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What's Happening This Month...

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3/30	3/31	4/1 ELECTION DAY	4/2 Second Choice Books	4/3	4/4	4/5
4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10 Evening Literature Group	4/11	4/12 Branch Meeting 10 AM
4/13	4/14	4/15 Board Meeting APL	4/16 Afternoon Literature	4/17 Afternoon Literature	4/18	4/19
4/20	4/21	4/22 AAUW Reads - Caste Zoom Evening	4/23	4/24	4/25 State Convention LaCrosse	4/26 State Convention LaCrosse
4/27	4/28 AAUW Reads- Caste Daytime	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3

President's Page

Dear Friends,

Some days the events of our country and world can make us crazy. OK, maybe most days. Do you tense up as you look up the news of the day each morning? Do you try not to be quite so well informed these days? I think you're in very good company. These are unprecedented times, full of upsetting and confusing events.

While AAUW will always be your way to bring equity and fairness for women and girls, and will always need our financial support to do that, it also offers some escape, some sanity-restoring fun. And I'm all for that.

Our branch travel group will come up with some interesting destinations- try to join us. The art group has a ball exercising their creativity. A book club may include lunch, or a closer look at a great read with avid readers enjoying the conversation. The state convention will be full of fun and laughter to complement the more thought-provoking times. Bridge and Mahjong are stimulating fun. Rumor has it that Public Policy features great conversation and tasty treats! It's your choice, but know that you are always welcome in any activity, at any level of involvement.

Our April program is a chance to learn about one of the most positive events our community offers. While learning about Mile of Music may not fit exactly into AAUW goals, it fits exactly into our need to experience moments of escape, of joy, of relaxation. Being AAUW, we also will learn from this program when we find out its impact on the community and opportunities for women. It might make a great opportunity to invite a friend to check us out.

One of the most important bits of advice I try to remember is to notice the many every-day kindnesses, the generosity, the helpfulness of those around us. Sharing time with children at play, sitting to enjoy a sunset, breathing in the fresh air on a walk, listening to favorite music are all restoring additions to our days. I hope you have some of your own favorite escape methods and make frequent use of them!

"All things in moderation" was advised by Socrates. That includes worrying, over-thinking, and stressing. Let's gather on Saturday morning (April 12) to take a look at a unique part of our Fox Cities life. We'll come away with some knowledge, perhaps a new friend, hopefully lower blood pressure.

When you read Lynn Ungar's poem in this issue, you might be interested that it was written during the pandemic isolation. I think the poem is a timely reminder still. And I love that we have paid for her creativity in the currency she requests: Chocolate! She reports that the assortment of Gail Ambrosius chocolates from Madison are the best she's ever had! Perhaps a travel group destination for the rest of us? Just to confirm that judgment?

Be well, friends! *Faye Binsfeld, President*



AAUW Appleton Program News

DO YOU KNOW YOUR M.O.M.?

700 Music Sets—40 Venues—1 Great Mile of Music

Celebrating its 12th year in 2025, this event draws more than 85,000 people downtown. The Festival runs July 31-August 3, 2025. We will be able to see a WI Public Television documentary shot at last summer's festival on our own TVs shortly.

"When you hear "music town," people might think that places like Chicago and Nashville are where to be since these cities have the big venues and music labels. But Appleton is quickly coming up on that list as this is where the true music fans are. It's one of the best places in the country to be right now if you're looking for new and exciting music." –

Patrick Roberts (Veseria), Artist ·

"I just wanted to thank you so very much for inviting me to perform at MoM – I am still getting emails from fans about it. I got a couple hundred!!! It really was the highlight of my summer. Thank you for all your hard work." – **Sarah Potenza, Artist**

"A great thing about this festival is everyone comes for the same reason – a common love for music. When you go to a show, it doesn't feel like you're walking into a crowd of strangers. It's more like a crowd of new friends." – **Scott Peeples, Music Fan ·**

"With the integration of the Music Education Team into the heart of the festival, Mile of Music has something really special. There are so many opportunities for attendees to interact with artists, learn from them and get involved with the music first-hand." – **Jaclyn Kottman, Mile of Music's Music Education Team ·**

Join us for our next program

Meet some of the women involved in making this festival happen...from a Mile of Music coordinator, to a representative from ADI (Appleton Downtown Incorporated), to a manager of the Hilton Hotel.

What does it take to put Appleton on the map with this Festival?

Details

Gibson Music Hall, 211 W. College Ave. (Park in the Hilton parking ramp)

Saturday, April 12

9:45 Gather

10:00 Program with meeting to follow

**Optional: Lunch on your own at the Hilton Paper Valley
with other AAUW members**

AAUW National News—Membership Dues

What's happening: As a valued member leader of AAUW, I wanted to let you know that the AAUW Board approved a modest dues adjustment — \$2 per year over the next two years.

New national dues: \$74 starting April 1, 2025, and \$76 starting April 1, 2026.

Why it matters: Member dues are an important funding source for AAUW. While costs for member support increase annually, dues have not kept pace. During the feedback process, we heard from more than 750 members. The Board's decision to increase dues by \$2 reflects an adjustment to the original proposal to lessen the burden of a dues increase on members while keeping pace with inflation.

Your member dues help fund member services such as:

- **Administrative Support:** Assist with dues processing, Community Hub management, 990N filings, branding materials, and toolkits (e.g., DEI Toolkit, College/University Member Toolkit).
- **Website Support:** Update and manage ~500 branch and state websites and provide ongoing Site Resources support.
- **Member Trainings:** Hold regular virtual member gatherings and training programs.
- **Member Engagement:** Organize member-led groups and committees like Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, and national committees.
- **Speaker Engagement:** Offer National speakers for branch meetings and state conventions.
- **Real-Time Support:** Connect Team provides daily assistance and semi-weekly "Office Hours" for member leaders.
- **And more!**

The bottom line: We heard you. The dues increase balances AAUW's financial sustainability with the member feedback we received. Thank you for being an engaged leader!

Shannon Wolfe, Managing Director & Chief of Staff

AAUW Appleton Membership News

Membership RENEWALS:

For those who will be renewing in April and beyond: When you renew 4/1/25, your dues will be National \$74, State \$13 and Appleton branch \$15 for a total of \$102. We encourage you to renew online at the AAUW Community Hub (AAUW.org). Click log in, enter your password and go to your Personal Snapshot, scroll down and select **Renew**. Payment is with your credit card.

If you prefer not to renew online, you can send a check to our Assistant Finance VP: Kathryn Herzog, 4313 N. Windcross Dr., Appleton, 54913. It should be made out to AAUW-Appleton for \$102.

The Membership Committee has met and we are planning an Ice Cream Social, May 4th for NEW Members and Prospective Members. If you have a prospective member, please contact Kathy or Jayne with their contact information so we can send an invitation to you both. Save the date. More details will be coming with the invitation.

Spring forward with some Prospects for us.

Jayne Heinrich & Kathy O'Connor—Membership VPs

AAUW WISCONSIN



REMINDER:

Deadline March 24

AAUW Wisconsin 2025 Convention

April 25-26

Stoney Creek Hotel, La Crosse

March 24 is the last day to register for the convention with no late fee and to reserve a hotel room at the special AAUW-WI negotiated rate (\$104/night).

Convention registration and hotel room reservations can be completed online at <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/>

The following 2 Resolutions will be presented and voted on during the business meeting at convention.

Proposed AAUW Wisconsin Resolution

Upholding the Civil Rights of Americans who Identify as LGBTQ+

Whereas, AAUW Public Policy Priorities advocate for freedom in definition of self and family, including protection from discrimination and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures, and

Whereas, for too long the civil rights protections guaranteed to millions of Americans have been denied to those who identify as LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and those identities who may not fit into the acronym), and

Whereas, no one shall be denied the full range of civil rights and liberties due to their sexual orientation or gender identity, and

Whereas, AAUW WI has the privilege and responsibility to acknowledge and uphold these principles for all citizens of Wisconsin, and

Whereas, unless and until LGBTQ+ people are able to enjoy the same rights and freedoms as their fellow Americans, the nation's promise of equal justice under the law will remain unfilled, and

Therefore, be it resolved that AAUW WI will advocate for the full range of civil rights and liberties for all who identify as LGBTQ+. Such rights and liberties include freedom from discrimination in schools and the workplace, the guarantee of spousal/partner benefits – including the ability to care for dependent children, the ability to serve one's country in uniform, and the ability to serve as an elected official of the government

Chris Ebert
AAUW Northwoods

Proposed AAUW Wisconsin Resolution

Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Big Money in Politics

Whereas, AAUW National Public Policy Priorities oppose all forms of discrimination and support constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals, and

Whereas, AAUW National and AAUW WI both believe that AAUW must advocate for equity, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, and

Whereas, AAUW WI recognizes an obligation to advocate for campaign finance reform that will promote equitable representation and equitable participation, and

Whereas, AAUW WI believes free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and

Whereas, interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by appointed Supreme Court Justices included corporations in the term “persons,” and

Whereas, in the 1976 Buckley v. Valeo ruling, the Supreme Court changed the course of American elections and established the doctrine that spending money to influence elections is a form of speech, and, Whereas, on January 21, 2010, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the Supreme Court overturned a century of precedence by ruling that corporate spending on elections cannot be limited under the First Amendment, and

Whereas, AAUW WI believes the above decisions (i.e., allowing corporations to act as persons to influence politics, that spending money is a form of speech, and allowing unlimited spending by corporations and wealthy donors) lead to the diminishing rights of individuals and inequitable * representation in elections, and

Whereas, AAUW WI members recognize the need to engage in constructive acts to make a meaningful difference towards societal change, and

Therefore, be it resolved that AAUW WI will pledge to seek to reclaim democracy from the corrupting influence of unlimited political contributions and spending by standing with women across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating: 1) Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights – not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities; and 2) Money is not speech, therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.

Note: We added a footnote at the bottom that is missing from all saved copies. * Inequitable actions or situations are those considered unjust or unfair, often viewed through a lens of moral or ethical judgment. This term suggests a deviation from what is right or just in a societal context, where the focus is on the fairness of outcomes or processes. On the other hand, unequitable pertains to the absence of equality or equity, primarily in terms of distribution or allocation. It indicates a scenario where resources, opportunities, or rights are not distributed evenly, but it does not necessarily carry a moral judgment.


AAUW Janesville (Leslie Brunsell, Wendy Tupper) AAUW Tomah (Cindy Zharte)

AAUW Appleton Public Policy

 **April 1st is ELECTION DAY! This will be a close election and YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!**

AAUW issues are on the ballot:


- The **Wisconsin State Supreme Court** is a race that will define the future of Wisconsin. AAUW advocates for **fair maps** and **women's reproductive health**.
- Electing a **State Superintendent of Schools** who will lead Wisconsin's Department of Education is on the ballot. AAUW believes in **adequate and equitable funding for public education** and is **opposed to the diversion of funds to non-public education**.
- **A resolution to enshrine voter ID laws in the state constitution** is on the ballot. Wisconsin already has a voter photo ID law and there is concern that this could lead to making it harder to vote for certain groups of people.

 Our branch TAKES ACTION! At our March 18th branch meeting, members were given postcards with **GOTV (Get Out The Vote)** information to send to family and friends to encourage them to research the issues and VOTE! **Thank you, AAUW-Appleton, for your advocacy and action!**

 **An AAUW Statement from National:**

"The President knows he cannot unilaterally dismantle the U. S. Department of Education through executive order, however this reckless action is part of a deeply troubling agenda to dismantle public education through cuts and chaos. By slashing funding, stripping oversight, and creating disorder, this administration is deliberately undermining students' ability to access and complete higher education."

-Gloria Blackwell
Chief Executive Officer

 Go to page 10 to read President Faye Binsfeld's Letter to the Editor regarding the proposed constitutional amendment.

Together we can make a difference. If we stay laser focused on issues that are core to AAUW, we can keep calling, keep writing, keep voting, keep lifting each other up in chaotic times.

Becky O'Connor, AAUW-Appleton Public Policy Chair



IMPORTANT PUBLIC EDUCATION NEWS—Carol Lenz

ON APRIL 1 Wisconsin will select the state Superintendent of Public Instruction. [Candidates](#) are Dr. Jill Underly and Brittany Kinser. **Choose wisely!**

ON APRIL 2, The Joint Finance Committee will hold its first public hearing on the WISCONSIN 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)*

Kaukauna High School Auxiliary Gymnasium (Door AA4)

1701 County Road CE Kaukauna, WI 54130

Additional information is on the JFC [website](#). If you plan to speak in person, prepare a two-minute testimony. Be sure to leave a copy of your comments when you sign in. The lineup of people wishing to speak is usually long so your wait may be several hours.

Contact members of the [JFC](#) as well as your Senate and Assembly [representatives](#).

Tell them: “1. Raise the low revenue limit \$1000. 2. Raise the per pupil revenue limit to at least \$450 each year of the budget and tie future increases to inflation. 2. Raise the special education reimbursement rate to at least 60%. 3. Increase mental health funding to a minimum of \$250 million. 4. Fortify our schools against Federal cuts.”

Info for you: Public schools have not been funded enough to cover inflationary increases for the past 16 years. Most districts have to rely on referenda every few years and also dip in their reserve fund. Neither is a reliable funding source. This has created a great disparity among districts across the state.

THE K-12 SUPPORT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS BEING THREATENED!

- Contact Senator Baldwin, Senator Johnson, and your member of Congress.
- **Tell them:** “DO NOT cut the Department of Education, its funding, or its oversight powers.”
- **Info for you:** Wisconsin’s 421 K-12 school districts receive 8-10% of their annual budget from the federal government. The Department of Education (DOE) distributes the funds for after-school activities, early education programs, lunch subsidies, special needs services, and more. In addition, the DOE enforces the laws that protect students against discrimination.

Without the Department of Education, K12 education is threatened. Federal funding may be cut altogether, or it may be sent to the states as block grants, perhaps for vouchers and independent charters. The privatization of public schools will result in greater disparity in educational opportunities as well as ideological driven curriculums.

[Individuals with Disability Education Act](#) funding, now implemented and regulated by the Education Department, would go to states with no strings attached as per Project 2025. Before IDEA, students with the most severe disabilities were institutionalized or not educated at all. Students with milder disabilities were ignored or put in “slow classes.” In some states, those days would return.

[Title I funding](#), which helps level the playing field for schools with large proportions of high-needs students, would be distributed without department regulation at the whim of state politicians. Funding would eventually be eliminated, according to Project 2025.

Without the Education Department’s extensive data collection through its [National Center of Education Statistics](#) and [Office for Civil Rights](#), researchers would not have access to the data they need to compare states and their outcomes.

Without the department’s [Office of the Inspector General](#), there would be no federal agency for parents and teachers to register serious violations of students’ rights and know they will get the investigation they deserve.

Nominations Report- **Drum Roll Please:**

These wonderful ladies have agreed to be nominated for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 leadership positions in our branch:

President Elect/President: Stephanie Malaney

Branch Meeting Secretary: Connie Polley

Board Meeting Secretary: Jessica Armstrong

Asst. VP Membership: Sally Lindow

Asst. VP Program: Shirley Collins

Asst. VP Finance: Kathryn Herzog

We will vote to accept these nominations at the April 12 Branch meeting.

The installation of officers will occur at our May 20th End of Year Branch meeting.

With gratitude,

Chris Taylor

Nominations Chair

Nominations Bios:

Connie Polley: Connie writes—I have been a member of our AAUW branch for over 40 years, joining because I love the book sale. I strongly believe in the mission of furthering literacy, making books affordable, serving the community, and, of course, raising money for scholarships. I have previously served in almost every position on the board locally and also served on our AAUW State Board and am glad to serve as secretary for this term. In my "other life" I am the mother of 4, grandmother of 11, and travel because only one of them lives in Wisconsin. My free time is filled with reading, sewing, and volunteer work.

Shirley Collins: Shirley has been a branch member for 9 years and is active in the branch book groups. The last two years she has held the board position of Secretary.

Jessica Armstrong: Jessica joined AAUW in August 2024. She's the Administrative Assistant for Attic Theater. Hearty applause for Jessica for saying yes to a leadership position!

**Articles for the May newsletter are due
April 15th.**

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

Letter to the Editor:

Voters have important choices in the upcoming statewide election April 1. The American Association of University Women-Appleton, would like to alert voters to the referendum question on the ballot. This latest effort to re-write the constitution offers a real threat to Wisconsin women.

The current Wisconsin Voter ID law is strong. That law came about by the democratic method of listening to constituents, crafting legislation that had to pass two houses, and then be signed by the governor. This is a thoughtful process with many opportunities to fine-tune the document.

What this April referendum question seeks to do is insert our current photo ID law into the constitution, not because there is a problem with administering it, but because someone is determined to enshrine it forever. Modernizing the system or meeting new needs would be nearly impossible. In many cases, voters will evaluate the proposal with only a few seconds to decide as they complete their ballots. Recent questions have not been widely understood or discussed by voters and are not easy to comprehend at first glance. This is not the thoughtful review that constitutional change should have.

Secondly, the referendum directs the legislature to pass laws determining what constitutes a valid photo ID, and what documents are acceptable as proof of name. This is where problems for women voters begin. A high percentage of female voters do not have a photo ID name that matches their birth certificate because they assumed their husband's name at marriage, and many do not have a passport. Others cannot access their wedding certificates to explain why their name at birth isn't their current name. The roadblocks and delays would be frustrating, perhaps deterring. Men would not face this challenge.

Another group of citizens who is threatened by this proposal is the "indefinitely confined." Currently the law allows people who have that status to vote without trips to polling places to show their photo ID each election. Military members serving overseas are exempt from producing a photo ID. Our current law is thorough yet humane.

This will be a close election. Learn about the issues. Your vote will make a difference!

Faye Binsfeld

President, AAUW-Appleton

It's T-Shirt Time!

Don't miss this opportunity to order your AAUW t-shirt, sweatshirt, or cap. 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 6, '25.** You'll have a chance to place your order at the May branch meeting.

AAUW Order Form 2025

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle size:

Short sleeve tee- \$11.00. S M L XL Add \$1.00 for 2X 3X 4X

Long sleeve tee- \$16.00 S M L XL Add \$1.00 for 2X 3X 4X

Circle size:

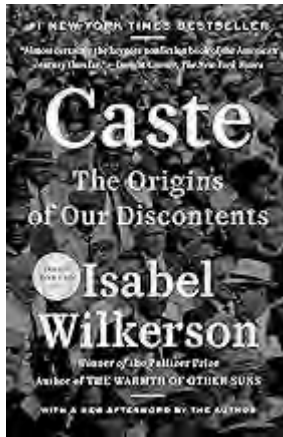
Crewneck Sweatshirt- \$22.00 S M L XL Add \$2.00 for 2X 3X 4X

Hooded Sweatshirt- \$26.00 S M L XL Add \$2.00 for 2X 3X 4X

Caps- \$12.00 No. _____

Make checks payable to: Pat Hauser, 4795 N Tony Ct., Appleton, WI 54913

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



AAUW Reads! April 2025 Discussion Dates

Mark your calendars! We will be wrapping up our *AAUW Reads* book study and will discuss **Parts 6 and 7 and the Epilogue of *Caste* (77 pages)** for the month of April. If you were unable to attend an earlier discussion, just pick up the book and catch up to where we are and join one of the conversations! **This book is well worth reading at any time, so we encourage you to check it out!** So many are taking part in this book study. It is never too late to join us! We have been enlightened, challenged, and grateful for the opportunity to learn together. Here are the options:

Monday, April 28 at 1:00 at Becky O'Connor's home. (RSVP to bandboc@gmail.com)

Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 on ZOOM (RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org)

SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

As a result of a very successful book sale we will be able to award several scholarships.

Women who will be a Junior or Senior in college or attending graduate school and who graduated from a Fox Valley area high school or lived in the area 10 plus years are eligible to apply. Applications and requirements can be found on our AAUW Appleton branch webpage. You can also request a paper application from Mary Grace. [The deadline is April 15.](#)

Help us spread the word to all eligible candidates. Also, when the branch posts an announcement about our scholarships on Facebook, please share. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Mary Grace. Her contact info is in your yearbook.

BOOK SALE ALERT!

We have learned that our current book sale site will NOT be available this fall. There is nothing else available at the Northland Mall. We are currently on the search for a new home. We are asking all members to keep your eyes and ears open for all possibilities. If you hear about a possible site, please let a book sale chair know and we will check it out. All of our contact information is in the yearbook.

Until we have a new home and a plan for our sale, we will not begin collecting books. If you collect books from anyone, you would need to store them until we are ready to start.

Hopefully we will be moving forward in another great location and have another successful sale!

YOUR BOOK SALE CHAIRS



SUMMER MYSTERY GROUP



To: Active Detectives
From: Chief Inspector H. Iverson

SUBJECT: Special Task Force Assignment

Background: DOJ Agent Redd Herring has chosen us for a 3 month assignment to investigate three open cold cases. Based on our excellent “solve” rate, we’ve been called to special duty.

Details: This task force will meet three times. Come when you are able (with an RSVP of course).

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Wed., June 18th 12:30 Mark’s East Side

RSVP: Due to MJ Cummings Wed. June 12
cummingsmaryjane@gmail.com

Case #3478 Simply Lies by David Baldacci

Lead on the case: Sgt. Judy Goodnight

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Wed. July 16 12:30 TBD

Case # 749. ???

Lead on the case: ???

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Wed. Aug. 20. 12:30 TBD

Case # 0016. ???

Lead on the case: ???

?????????? I need some experienced help:

1. Who would be willing to take the RSVP’s for July and/or August?
2. Who would be willing to be discussion leaders for July and/or August?
3. **MOST IMPORTANT:** Suggestions for 2 cozy cases for us to read, and one heavier case for next June 2026. **DUE TO CHIEF IVERSON BY APRIL 30TH.**

Respond ASAP: heeniei@aol.com

SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our April book is ***Hello Beautiful*** by Ann Napolitano.
We'll meet on **April 2nd at 1:00 pm.**

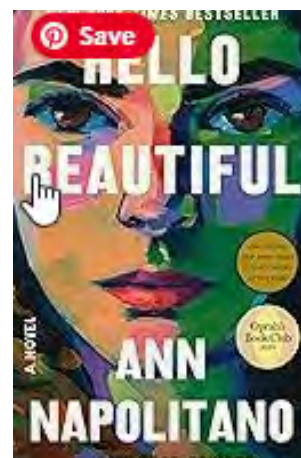
RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or 920.729.9553
by March 31st to get the location.

RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

Our May book will be ***James*** by Percival Everett.
You may want to read ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** by
Mark Twain before reading *James*.

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

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



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our April book is ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store***
by James McBride.

Be sure to RSVP to your April hosts:

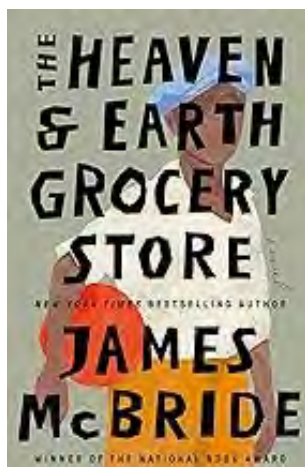
Wednesday, 4/16: Jayne Heinrich

Thursday, 4/17: Linda Buck

Check your directory for contact information.

Discussion Leaders are Ruth Park & Donna Cook.

If you're not currently a member of the group and wish to join, contact Judy
Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or 920.729.9553.



Evening Book Group

Thursday, April 10th, 6:30 PM

Book: *The Maid and the Socialite*, by Lynda Drews

Discussion Leader: Sylvia Bull

Hosted by: Allison Moeschberger

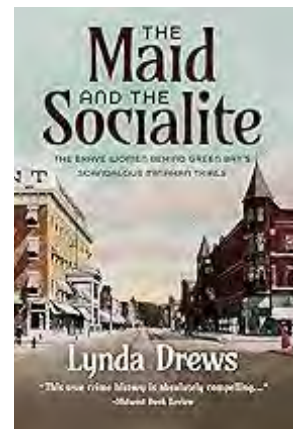
Annex, 2801 E. Enterprise Avenue, Suite 101, Appleton

Note: this is Allison's office, not her home

RSVP to Allison or Donna by noon on the 9th, contact info is in directory/yearbook

All members are welcome!

📖 Be thinking about book suggestions for the 2025-2026 reading cycle, and look in the May newsletter for information on when suggestions are due to Donna. Please limit yourself to two suggestions per person.



Appleton AAUW Income and Expense Statement
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

As of 2/28/2025

Budget
2024 - 2025

INCOME:

		add'l 1485.00 received prior to 7/1/2024	
Membership Dues 2024-2025	630.00		2,175.00
Membership Dues 2025-2026	90.00		0.00
December 2024 Brunch Net Income	3,711.31		1,619.00
Advertisement	50.00		50.00
Misc	708.50		
Interest	<u>52.22</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>5,192.03</u>	<u>3,844.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Membership/Recruiting	88.37		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	417.48		800.00
Yearbook	373.47		350.00
Insurance	362.50		300.00
Public Policy	0.00		100.00
Historian's Expense	0.00		150.00
President Expense	0.00		300.00
Finance Expense	50.74		150.00
General Expense	427.83		100.00
Women's Action Coalition	0.00		200.00
Fox Valley Reads	0.00		0.00
STEM	0.00		500.00
Special Events	0.00		300.00
Diversity	<u>0.00</u>		<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>1,720.39</u>	<u>3,844.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses

3,471.64

Checkbook Balances as of 2/28/2025

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	7,908.89
General Fund	<u>17,895.64</u>
Total Checking Account	<u>25804.53</u>

Scholarship Money Market Account* \$36,148.51

*Includes \$4.16 in monthly interest

FAYE'S POETRY CORNER

Walking to Indian River

by Mary Oliver

I'm ready for spring, but it hasn't arrived.

Not yet.

Still I take my walk, looking for any early enhancements.

It's mostly attitude, I'm certain
I'll see something.

I start down the path, peering in all directions.

The mangroves, as always, are standing in their

beloved water,

their new leaves very small and tender and pale.

And, look! the way the rising sun strikes them,
they could be flowers opening!

These Days

by Lynn Ungar

Anyone who tells you not to be afraid should have their head examined.

Cities are burning, hillsides are ablaze, and the dumpster fire of our common life

is out of control. I wish I could tell you when it was going to get better.

I wish I could promise that *better* was anywhere down this road.

I miss singing, the way we trusted the air that moved between us. I miss the casual assumption that everything would be alright in the morning.

These days I am trying to be buoyed by the smallest things-

a ripe tomato, a smattering of rain.

These days I am trying to remember that songs of lamentation are still songs.



AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

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- * Congratulations
- * Get Well
- * Illness



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