



Faribault Branch Communiqué

December 2014



**AAUW: Equity for women & girls
through advocacy, education and research**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our **Holiday Gathering is at 6:30 on Monday, Dec.15** at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister (north side entrance). Come and celebrate with your AAUW family during this season of joy and giving. Our Buck-It for donations for our scholarship fund will be available. Remember your silent auction items for the LAF and something good to eat.

The local scholarship winners will be announced by Betty Harmsen. We are excited to learn about the deserving candidates.

January Program



“The Gallery on the Go” event is being planned for Saturday, January 17, at 2:00 at the Upper East Side in downtown Faribault. This entertaining painting activity to invite potential new members, especially younger ones, is organized by Karen Rasmussen. Here's an opportunity to be an AAUW mentor. Check with Karen if you are interested. We need 10 people to have the event, but are limited to 20. Suzanne Schwichtenberg, our guide, will assist us step-by-step with everything from brush selection to technique to color as everyone creates the same piece of art that has been chosen. Each guest costs \$26, including materials. You can like it on Facebook and see what's been happening at: <https://www.facebook.com/theuppereastside213> or the website: Galleryonthego.net

Plan to join us for the Minnesota History Theatre's production of “God's Girl” in February (time & date to be announced). This



will be a great way to celebrate our 90th Anniversary of our Faribault Branch, est. Feb. 25, 1925. We hope you'll enjoy this show about Minnesota's first female minister! Our November program, "Women Farmers," was an enjoyable and informative session about maintaining a sustainable operation. Goat cheese samples, wool mittens, hats and goat soaps were offered for sale. A summer field trip to the two farms was suggested to see the ladies in action.

Your Co-Presidents want to wish all our members a **joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**, Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

SECRETARY'S REPORT



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING November 24, 2014

Kathy Larson, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Rice County District One conference room. Kathy welcomed the group, reminding us that November 28th is the national AAUW's 133rd birthday. The

Buck-it was passed around to collect money toward scholarships. Members shared how AAUW is important to each of us and to the future.

Old business was discussed. The treasurer's and secretary's reports were printed in the most recent newsletter. No additions or corrections were presented.

Our second annual Halloween Breakfast netted a profit of \$818.97, as compared to \$570 last year. More advanced sales significantly contributed to the gain. The board recommends that we hold the breakfast again next year. Liz Hartman made a motion that we hold the breakfast again next year. Pauline Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion carried. The breakfast not only provides us with almost the price of a scholarship, plus gives us good community exposure and member camaraderie.

Our co-presidents have completed and submitted two state surveys. Kathy Larson sent a survey regarding our candidate forums. Karen Rasmussen sent a report on our events. Karen shared concern regarding Shape the Future incentives to encourage new members. Karen recommends that the treasurer and membership co-chairs work as a trio to keep formulas and continuity moving in the right direction. Karen Kittlesen and Pat Fuchs, membership co-chairs, are in support of events to promote membership, but the membership budget is not enough to pay for special events. Members and/or the general fund will be needed to support events.

Ruth Hildebrandt, Pat Umbreit, and Betty Harmsen have met to select two scholarship winners. The recipients' names will be announced at our next meeting. Pictures and an article will be sent to our local newspaper.

Pat Rice gave an update on our book sale. Everyone is invited to be on the committee, which will meet in January. Site of the book sale at the mall is still to be determined. Gloria Olson will order bags to be sold at the book sale. The date of the committee meeting will be posted in our newsletter.

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen shared that there is to be a program change for April. Gloria Olson and Lisa Simons have arranged for us to co-host a guest author. Elizabeth J. Andrews, author of "Hannah Delivered". The Paradise Center for the Arts has been wanting to be more involved in the literary arts. PCA will be the site of the event, which is free. The author will be selling her books. Refreshments can be purchased at the Paradise's kiosk. Our co-presidents may make a presentation to explain AAUW. Our book sale bags may be sold. We will invite local book clubs, and clubs from Owatonna and Northfield. The originally scheduled April program may be moved to the fall.

Karen Rasmussen shared an idea her daughter had to increase new, younger members. We could have a paint program through the "Gallery on the Go", a new store in the Upper East Side, owned by Suzanne Schwichtenberg. We would need a minimum of 10 and a maximum of twenty people. Individuals would each paint the same picture, to be determined by participants. Current members would each invite a potential member. Cost is \$26/person. The event would be 1 ½ to 2 hours in length. A sign-up sheet was routed. The possible dates are Saturdays, January 17th, 24th and 31st from 2 to 4:00. A committee will decide the date. Perhaps Shelly Rockman, South Central College, and Cyndy Harrison could have contact with younger potential members?

Karen Kittlesen, membership co-chair, shared that he and Pat Fuchs are trying to arrange a membership event at South Central College, to familiarize the students with AAUW, so that if they are not ready to join now, they may join at a later date.

Kathy Larson shared that she believes we have a policy of canceling evening meetings if the public school has been closed for the day. Research will be done to confirm if this is, in fact, our branch policy.

Our Holiday Party is December 15th, at 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour Cloister. Each member brings an hors d'oeuvre to share. Those who were to provide April's treats will now provide the beverages, plates, napkins, silverware, etc. for the party. There will not be a business meeting. We will have our annual silent auction. Please bring items for baked goods for sale. Bid high and often! Proceeds go to LAF.

My Bottke's 90th birthday is November 28th! May is currently living at Pleasant View Estates.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by wonderful presentations by Kathy Zeman of Simple Harvest Organic Farm, and by Lynne Reeck of Singing Hills Dairy, both on the topic of sustainable farming. Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

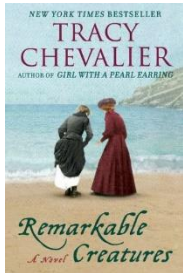


November balances are as follows: checking \$316.18 and savings \$5,132.54. This

would scholarships. Submitted by Julie Olson

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BOOK CLUB NEWS



Nine AAUW members met at Perkins Restaurant last month to discuss Tracy Chevalier's *Remarkable Creatures*. Everyone liked this well-researched historical novel that told of the life and times of the first female paleontologist, Mary Anning.

The group meets again at 6:30 on the 16th of December at Barb Dubbels' home. We will discuss *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. Let's give Barb a holiday break and bring treats. Gloria O will bring beverages. Submitted by Gloria Olson.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The names of two scholarship recipients will be announced at our next meeting.

SHIRLEY MADOW, a cherished member of our AAUW Branch passed away Monday. She will be greatly missed by us all. There will be a Memorial Service in honor of Shirley's life, Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 am at the American Legion Club in Faribault.

PROGRAM



'Tis the season to make merry with your AAUW friends
Our holiday party is 6:30 p.m. Monda Dec. 15 at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour.

Come one, come all to gather together to count AAUW's blessings of the year and for fellowship and fun.

Remember to bring an item for the silent auction to benefit the Leagal Advocacy Fund - or, if you don't have an item, give a cash donation. We will collect donations to the Community Cafe as a way of thanking the Cathedral for use of its facility.

Santa is also coming to town that day and has checked his "nice" list and AAUW members are near the top for their volunteerism.

...And, remember to bring an appetizer or holiday treat to share.

God bless you, everyone,

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen, co-program VPs

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will report in the January newsletter.

CALENDAR

December 15 ~ Holiday Party ~ Monday ~6:30 PM ~ Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
Please bring an hors'd'oeuvre and something for the auction

December 16 ~ Book Club ~ Tuesday ~ 6:30 pm~ Barb Dubbel's Home

January 17~ Gallery on the Go ~ 2:00 pm ~ Downtown Faribault

January 26 ~ Monday~ Branch Meeting