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President's Message

Book Sale

Faribault AAUW members are phenomenal! We have again put on a very successful *book sale*. Treasurer Julie Olson, near the end of the sale, reported that it appears this year's sale was on its way to being a record sale grossing year. There are a few more expenses this year, but even so, we should net a good return for our hard work.

The book sale is a lot of work! Many members worked numerous hours planning the event, sorting books, working at the sale, and cleaning up afterwards, and trucking books to the recycling dumpster. All who helped in any way, and to any degree, are thanked and appreciated.

These last few years, the book sale has been organized by committee. That seems to work because more members are taking ownership of it. Having the sale with the Kids Carnival is also a plus.

At our April board meeting, we will have a book sale debriefing, creating a list of ideas for next year. It will be at 6 p.m. at the end of other board business to allow non-board member to attend and give ideas. Those ideas will be summarized at the branch business meeting 6:30 p.m. on April 28.

Leadership Alert

Again a plea for leaders is going out. We need someone to serve as *co-president* with Kathy Larson. So far, those members asked by Pauline and Kathy have declined. We also need a public policy vice president.

Karen Rasmussen has volunteered to be *membership co-chair* serving with Pat Fuchs, and Pauline Schreiber has volunteered to serve as *program co-chair* with Diane Hagen.

Please call either Pauline Schreiber or Kathy Larson if you can give of your time to fill leadership positions next year.

Convention

The State AAUW Convention is *April 10-11*. The elected delegates are Pauline Schreiber, Kathy Larson and Emily Nesvold. Mary Lillquist and Liz Hartman will also attend. A convention report will be given at the April meeting.

Co-presidents – Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larson

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April Meeting

7:00 p.m. at District One Hospital classroom

Lynn Cook and Joyce Lindguist will come and do an informal discussion with us about how they have gotten to know Somali women in our area. They will welcome our questions.

Also, Dayna Norvold, executive director of Rice county Habitat for Humanity, will speak briefly about a volunteer opportunity with her organization that doesn't require the use of hammers and nails.

Mary Sanborn Program, Co-chair

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no business meeting in March. Members attended a play at the Minnesota History Theatre.

Gloria Carter, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 30, these are our totals: checking \$204.42, savings \$4,298.83. Since then, of course, there have been daily deposits from the book sale. Looks like a successful project this year.

Julie Olson, Treasurer
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Scholarship

The scholarship committee (Ruth Hildebrandt, Pat Umbreit and Betty Harmsen) has selected the recipient of the \$1,000.00 AAUW scholarship from South Central College. The awards ceremony will take place on May 5 and Emily Nesvold will be our presenter. There were six excellent candidates. We will let you know more about our winner in the next newsletter.

Betty Harmsen, Scholarship Chair

Faribault Branch Website

Our website has launched! Please visit it at faribault-mn.aauw.net. Or, you can Google it!

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Nine people attended the March meeting at Perkins where we had one of the longest stick-to-the-subject discussions ever. Everyone really liked Still Alice by Lisa Genova, in spite of the worrisome subject and sad story of early-onset dementia. Many personal stories (mostly of parents) were shared and in Shelly's words, we felt we learned to be

more patient and understanding with dementia sufferers and

families.

The April 15 We will discuss All are meeting will again be back at Barb D's home at 6:30. The Paris Wife. welcome!

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Our History

I have been busy working on the Historian's book and need some help. Does anyone have a copy of the flyer for our Halloween Breakfast at the American Legion? And maybe some pictures? I was so busy in the kitchen doing dishes I forgot to take any. I also missed cutting out the Women's History Month article by Diane Hagen. Does anyone have a copy? If you go to the Spring tri-branch luncheon or to the state convention, please bring me home some pictures and anything I can use in the book. Thank you so much.

Pat Umbreit, Historian

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Calendar

April 15: Deadline to sign up for Tri-Branch Luncheon. Cost is \$20. Call or email Pauline Schreiber if you added your name to the sign-up sheet at the book sale. The program is on the life and legacy of Rachel Carson.

April 26: Tri- Branch Luncheon. 11:30 p.m. at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna.

April 28: 5:30 p.m. board meeting at District One. (Come at 5:15 if you plan to eat).

6 p.m. book sale debriefing at District One Hospital

6:30 p.m. branch business meeting

7:00 program

May 19: Branch Picnic at Betty Harmsen's Social half hour at 6 p.m. Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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