



# Faribault Branch Communiqué

~February 2014 ~

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Liz Strohfus, a young 94-year old native of Faribault, was saying, "Girls Can," long before AAUW used the expression to encourage girls to be interested in math and science. She learned to fly a plane in Faribault in her early 20s and then in 1943 joined the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP's). We are delighted to have her as our speaker on *Monday, February 24 at 7 p.m.*

Come and listen to Liz "look back" on the women in the military. While WASP's were the first women to fly plane in the military, they were not given WW II veteran status until Liz and other WASP's fought for this status in the 1970s.

It is *important* that members attend our branch business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 24 since it is our last meeting before the book sale. The sale is April 3-6 with limited sale hours on April 7-8. People will need to sign up for helping at the sale, as well as helping sort books prior to the sale on Monday, March 31 and Tues.-Wed. April 1-2. Those who aren't at the meeting can email or call Dorothy Joy at: [sdjoy@myclearwave.net](mailto:sdjoy@myclearwave.net) or phone, 333-5775.

We are planning to go to the Minnesota History Theater on *Sunday, March 30*. So far 14 people have signed up. The cost is \$22. People who have reserved tickets can pay for them at the Feb. 24 meeting.

There is still time to reserve a ticket for "Lonely Soldiers: Women at War in Iraq" by emailing Pauline at: [stpauline818@gmail.com](mailto:stpauline818@gmail.com) or calling her at 334-9598.

Your co-presidents, Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larsen, hope all of you check your calendars for early April and sign up to sort as well as sell books.

Co-presidents –Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larson

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## February Meeting

Monday, February 24 in the District One Hospital Classroom

5:30 - Board Meeting

5:30 – 6:15 Members can eat in the hospital cafeteria

6:30 - Important Business Meeting (sign up to work at book sale)

7:00 - Speaker, Liz Strohfus, Women's Air Force Service Pilot



*Book Sale Alert! - Book Sale Alert! - Book Sale Alert!*

Please come to the February meeting prepared to sign up for work hours at the book sale. **Set up:** March 31st, April 1st, and April 2nd. **The sale:** all day April 4 and 5 (10:00 AM - 8:00 PM), noon to 5 on April 6th, and 3 to 7 on April 7 and 8. **Clean up:** Wed. morning, April 9th.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2014

Pauline Schreiber, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Rice County District One Classroom C.

Betty Harmsen, scholarship chairman, shared thank-you notes from two scholarship winners, Marci Lessman and Chelsea Borwege. Pauline shared that the board reviewed available finances, and recommends that we increase the SCC scholarship from \$750 to \$1000 this spring. We will need to decide each year if it is possible to continue funding at the \$1,000 level. Diane Hagen made a motion that we increase the scholarship to \$1,000 this year, subject to yearly review. Kathy Kasten seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

It is necessary for chapters to update the by-laws to be consistent with the state. The state by-laws chairman will assist chapters once she is back in the country. Kathy Kasten will bring our by-laws into compliance.

The book sale committee met on January 22nd. Gloria Olson will be ordering 100 bags to be used at the bag sale. Shoppers can use last year's bag if they want to. We will not have a new design or color because any changes will cost an extra \$50 set-up fee. All members are invited to attend the next committee meeting: 1:00, February 19th, Coffee Shop. Pat Rice discussed efforts to get advertising on

social media.

Pauline Schreiber shared that the state is eliminating the “Women in Motion” award, but that we should still have a strategic plan. We have a goal of adding three new members. We are grateful to have new members: Nicole Borwege and Karen Parker. Others are pending.

Pauline reminded us that 2014 is an election year. Pauline will no longer be our president, but is willing to help with forums. The board recommends that we should again sponsor the event, hopefully in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made and carried that we hold forums this fall. Ellen Bisping will talk with a Chamber member to see if they would like to co-sponsor. Pauline will reserve 3 nights in October for the event, to be held at City Hall.

The March meeting will be a play at the Minnesota History Theatre, “Lonely Soldiers / Women of Iraq”. Emily Nesvold will send an email requesting sign-up. One may also sign up at the February meeting. The cost is \$22 / member. If you sign up and are unable to attend, the fee must still be paid. We will carpool. Members are encouraged to invite friends and relatives.

Kathy Kasten shared information regarding Women’s’ History Month. Articles will be written by Pat Rice, Gloria Olson, Rene’ Perrance, Diane Hagen, and Pauline Schreiber. The topic will be: Women Who Have Advocated for the Environment. The articles will appear in the Tuesday editions of the Faribault Daily News.

Emily Nesvold shared information regarding our new website, being developed by Emily, Liz Hartman, and a representative from the State AAUW. Access the site by putting the following in the address line: [www.http://faribault-mn.aauw.net](http://faribault-mn.aauw.net). Click on activities. Emily and Liz would like feedback.

We were pleased to have a guest and potential new member at tonight’s meeting, Cyndy Harrison.

Our member, Shirley Norgaard, has been recovering from an injury. We wish her the very best! A card will be sent.

Tonight’s program was cancelled due to the extreme cold.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, Secretary

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Finances: we have \$4,497.03 in savings and \$151.52 in checking at the moment. Remaining budgeted expenses for the fiscal year include Project Star, conference expenses, and one more scholarship. We are in good shape, since the book sale will replenish our accounts in the spring. While I am out of town, please contact Kathy or Pauline if you have an expense that should be paid. I have left the checkbooks with Karen Rasmussen.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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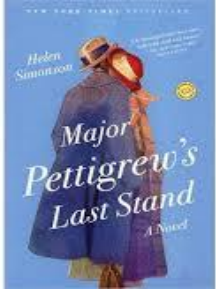


## BOOK CLUB NEWS



Seven hardy readers braved the cold evening to gather at Perkins and discuss the classic, *Great Expectations*. Reactions ranged from enjoyment to "couldn't stay with it." All agreed that Gloria C.'s copy, a Junior Classics version (!), probably made the book more fun to read!

Diane's information about Dickens' personal life livened up the conversation.



We are reading Major Pettigrew's Last Stand for February and will meet again at Perkins on Feb.18 -- *6:00 for dinner; 6:30 discussion.*

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gloria O.

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The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. (Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Thank you). Items should be sent by **the 10th of the month** to either Emily or Liz on alternating months. A reminder e-mail will always be sent out.