



Faribault Branch Communiqué

~ January 2016 ~

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ January 2016

January is the month of greatest contrasts: it's the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere and the hottest month in the Southern Hemisphere. It's also the closest to and furthest from Dec 31. We'll take a quick look back and then look forward to what's planned for 2016.

What fun we had at our annual Christmas party! We may have felt rather silly drawing on paper plates on our heads or acting out a skit with props, but it sure felt good to laugh! May Bottke again delighted us with playing Christmas carols on the keyboard from memory...how awesome for being 91! And what a good idea it was of bringing peanut butter for the Cathedral Café.



2015 was a banner year for our Branch! We celebrated our 90th Birthday, had record breaking Book Sale, Halloween Breakfast and LAF Silent Auction, plus set a record of new members, 13 including our Student Affiliate, according to my records. To borrow a phrase from my old 4-H days of “to make the best better,” I’d say we have raised the bar high, but let’s raise it even higher in 2016! We can make the best better!

- Thanks to Pat Fuchs for all her posting of flyers for the NCCWSL Scholarship opportunity, the newspaper articles and church bulletin efforts. Thanks to Pat, Cyndy Harrison and Emily Nesvold for being on AM Minnesota on Dec. 17th and promoting our Branch. If you missed hearing it live, you can see the broadcast if you hit CTRL and click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNvUZv1EJA>
- Our second painting party will be held Jan 16 at 2 pm at 213 Central Ave. The \$26 can be paid to Suzanne Schwichtenberg that day, cash or check. Let Karen know before Jan 13th if you and a guest or possible new member can join us. It’ll be fun!
- Help is being requested for Career Day with 5th graders at Lincoln School on Fri, Jan 22nd with their AVID event. I’ll be unavailable in the morning, but could assist in the afternoon. Here’s a note from Debbie Van Zuilen, 5th Grade Teacher Lincoln Elementary ([507\) 333-6671](tel:5073336671). Since this is before our next meeting, please call or email me (Karen) if you can help for a half or full day. Our job will be mainly crowd control. Be a role model of someone who cares about their future education and get them thinking of careers.

Our schedule will be from 10:00-11:00 we will have 40+ kids at Cake Decorating and 40+ kids at Engineering. Then from 11:00 - 12:00 the groups will switch to experience the other career.

From 1-1:50 40+ kids will be at the carpentry session and 40+ kids will be with the florist. Then from 2:00-2:50 they will switch groups.

They do not need a background check. If we can get 1-2 volunteers for each group so 4 max for the day that would be great unless more want to come.

- Remember the Branch meeting on Mon Jan 25th. We’ll have sign-ups for jewelry party on Feb 13th, writers for Women’s History Month and the MN History Theatre on Mar 20th.
- Please read the invitation (at the end of this newsletter) to a jewelry making party on Sat, Feb 13th at 2 pm at the Glass Garden Beads store. This should be a fun event for all. Stop first at Bluebird Cakery and have Maren make your favorite drink and offer you a treat.
- The Book Sale dates have been set at the Mall so the Kids’ Carnival will be on April 23rd. Please note Pat Rice’s article about the Book Sale.
- We met with Cheryl at the American Legion. We will proceed with the 4th Annual Halloween Breakfast on Sun Oct. 30th with the same ticket price, hours, menu, serving from the counter and, very important, itemized billing. It was suggested that we could also have table(s) set up for selling baked goods, crafts and/or have a Silent Auction (some of our bags of books, etc with a “take it home” bid price?) which sounded great! Maybe we could use some of these suggestions at our book sale, too.

Quotable quote: “You must do the things that you think you cannot do.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Karen Rasmussen, with Pat Fuchs, Co-Presidents

Secretary's Report



Faribault AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes - Dec. 14, 2015

The December branch meeting of the Faribault AAUW was called to order by Pres. Karen Rasmussen at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Cloister. This followed a social hour of hors d'oeuvres. She welcomed all members to our annual holiday party and introduced new member, Colleen Rolling.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Liz Hartman, second by Cyndy Harrison to approve the Nov. minutes as printed in the December newsletter. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as printed in the December newsletter. We raised \$372.50 from the silent auction for the Legal Advocacy Fund at November's meeting, and we have \$5,714.94 in savings and \$159.87 in checking.

Correspondence:

- **AAUW National Office:** We received a notice that Carol Anderson who recently joined our branch is already a member-at-large and so will not help us qualify for the *Shape the Future Membership Campaign*. However, we already have 10 other new members who have joined and so we have qualified to receive five free national memberships.
- **South Central College Campus Foundation:** We received a thank you from Ruth Hildebrandt, volunteer for South Central College Campus Foundation's 2015-2016 Annual Fund Drive, for the pledge of \$1500.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Now that we have qualified for the Shape the Future Membership Campaign, we will work on membership retention.
- **Program:** Pauline Schreiber announced that Jan. 25, 2016 AAUW meeting will be held at Dist. One Hospital. The board will meet at 5:30 p.m., the branch meeting will begin at 6:30, followed by the program at 7:00. The presenters are mother and daughter authors: Edna Thayer who wrote *Feisty Lydia* and Tamara Thayer who wrote *A Country Doctor Goes to War*.
- **NCCWSL:** Pat Fuchs reported that she had advertised in church bulletins and local newspapers. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2015. Applications are available online. Additional information is in the December newsletter. Cyndy Harrison, Pat Fuchs and Emily Nesvold will be interviewed on KDHL's *AM Minnesota* program on Dec. 17, 2015, with Karen as a contingency in case of bad weather..
- **Cameo Project:** Karen announced that she has received 5 submissions for January, but needs 1 more.
- **Book Club:** The AAUW book club will meet at the home of Barb Dubbels at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 15th for a Chinese meal and discussion of the December book, *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.
- **Book Sale:** Arrangements are pending until a meeting can be held with the new mall manager.
- **Gallery on the Go:** Another painting party will be held on Jan. 16, 2016 at 213 Central Ave. to provide a social activity for current and prospective members. Pres. Rasmussen showed examples of several possible paintings and passed around the sign-up sheet. "The Frosted Pine" painting was chosen. Karen Kittlesen, Pauline Schreiber and Pat Fuchs will bring treats. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 12th and the cost is \$26.

- **NBC LEARN:** Cyndy Harrison got the okay to approach the Faribault School District to present the program. South Central College is in the process of implementing it.

Old Business:

- **Halloween Breakfast:** Discussion was tabled until January.

New Business:

- **Cathedral Luncheon and Bazaar:** Emily Nesvold announced that there is a Christmas Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and bazaar here at the Cathedral on Dec. 18th.
- **AVID program at Lincoln Elementary:** Kirsten Grunnet reported that there will be a career day in January at Lincoln Elementary School for 5th graders. Speakers will be brought in from small local businesses and then students will visit South Central College on a separate date. She needs volunteers for each classroom presenter. She has received Action Team seed money from Thrivent Financial to help with the expenses.
- **Newsletter:** Emily Nesvold will send out a reminder email for articles due by Jan. 10th. She will respond to each submission.
- **Educational Foundation:** Pat Rice received a thank you for the \$2,000 donation to the Educational Foundation. We are allowed a Named Honoree for each \$750 donated.
- **March trip to the History Theater:** Pauline Schreiber reported that members may attend the History Theater's production of *Watermelon Hill* on Sunday, March 20th. Members may sign up at the January meeting.

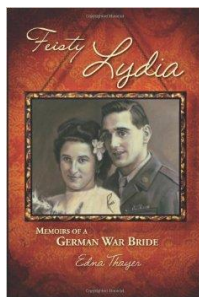
Pres. Rasmussen passed around the *Buck-It for Scholars*. The jars of peanut butter (and some jelly) collected at tonight's meeting will be donated to diners at the Cathedral Café. Motion by Emily Nesvold, second by Pauline Schreiber to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Pauline Schreiber and Liz Hartman then led the group in several party games. This was followed by May Bottke accompanying the members in the singing of Christmas songs.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

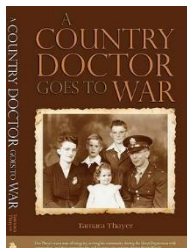
Program Committee

January Program



Faribault AAUW has the pleasure of hosting mother-daughter authors for the **7 p.m. Monday Jan. 25 meeting at District One Hospital: NCCWSL Meeting, 5:00, Board meeting 5:30, Business meeting, 6:00.**

Edna Thayer is well known to most of Faribault AAUW members. A retired nurse, she has given programs on the value of laughter to our health. Her book "Feisty Lydia: Memoirs of a German War Bride", tells the story of a rural German girl from birth through World War Two and her life near Waterville as a World War Two war bride.



Edna's daughter, Tammy Thayer's book, "A Country Doctor Goes to War" also carries a World War Two theme. Tammy writes about the life of her grandfather, Ellsworth "Mike" Thayer as he becomes a doctor practicing medicine at Truman, MN. He is called to serve as an Army doctor in 1943. Tammy's book is a great example of how to turn genealogical research into an interesting story.



February Meeting

Eating Healthy: Good Medicine”, presented by Jenny Kath, Hospital Dietician

Save this date: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20

Trip to Minnesota History Theatre in St. Paul

Play: "Watermelon Hill" about unwed mothers, set in 1965, who gave up babies for adoption while staying at home for unwed mothers.

Cost: \$28

Signup: At January meeting or Feb. 12 at the latest

Feel free to invite friends. Submitted by Pauline Schreiber and Mary Lillquist



Treasurer's Report:

Figures for December 31: savings \$5,325.62 and checking \$303.87. Submitted by Julie Olson



Membership Committee

We welcome another NEW AAUW MEMBER in our New Year of 2016,

SANDY KANE!!

Sandy Kane joined us the end of December! Sandy retired last June from the Faribault School District. She taught for many years at Lincoln Elementary School, mainly in Third Grade. We are so fortunate to have her join us in our mission as advocates for women and girls, to form friendships and enjoy working on projects together!

If you need any information for a friend to learn about our AAUW Faribault Branch feel free to call either of us.

Thanks, Membership Co-Chairs: Kathy Larson & Karen Kittlesen
332-2525 334-4900

NCCWSL

The NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) did not meet formally during the month of December. Pat Fuchs resubmitted to the Faribault Daily News the press release about the AAUW scholarship being offered to attend the NCCWSL conference. A staff member stated that the newspaper could only guarantee one printing of the information, but it was printed three times during the month of December. On December 17, 2015, Emily Nesvold, Cyndy Harrison, and Pat Fuchs were interviewed by Gordy Kosfeld on KDHL AM Minnesota. This provided further awareness of the NCCWSL scholarship and AAUW.

Unfortunately, Karen Rasmussen did not receive any applications in the mail. Thus, the meeting that was scheduled for January 7, 2016 at South Central College for the selection process was cancelled.

The committee will meet in the near future to evaluate the process used to disseminate the information about the scholarship and discuss what changes could be made or if the scholarship should be offered again next year.

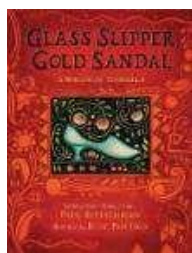
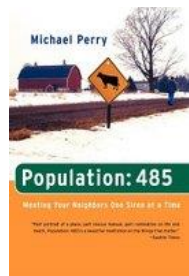
If you have any suggestions or comments, please email your thoughts and ideas to me at patfuchs46@gmail.com

Submitted by Pat Fuchs, chairperson

Book Sale

The Faribault Branch annual Book Sale is scheduled for **April 21 – 26** at the Faribault West Mall. We will **begin sorting April 15**. If you would like to send books to any of our Troops, you may have them at no cost. Please bring **donations for our Convention Auction Baskets** as soon as you are able. We would like anything which would be appropriate to place in a basket with books, such as Cocoa, Popcorn, Candles, etc. Submitted by Pat Rice

Book Club



We had a great time eating Chinese food and discussing *The Good Earth*. Many of us had an impression or two leftover from having read it years ago and discovered that the years had taught us to realize the context of the time and culture. We also agreed that it is a great book and had many layers. No wonder Buck won the Pulitzer Prize for this novel!

Our January books are *Population: 485* by Michael Perry and *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal* by Paul Fleischman. **Tuesday,**

January 19 is the next meeting at Perkins Restaurant. 6:00 for those wanting dinner, followed by discussion at 6:30.

Future Selections:

Feb.: *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

March: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

April: Poetry month

May: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson

June: *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in WW II* by Vicki Croke

July: *Out of Mind* by Sharon Draper

Submitted by Gloria Olson and Barb Dubbels

Calendar of Events:



There are plenty of opportunities to socialize, work on the mission and/or have some ownership of a project or activity to involve all of our members in one way or another: Look over the calendar and dates and see what will work for you:

Tue Jan 12 - RSVP deadline for Paint Party 8 pm to Karen

Tue Jan 12 - State of the Union Bingo at 8 pm

Wed Jan 13 - Webinar for all members "Get Out the Vote" 6:30 pm online (preregister before then)

Fri Jan 15 - Luncheon to brainstorm ideas for Women's History Month articles 1 pm at Perkins (Call Kathy Kasten prior to have enough tables in back room or for your ideas.)

Sat Jan 16 - Gallery on the Go Painting Party at 2 pm

Tue Jan 19 - Book Club 6 pm Population 485 and Glass Slipper Gold Sandal

Wed Jan 20 - RSVP to Karen by 8 pm if you can help with Career Day at Lincoln School

Fri Jan 22 - Career Day at Lincoln School 10-12 and 1-2:50 volunteer opportunity

Mon Jan 25 - NCCWSL com eval meeting at 5, Board meeting at 5:30, Branch meeting at 6:30, Program at 7 (Mother-Daughter Authors) District One

Thu Feb 11 - RSVP deadline for Jewelry Party by 8 pm to Karen

Sat Feb 13 - Jewelry Party at 2 pm at Glass Garden Beads (get beverage before)

Tue Feb 16 - Book Club

Mon Feb 22 - Board meeting at 5:30, Branch at 6:30, Program at 7 Eating Healthy Good Medicine District One

Tue Mar 15 – Book Club

Wed Mar 16 – Start new *Shape the Future* Campaign for half price Natl dues for New Members

Sun Mar 20 – MN History Theatre outing to see *Watermelon Hill* matinee

Mon Mar 28 – Board meeting at 5:30, Branch at 6:30, Program *Women's Trivia Game*
at 7 at District One

Mon Apr 4 – Start of Book Collecting, Sorting, Moving Books at the Mall

Sat Apr 16 – Tri-Branch Luncheon at The Lodge

Tue Apr 19 – Book Club

Thu Apr 21- Tue Apr 26 Book Sale at Faribo West Mall

Sat Apr 23 – Kids' Karnival at Book Sale

Wed Apr 27 – Packing up books/disposal/moving to storage
Thu Apr 29 – Sun May 1 – State Convention in Duluth

Spring – Highway Cleanup

Mon May 16 – Annual Picnic/Elect Officers/Pay Dues; Time and Place to be Determined

Tue May 17 – Book Club

Glass Garden Beads Invitation



Below is the invitation for AAUW members/guests to make a necklace at: **Glass Garden Beads, 318 Central Ave N, Suite 5, Faribault 507-645-0301. I would suggest getting a beverage at Bluebird Cakery (and a treat, if you would like) or glass of wine at the Cheese Caves before the 2 pm event on Sat., Feb 13th and take it back to the Glass Garden Beads store. The cost will be slightly more than \$20.**

There might be parking in the rear of the building. The shop is located behind Bluebird which is just the next door south of the Cheese Cave. Suz Klumb's business is primarily online, so she offers a 25% discount for retail. I suggested a necklace kit of about \$20 to narrow the possible choices. She will not charge us a teaching fee, but will help guide us. She has an awesome collection, so you may want to stop in and get a feel for what you would like to do before the 13th. Her January hours are Tue – Fri 11-5 (most Thursdays she'll be open until 9), also Saturdays 10-4. She'll be in Tucson as I understand the first 11 days of Feb.

Hi Karen, (*I added what is in parenthesis*)

Thank you for thinking of the Glass Garden Bead Shop for a possible project meeting event. Great to meet you, I feel I know your daughter and granddaughter already.

Here is what I came up with:

The date:

- Sat: Feb 13th at 2 pm at the Glass Garden Bead Store

Attached is the picture of the projects you will be able to do with your group. (*See next page*) I will prepare 2 kit styles: The kits will include / directions / beads / tweezers / Cord and a picture layout guide. I have decided to do this for the regular line hence giving you a larger selection of styles and color choices.

The retail price of the kit will be \$28.95. The 25% discount will bring the net down to \$21.71. I'll pick up the rest to meet the \$20 budget. (*I told her that I doubted few would mind paying the extra \$1.71.*)

1. The Owl kit will be in 3 color choices.
2. The Leaf kit will be in 3 color choices.

3. A la carte will be for the person that wants to do their own thing. They will still get the directions but they will be picking out everything on their own. The 25% applies whether a la carte or kits.

Plus people can add to their kits if they wish. (*You can also make earrings to go with the necklace for the additional charge of materials.*)

I can be flexible so let me know what your thoughts are. I'd love to do something with your group. Great exposure for me and hopefully a fun experience for the ladies.

Again thank you for this possible opportunity.

Suz



The necklace will be designed to go over your head and so no clasp will be involved. Suz assured us that even the most arthritic fingers can do the knots with the tweezers. We'll have plenty of OttLites© to help the visually challenged. We'll even move upstairs to The Loft if the group is too large.

Hope you can come and join the fun! Let's support more of our downtown businesses.

We'll be finished in time for you to show off your unique new jewelry at the Ruth's House Gala.

Again, you're welcome to bring guests, but **please RSVP to Karen Rasmussen by Feb 11th!**

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