



# Faribault Branch Communiqué

## January 2014

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a nice surprise to open up the Faribault Daily News on Jan. 8 and see a photo on the Community Page of Betty Harmsen and our 2014 local scholarship winners Marci Lessman and Chelsea Borwege. Each receives a \$1,000 scholarship, given in memory of long-time branch members Pat Tuma and Karen Johnson. Both passed away last year and their survivors and some of our members gave donations to the scholarship fund in their memory.

A big thanks to Betty Harmsen and her scholarship committee for their work in getting great candidates for our local scholarship.

At the 5:30 p.m. branch board meeting Monday, Jan. 27 at District One Hospital, board members will review our scholarship funds to determine if the \$750 scholarship we pledged to South Central College can be turned into a \$1,000 scholarship. I hope many board members can attend the meeting.

Remember, too, that a Book Sale Committee meeting is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Coffee Shop. All members interested are welcome. The committee's November meeting netted many ideas. Now we need to plan to make those ideas part of this year's book sale. The event will be April 3-6 at the West Mall, with limited sale hours April 7-8.

And, don't forget that at the Jan. 27 meeting we will be taking reservations for our March 30 trip to the Minnesota History Theater to see "Lonely Soldiers: Women at War in Iraq." We will carpool to the event. The cost is \$22. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend, but should be signed up at the January meeting, too, to determine the interest in this outing.

Your co-presidents, Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larson hope everyone is making it through the Deep Freeze okay, and it will be as warm as toast on Jan. 27 - at least inside District One Hospital. Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

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## JANUARY PROGRAM



Did you know that tiny Nerstrand, Mn. has become a center for small goat and organic farms? If you visit Farmers Markets in the Metro area, you may have bought goat cheese, goat soap, or tasty organic vegetables from one or more of these women farmers from Nerstrand. At our next AAUW meeting on Jan. 27 (7 pm at District One) we will be able to meet at least one of these farmers, Kathy Zeman of Simple Harvest Farm Organics. I am asking her to bring some of her soap and wool dryer balls if she has some available. We also hope to have Lynne Reeck and Kate Wall from Singing Hills Goat Dairy. They make several kinds of goat cheese. Both farms have interesting websites with good pictures. I es-



pecially liked the ones of the little goats. Submitted by Diane Hagen

**Next meeting Regular: January 27, 7:00 pm, District One Hospital Classrooms**

Business meeting; 6:30 pm

Board meeting: 5:30 pm

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the Hospital Cafeteria

**Refreshments:** provided by Gloria Carter and Carol Quail

Sign up for History Theater; cost = \$22.00

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



### FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2013

The December meeting was held at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's Cloister, following our 6:00 p.m. Christmas potluck of hors d'oeuvres. The meeting was called to order by President, Pauline Schreiber.

The book sale committee met in November, and will meet again at 1:00, January 22, 2014, at The Coffee Shop. Gloria Olson will order book bags to be sold at the sale. Emily Nesvold will remind us of the committee meeting in the next Communique'.

Betty Harmsen gave us an update on our \$1,000 scholarship. We received 15 - 20 applications.

The committee narrowed the selection down to two finalists, but were unable to choose between the two. Betty asked if we could possibly give two \$1,000 scholarships. Julie Olson, treasurer, gave us a financial update. Pat Rice made a motion that we give two \$1,000 scholarships; Emily Nesvold seconded the motion. The motion carried. The two winners are Marcie Lessman and Chelsea Borwege.

Discussion was held as to whether or not we could raise the South Central College Scholarship from \$750 up to \$1,000, which has been requested by the college. Barb Dubbels spoke in favor of increasing the scholarship since our purpose is not to have money, but rather to donate it to scholarships and other worthwhile projects. It was decided to delay a decision. Ruth Hildebrandt stated that awards are usually made in April, so a decision would have to be made relatively soon in order that the increase could go into effect this year. The board will meet in January and make a recommendation to the membership at large.

Pauline Schreiber reminded us of donation opportunities to give to the Community Cafe and to our "Buck-It" fund tonight.

The meeting was adjourned.

Program: Christmas party with a special visit from Santa Clause. A special birthday presentation to Mae Bottke, by Santa Clause, Mary Sanborn, Kathy Larson, Pat Rice, Pauline Schreiber and the membership. There was a silent auction to raise money for the legal advocacy and educational fund at the state and national levels.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT

This would have been a good year to go south NOW! Oh well. Here are some numbers for you. Our LAF contributions/sales at the Christmas party totaled \$223. Good work. Other donations were \$73, not including money given to the Cathedral Cafe. We have sent in the LAF funds and also paid \$2,000 for two scholarships. And we still have money left: \$151.48 in checking and \$4,496.05 in savings. Happy New Year! Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues for the year, you may give a check to Mary Lilquist or Pat Fuchs at our September meeting.

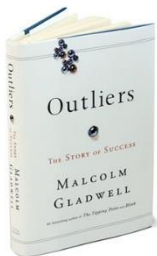
Annual Membership Dues \$68

Dues for Life Members \$19

Thank you! Mary and Pat

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS



AAUW book group met on December 17 for a lively discussion of Malcom Gladwell's *The Outliers*. Everyone agreed it was great "food for thought" while several skeptics questioned the research. We also enjoyed Christmas goodies and shared Christmas memories.

The January meeting will be at Perkins Restaurant on January 21. Come at 6:00 for supper or 6:30 for discussion/dessert. Til then, snuggle in with a classic: *Great Expectations* by Dickens. Submitted by Gloria Olson

## Scholarships



We have awarded our two scholarships in memory of Pat Tuma and Karen Johnson. They are \$1,000.00 each and the recipients are Chelsea Borwege and Marci Lessman. Here is the article that went in the Daily News along with their pictures.

*Betty Harmsen, representing the Faribault American Association of University Women, is presenting two \$1,000.00 scholarships to Chelsea Borwege and Marci Lessman. Borwege is attending Bemidji State majoring in Clinical Laboratory Science and Biology. Lessman attends Iowa State and is majoring in Medical Illustration. Both recipients are graduates of Faribault Senior High and the scholarships are in memory of two long time AAUW members, Pat Tuma and Karen Johnson. Submitted by Betty Harmsen*

## CALENDAR

**January 14 ~ Tuesday, ~ 5:30 PM ~ Boston's Restaurant**

Planning for the annual Women's History Month theme and Daily News Articles

Pauline, Rene` and Diane have some ideas ....and everyone else who is interested is also welcome.

**January 22 ~ Wednesday, ~ 1:00 pm ~ Coffee Shop**

Book Sale meeting

**March 30 ~ Sunday ~ Minnesota History Theater ~ "Lonely Soldiers; Women in Iraq"**

**April 3 – 8 ~ Book Sale~ Faribault West Mall**

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