



# Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2014**

September means back to AAUW and promoting its mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Like going back to school, attending AAUW meetings starting in September has been a routine for many of us for decades. Each member is a unique individual whose skills, talents and enthusiasm keep the Faribault Branch thriving year after year. This year is especially important and exciting because we celebrate our 90th Anniversary of our Faribault Branch –Feb. 25, 1925 to Feb. 25, 2015. Women before us were concerned about female issues; we've come a long way but still have many equity goals to continue to solve.

Co-presidents Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen have been working this summer with the AAUW Board to plan the year's program. One goal is to sign up ten new members. There are reduced membership dues to encourage new members for only \$43.50 for the entire year if they attend one of our programs and sign up that night. We can offer this for ten people - so please invite a friend and tell them about this opportunity! We also want to retain members; remind them about all we do for our community and for the nation. That's why the branch co-presidents want to express our appreciation for your continued membership and welcome you back to another AAUW program year.

The first program on Sept.22 Monday would be a great time to bring a potential new member to check us out. Please help co-chairs Pat Fuchs and Karen Kittlesen promote our goal for new members.

Good News: this year again we have money to give more scholarships because of another successful book sale in April! Thanks to all our members hard work!

Program co-chairs Diane Hagen and Pauline Schreiber have spent many hours this summer planning super programs for the year. Like the co-presidents, they hope to see a good turnout at the September meeting. **AAUW board members are reminded that there will be a board meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the Sept. 22 business meeting (6:30) program (7:00) at District One hospital. (Dinner at 5:30 if you wish.)**

See you in September for what should be an interesting program on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and its impact on the community.

Your Co-Presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen (the two K's living on Mitchell Drive) are dedicated to helping our Faribault Branch AAUW have another successful year and celebrate our 90th Anniversary! \* \* \* \* \*



*September Meeting*

*Monday September 22*

*District One Hospital classroom*

*6:30 p.m. Branch Business Meeting*

*7:00 p.m. Program*

*Members can eat in the cafeteria between 5:30 and 6:30*

September is *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Month*. The branch's kick-off program for the 2014-2015 year will focus on how Fetal Alcohol affects the community and also the unique needs of those suffering from the syndrome.

The program will be presented by Karen Fletcher, a professional from Mankato, (niece of branch member Ruth Hildebrandt) and Kirsten Grunnet of Faribault (daughter of branch co-president Karen Rasmussen) whose adopted daughter suffers from the syndrome.

Many of us, I think, had the hope back in the 1990's when Fetal Alcohol syndrome was first identified, that education would stop the syndrome in its tracks. However, women who are addicted to drugs and alcohol often have unintended pregnancies, and by the time they know they are pregnant, much harm has been done.

The program will be open to the public for those community members who are interested in the topic and also to those interested in joining AAUW.

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen, Program, Co-chairs

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

We have healthy balances to report for the beginning of the 2014-5 AAUW season. Checking shows \$715.674 and Savings \$6113.77. Wow!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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**MEMBERSHIP**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to those who became members in April and May. The new members are Cyndy Harrison, Susan Willcutt, Mary Jo Anderson, and Patricia Otis.

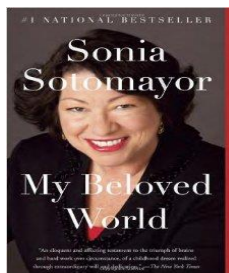
We would also encourage you to invite someone to attend the meeting in September. Many educators and other members of the community may be interested in the program about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Since this is considered a public meeting, anyone who joins at the meeting will only pay half of the national dues. The cost would be \$24.50 for national dues and \$19.00 for state and local dues.

Hope to see you on September 22nd at District One Hospital.

Pat Fuchs and Karen Kittleson, membership vice-presidents

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS



The AAUW Book Club met Allen Toth's books about dated but still intriguing in the The fact that Toth continued to was indicative of her love of England.

Our next book is My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor. We will meet Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 at Dubbels'.

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Tuesday, August 19 to discuss three of Susan England. We decided the books were a little descriptions of the areas she traveled in England. make trips from her younger years and beyond

## Calendar



Monday

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. branch business meeting

7:00 program

September 22 **September Branch meeting** (District One Hospital)

board meeting

**Candidates' Forums at City Hall** (more details forthcoming)

Thursday Oct. 2

Thursday Oct. 9

Thursday Oct. 23 \*Please Note: **Oct. branch meeting** precedes this forum at City Hall.

Sunday Oct. 26 **AAUW Halloween Breakfast** (American Legion)

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## BRANCH NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit our **website** at faribault-mn.aauw.net. Or, you can Google it! We are slowly but surely learning how to navigate its pages to make changes. We are very appreciative of Emily's son Scott who helps us when we get stuck (which is often)!

Do you know that we are on **Facebook**? If you are member of Facebook: 1. Log in as yourself. 2. On top of screen go to *Find Friends* and search for *Faribault - AAUW*. When there, be sure to hit "like" so we will come up easier. Also, please leave some posts! This site has the potential to be a valuable tool for us, but it will take some getting used to.

We want to make sure that you are getting your **newsletters**. Please let us know of any email address changes.

Emily Nesvold, Liz Hartman, Faribault Branch Communiqué editors

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