



# Foliage

A newsletter of AAUW-Eau Claire Branch  
October 2022

## GREETINGS BRANCH MEMBERS

The beautiful colors of our trees and foliage in Eau Claire are an indication that fall has arrived along with yard work and stowing away our summer stuff for another year. Hopefully, this coming weekend will not disappoint us and provide opportunities for some additional “fun in the sun.”

The 2022 AAUW – Eau Claire book sale has come and gone, and it was a very, very successful effort thanks to everyone’s work and expertise. It was the 59<sup>th</sup> book sale of our branch, and a bit of history to be proud of.

Margot and Linda have planned an excellent program on Title IX, and 2022 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of this legislation. I am amazed that just 37 words of Title IX impacted so many individuals and educational programs. We are meeting at UW-EC Centennial Hall, Room 1704, to accommodate our presentation.

Welcome Mechele Shipman and Judy Gatlin to our branch as well as Kathy Gjesfjeld who has rejoined. We look forward to meeting with you, and welcome your participation in our branch activities.

November 8 will be here soon, and it is important all of us exercise our right to choose our legislators. I heard the following quote this morning: “Voting is not an optional activity. You need to show up and vote!!” How true that statement is when our democracy is on very unstable ground.

Branch meetings will return this year – very brief – 30 minutes at the maximum and prior to our program. Our discussions at the board level will be summarized and discussed at these branch meetings.

The Eau Claire branch is beginning its 64<sup>th</sup> year, and the best is yet to come.

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**The 59<sup>th</sup> year of the AAUW Eau Claire book sale is in the books, and it was a success!**

**We made our budget \* We saw hundreds of book buyers \* We helped educate women\***

**Here's a fun look at the numbers ...**

- **Our budget goal was \$6500.00, we made almost \$6800.00**
- **We fully realized our funding goals – awarding 4 scholarships between UW-EC and CVTC, sending 2 women students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**
- **We collected over 10,400 used books that filled 375 boxes**
- **Our Facebook and Visit Eau Claire posts caught the attention of over 50,000 people**
- **We sent 830 postcards to 81 cities in WI and 31 cities outside WI**
- **For the first time, we did live interviews on 2 local TV stations**
- **At the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> day, we flung open the doors to 110 impatient book buyers**
- **We found 1 rare book of high value and other Fabulous Finds that sold for around \$300.00**

**An effort of this size takes teamwork. Thanks to our well-oiled book sale “machine” we logged many volunteer hours with a friendly spirit of working together for a good cause. Thank you all for being there together, and especially to Rita Houser for her years of book sale leadership preparing us to succeed.**

**Kerry Kincaid  
2022 Book Sale Chair**

## 2022 Book Sale Memories



Ready, Set, Go to serve our customers



Special Collections Tables





View from the Front



Helland's Garage –Impressive sorting area

## Before & After Book Sale Tables



Art – Before



Art – After



Children's After



Paperback Fiction – After

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to see the tables at the end of the book sale, the above pictures indicate why we had such a successful sale and had to take so few boxes of books to Savers.

## AAUW 2022 Book Sale Stats

3 Sale Days Income	\$11,786.50
After Sale Income	<u>74.00</u>
Total Income:	\$11,860.50
 Total Expenses:	 <u>\$ 5,079.49</u>
 Net Income:	 <b>\$ 6,781.01</b>

A more detailed profit and loss statement will be distributed at our October 27 program.



## When Women Vote, They Change the Conversation

Election day is Tuesday, November 8. Make sure that you vote and that you encourage those around you to vote. Whether you like to vote in person or prefer to use an absentee ballot, now is the time to plan **how** you will vote. A wealth of information can be found at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

Now is also the time to find out **which candidates to vote for**. I encourage you to go to the AAUW-WI website <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/> Click on the webinar **Where do your candidates stand on critical AAUW Issues?**

You will find a 45-minute program on the following topics:

- Reminders of AAUW issues, both national and local.
- Where do the candidates stand on these issues.
- Being an advocate for AAUW issues.

Make your vote count!

Mary Hayden  
Public Policy Chair



## **AAUW – EAU CLAIRE BRANCH PROGRAMS – 2022-2023**

### **Thursday, October 27 - 4:00 – 6:00 pm – UW-EC Centennial Hall – Room 1704**

Celebration of Title IX – Our speaker is Robin Baker, Associate Athletic Director at UW-EC. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the passage of Title IX, and it would be helpful and interesting to know where our university stands at this place in time.

When I spoke to Robin, she indicated that ESPN+ had premiered a 4-part docuseries on Title IX in June, and it was wonderful. We will watch the first installment as a refresher, and then Robin will answer questions and provide her observations on where we are today.

If we enjoy the first ESPN+ show, we can arrange to watch the next three. As a reminder, Title IX was passed on June 23, 1972. The 37 words are as follows: “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

I encourage you all to think about what career and sports opportunities we had available when we were young and what is available today. I think the discussion and remembrances will be terrific.

Margot Bouchard & Linda Presley  
VP's Program Co-chairs

**Thursday, November 17 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – Holiday Celebration/Luncheon – Florian Gardens – NCCWSL Recipients' presentations.**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023 – Soup/Cinema – Linda Presley's home.**

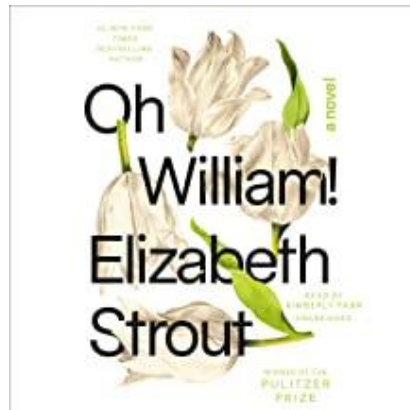


## BOOK GROUP

No book group meeting in November as the Holiday Luncheon is on the date.



*Kindred* by Octavia Butler is the December 18<sup>th</sup> selection.



On January 19, *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout will be discussed.

If you would like to join the book group, simply email me ([christine.kondrasuk@gmail.com](mailto:christine.kondrasuk@gmail.com)). We meet the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.

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## Our Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

## Our Vision

Equity for all.

## Values

Nonpartisan. Fact-Based. Principled. Inclusive and Intersectional.

## Priority Issues

Education

Workplace & Economic Equity

Leadership

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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