



## Faribault Branch/Affiliate Communiqué

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



### AAUW Presidents' Message October 2016

Are you living for the weekends? Then you are in luck since this October has five Fridays, five Saturdays, and five Sundays. The first four weekends are yours, but we hope that you save the fifth weekend for AAUW.

**The Halloween breakfast is being held at the American Legion from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm. on October 30<sup>th</sup>.** Members have volunteered to decorate, help in the kitchen and on the floor, and take care of tickets at the door. Activities for kids have also been added this year. For this AAUW fund raiser for scholarships to be successful, *pre-sale of tickets is extremely important*. All members are encouraged to promote this event by selling tickets. Some members picked up tickets at the September meeting. If you were not able to get tickets at that time or need extra tickets, please contact Liz Hartman. She can be reached by phone (507-334-2609) or email ([ethartmanariz@gmail.com](mailto:ethartmanariz@gmail.com)) She will also have tickets at the Thursday, October 20 meeting at the City Hall. *Also please let Liz know how many tickets you sold by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.* For food ordering purposes, the American Legion needs a pre-sale ticket count by October 24<sup>th</sup>.



AAUW Benefit for Scholarships  
American Legion

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Cheesy Scrambled Eggs, Maple Bacon, French Toast,  
Pumpkin Muffins,  
Juice, Milk, Coffee.

Advanced tickets - Adults \$7.00 - \$5.00 for kids (under 12)

At the Door - Adults \$8.00 - \$5.00 for kids (under 12).

**The weekends are needed, as AAUW will be hosting THREE candidate forums in October.** Opportunities for the public to become acquainted with the candidates running for various offices will be made possible by three AAUW sponsored forum dates held at City Hall. Pauline Schreiber has been busy organizing and advertising these forums. Other members will assist with time keeping and being floor assistants. The forum dates are as follows:

- Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. featuring state senate and representatives
- Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. featuring city council and mayor candidates
- Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. featuring school board candidates

It is important to note that our organization provides opportunities for people to become more informed voters, but we do not endorse any candidate.

**On October 18<sup>th</sup>, tune to KDHL for a radio interview on AM Minnesota from 9:30-10:00 a.m.** Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen will be promoting the Halloween breakfast and other AAUW activities.

**Reflecting back to our September meeting.** There was a **good showing of members** and one guest, Patti Fritz. Our speaker, Alex Peterson, talked about sexual exploitation in southern Minnesota. He informed the audience about the Safe Harbor Law; about how victims are targeted; and resources that are available. He stated that prevention is important. It is costly to rehabilitate the victims and prosecute the perpetrators. Getting the message out is essential.



**Looking forward to November.** Just a reminder that there will be a silent auction to raise money for the LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund). Please consider donating food items and/or new or gently used items for this auction.

### **Membership News**

- A belated congratulations to a new member, **Carmen Tripp**, who received the Rice County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year Award at the Rice County Fair in July.
- **Julie Olson** and **Barb Dubbels** were vacationing in South America but are back in Minnesota now.
- **Kathy Larson** and **Karen Rasmussen** took a river cruise on the Celebration Belle from Dubuque, Iowa to Savannah, Illinois.
- **Ellen Bisping** traveled with her four sisters to Door County during the last week of September.
- **Judy Graham** told the book club about her trip to Ireland this past summer. She has some fascinating stories to tell. Pat Rice also went on the trip.
- Photogenic! **Cyndy Harrison's** picture appeared on the front page of the Faribault Daily News in an article about the Cannon Watershed Clean Up!
- **Pat Otis** is presently at Pleasant Manor in Room 315 for some rehab after her surgery. She would love company.
- Remember, to let us know what **YOU** are doing!!!

We received a “thank you” note from Kathy Larson that we wanted to share with you.

Dear AAUW Sisters,

Thank you all for the beautiful floral arrangement with a lovely container complete with butterflies! Friends showing concern and support during Dave’s difficult battle with cancer was so appreciated!!

Love, Kathy

Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, Co-presidents

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 AT 1:30

- Highway Cleanup

Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 7-9p.m.

- Candidates Forum – City Council and Mayor at City Hall

### Thursday October 20

4:30 – Board Meeting at Grand Plaza

6:00 – Membership Business Meeting at City Hall

7-8:30 - Candidates Forum for School Board

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm

- Book Club at Barb Dubbels

Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Halloween Breakfast
- American Legion

Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 2-4

- Cake decorating
- Bluebird Cakery

## Public Policy

The first AAUW forum went very well on Oct. 6. Thanks to the timekeepers, helpers collecting questions and to Betty Harmsen and Donna Daleiden for doing the technology part to broadcast the forum on FC-TV.

There also was a nice sized audience, thanks to not just AAUW member showing up but people from the community, too.

Remember the next two forums are:

- Thursday, Oct. 13; city council candidates 7 to 8 p.m.; mayor, 8 to 9 p.m. at city hall.
- Thursday, Oct. 20, school board candidates.

Looking forward to seeing many members attending.

Pauline Schreiber, Public Policy VP

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## Treasurer's Report

Financial news for October: Checking, \$120.38 Savings \$5041.56. October is a very busy month; I don't need to tell you that. But put the big Breakfast Bash at the top of your list! We have a chance at a very good year, for a number of reasons. In any case, it will all depend on pre-sales. I am not in town that weekend, but I am sure someone will be happy to take your \$\$\$\$.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## Membership Report

*Kathy and I are to be on KDHL Radio for AM MN on October 18 at 9:30 to promote our Halloween Breakfast and whatever else gets discussed. Tune in to hear us and don't forget to sell, sell, sell those Halloween Breakfast tickets!!*

Membership Memos:

Why is AAUW membership so important? Women in the United States are *still* not treated equally—**not even close**. Perhaps the most talked about discrepancy is the one in our paychecks. **Women are typically paid 21 percent less than men. Even when we compare recent college graduates with the same major, in the same field, women are still paid less.** And for women of color and moms, the numbers are even worse.

Over the next year we would like to give some examples of how women are still treated unequally. A poster with 79 examples was sent that some of you may have received. The first of which, of course, is the pay gap.

1. **Women working full time are paid 79 cents to every dollar men working full time are paid.**
2. Men directed 86 percent of all television episodes in 2013 and 2014.
3. Nearly two-thirds of bylines on-camera appearances and producer credits were listed to men, while women constituted only a third of these contributors.

4. Even among the top-grossing G-rated family films, girl characters are outnumbered by boy characters three to one.
5. Only 7 percent of directors, 13 percent of writers and 20 percent of producers are women.
6. In 2014, about 30 percent of TV news directors were women. While this is a very low number, it is actually a record high.
7. Only four women directors have been nominated for a directing Oscar.
8. Women are shown on air to report segments on foreign affairs and national security only 22 percent of the time.

Your membership is something that helps even the playing field for women and girls. We invite you to encourage others to join us to help break down these barriers.

Your support means a brighter future for our daughters and granddaughters. Together, for the sake of all women and girls, we **MUST** prevail.

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

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## Social Events

AAUW ladies know how to have fun! Please join us both in November and December. We had a good time at the Wine and Cheese. Remember to invite friends to join us too!



- **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> \* 2-4 pm** \* Cake Decorating & Drinks at Bluebird Cakery \* 318 Central Ave N #101, Faribault MN, MN 55021 \* <http://bluebirdcakerymn.com/> \* Cost: \$30/person which includes an 8" cake that you decorate after learning the finer art of cake decorating for all levels and abilities, plus learn about all the different kinds of drinks offered by Bluebird and enjoy your own new favorite drink! If you feel the cake is too big, please feel free to share with the rest of your family, invite friends over to share, or even take it to a potluck. Please join us for another good time! Gluten-free cakes will also be available for an extra \$8.
- **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> \* 2-4 pm** \* Wrapped in Glory: Stories of World War Warriors and the Women Weaving Woolens to Keep Them Warm at the Paradise \* 321 Central Ave N, Faribault, MN 55021 \* <http://www.paradisecenterforthearts.org/calendar/>. \* We will meet for dinner after the play at El Rancho across the street from the Paradise to

discuss the play! \* Cost: \$16/person which includes a ticket to a matinee showing of the play and dinner is on your own as we continue our fun times!

We will need a head count for cake decorating and learning/finding your new drink by *Saturday, October 29th*. If you sign up and don't show, you will still need to cover the amount as they will be baking the cakes up ahead of time.

We will need a head count of the play in December by *November 19th* to get the tickets ordered. We will need payment by the November meeting as well.

Looking forward to our upcoming fun times together!

Kirsten Grunnet

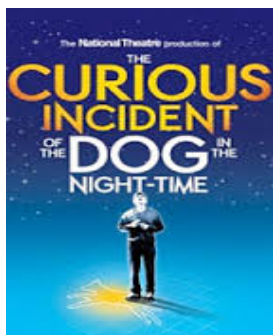
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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club met on September 20 at the HyVee Market Grille. Eleven members discussed *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg.

We had one of the widest ranges of reactions ever! More members than not had mostly favorable opinions of the story, especially for its humor and its attention to problems with elder care. Others felt that the book was not well-written (perhaps losing something in the translation from Swedish) and that the antics of the main characters were too silly.



For October, we will read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon, a highly acclaimed novel featuring an autistic young man; also a soon-to-be-released movie. We will resume meeting at the home of Barb Dubbels at 6:30 on *Tuesday, October 18*.

Everyone is welcome!

Gloria O.

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## Secretary's Report



### AAUW Faribault Branch/Affiliate Meeting - Sept 26, 2016

The 2016-2017 Sept. board meeting of the Faribault AAUW was called to order by Pres. Pat Fuchs at 6:15 at South Central College. She welcomed members on behalf of herself and co-president Cyndy Harrison to an exciting year with informative programs, fun social events and plannings for the 2018 state convention. Members were encouraged to take copies of the 2016 budget and tonight's agenda.

#### Reports:

- Secretary's report: Motion by Karen Rasmussen, second by Cyndy Harrison to approve the May 23, 2016 branch meeting minutes as printed. The motion carried.
- Treasurer's report was given on behalf of Julie Olson by Karen Rasmussen. We have \$181.50 in checking and \$5,040.53 in savings.
- Program: Gloria Olson distributed the tri-fold program brochures with the program descriptions, meeting dates, social activities and other events. Pres. Fuchs highlighted the plans for our coming year.
- Candidate forums: Pauline Schreiber reported on the forums: Oct. 6th - the state legislature, Oct. 13th - city council and mayor, and Oct. 20th- school board. Our October meeting will be held prior to the Oct. 20th forum at 6:00 p.m. in the public meeting room. Betty Harmsen and Donna Daleiden will be in charge of the technical work to broadcast live on FCTV. . Publicity will be in the Faribault Daily News and also on KDHL. She passed around a green sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at each forum.
- Social Events: Kirsten Grunnet will be given time to describe the social events which she has organized. In addition to the ones listed in the program brochure, she is also trying to organize a viewing of "Hidden Figures" for January.
- Membership: Kathy Larson has new member bags ready to distribute and will introduce new members at our branch meeting. Karen Rasmussen has more cameo forms and has printed 6 more cameo booklets. She also showed the membership card which each member can print from the AAUW website.
- Scholarship: Karen Rasmussen announced that May 1st will be the deadline for the local scholarships and described the criteria and selection process used.
- Halloween Breakfast: An orange sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting. We will pay for the food and not by the plate. Food will be ordered to accommodate 5% above the pre-sale tickets sold. Karen Rasmussen has applied for Thrivent Action Team money to help pay for the cost of the muffins and chocolate bars. There will also be kids' activities.
- Diversity: We participated in Faribault's International Festival in August. If there is inclement weather next year, and if it is to be held outdoors, we will not plan to participate.
- Environmental Issues: Roadside cleanup will be on Tues., Oct. 11th. Meet at 1:30 at the sign.
- Membership: Kathy Larson welcomed new members: Sharon Abbott, Kris Raaen, Kathryn Speulda, Carmen Tripp and Anne Wieber. She presented a welcome tote bag to our newest member, Carmen Tripp.

- 2018 Convention: Pat has tried to request a check list for our responsibilities in hosting the 2018 state convention but was unable to send email to the state AAUW president. Pat will send it to Cyndy to forward.
- Airport Field Renaming Project: Gloria Olson's report in the newsletter explained the progress, As soon as the renaming of the Faribault airport field to the Elizabeth Wall Strohfus Field is on the city council agenda, it will be approved.

#### **New Business:**

- The 2016-2017 budget was presented at the membership meeting by Pres. Pat Fuchs. Motion by Emily Nesvold, second by Pauline Schreiber to approve the 2016 - 2017 annual budget. The motion was approved.
- By Laws Changes: Due to an IRS ruling, we have to change any reference in our by-laws of "branch" to "affiliate" by January, 2017.
- New signage: Cyndy Harrison reported that a new portable sign and business cards could be ordered at a cost of \$200.00.
- Sunshine: Christy Dore will be responsible for sending cards to members.
- AAUW Yearbook and Directory: Pat Umbreit distributed the 2016-2017 directories.
- Photos requested: Historian Pat Umbreit requested pictures from the Tri-branch luncheon and the International Festival. Emily Nesvold offered to post pictures on the Facebook page, too. Send to Emily or Liz Hartman.
- Facebook Warning: Emily Nesvold suggested that members check that they use Facebook.com/ AAUWFaribault as we have evidently been hacked. The two compromised sites use all lower case with no logos.
- Visitor introduced: Cyndy also introduced a visitor, state representative candidate, Patti Fritz to our meeting and program
- Thank You: Kathy Larson has sent a thank you to the members for their support after the passing of her husband, David Larson, this summer.

Motion by Betty Harmsen, second by Karen Rasmussen to adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Pat Fuchs introduced our speaker for the evening, Alex Peterson, volunteer coordinator and prevention specialist from Victim Services of Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Counties. He spoke on "Safe Harbor: Sexual Exploitation in SE Minnesota."

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

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