



# The Apple Branch

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## What's Happening This Month... JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		7/1 Second Choice Books/ Book Dropoff	7/2	7/3	7/4 Independ- ence Day	7/5
7/6	7/7	7/8 Book Dropoff/ Art Class	7/9	7/10 Evening Lit Black Women Equal Pay Day	7/11	7/12
7/13	7/14	7/15 Book Dropoff	7/16 Summer Mysteries	7/17	7/18	7/19
7/20	7/21	7/22 Book Dropoff & Cleaning Day/ Social Justice 6:00 pm	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26
7/27	7/28	7/29 Book Dropoff	7/30	7/31		

## *President's Page*

Dear Friends,

Do you spend enough time thinking about your personal goals for the next few years? Have you reviewed how to achieve them and developed a list of what needs to be done? If you can answer YES, good for you! If you're more in the "sort of" category, I'm there with you. Of course no amount of planning can anticipate the challenges of the future, but spending time considering what is not only desirable but feasible, is time well spent. We all should set aside time for it.

But that's the problem: Time. Despite my best intentions, too often the daily tasks and occasional surprises of life keep me focused on getting through the week more than planning for the next few years. Longterm thinking requires a block of time for uninterrupted concentrated thinking, and that's hard to come by, right?

AAUW Appleton is in the same spot. We had this year to review and revise our Strategic Plan. We made a great start after Book Sale. We revisited our work this winter. But because we all want to create a useful and relevant document, we want to really concentrate, without distracting details of branch operations. Our recent board meeting's agenda was two pages full of important items to discuss and make decisions about. After all that, we were ready for home. We are committed, but there's just so much else to do.

I'm very proud to report that board members readily agreed to an extra meeting this summer with one agenda item: Strategic Plan for 2025-2027. We have made some solid progress already, but this day together- a mini retreat- will allow us to focus on our goals and values, and on our capacity to achieve them. I am confident we'll emerge with a blueprint for our next two years that will give us direction and purpose.

My hope is that in two years when we revisit the plan we'll be proud of our achievements and ready to revise the plan to reflect our progress.

Having a plan based on reality and possibility is empowering. It will help us attract new members who can see clearly what AAUW Appleton is about, and current members will feel pride in being part of an organization that makes a positive impact for our own members as well as the community. Thank you, board members, who make the sacrifice to join in this important job!

Meanwhile, I wish you a summer that is just what you need. Whether the furthest you travel is your garden, you're traveling abroad, or you're armchair traveling via books, enjoy the journey. Check the calendar on our first page and take advantage of what AAUW is offering. The Let's Get Away From It All group has some great options, and the Summer Mystery Group is a sure bet for fun and food shared with members you will enjoy meeting. Evening Literature and Second Choice groups are active and welcome new members. Try something new!!

I'm counting on feeling confident about our branch's future when we meet on **September 9**. I hope the plan is ready for a vote to accept it. Mark your calendar now because it will be an evening of celebration and reconnection! Let's stay in touch!

*Faye Binsfeld, President*



## AAUW Appleton Program News



### Helping Hands wanted:

If you would like to join the program committee, or help with the hospitality treats at the meetings, please let me know.

**Lisa Balster, 414-236-8868, [balsterlisa@yahoo.com](mailto:balsterlisa@yahoo.com)**



**BYOP-PP:** If you are wondering what these letters mean? It is a shorter way of saying: **Bring Your Own Picnic to the Program Preview.**

Hope you can join a picnic at **Telulah Park Pavilion** on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with members, bring other guests and potential new members who are interested in knowing more about our great organization, our work, and our mission.

**Bring a salad or dessert to share.**

**Bring your own beverage and main meal.**



### **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> AAUW Program Year 2025-2026 first meeting!**

Join the kickoff meeting for the year at the Prince of Peace, Fellowship Hall located at

2330 E. Calumet St. (use the west entrance). People can gather, eat and reconnect at 5:15 pm with the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. If your last name starts with a letter from A-M bring a savory finger food. Last names starting with a letter N-Z, please bring a sweet finger food. Come and enjoy the fun, food, and friendships at this forward looking meeting.



### **Book Sale Work Night and Branch Meeting on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

The book sale work night and Branch meeting will be held at our new location at the Fox River Mall. Stay tuned for more exciting details for the evening!

## AAUW Appleton Membership News

### **REMINDER:**

Many members have May and June renewal dates. A majority have already taken care of that. Thank you!! For those who have not yet completed the process, you can do so online at the AAUW Community Hub ([AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org)). Log in, go to your Personal Snapshot and select RENEW. Payment is by credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, make it out to AAUW -Appleton and send it to Kathryn Herzog at 4313 N. Windcross Drive Appleton 54913.

### **Opportunities:**

\* This summer is the perfect time to network and, while soaking in the inspirational sunshine, think of those in your circles who would be wonderful AAUW members.

\* While it is not an official membership event, the Program Preview Picnic would be an opportunity for you to invite a friend or colleague. It will be held on August 5th from 5-7 at Telulah Park.

\* The Fall Kick-Off Branch meeting on September 9th will also be a great opportunity for us to welcome new members. It will be held at Prince of Peace Church on Calumet St. in Appleton.

\* Many community members are attracted to AAUW because of the Book Sale. The Work Night on October 7th would be another great time to invite someone to be part of the positive book sale experience.

\* We have been awarded 3 free memberships to use by October 31st. This is an added incentive for new members to be exempt from the \$74 National Dues.

We look forward to welcoming many new members to our amazing branch this year!

Kathy O'Connor and Sally Lindow  
Membership Vice Presidents

**More Membership News on the next page!**

# AAUW Appleton Member Anniversaries as of 2024-2025

(\*indicates member appears in photo)



5 Years: Joni Conrad  
Marie Krueger  
\*Lynne Phillips  
\*Anne Planner

10 Years: Theresa Bourassa  
Linda Crowley  
\*Karen Pfefferle  
Marilyn Sim-Tatera

\*Linda Buck  
Sharon O'Leary  
\*Connie Wunderlich  
Paulette Stoltzmann

15 Years:  
\*Joy Johnson \*Kathy Kuck  
JaneAnne McCabe  
\*Becky O'Connor \*Sue Taylor

20 Years:  
\*Donna Cook

30 Years : Judy Benish  
35 Years: \*Ruth Park  
40 Years: Joan Schneider



50 Years:  
New Honorary  
Lifetime Members -

\*Faye Binsfeld and  
\*Nancy Samson

70 Years:  
Elaine Siegrist





## AAUW Appleton Public Policy

While many regular activities take a breather in summer, the issues at the core of AAUW do not. In fact, there are many ways to keep informed and keep active in the upcoming weeks!

Here are some highlights and ways to continue to make a difference!

➡ On June 12, AAUW National encouraged all to take part in an **AAUW Day of Action**. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!** The U.S House of Representatives passed a budget reconciliation bill that now heads to the Senate, where only a simple majority is needed for passage. With Senate leaders pushing for a vote by the July 4 recess, **engagement by AAUW members is essential over the next few weeks**. Together, we will urge senators to reject the budget reconciliation bill, which threatens the principles we value: educational access, reproductive health care and economic security.

➡ Follow the articles about Public Education by our own Carol Lenz that are submitted to our newsletter. The information is timely and informative and gives us the tools needed for advocacy. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!** You can follow **Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education on Facebook** as well.

➡ <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/> **FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR EASY AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS!** Share the link with *everyone you know whether or not they're AAUW members!*

➡ Your senators will be back in your state from June 14-22. It is a good time to contact them and tell them how the budget reconciliation bill will harm women and students. Use your 5Calls app...which offers handy scripts...to make your calls.

➡ Are you wishing you had a sign to carry if you attend a peaceful rally? Ruth Park will make one for you! We all use our voices in different ways...and in doing so...we make a difference!

*“And so, the world watches America – the only great power in history made up of people from every corner of the planet, comprising every race and faith and cultural practice – to see if our experiment in democracy can work. To see if we can do what no other nation has ever done. To see if we can actually live up to the meaning of our creed.”*

– Barack Obama

Becky O'Connor, AAUW-Appleton Public Policy chair

**NOT GOOD NEWS!**

After talks between Governor Evers and Republican leaders stalled, the Joint Finance Committee passed its own budget, along party lines, that cut more than \$3.1 billion from the amount Evers had allocated for public schools. Here you can see the actions taken by the JFC on education and all areas of the budget: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/jfcmotions/2025>

Sadly, this meager increase for special education is basically all the increase passed for public education. No increase for low revenue districts. No increase for mental health. No increase for English Learners. No increase for anything. They did pass an increase for vouchers; an additional \$135/student in year one and \$128/student in year two.

The budget bill now moves on to the state Senate and Assembly, where both houses will have the opportunity to change it substantially, including increasing funding for public schools. There is still time for you to contact your state [senator and representative](#) about the budget bill.

If the 2025-27 Biennial Budget is not passed by the end of June, the funding levels of the previous budget remain in effect.

<https://www.dairylandpatriot.com/jfc-republicans-take-knife-to-evers-public-education-request/>



Next meeting date at Starbucks,  
1680 S. Appleton Rd, Menasha,  
6:00 pm, June 24th

Topic: ***On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons From the Twentieth Century*** by Timothy Snyder  
book discussion (It's a short book, quick read, come join us!)

: Next meeting date—July 22

## BOOK SALE NEWS!

### Keep On Your Toes — Read!

Reminder: Our new location is at the Fox River Mall. We are in the main part of the mall just to the right or south of the food court as you are facing the outside entrance. Lots of space!

**Book Drop-off:** Drop your books off every Tuesday during June and July. We will alternate times on the following schedule:

Mornings - 10:00 - Noon; July 1st, 15th, & 29th.

Afternoons: 1:00 - 3:00 PM: July 8th & 22nd.

\*\*\***July 22nd - Cleaning Day.** Help needed during the drop off time from 10:00 am-noon. We are looking for members to come dust, mop floors, set up grey shelves for sorting, etc. so we can get organized for the start of sorting in August.

**Please note: These drop-off dates are for AAUW members ONLY.** Members of the public who have books to donate should call one of the pick-up phone numbers listed on the bookmarks & posters.

**Sorting:** Sorting begins on Tuesday, August 5th, and we will plan on going out for lunch after sorting that day to celebrate the beginning of book sale season.

**Schedule:** 9:00 - Noon every Tuesday in August and September; and 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursdays in August and September.

**Posters and Bookmarks:** available at the book sale location during drop off times or contact Trish Brehm.

*We have used all of the first printing of the spring book marks and posters. If you took more than you need, please bring extras to our mall store during drop off times or bring to Trish Brehm.*

**Sale Dates:** Oct. 16 - 19; Oct. 23 - 26; and Oct. 30 - Nov. 1.

**Questions:** Contact any of the book sale chairs listed in your directory.

# We need your used books!

## For the 88TH Annual AAUW Book Sale

### KEEP ON YOUR TOES READ!



Hardcover • Paperback • Children's  
Large Print • Books on CD • Sheet  
Music • CDs • DVDs • Puzzles • Games  
*(Please, no magazines, textbooks, or VHS tapes)*

**For Book Pick-up  
Please call:**

920-284-7098 • 920 636-8153  
920-734-6750 • 920-540-7751

Contributions appreciated by Mon., Oct. 6th.  
Mark Your Calendars For the Book Sale!

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& Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2025**

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# WOMEN'S FUND LUNCHEON

You're Invited!

Join Your AAUW (and other) Friends  
at the 25th Annual Women's Fund Luncheon

Wednesday, September 10, 2025  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, Appleton



Keynote Speaker: Kathrine Switzer,  
First woman to register and run  
in the Boston Marathon  
despite the attempt to force her  
off the course  
because the marathon  
was "not for women."

All proceeds from the luncheon directly benefit the Fox Valley community's women and girls. Your payment includes a \$30 tax deductible contribution to the Women's Fund.

We have a table reserved for AAUW Appleton.  
Contact Faye Binsfeld for details and to make your payment.

The luncheon cost at a reserved table is \$94.00.

There is one table for 8 reserved for our branch,  
but a second table can be reserved if we add it by July 31.

Non-reserved seats are \$100 per person.



Join us!  
Women's Equality Day Celebration  
Saturday, August 23, 2025  
Houdini Plaza, Appleton Farmers Market  
9:00-12:00

Join our sister organizations of the Women's Action Coalition of the Fox Valley Region to highlight Women's Equality Day and its importance to us all. The League of Women Voters will be registering voters, and other volunteers will be taking Polaroid pictures of people who stop by and share their thoughts about equality by writing on a card. We will be sharing the plaza with a local authors' group, so you can enjoy that as well! It will be a time to reflect on what the day means both historically and now. Stop in for a visit or to help and support the Women's Action Coalition! Either way we would love to see you there!

Contact Faye Binsfeld or Becky O'Connor if interested in helping!



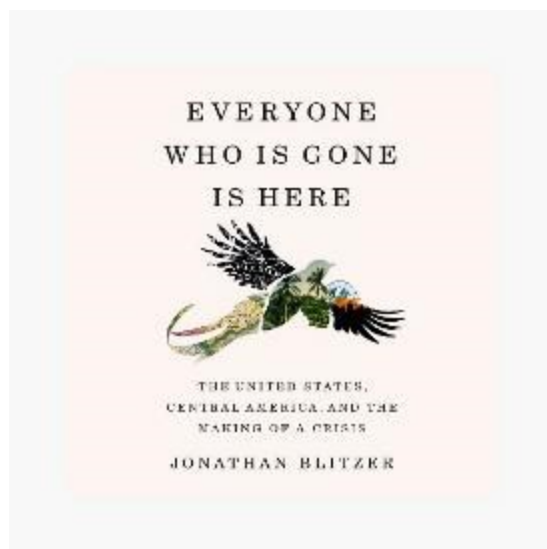
#### **2025-2026 DIRECTORY CHANGES/ADDITIONS:**

Please check your directory entry in the current edition. If you have any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made to your entry for our annual directory, **please contact Jane Doughty ([jane@wood-doughty.net](mailto:jane@wood-doughty.net)) NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2025.**

Also check your renewal date. If you haven't already renewed and your renewal is listed as 7/2025 or earlier, **you must renew by August 1 to continue to be included in the new directory.**

Lastly, due to a change at National, we will no longer include degree information in the directory.

# AAUW Reads



Our next book has been chosen! The AAUW Reads book for 2025-26 is a recommendation from the AAUW-Appleton Social Justice group. The topic is timely: immigration.

From Kirkus Reviews: **A *New Yorker* staff writer examines the tragedy of Central America against the backdrop of U.S immigration policy. From the beginning, the U.S. has meddled in the affairs of Central America's nations, some of them autocracies. This tinkering, particularly in the Reagan years, led to murder, civil war, and, decades later, a stream of migrants desperate to flee rampant poverty and violence. "For more than a century, the U.S. has devised one policy after another to keep people out of the country," writes Blitzer. "For more than a century, it has failed." It's a sorrowful yet urgent topic, and Blitzer navigates it with both journalistic rigor and compassion. A sobering, well-reported history in which no one emerges a winner.**

As always, AAUW Reads tackles difficult topics with heartfelt enthusiasm and courageous discussions. We hope you consider taking part in this one! We will read the book in "chunks" with a schedule that runs from November-April (no discussion in December). Two options each month will be offered...in person and on Zoom. As always...if you plan to participate...you can win this book at the September branch meeting!! Check future newsletters for more details!

Becky O'Connor and Judy Goodnight

## SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our July book is ***Rabbit Moon*** by Jennifer Haigh.

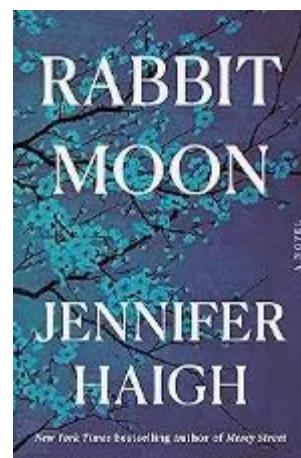
We'll meet on **July 1st at 1:00 pm.**

RSVP to Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org) or 920.729.9553  
by June 29th to get the location.

**RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!**

Our August book will be ***Chronicles of a Radical Hag***  
by Lorna Landvik.

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



## Evening Book Group News

Thursday, July 10th, 6:30 PM

Book: ***The Wind Knows My Name*** by Isabel Allende

Discussion Leader: Faye Binsfeld

Host: Kathy Kuck

RSVP to Donna or Kathy by noon on the 9th  
(contact info is in the directory/yearbook)

All members are welcome!



## SUMMER MYSTERY



**To:** Active Detectives  
**From:** Chief Inspector H. Iverson  
**SUBJECT:** Special Task Force Assignment

**Background:** We now have our three cases assigned to us. Please RSVP for a place at the table in July and August.  
Mark your 2026 Calendar now :-)

### Wed. July 16 12:30 Fratello's

RSVP: Due to Cheryl Reissmann Wed. July 9 [cherylRonR@gmail.com](mailto:cherylRonR@gmail.com)

***The Mysterious Bakery on the Rue de Paris*** by Evie Woods

Lead on the case: Sylvia Bull

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### Wed. Aug. 20. 12:30 Osorio's

RSVP: Due to Judy Phillips Wed. Aug.13 [cubbie1945@gmail.com](mailto:cubbie1945@gmail.com)

***Pork Pie Pandemonium: Albert Smith's Culinary Capers Recipe 1*** by Steve Higgs

Lead on the case: Judy Tate

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### Wed. June 17, 2026. Place TBD

***When the Bough Breaks*** by Jonathan Kellerman



# AAUW Summer Art Class for July

**Where:** Chris Scott's House  
(1406 W. Edmund Dr., Appleton)  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
**Time:** 12:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$15.00 (All supplies included)

**Theme:** Easy Swipe Acrylic Pour



**All are welcome. No experience necessary. Just come and have fun.**  
**Please RSVP to Laurie Leonard at [rjllal2024@gmail.com](mailto:rjllal2024@gmail.com)**  
**by Tuesday, July 1.**

## Let's Take a Break From It All!

### What You Want and Need to Know About Your Jewelry! 🍷

Wednesday, August 13, 4:00 pm, Wilder's Bistro on S. Oneida Street

Bridget of Bridget's Jewelry Workshop will be offering her expertise on jewelry. If you have any questions about your jewelry, this is your opportunity to learn more than the fact that the ring looks pretty on your finger. Topics that can be covered are: what to look for when buying jewelry, the different metals, pearls and why they are making a comeback and how to take care of your jewelry.

Bridget received her education at NWTC focusing on Jewelry Repair and Fabrication. In 2012 she started her Jewelry Workshop specializing in jewelry repair and design as well as jewelry evaluation and materials purchasing. She's worked in the jewelry industry since 2001 and says she loves working with her hands and helping people with their jewelry needs.

Please **RSVP by August 6th** to Cheryl Reissman (#s in our directory). We need to confirm numbers with Wilder's. Family and friends are welcome.

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If you have ideas, based on the one listed above, or something totally different, contact Sylvia Bull ([sjbcreate@gmail.com](mailto:sjbcreate@gmail.com)) or Shirley Collins ([shirley.collins.wi@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.collins.wi@gmail.com)). Also look in future monthly Newsletters for events.

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2025  
First United Methodist Church, Appleton

Members were invited to a half hour of social time with refreshments. Scholarship recipients and their guests were present.

President Faye Binsfeld and Scholarship Committee Representative Donna Cook welcomed this year's scholarship recipients.

Joan Moeschberger introduced Isabella Cerdan, a Lawrence University student focusing her efforts on a degree as a Vocal Performance Major with a goal of becoming a professional opera singer.

Donna Cook introduced Stacy DeVoe of Fox Valley Technical College who shared some background of the three students who received scholarships. Katrinna Riddle returned to school to become an Occupational Therapist. Christine Joas is studying to be a Labor and Delivery nurse. Abby Showers seeks a degree in the Applied Science area, with a specialty in Veterinary Medicine. Eventually, she plans to become a Veterinary Paramedic.

Next, Judy Goodnight introduced Anna Vanden Acker as the recipient of the Goodnight Family Scholarship. Anna attends Lawrence University where she is pursuing a double major in English Literature and Business.

Sheryl De Hart introduced Aoife Marinan who has a double major in English and Psychology and belongs to the St. Norbert College Honors and English Honors groups. Her next challenge is to study a semester abroad in Ireland.

The next two students, Hadley Berendsen and Selia Shelley, were unable to attend. Hadley is completing a Chemistry/Biology major and a Psychology minor. She is spending her summer working in St. Jude's Pediatric Oncology unit. Her eventual goal is to get a PhD in Biomedical Sciences. Selia Shelley is interested in the nursing field working in patient care.

Vicki Johnson introduced Madeline Beck and Marguerite Werner. Madeline recently graduated from St. Norbert College. She will continue her studies at Palmer College of Chiropractic. Marguerite graduated with a Kinesiology degree from the University of Minnesota and a minor in Nutrition. She is working towards a master's degree in Sports/Athletics.

The last recipient, Kaitlyn Powers, was also unable to attend. Kaitlyn is concentrating her studies on an Art & Design degree. She has been involved in 600 murals using her graphic talents for non-profit agencies.  
(L-R: Aoife Marinan, Madeline Beck, Marguerite Werner, Isabella Cerdan, and Anna Vanden Acker)



After a short break, Faye Binsfeld called the business meeting to order.

**Program:** Lisa Balster encouraged members to give suggestions for a monthly topic for programs that would align with AAUW's mission. Members are encouraged to contact Lisa or Shirley Collins to join the Program committee. They will meet June 4th, at 3:00 pm at Mary Grace's home.

Our Branch Picnic to reconnect after summer and hear about the upcoming programs is Tuesday, August 5, at Telulah Park.

Our September Branch Meeting is Tuesday, September 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

### **Let's Take a Break From It All:**

If you have suggestions like local events, games, or mini excursions, contact Sylvia Bull or Shirley Collins.

Two upcoming events were highlighted:

\*Jessica Armstrong filled us in on the June 5 session on mindfulness at the Appleton Public Library in the David and Rita Nelson Family unconference room. Mindfulness increases focus and decreases anxiety using nature, plants, trees, neighbors and even dogs.

\*Faye Binsfeld urged members who want to go to the June 11 wildflower hike at Ridges to sign up.

Chief Inspector Helene is tracking down RSVPs for our first Summer Mystery Book at Mark's East Side. Replies are due on June 12 with the meeting taking place on Wednesday June 18. The book is "Simply Lies" by David Baldacci.

### **Membership:** Jayne Heinrich and Kathy O'Connor

CONGRATULATIONS to all our members celebrating membership milestones !

5 years--Joni Conrad, Marie Krueger, Lynne Phillips, Anne Planner.

10 years--Terri Bourassa, Linda Buck, Linda Crowley, Sharon O'Leary, Karen Pfefferle, Marilyn Sim-Tatera, Paulette Stoltzmann, Connie Wunderlich.

15 years--Joy Johnson, Kathy Kuck, Jane Anne McCabe, Becky O'Connor, Sue Taylor.

20 years--Donna Cook

30 years--Judy Benish

35 years--Ruth Park

40 years--Joan Schneider

50 years--Honorary Life members--Faye Binsfeld, Nancy Samson

70 years--Elaine Siegrist

### **Public Policy:** Becky O'Connor

AAUW Public policy is focused on three areas:

1. Improve diversity, equity, and inclusion.
2. Achieve economic parity.
3. Achieve rights and equity.

Becky passed out pamphlets showing ways to contact representatives about the Call-in Day to sink the Reconciliation bill, Costs involved in the education of children in WI, fact sheets to support the above.

**Book Sale:**

Trish Brehm - Our 88th Book Sale urges readers to "Keep on Your Toes- Read." Sign up to distribute posters and pick up bookmarks to hand out throughout the community.

Christine Taylor - Networked us into a site formerly occupied by Pier 1, then Ulta in the Fox River Mall.

Donna Cook – Book drop-off by Members only starts in June on Tuesdays alternating morning and afternoons. Sorting begins Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Watch the newsletter each month for sale updates.

**Miscellaneous:**

Chris Scott is offering a class on acrylic still life at her house on Monday June 2. Contact Laurie Leonard to sign up.

Faye announced that we may investigate "Lean In Girls," a curriculum aimed at developing leadership skills in middle school girls. This is based on Sheryl Sandberg's book, *Lean in: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*. If we think this is worth pursuing, we could partner with organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, or public middle schools in our area. Members are needed to review the curriculum, which is free.

Another opportunity for involvement is working on the Travel Group. Leaders are needed; contact Faye Binsfeld.

After thanking the outgoing board members, and many committee chairs, the new board officers were installed by Chris Taylor, Nominating Chair, and Faye Binsfeld, President. Nancy Samson read the branch members' pledge.

New officers are:

Stephanie Malaney, President Elect

Kathryn Herzog, Finance Vice President

Lisa Balster, Program Vice President

Shirley Collins, Assistant Program Vice President

Kathy O'Connor, Membership Vice President

Sally Lindow, Assistant Membership Vice President

Jessica Armstrong, Board Meeting Secretary

Connie Polley, Branch Meeting Secretary

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jane Cummings

**Articles for the August newsletter are due July 15th.**

**\*\*\*September articles will be due August 1st\*\*\***

Send articles to Judy Goodnight at [judy@gwd.org](mailto:judy@gwd.org).

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

As of 5/31/2025

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	315.00		0.00
December 2024 Brunch Net Income	3,711.31		1,619.00
Advertisement	50.00		50.00
Misc	758.50		
Interest	<u>\$2.64</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>5,467.45</u>	<u>3,844.00</u>

**EXPENSE:**

Membership/Recruiting	232.04		400.00
Financial Assistance (2)	0.00		144.00
Newsletter	0.00		0.00
Program	718.00		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	100.00		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>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>2,264.58</u>	<u>3,844.00</u>

**Revenue Less Expenses** 3,202.87

Checkbook Balances as of 5/31/2025

**General Checking Account**

Leadership Development	6,168.89
General Fund	<u>18,350.63</u>
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<u>24,519.52</u>

**Scholarship Money Market Account\*** **\$34,561.55**

\*Includes \$4.26 in monthly interest

Book sale expenses to be reimbursed at the end of book sale	\$185	\$248
Book sale donation		\$100



## FAYE'S POETRY CORNER

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### MYSTERIES, YES

by Mary Oliver

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous  
to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the  
mouths of lambs.  
How rivers and stones are forever  
in allegiance with gravity  
while we ourselves dream of rising.  
How two hands touch and the bonds will  
never be broken.  
How people come, from delight or the  
scars of damage,  
to the comfort of a poem.

Let me keep my distance, always, from those  
who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say  
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.

### TODAY

by Mary Oliver

Today I'm flying low and I'm  
not saying a word  
I'm letting all the voodooos of ambition sleep.

The world goes on as it must,  
the bees in the garden rumbling a little,  
the fish leaping, the gnats getting eaten.  
And so forth.

But I'm taking the day off.  
Quiet as a feather.  
I hardly move though really I'm traveling  
a terrific distance.

Stillness. One of the doors  
into the temple.



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- \* Congratulations
- \* Get Well
- \* Illness



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