



Faribault Branch Communiqué

~ October 2015 ~



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

AAUW Presidents' Message – October 2015

With October comes our **Halloween Scholarship Breakfast** on October 25 from 8-12:30. Presales are going to be vital important for the success of the day. There is another breakfast in Faribault at the same time and many of our members have other commitments. Presales are the perfect way for **everyone** to help out, especially those who can't make it that day. Presale tickets are available from Barb Dubbels (334-3706 or bkdubbels@gmail.com). All money is to be turned into Julie Olson (334-5488) on or before Oct. 25th. And I will need to know the number of presales by Sun., Oct. 18th at 6 pm (331-0126 or kadras1217@gmail.com) so our American Legion cook, Jim Troutman, can order the food on Mon. morning. He will be basing his ordering on that number, plus 5-10%, which isn't very many.

So far, Barb has given out 120 tickets. I would really love for us to top **200**. We could do this if everyone sold **6 tickets**. Even if you don't plan to attend the breakfast, you can still buy tickets to give to people who have helped you out over the year as a thank you. Or someone you would like to interest in AAUW, or a family down on their luck, or you could sell tickets to the parents with the cute neighbor kids who would like to dress up and come to the festivities, or the people at coffee or at a different organization or if you talk to your insurance agent or hair stylist, etc., etc. When you talk to them and they are interested, get the tickets from Barb (if you haven't already), collect their money and give them their tickets, then let me know the number by Sunday, Oct. 18th, and be sure to get the money to Julie.

I am sending the Halloween schedule as a separate attachment. The worker list is fairly well filled (thanks everyone who signed up and Pat Fuchs for calling). If you still would like to help, there will be a place for you as some workers are coming later or leaving early, as well as some that volunteered to work both shifts. This year the hot food will be served from the window which helps keep the food warmer and also limits the portion sizes to help control costs. Jim will be primarily responsible for cooking. Our responsibilities will include: decorating, selling tickets, serving food, replenishing/bussing the tables, doing dishes and clean-up. Jim will let us know if he needs any help with food prep. Let's put on our Halloween duds and make this a great day and a successful benefit for scholarships!

I was so thrilled to see two-thirds of our membership at the first meeting of the year! We are off to a great start, especially since we gained 3 new members. Our goal of maxing out the **5 free national** memberships with 10 new Shape-the-Future members has been met (yeah!), plus a Student Affiliate and a College/University Partner Representative = **12 new members**. Of course, we'll still welcome more new members at the \$43.50 rate until Dec. 31'



Cyndy Harrison gave an impassioned program about *NBC Learn* at our first meeting. It would be totally awesome to have Faribault Schools be the first in Minnesota to implement, or South Central College, or Buckham Library. We **could** see it happen.

Our next meeting will be on Oct 26th at the Cannon River STEM School Cafeteria. For those members not all that familiar with that part of Faribault, it is at the intersection of Shumway Ave and 14th St NE, specifically at 1800 14th St NE. We'll have the **Branch Business Meeting** at 6:30 with the **Program** to follow at 7.

The **Board meeting** will be the prior Wed, Oct. 21st at 1 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the New Conference Room which is where the old Nursery was. This will be the day after **Book Club** (10/20 at 6:30) and day before our semi-annual **Highway Clean-up** (10/22 from 2-4). Sounds like an AAUW Week.

Pat Fuchs is taking charge of the **National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** committee to seek applicants to attend the conference at the University of Maryland June 2-4, 2016. The MN AAUW is offering \$500 scholarships, one per branch, to the first 11 branches that submit an applicant, a college undergraduate or graduate student, by Feb. 1st. The total cost is \$850. With having received a \$250 seed money debit card from applying for a **Thrivent Financial Action Team** for our Halloween Scholarship Breakfast expenses and a \$100 memorial for Ellie Steffens, this certainly seems do-able. The committee is looking at meeting Thurs, 10/22 at 4:30, at Perkins.

I'm enjoying getting to know our Branch members better through the **Branch Cameo Project**. There are 2 definitions of "cameo." Traditionally, I think of the piece of jewelry that has a face on it, but another meaning is "a short descriptive literary sketch that neatly encapsulates someone or something." I am separately attaching pages 3 and 4 with six more people from our Branch, 2 have been members for many years, 2 are relatively new and 2 are brand new. If you are unable to print out the pages, let me know by email and we'll see if we can work something out.

If you were unable to print the Fall edition of the *Pine*, Pat Fuchs happens to have some extra copies.

Our **Buck-It** for Dollars for Scholars netted \$26 at the September meeting.

Where Have I Seen AAUW Members?



Gloria Olson and Lisa Simons arranged for another delightful author night at the Loft on Sept. 21. Rachel Hanel presented a reading from her book, *We'll be the Last ones to Let You Down*.



Photo on Left was taken at a surprise party for Pat Rice on Sept. 18 at the Chianti Grill. It was a fun afternoon and made me wonder. "How many hundreds of years, if they were all added together, has Pat devoted to helping others?"

Quotable Quote: "Nothing is impossible; the word itself says 'I'm Possible'!" – Audrey Hepburn

Karen Rasmussen with Pat Fuchs – Co-Presidents

Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT BRANCH MEETING MINUTES - SEPT. 28, 2015



The September meeting of the Faribault AAUW Branch was called to order by President Karen Rasmussen at the South Central College Event Center. Karen showed the first entry for our Branch Cameo Project and distributed the questionnaire members should complete. She then welcomed new members: Christy Dore, Kirsten Grunnet, Maren Grunnet and Sue Olson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the May minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Pat Rice and seconded by Pat Fuchs. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter was made by Pauline Schreiber and seconded by Cyndy Harrison. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Vern Steffens sent a thank you for the mums given by the branch for Ellie Steffen's memorial service. He also included a memorial donation of \$100.00.

Yearbook: Pat Umbreit distributed the 2015-2016 yearbook. Corrections included the date change of the Tri-branch luncheon to April 16th.

Tri-fold Program Brochure: Gloria Olson distributed the 2015-2016 program brochure.

Oct. Board meeting: The meeting will be held on Oct. 21st, at 1 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran.

Book Sale: The annual book sale at the Faribo West Mall has not been confirmed. We would again like to have it so the mall's Kids' Karnival would be during the days of the sale.

Memorial Tribute Booklets: These were available for those unable to attend the May picnic.

Committee Reports:

- Halloween Breakfast:** Pres. Rasmussen distributed a sign-up sheet for workers and a sign-up sheet for flyer distribution. The breakfast will be held from 8:00 to 12:30 at the American Legion on Oct. 25th, 2015. Presale tickets are available tonight and cost \$7.00. (The bookmark coupon offers \$1.00 off the ticket price.) Number of presale tickets sold should be called to Karen Rasmussen by Oct. 18th, the money turned over to Julie Olson by Oct. 25th. Besides members posting flyers at local churches, Father Doyle of the Faribault Ministerial Association,

will be notified of the event. An application for Thrivent Action Team seed money of \$250.00 was approved and will help offset some of the cost.

2. **Tri-Branch Luncheon:** The date has been changed to April 16, 2015 because of a conflict with the schedule at The Inn at Shattuck-St. Mary's.
3. **Programs:** Pauline Schreiber reported the October's meeting will be held at the STEM Charter School and co-sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. We also will co-sponsor *Sisters in Science* with Shattuck-St Mary's on Nov. 14, 2015. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Sat. morning event was passed around.
4. **Membership:** Kathy Larson introduced two additional new members: Ruth Ann Marsh and Dr. Annette Parker, and handed out new member tote bags to all new members attending tonight. She also reminded members of the discounts available at Office Depot. Two other members were introduced before adjournment: Bonnie Becker and Colleen Rolling. We now have 10 new Shape-the-Future memberships which makes the branch eligible for 5 free national memberships next May, the maximum we can get.
5. **Diversity:** No report.
6. **Project Star:** Although \$800.00 was allocated, last year's bill was only \$555.00 Because there is a good supply of books on hand, no additional contribution will be needed.

Old Business:

1. **Budget:** The 2015-2016 proposed budget was distributed and discussed. An additional \$1500 was taken from reserves and added to the Scholarship line item to increase the total to \$4500 and the proposed Conferences/Conventions line item was raised from \$500 to \$1,000 because 2016 state convention is in Duluth. Motion by Pauline Schreiber to increase the Education Foundation contribution to \$2,000, second by Liz Hartman. The motion carried. Motion by Pat Rice to approve the budget as amended, second by Kathy Larson. The motion carried.
2. **Book Bags:** Gloria Olson described the two options we have for new bags: the current bag with updated design and a new color and a backpack bag. Motion by Diane Hagen, second by Liz Hartman to order the lime green bag with the "breaking through barriers" slogan. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. **Cameo Sheets:** Pres. Rasmussen described the Branch Cameo Project and again invited members to complete the information questionnaire.
2. **Sisters in Science:** We also will co-sponsor *Sisters in Science* with Shattuck- St. Mary's on Nov. 14, 2015. *This FREE special event is just for girls! Those attending will conduct experiments and activities with women who are STEM professionals in our community* <http://www.s-sm.org/> Sign-up sheets for the event were distributed
3. **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL):** There are 11 \$500 scholarships available to this conference from AAUW Minnesota. We would need to form a committee to pursue. Motion by Cyndy Harrison, second by Emily Nesvold to pursue the application and scholarship for the 2016 NCCWSL. The motion carried
4. **October dates:** The presale ticket numbers need to be called to Karen Rasmussen by Oct. 18th. The AAUW Book Club will meet Oct. 20th at 6:30, the Branch Board meeting will be Oct. 21st at 1 and the Earth Tenders Highway clean-up will be Oct. 22, from 2-4. The Halloween Breakfast is Oct. 25th from 8-12:30 (shifts 7-10 and 10-1). The Oct. branch meeting is Oct. 26, 2015 at 6:30, with program at 7 at the STEM School.
5. **International Festival:** Pat Rice commended the members who participated with Faribault's International Festival on Aug. 22, 2015. Kids created national flags and then found their country on a world map. They also sold out of the Minnesota coloring maps besides selling some Turkish scarves.
6. **Senior Center Capital Campaign:** Barb Dubbels reminded members that the ice cream social at the Senior Center on Sept. 29th will be an information session for the kickoff of their capital campaign.

7. **Butterflies & Bees:** May Bottke thanked members for their awareness and support in providing habitat to attract pollinators.

The meeting was adjourned. Pauline Schreiber introduced our program speaker: AAUW member, Cyndy Harrison, who showed us features of the *NBC Learn K-12 Program*. Cyndy travels throughout the country putting on workshops to help educators use this valuable resource.

Submitted by Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

October Branch Meeting



October Program

- Panel on Encouraging Girls in STEM Careers.
- **6:30 p.m.** business meeting, **7 p.m.** program, Monday, **Oct. 26** at Cannon River STEM School, 1800 14th. St. NW
- **Site:** Cafeteria, which is the building to the right of main (stone) building. Parking is nearby.

Come join with Delta Kappa Gamma members - the co-sponsors of this program - and fellow AAUW members to learn what is being done to encourage girls to consider STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers by area schools. And, have a discussion on what additional steps might be taken in the community to encourage more girls to consider STEM careers.

Program co-chairs Pauline Schreiber and Mary Lillquist hope to see a good turnout of members for this program.

Sisters In Science

People who have signed up to help with the **Nov. 14 Sisters In Science** event organized by Shattuck-St. Mary's School - and open to girls in the community - are: Pauline Schreiber, Cyndy Harrison, Liz Hartman, Karen Kittlesen and Kathy Larson.

This is the number of volunteers looked for from AAUW, which is a co-sponsor of the event.

More details on Oct. 26.

Thanks - *Pauline Schreiber*

TREASURER'S REPORT



Here are the September 30 numbers from the bank: checking \$165.05, savings \$6,502.70. I am starting to receive a few \$\$\$ from the sale of breakfast tickets. If you don't want to send them to me, give me a call and I will make other arrangements. Let's have a big year!!! *Julie Olson, Treasurer*

Membership



Hurrah!! We welcomed 8 new adult members and 1 student affiliate at our first Faribault AAUW. Branch meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015. These ladies are Bonnie Becker, Christy Dore, Lisa Engbrecht, Kirsten Rasmussen Grunnet, Olga Knapp, Ruth Ann Marsh, Susie Olson and Karen Winslow. Our student affiliate is Maren Grunnet (granddaughter of Karen Rasmussen).

We are so fortunate to also have had 3 more new members join us that very same night! WELCOME! To Carol J. Anderson, Colleen Rolling and Dr. Annette Parker and thanks for deciding to help us advocate for women and girls by working together!

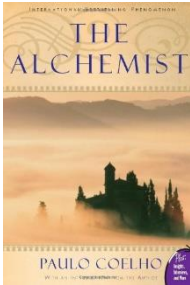
Our goal of 10 new members was accomplished by the start of our 2015-16 year!

Each new member present at our meeting was given one of our Book Sale aqua bags with AAUW information and a welcome note from Kathy Larson.

We always have room for more ladies to join our AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. If you need information for a friend, just call Karen Kittlesen or Kathy Larson. Remember it's only \$43.50 for dues for the 2015-16 - a special offer this year!

Thank you, *Kathy Larson & Karen Kittlesen - Membership Vice Presidents*
(332-2525) (334-4900)

Book Club News



The AAUW Book Club had a fine time at the Bullhead Bar and Grill in Waterville in September. We then were graciously hosted by Judy Graham at her lovely town home. *The Prayer of Owen Meany* by John Irving was discussed. Those of us who had read it before decided that we had forgotten lots! **Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 6:30** at Barb Dubbels'. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho is our next read. *Barb Dubbels*



Calendar

Sun, **Oct. 18;** 6 pm Deadline for presale tickets for Halloween Breakfast

Tue, **Oct. 20;** 6:30 pm Book Club *The Alchemist*

Wed, **Oct. 21;** 1 pm Board Meeting at OSLC

Thurs, **Oct. 22;** 2-4 pm Highway Clean-up

Thurs, **Oct. 22;** 4:30 pm NCCWSL committee meeting at Perkins

Sun, **Oct. 25;** 8-12:30 pm Halloween Scholarship Breakfast (Shifts 7-1)

Mon, **Oct. 26;** 6:30 pm Branch Meeting at CRSS Cafeteria

7:00 pm Program STEM Panel

Tue, **Nov. 10;** Newsletter deadline to **Liz**

Sat, **Nov. 14;** 9 am-12 pm Sisters-in-Science

Tue, **Nov. 17;** 6:30 pm Book Club *Pearl of China: a Novel* by Anchee Min

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