natural disaster).

Voters must be prepared to answer these questions in the August 13, 2024 election.

Currently organizations that oppose these questions are: League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, Wisconsin Conservation Voters, Wisconsin Public Health Association.

- From AAUW National: *“AAUW advocates were key to the passage of Title IX more than five decades ago, and we continue to fight today to realize the full promise of the law. On June 5th, anti-Title IX members of Congress introduced a resolution to overturn the recently improved Title IX rules. **AAUW is asking all members of Congress to reject H.J Res. 165.**”*

Go to AAUW National, search EXPLORE THE ISSUES and then TAKE ACTION.

You will get timely updates and it is SO EASY to let your voice be heard with the TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST.

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

- Voting Rights are part of AAUW’s Public Policy Priorities. The following members volunteered to be trained to help the LWV (our Women’s Action Coalition partner) register voters: **Faye Binsfeld, Joan Moeschberger, Chris Taylor, Stephanie Malaney, Laurie McCulloch, Nancy Graham, Judy Goodnight, Geri Heffron, Marian Moberg, and Becky O’Connor.**
- If you are interested in being on the Public Policy committee, let me know!

AAUW gives us the megaphone to make a difference!

Becky O’Connor
Public Policy Chair



RALLY FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

There will be a Rally for Reproductive Freedom Sunday, June 23, from 2:30- 4:00, Houdini Plaza in downtown Appleton.

The event is organized by the newly formed NOW organization in our area; members of the Women’s Action Coalition will speak. AAUW will be represented by Faye Binsfeld who will share national AAUW’s comments on the Dobbs Supreme Court decision, and our unwavering support of women’s rights to privacy and choice in reproductive decisions. If you are able to attend, please do wear any AAUW shirt you may have. The rally will follow a march against Dobbs.

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our July book is *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See.
We'll meet on **July 2 at 1:00 pm.**

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

by June 29th to get the location.

RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

The August book is *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson.

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

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



AFTERNOON LITERATURE :

The Thursday Afternoon Group needs to fill two discussion leader spots in the 24-25 schedule. One opening is on November 21 for the *Dinners with Ruth* book. The other is on January 16 for the *She Said* book. Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org to get these spots filled in.

Evening Literature Group News

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 PM (back to our regular meeting time)

Host: Faye Binsfeld

Where: Lake Park Crossing Apartments Community room (same meeting location as our June meeting)

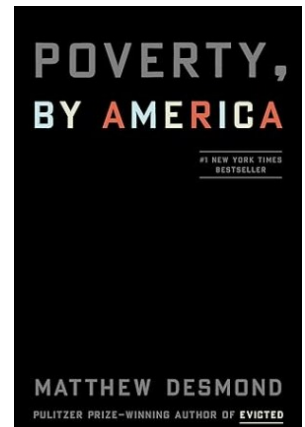
3135 E Lake Park Crossing, Appleton

Book: Poverty, By America, by Mathew Desmond

Discussion Leader: Becky O'Connor

RSVP by July 10th to Faye or to Donna Cook (contact info is in Year-book)

Note: change of date for August meeting: due to conflict with book sale sorting, the August meeting will be August 1st, NOT the 8th.



CRIME SCENE

SUMMER MYSTERY GROUP

Chief Inspector Iverson here....

We now have our orders from high command.

July 17 We will be investigating a cold case from Arkansas. **Malice in Maggody by Joan Hess.** (I hope there are no maggots involved. I hate maggots!). But we must be brave. Note: If you have difficulty locating the case files for **Malice in Maggody**, they are available in cold storage at Hoopla.

August 21 We will be looking into a case near us, in Door County. **A Death in Door County by Annelise Ryan.** We have had some success in solving cases in this county before. May we be so skillful again.

June 2025 **Simply Lies by David Baldacci.** We will have this one on the back burner for our new class of detectives.

Detective Moeschberger will take the lead in July. I am looking for someone wanting to move up the ranks to be in charge in August.

Please remember that our squad room only holds 24 and RSVP's **MUST be submitted to:** heeniei@aol.com



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.

Articles for the August newsletter are due July 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 2

Monday, July 8th



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

Time: 12:30 pm

Theme: Ceramic Coil Dish/Pot

Materials: Provided

Cost: \$15

Note: We will glaze our pieces taht we made in June.

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

Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard at

RJLLAL@new.rr.com by Monday, July 1.



TRAVEL INTEREST SURVEY

Below are descriptions of two possible travel outings for later this summer. Before spending any further planning time on them, I need to know what level of interest there is for these outings. Read the descriptions and **if you're interested in one or both, email Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org and indicate the outings you are interested in BY JULY 1ST!**

- A) **MAD ABOUT BOOKS:** Madison is the home of five independent bookstores including the well-known Mystery To Me. Enjoy a day to delight the bibliophile—browsing and, dare we say, buying books at each of the bookstores we visit. Of course, we'll also include a lunch out to keep up our strength!
- B) **CHOOSE YOUR OWN CEDARBURG ADVENTURE:** In the lovely town of Cedarburg, we can split into small groups and decide where to spend the day. Choices include the Cedarburg Art Museum, visiting the Cedar Creek Winery, exploring the past at the Cedarburg History Museum, visiting the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fabric Arts, exploring the shops at the Cedar Creek Settlement and the various galleries & stores in town. Of course, the day will include a lunch at a local restaurant.



FAYE'S POETRY CORNER

Cobb Creek

It's morning at the creek-edge
And the question is:
Shall I jump as usual and enjoy,
As I have hundreds of times,
The casual down-thrust of my legs
On the other side?

Certain facts are unavoidable, still
Something in me
Refuses to abdicate.

I don't spend much time on it,
I jump
And for the first time in my seventy-seven years
I fall in.

What a beautiful splash!

-Mary Oliver

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

As of 5/31/2024

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	1,050.00		0.00
December 2023 Brunch Net Income	3,207.89		1,994.00
Advertisement	50.00		100.00
Interest	<u>\$2.52</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>5,180.41</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	620.07		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>2,392.49</u>	<u>4,194.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses

2,787.92

4,194.00

Checkbook Balances as of 5/31/2024

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	7,908.89
General Fund	<u>14,566.39</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>22,475.28</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* **\$34,075.57**

*Includes \$4.46 in monthly interest

*Paid \$1000 for summer tuition

Booksales expenses 149.07

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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