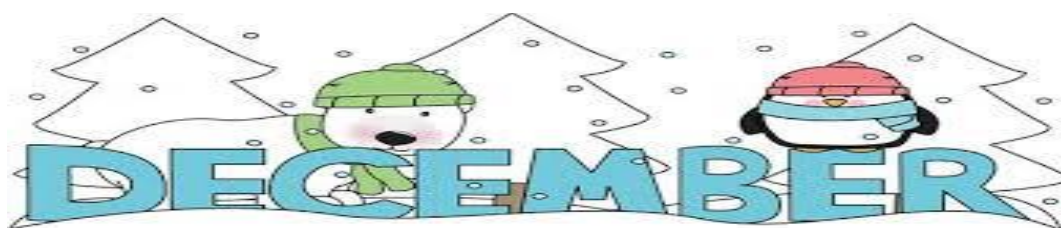




Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ December 2016

Kool and the Gang must have been thinking about December when they recorded the song, Celebration. It is definitely the month to get together, celebrate and have a good time. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve are just a few of the celebrations that occur during the month. Besides celebrating joyful events, commemorating special achievements can also be celebrated.

The members of AAUW-Faribault Branch have several reasons to celebrate. First, the Halloween Breakfast and the LAF silent auction were very successful in raising \$1906 for scholarships and over \$400 for the LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund). These funds will help women further their education and give them support in their fight against gender discrimination and harassment in the work place. Next, we celebrate the generosity of members with their time, money, and talents. Many members donated items for the LAF auction and bid freely. Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Kasten once again revised the by-laws. Pat Rice and Cyndy Harrison shared their knowledge about the programs of AAUW and how to utilize AAUW website. At a social event, our youngest member, Maren Grunnet, informed the ten members in attendance about a variety of non-alcoholic drinks and then created a drink suited to each person's taste. Finally, we celebrate how members embrace each other when someone marks some important event and give love and support to anyone who is ill or is dealing with a loss.



On December 19th, our annual holiday gathering will be held at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres to share during our social time. After a short business meeting, we will sing Christmas carols

with music provided by May Bottke. A special activity is also being planned by our program committee. Members are requested to bring jars of peanut butter for people who attend the Community Café on Tuesday. (There will be no board business meeting.)



December Meeting

“Christmas at the Cathedral”

Monday, December 19

6:00 PM

Cathedral of Our Merciful

Savior’s Cloister

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Pat Rice informed us that the book sale is scheduled for the third week of April. If the schedule is the same as past years, the first day of the sale will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2016 with the kid’s day on Saturday, April 22nd. Please mark this date on your calendar.

We would like to close with a message that was received on a Christmas card: May this Christmas bring our world closer to a spirit of caring, closer to the blessing of peace.

Membership News

- **Pat Otis** suffered some more health problems and is now recuperating at her son’s home in Duluth, Minnesota.
- **Julie Olson’s** husband, **Bob**, is now home and doing well after his heart surgery.
- Our condolences to **Kathy Larson** whose father, Bernard Hilgers, passed away on November 25, 2016.
- **Maren Grunnet** is a busy person. Maren and her brother, Isaac, were both inducted as members of the National Society of Leadership and Success on Tuesday, December 6th at South Central College. She also received a letter of acceptance from Hamline University for the 2017-2017 school year where she will be enrolled as a junior. Maren a Community Band member, participated in a concert at the Faribault West Mall on December 11th.
- A memorial service for a former AAUW member, **Elizabeth ‘Bette’ Kaul**, was held on December 4th at The Inn at Shattuck-St. Mary’s. Several members attended and a white rose in a vase was sent by AAUW-Faribault to The Inn for the memorial service.



May Bottke celebrated her 92nd birthday on November 28th!

Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, co-presidents

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Membership Memos:

It was great having the presentation with Pat Rice and Cyndy Harrison at our last meeting to discuss the many important issues AAUW has tackled and how, together, we can advance equity for women and girls. AAUW has done much research on women's equity which is one of the components of our mission statement along with advocacy, education and philanthropy. Research has shown that in the last 40 years, the gender pay gap has closed by only 20 cents. Continuing our list which is from the AAUW poster "79 examples of how women are still treated unequally," research also shows that:

17. Just one year after college, women graduates make only 82% as much as their male counterparts.
18. The gender pay gap is an understatement. When part-time workers are included, the gap widens.
19. The pay gap is especially bad in states like Wyoming, Utah and Louisiana, where the gap is about equal to the pay gap in the nation back in 1970.
20. The pay gap is largest for Hispanic and Latina women. They are paid barely half of what white men are paid (54%).
21. The pay gap involves more than just wages Employers are less likely to offer health insurance, retirement savings plans and access to paid leave to women workers.
22. **The gender gap could cost women more than \$430,000 throughout the course of their careers. For women with college degrees, losses can be much higher.**
23. Two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. Most of these women do not have even one paid sick day.
24. One in three women in the United States is living in or is on the brink of poverty.
25. The US ranks 74th out of 145 countries on wage equality, but has the second highest gross domestic product.

We currently have 5 new members; with just one more we earn 3 free national memberships. For now, we're at two lucky recipients. New members can join for \$43.50 until the end of the month.

Sometimes people aren't members because they have never been asked. Be brave, ask someone to join us!

Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

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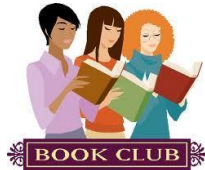
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Treasurer's Report

Karen Rasmussen reported that she deposited \$461 from our LAF Silent Auction in November. That is almost \$100 more than last year!! Nice work ladies! We have \$6,732.12 in savings and \$170.15 in checking at the moment.

Julie Olson, Treasurer



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The members in attendance at our November meeting decided to have dinner together in December. Our meeting date is Tuesday, December 20. Let's begin at 6pm for dinner. I'll order from Ist of Thai and we can split the cost.

The first meeting of our book club was in *November of 2002* so this dinner gathering can be a *14 year*. anniversary party plus Christmas celebration.

choices are welcome.

December book is *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren.



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Secretary's Report

AAUW Faribault Branch Meeting - Nov. 28, 2016

The November 28th meeting of the AAUW Faribault Branch was called to order by Pres. Pat Fuchs at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Dist.One Hospital. She recognized one of our members, May Bottke,

who was celebrating her 92nd birthday and members sang *Happy Birthday* to the birthday girl. Pat also offered condolences to Kathy Larson who recently lost her father.

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Rasmussen shared Julie Olson's report from the preceding board meeting. We currently have \$170.00 in checking and \$6,730.00 in savings. The Halloween breakfast fundraiser grossed \$2,963.00 with \$786.24 in expenses for a net of \$1,906.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Karen Rasmussen reported that we have 51 paid members. Pat Otis still intends to join. May Bottke introduced new member, Kris Raaen.
- **Program:** Colleen Rolling announced that we will have our holiday meeting on Dec. 19th at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister beginning at 6 p.m. Members provide hors d'oeuvres. They are also asked to bring their own Christmas mug and a jar of peanut butter for the Cathedral Cafe. The program committee will organize some social activities.
- **Halloween Breakfast:** We raised a lot of money but ran out of food. The kitchen manager ordered food for 216 instead of the 300 we had indicated. The board is recommending that we work with the Legion manager, and possibly the Sons of the American Legion, to better organize the breakfast next year. Pres. Fuchs commended the 31 volunteers who worked so hard for the success of the fundraiser. Motion by Pat Rice that we work with the Legion manager to resolve the issues and set a date for next year's breakfast. Pauline Schreiber seconded. The motion carried.
- **By-laws:** Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Kasten have completed the changes mandated by AAUW state and national offices. For IRS tax purposes, we are affiliates of the state and national organizations but are still known as AAUW Faribault Branch. We do not need to vote on these mandated changes.
- **2018 Convention:** Cyndy Harrison and Pauline Schreiber, co-chairs for hosting the 2018 state convention, have received the 41 page list of duties and recommendations from AAUW Minnesota. Karen Rasmussen will be following up with the Faribault Woolen Mill regarding using remnants to make convention bags.
- **Scholarships:** Applicant is asking to apply early because she will be abroad and unreachable. Cyndy will speak to her and get contact information.
- **Sunshine:** Christy Dore and Pat will meet to set up some guidelines for this newly created position.
- **Social Events:** Kirsten Grunnet shared information on the Dec. 11th play, "Wrapped in Glory" at the Paradise Center. Dinner will follow at Gran Plaza. Pat Rice is accepting payment tonight for the already purchased tickets. January's event is the paint party at The Upper East Side.
- **Correspondence:** Karen Rasmussen read the request from Jeff Jarvis from Faribault Parks and Recreation Department, asking for contributions for the Fish Camp at the Washington Center on Jan. 21st, 2017. According to our guidelines, our branch can not contribute to fundraisers, but individuals were encouraged to support the cause, if they wish.

Old Business:

- **Local Camp Scholarship:** Tabled as Emily Nesvold is not in attendance.
- **Signage:** Cyndy showed a sample of the design for the proposed sign. Under the title of our group will be contact information, our mission statement, a list of activities and projects, and some pictures. She will email a copy to our members and we will vote on it at our December meeting.
- **Bette Kaul Memorial:** Pauline Schreiber will bring our traditional white rose to the service for former member, Bette Kaul, this Saturday on behalf of our branch.

New Business:

- **SCC Faribault Campus Scholarship Fund Drive:** Ruth Hildebrandt asked for a donation to the 2016-2017 SCC Scholarship Drive. Motion by Christy Dore, second by Liz Hartman to pledge \$1500 to provide two \$750 named scholarships. The motion carried.
- **Point of Privilege:** May Bottke thanked the members for their birthday wishes and cards.

The meeting was adjourned. Following a break for treats and bidding on LAF silent auction items, the program "AAUW, the Big Picture" was presented by Pat Rice and Cyndy Harrison. They highlighted "Explaining AAUW to Others," "Supporting AAUW Programs," and an overview of the AAUW website.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

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