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**APPLETON (WI)
BRANCH**

What's Happening This Month...

MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4/27	4/28 AAUW Reads- Caste Daytime	4/29 AAUW Reads- Caste Zoom	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3
5/4 Ice Cream Social	5/5	5/6 Origin Movie Moms Equal Pay Day	5/7 Second Choice Books	5/8 Evening Literature	5/9	5/10 Tulip Festival Suamico
5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17
5/18	5/19	5/20 Branch End of Year Celebration	5/21 Afternoon Literature	5/22	5/23	5/24
5/25	5/26 Memorial Day	5/27 Social Justice 6:00 pm	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31

President's Page

Anyone who thinks they are too small to make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room.

-Christine Todd Whitman

Dear Friends,

Congratulations, Appleton AAUW, on another year of standing up and speaking up! Our predecessors here in Appleton would be proud, I'm confident. They spoke up to keep young newsboys out of taverns, and stood up for rural female high school students who needed housing in town. They even helped break down occupational barriers when they lobbied hard for Appleton's first female police officer.

Speaking up became especially important this year. Under Becky O'Connor and the Public Policy committee's leadership, we phoned, mailed, and rallied to stand up for AAUW's core issues as government actions challenged them. Well done!

What we don't always consider is the need to stand up for our own wellbeing. We pride ourselves on being strong, flexible, sensible. We don't whine. We get on with life and try really hard to deal with stress. Strong women, that's us.

But this year we worry. What's next? Will this giant upheaval work the magic that's promised? No one knows at this point, but we all face a future filled with change, and worry that the change will harm our children and grandchildren.

But, my dear Strong Women, we have relief! This newsletter asks you to consider joining others in some small escapes from the pressures we deal with each day! Our own members have stepped up to create some diverting experiences for us. Check the list of invitations you'll find in this edition and I hope you find some that fit with your calendar. Sign up, bring friends. Members who have created these events are anxious to have attendees make their efforts worthwhile. They've extended themselves for you, for us. I'm so grateful to them, and I hope you let them know your appreciation, too. Strong women practice self care!

Of course, even with these mini escapes there is still time for you to advocate for what you believe in. AAUW has resources that will help you do that, so please make aauw.org a favorite on your browser. Just think of the young women in your life who are watching, and keep on standing up, speaking up.

Take care,

Faye Binsfeld, President



AAUW Appleton Program News



Time to honor our scholarship recipients

Time to celebrate another year in the books

Time to check out the art class works

Time to hear exciting news

Time to celebrate member anniversaries

Time to install new officers

Time to say thanks

Tuesday, May 20

First United Methodist meeting hall

325 East Franklin St., Appleton

5:30 Gather

5:45 Dessert and finger foods

6:15 Scholarship presentations

7:00 Business meeting

AAUW Appleton Membership News

On the next page is the invitation to our ice cream social! If you have joined AAUW since January of 2024, you are cordially invited to attend this event. Everyone is encouraged to share this invitation with prospective members and accompany them to the party! Please let Jayne know if you will be attending!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jayne Heinrich-Membership VP and Kathy O'Connor-Assistant Membership VP

We are sad to report the loss of one of our AAUW branch members, Pat Nelson. Pat was an Appleton branch member for the last 16 years. Her Celebration of Life will be on May 24th from noon - 3:00 pm at Bubolz Nature Preserve in the Great Heron Room.



**NEW AND PROSPECTIVE
AAUW MEMBERS**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**



SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025	1:30 - 3:00PM
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**1914 CREEK SIDE DR.
NEENAH, WI**

**RSVP TO JAYNE HEINRICH AT
920-246-8567 OR
PLAINJAYNE37@GMAIL.COM**



AAUW National News—AAUW Elections/Work Smart

Voting opened on April 14! Members will receive an electronic ballot with their unique voting credentials from vote@simplyvoting.com, our third-party voting service. Eligible voters are those who were members as of March 14, 2025. Voting closes on May 13, 5 p.m. ET.

Added note from Faye:

Before clicking on that link to vote, you may wish to read about the candidates (4 candidates for 4 openings) first, and may also want to read the very modest changes of emphasis in our Public Policy focus. That information is also in the email, below the link to vote. Please do take a minute to cast your ballot, since nothing can be passed without a quorum voting. Thank you for participating in this quick and easy process.

Ready to take your career— and your confidence — to the next level?

Join thousands of women across the country who are building brighter futures through AAUW's Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative (WEEI) webinar series. From expert-led sessions on salary negotiation and financial literacy to leadership development tools you can use right away, these free webinars are designed to help you earn more, lead with confidence, and close the gender pay gap for good. [Explore our upcoming webinars and register today!](#)

2025 Equal Pay Day Calendar

Each year, this symbolic day is used to raise awareness around and combat the impact of pay inequities. Equal Pay Day marks the current state of the gender pay gap for women. 83% for full-time, year-round workers and 75% for all workers (including part-time and seasonal).

Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Days is to raise awareness about the ongoing gender pay gap and how the pay gap varies significantly among different communities, particularly for women of color.

All Women's Equal Pay Day – *March 25*

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Women's Equal Pay Day
– *April 7*

Mom's Equal Pay Day – *May 6*

LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Awareness Day – *June 17*

Black Women's Equal Pay Day – *July 10*

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) Women's Equal Pay Day – *August 28*

Latina Equal Pay Day – *October 8*

Disabled Women's Equal Pay Day – *October 23*

Native Women's Equal Pay Day – *November 18*

BOOK SALE NEWS!

We have a new home. We will be moving to the Fox River Mall. Our store is located at the main part of the mall just to the right or south of the food court as you are facing the outside entrance. In the past this store was Ulta cosmetics and before that Pier One. It has an outside entrance. It is over 10,000 square feet which is much larger than last year's store. It does have an unusual shape and some other challenges which we will figure out. It will be very convenient for getting food and beverages with all of the choices in the Food Court and nearby restaurants.

We have a 5 month contract starting on June 1. We will begin accepting books every Tuesday in June and July, alternating mornings and afternoons. Your first chance to bring in books will be Tuesday morning, June 3 from 10 am until noon. We do not have a place to accept or store books until June. We will sort books every Tuesday morning and Thursday evening in August and September. Our sale will run from October 16 to November 1 following a similar format to past years although we will have Sunday rather than Wednesday hours.

Be sure to check your next newsletter for more complete details. More information will also be shared at our May 20 Branch meeting. We are looking forward to an exciting sale in a brand new location!

Your Book Sale Chairs

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Your Book Sale Chairs

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Update your directory:

Email correction for Becky Buechler - mbbeek@hotmail.com



SOCIAL JUSTICE INTEREST GROUP

Next meeting date at Starbucks,
1680 S. Appleton Rd, Menasha,
6:00 pm,
May 27th

| RSVP to Judy Goodnight—920-729-9553 or judy@gwd.org.

!Topic: Let's reconnect and refocus.

What do we want to concentrate our time and energies on?

AAUW Appleton Public Policy

➡ **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Our branch showed up in many ways to advocate for issues important to AAUW! Let's celebrate our recent actions and gear up for ways we can get involved in the weeks to come!

➡ We mailed out **175** postcards to encourage our friends and family to **VOTE** in the spring election!

➡ **10** branch members attended the League of Women Voters-sponsored press conference to bring attention to our elected officials about the need to defend our democracy and our Constitution.

➡ Members of our branch showed up to support public education at the budget listening session in Kaukauna.

➡ Many AAUW-Appleton members showed up to support public education, voting rights, women's healthcare, democracy and other issues core to AAUW at the April 6 march.

Watch for ways to get involved in the weeks to come!

Becky O'Connor, AAUW-Appleton Public Policy Chair

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead, Pioneering Anthropologist & 1978 AAUW Achievement Awardee



NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE FOR ZOOM DISCUSSION OF CASTE:

Due to a lack of response to the scheduled Zoom discussion of Caste on Tuesday, April 22, the discussion has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 29th. If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org no later than Sunday, April 27th.

STATE BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUE AT THE END OF APRIL!

HAYWARD

Monday, April 28, 2025

10am-5pm

Hayward High School Auditorium, 10320 Greenwood Lane, Hayward, WI 54843

WAUSAU

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Northcentral Technical College Center for Health Sciences, 1000 West Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Whether or not you can make it, written testimony can be delivered directly to the committee at any time this month. We recommend also sharing with your own lawmakers, as all legislators will ultimately vote on the budget bill.

UNITE FOR THE BUDGET OUR KIDS DESERVE

WISCONSIN KIDS DESERVE:



1. An increase in the state reimbursement of districts' special education costs.

Closing the special education funding gap by providing public school students the same **90% SUM SUFFICIENT reimbursement** already provided to private school students who receive a "special needs" voucher would transform outcomes and opportunities for all students statewide.

2. Equitable, adequate, transparent, predictable, spendable, and fair state funding.

This means getting resources into classrooms by increasing spendable state funds by raising revenue limits **and** adjusting for inflation. General school district revenues per pupil lag inflation by more than \$3,300/pupil since 2009.

3. Priority spending aligned with priority needs by adequately funding: English language learning, mental health support, students in poverty, school nutrition, rural schools and low-revenue limit districts, early childhood/pre-K and higher education, and attracting and retaining educators.

4. Accountability for all public dollars and a moratorium on private voucher and independent (non-district) charter spending.



**CALL ON STATE LEADERS
TO PUT STUDENT NEEDS
BEFORE POLITICS IN THE
2025-2027 STATE BUDGET!**
WisconsinNetwork.org/Budget

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WISCONSIN PUBLIC EDUCATION NETWORK



AAUW Mindfulness Class

Mindfulness Practices to Ease Stress

Research shows that a regular mindfulness practice increases focus, decreases anxiety, and improves emotion regulation. In this session, you'll learn about and *experience* varied mindfulness exercises. These are practices that can be implemented in small, doable ways (even at work!). You'll leave the session with a *deeper sense of calm* and a *toolkit of practices for everyday life*.

Speaker Bio

A former statistics professor, Joy Jordan helps people struggling with anxiety, exhaustion, and busyness to slow down and savor life. Her work takes her into prisons, corporate offices, schools, non-profits, and community classes. Using simple, low-commitment but high-impact tools that are quick to master, Joy helps people turn mindfulness and meditation into the everyday practice they've always wanted. You can find her at bornjoy.com

Please join us at the Appleton Public Library on Thursday, June 5th from 4:30-5:30 in the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund Unconference Room. The cost of the class is \$20 per person with a minimum of 10 people needed to hold the class. Pre-registration is necessary. Refunds will only be given in the event the class is cancelled.

Questions? Please email armstrongjessicamarie@gmail.com or call Jessica Armstrong at 920.427.3385

AAUW Mindfulness Session with Joy Jordan

Thursday, June 5th from 4:30-5:30

Name

Address

Phone #

Email Address

Please enclose \$20 cash or check made out to Jessica Armstrong by 5-31-25

Jessica Armstrong

N9643 Crystal Court

Appleton, WI 54915



AAUW Reads! Movie at the Appleton Public Library

On **TUESDAY, MAY 6TH** AT 4:00 we will gather in the Cornerstone Conference Room at the Appleton Public Library to view the movie *Origin*. We will gather and have a light supper together (details later) and then begin the movie about 5:00. This film is a 2023 biographical drama film written and directed by Ava DuVernay. It is based on the life of Isabel Wilkerson as she writes the book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*. Over the course of the film, Wilkerson travels throughout Germany, India and the United States to research the caste systems in each country's history.

Please RSVP to Becky O'Connor (bandboc@gmail.com) by **May 1st** if you plan to attend.

Let's Take a Break From It All!

We are introducing a new informal group for AAUW members. It will be known as Let's Take a Break From It All. These might be mini excursions, attending local events, taking a walk, playing card/board games, or just getting together for a chat and coffee.

Our first event will be a trip to see the Tulip Festival in Suamico on May 10. Please contact Sylvia Bull for more details and to RSVP.

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

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

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

A DAY IN THE WOODS, MEADOWS, LAKE SHORE!

You are cordially invited to visit Door County's jewel,
The Ridges Sanctuary in Bailey's Harbor

We will have a private guided tour to see the amazing variety of wild flowers,
some found only in this unique ecological site
Our stroll through the sanctuary is on its boardwalk and firm, flat walking paths

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Meet at the Park and Ride just north of 41 at the Little Chute Exit (#146) County Rd. N
and Evergreen Drive at 9:30, DEPARTURE AT 9:45.

Our tour will begin at the Sanctuary's main building at 11:30, and will last an hour
There are bathrooms and a gift shop in that building

OPTIONAL LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT
THE BAILEY'S HARBOR CORNERSTONE PUB
<https://baileysharborcornerstonepub.com/>
8123 Highway 57, Bailey's Harbor

Please Respond to Faye Binsfeld by June 6, indicating if you can drive or need a ride

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



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 Fratello’s

RSVP: Due to Cheryl Reissman Wed. July 9

cherylRonR@gmail.com

Case # 749. ???

Lead on the case: ???

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Wed. Aug. 20. 12:30 Osorio’s

RSVP to Judy Phillips Wed. Aug.13

cubbie1945@gmail.com

Case # 0016. ???

Lead on the case: ???

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

1. *Who would be willing to be discussion leaders for July and/or August?*

2. **MOST IMPORTANT:** *Suggestions for 2 cozy cases for us to read, and one heavier case for next June 2026. DUE TO CHIEF IVERSON ASAP (I’m going to Europe May 6).*

Respond to: heeniei@aol.com

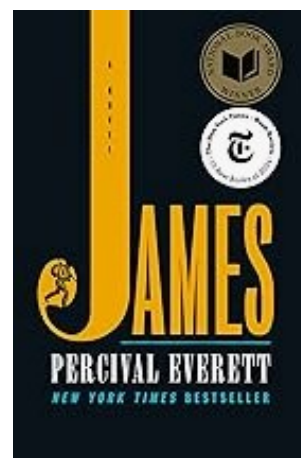
SECOND CHOICE BOOKS

Our May book is *James* by Percival Everett.
You may want to read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain before reading *James*.
We'll meet on **May 7th at 1:00 pm.**

RSVP to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or 920.729.9553
by May 4th to get the location.

RSVPs are a must when we meet at restaurants!

Our June book will be *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange.
Second Choice Books is open to all members of the branch.
Questions? Contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

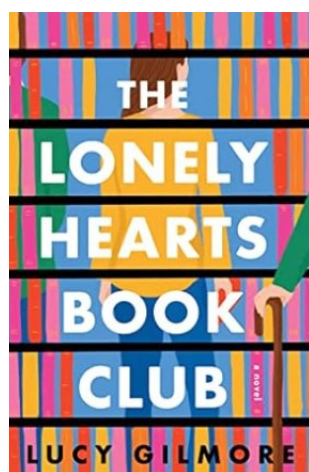


AFTERNOON LITERATURE

Our May book is *The Lonely Hearts Book Club*
by Lucy Gilmore.

Sign ups for the May 21st Afternoon Literature Luncheon
are taking place now. If you are not a current member of the Afternoon
group, we'd love to have you join us and get a taste of what the After-
noon Lit group is all about!

Contact Judy Phillips to place your lunch order or
contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or 920.729.9553.



Evening Book Group News

Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 6:30 PM

Book: *The Net Beneath Us*, by Carol Dunbar

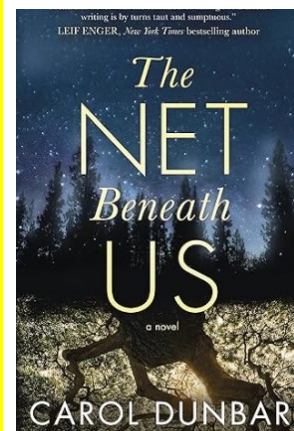
Discussion leader: Eileen Hilbelink

Host: Kathy Kuck

RSVP: to Donna or Kathy by noon on Wednesday, May 7th. Contact info is in the
yearbook/directory.

It's time to choose books for 2025-2026!

- Submit suggestions to Donna by May 26
- Donna compiles and emails suggestions back to members ASAP
- Make your choices of nine books and email them to Donna by no later than June 9 (we meet September through August, skip October, January, February)
- Fiction or nonfiction
- Limit of 2 suggestions from each person please
- Please check that suggested books are available at libraries. Choices will be announced at June meeting, where we also choose hosts and DLs.



AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

Junior Achievement Center, Appleton

28 members present

The meeting was preceded by a presentation "Inspire Inclusion" presented by Members of Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities. President Faye Binsfeld called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. She thanked Kathryn Herzog for providing the refreshments.

The financial report will be printed in the Newsletter. The budget for 2025-2026 will be voted on at the April meeting.

State Convention Invitation - Faye Binsfeld

All are encouraged to attend the state convention in La Crosse on April 25-26, 2025. Details on the convention can be found in the Newsletter.

Membership Updates - Jayne Heinrich

National dues will be increased by \$2 beginning April 1, 2025 followed by another \$2 increase in 2026.

There will be a new member event this spring/summer.

Communications - Judy Goodnight

There are Women's History events being featured daily on Facebook.

Our Facebook page has 779 followers

DEI - AAUW supports free speech and will continue to defend and promote our values, maintain non-partisanship focusing on policies and actions that will have impact.

Travel Group would like suggestions. Contact Judy Goodnight.

Nominating Report - Chris Taylor

Slate of nominees:

President Elect: Stephanie Malaney

Branch Meeting Secretary: Connie Polley

Board Meeting Secretary: Jessica Armstrong

Asst. VP Membership: Sally Lindow

Ass. VP Programs: Shirley Collins

Finance VP: Kathryn Herzog

Voting will take place at the April 12, 2025 branch meeting and installation at the May 20, 2025 branch meeting.

Public Policy - Becky O'Connor (presented by Faye Binsfeld) There will be Get Out to Vote Action which is mailing post cards with pre-printed messages on them to members who are not in attendance and other friends & family. Election for State Supreme Court and Superintendent will be held in April. There is more information about Public Policy in the Newsletter.

Scholarship Update - Ruth Henschel

So far there has only been one application submitted

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2025.

Book Sale Site Update - Donna Cook

The committee is looking for a location for our 2025 Book Sale.

Please contact the committee if you know of any potential locations.

We will be moving our stored items at the Northland Mall on Saturday March 22, 2025 at 9:30am. The items will be stored in a space we have rented.

Other - Faye Binsfeld

*Appleton Flag Day Parade June 14, 2025 "Honor, Courage, Commitment" Let Faye know if you are interested in working on this

*August Women's Equality Day at the Appleton Farmers' Market August 23, 2025. We need volunteers to help with this event.

*Unusual Times - Form a committee to plan informal get togethers for members

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Collins, Secretary

APRIL 12, 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

10:00 Gibson Music Hall, Appleton 30 members attending

President Faye Binsfeld called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were in the April newsletter, as was the monthly financial report.

THE Budget for 2025-2026 was discussed. Cheryl Reissmann moved to accept the budget as presented, Judy Goodnight seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Chris Taylor, Nominations chair, restated the slate of elected officers for 2025-2026 as printed in the newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor. Kathy O'Connor moved to accept the slate of officers, Sheryl DeHart seconded. The motion passed.

Judy Goodnight gave an update from the Afternoon book group regarding the May luncheon. She also announced the May Second Choice book group is postponed one day to Wednesday, May 7th. Judy also reminded us to get newsletter articles to her as early as possible..

Membership announcements from Jayne Heinrich and Kathy O'Connor included introducing a new member, Mary Willems, and a date for a spring new members event on Sunday, May 4, 1:30-3:00, at Anita Hankey's home. It will be an ice cream social. New and prospective members are invited. Anyone is welcome, but RSVP to Jayne Heinrich.

Becky O'Connor reported that with Public Policy's leadership, the branch achieved a lot this year. We mailed 175 postcards with AAUW issues before elections, attended and advocated at state budget meetings. Public education was the main focus this year, with statements from National AAUW as our starting point.

Appleton will have several members attending the state convention for AAUW-Wisconsin in LaCrosse two weeks from now. At that convention, two resolutions will be considered. One supports getting big money out of elections, and the other urges support for the civil rights of LGBTQ+ people.

Mary Grace and Betsy Mintern announced that our book sale will be held at the former Ulta store at the Fox River Mall in Grand Chute this October. There will be more square footage than previous sales, but the spaces and permanent build-outs will require much planning. We begin paying rent June 1, which will continue until November. Beginning June 3, books may be brought to the site on Tuesdays during the summer. Look for details in the newsletter. It is emphasized that we do not invite or allow nonmembers to bring books. That is a member task only. Insurance and neatness at the site are issues if people drop books off without notice.

Book Sale dates for the coming year are: THU- SUN, OCT.16-19/THU-SUN, OCT. 23-26/THU-SAT, OCT. 30- NOV. 1

This is a shift from our schedule at Northland Mall since this mall is much busier on Sunday than on Wednesday. This is the same number of days as previous years.

Since we will not be able to store our larger shelving after the sale, we will need to find storage for them in November following the sale. Members are asked to look for spaces that could accommodate the materials.

Faye announced we need a Bylaws and Policy chair, which has very limited set of responsibilities, not even every year. If you are comfortable handling google docs, it is a job you can do totally on your own time. Please see Faye if you can help in this way.

Helene Iverson is looking for cozy, or lighter, mysteries for the summer mystery group to consider along with a longer mystery for next June.

T shirts are available to order from Pat Hauser.

There was no new business; the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Cheryl Reissmann

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

Budget
2024 - 2025

As of 3/31/2025

INCOME:

		add'l 1485.00 received prior to 7/1/2024	
Membership Dues 2024-2025	630.00		2,175.00
Membership Dues 2025-2026	135.00		0.00
December 2024 Brunch Net Income	3,711.31		1,619.00
Advertisement	50.00		50.00
Misc	708.50		
Interest	<u>52.44</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Income		<u>5,237.25</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	495.10		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>
Total Expense		<u>1,898.01</u>	<u>3,844.00</u>

Revenue Less Expenses 3,339.24

Checkbook Balances as of 3/31/2025

General Checking Account

Leadership Development	7,908.89
General Fund	<u>17,922.60</u>
Total Checking Account	25831.49

Scholarship Money Market Account* \$33,553.10

*Includes \$4.59 in monthly interest

Book sale expenses to be reimbursed at the end of book sale \$185.00

FAYE'S POETRY CORNER

INSTRUCTIONS ON NOT GIVING UP by Ada Limón

More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees that really gets to me. When all the shock of white and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath, the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin growing over whatever winter did to us, a return to the strange idea of continuous living despite the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then, I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.



TODAY

by Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day

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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- * Thinking of you
- * Congratulations
- * Get Well
- * Illness



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