



Faribault Branch Communiqué



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Looking ahead to April, the month is going to be a busy one for Faribault AAUW members. It begins with our used book sale April 3-8, then the state AAUW Convention in Minneapolis, the Tri-Branch luncheon in Owatonna on April 26, and ends with our branch meeting on April 28 with a Somalian guest and Lynn Cook and Carolyn Treadway.

Looking For Leaders

The branch is in need of a co-president for the 2014-2015 program year to serve with Kathy Larson. Also needed are members to serve as V.P. of public policy and a co-program chair to serve with Diane Hagen. Karen Rasmussen has volunteered to be co-membership chair, serving with Pat Fuchs.

Looking For Drivers

Drivers are needed for carpooling to the Minnesota History Theater on Sunday, March 30 to see "Lonely Soldiers: Women Serving in Iraq." Judy Graham has volunteered and can take five, but we will need several more. There are 17 going. Call Pauline Schreiber if you can drive.

We will leave at 12:30 p.m. from the Trucker's Inn off Hwy. 21.

Tickets have been purchased and paid for with a branch check. Most reserving a ticket have paid. Those still needing to pay \$22 for a ticket are: Mary Lillquist, Pat Umbreit (two tickets), Rene Perrance and Mary Sanborn. The money can be sent to Julie Olson or presented to Pauline Schreiber the day of the event.

Tri-Branch Luncheon

This year's luncheon is Saturday, April 26 in Owatonna at the Steele County History Center. The program is on the Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson. Gloria Olson's article on Carson began our Women in History articles. It was in Diversions in the Daily News on March 1.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20. Registration and payment will be during our book sale. There will be a sign up/payment envelope at the book sale cashiers box.

It should be a great program so I hope many of our members can go.

Convention

Members going to the State AAUW Convention on April 11-12 should send in their own registration and fees. It is at the Gale Mansion, which is the Minneapolis AAUW club house. The banquet is on Friday night. There is a fee of just \$50 for attending only on Saturday which includes lunch. A registra-

tion form is in the recent Pine. Any questions, contact Pauline Schreiber.

Book Sale

If you haven't signed up to help sort books March 31 to April 2, and work a shift at the sale April 3-8, please do so by contacting Dorothy Joy. Please be generous with your time. It is appreciated.
Pauline Schreiber, Co-Chair

MARCH PROGRAM



On March 30 we will be visiting the Minnesota History Theatre in order to experience the production of **“The Lonely Soldier; Women Serving in Iraq”** Everyone is welcome to attend. We will gather at the Trucker’s Inn parking lot at 12:30 pm so that we can carpool to the play. See the President’s report for details.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The February branch meeting was called to order by our president, Pauline Schreiber, at 6:30 p.m., at Rice County District One Hospital. Pauline shared that Kathy Kasten has updated our by-laws to coincide with state by-laws, as mandated by the state AAUW. The main change was to allow co-presidents.

We will not have a March branch meeting. Instead we will be attending a play at the Minnesota History Theatre, “Lonely Soldiers / Women of Iraq”. Members may sign up for the event at tonight’s meeting. Cost is \$22 / attendee. If unable to pay tonight, please send a check to Julie Olson, treasurer. We will be carpooling.

Mary Osborne is our newest member. We welcome her!

A sign-up sheet for working our annual book sale was distributed tonight. Please sign up for at least two to three slots. Dorothy Joy is doing the scheduling again. If you were unable to sign up tonight, please contact Dorothy. If you are a new member please supply Dorothy with your phone number. If unable to work the time scheduled please arrange for a substitute, if at all possible, especially if the change is within the last two weeks before the sale. Set-up for the sale will likely begin on Sunday, March 31st. Emily Nesvold will be sending an alert in the next newsletter and a final alert just before the sale. Advertising flyers were distributed for members to post in the community. Kathy Larson has researched purchasing twelve signs from Brush Works. It will cost approximately \$200. These signs can also be used for other branch events, such as the breakfast fundraiser. Diane Hagen made a motion that we purchase the signs, with Mae Bottke seconding the motion. The motion carried. Kathy is also making sandwich boards to be placed by the mall on the days of the sale.

The state convention will be held April 11th and 12th. The cost for the full conference is \$75; \$50 for Saturday only. Go to the state website for registration forms. The board made a recommendation that the following go as our delegates: Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larson, co-

presidents, Pat Rice, Funds Chair, and Emily Nesvold, newsletter editor. The following would be alternate delegates: Diane Hagen, Mary Lillquist, and Liz Hartman. Diane moved that the board's recommendation be accepted. Kathy Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mae Bottke thanked all of us for our special tribute to her at our December Christmas party. She shared a picture of her great grandbabies, twin girls. The twins are the granddaughters of our newest member, Mary Osborne. Congratulations!

Kathy Kasten stated that our Women in History articles will be printed in the Daily News on Tuesdays in March and the first Tuesday in April.

The meeting was adjourned.

Program: Liz Strohfus, World War II WASP pilot. (A wonderful program!)

Social hour hosts: Mae Bottke and Kathy Larson

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is where we stand at the beginning of March: Savings \$4,497.89; Checking \$371.52.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest AAUW member, Mary Osborne. A special thank you to May Bottke for recruiting her.

The following is information about Mary that can be added to your program book:

Mary Osborne [507-330-1992](tel:507-330-1992)
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Faribault, MN 55021
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If anyone is aware of someone that is interested in becoming an AAUW member, please contact us and we will be happy to send that person a brochure and an application.

Pat Fuchs and Mary Lillquist, membership vice-presidents

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Seven members attended the February 18 book discussion at Perkins Restaurant to share their thoughts on *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. Opinions varied from "OK" to "Liked it a lot." Those who liked it a lot especially enjoyed the British humor!

Others found it tedious and were bogged down by excessive detail.



On March 18 we will discuss *Still Alice*, the story of a woman dealing with early onset dementia. Once again, we will meet at Perkins at 6:00 for dinner and 6:30 for discussion. Everyone is invited.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 30 ---“The Lonely Soldier; Women in Iraq”

April 3-8 --- Book Sale

April 11-12 --- State Convention

April 26 --- Tri-Branch Luncheon

April 28--- Faribault Branch Meeting --- “Getting to Know You” with a Somali guest, Carolyn Treadway and Lynn Cook.

May --- Road Clean Up --- TBA

May --- Spring Picnic --- TBA

ALERT

We need people to sign up for working at the book sale! Please contact Dorothy Joy at 333-5775, or sdjoysteve@gmail.com if you can help.