




Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



President's Message October 2014

October, with its beautiful autumn colors, is showing us changes are happening. Even though Nature transitions are not in our control, we can make other positive changes by our voting choices - we decide what will advance our AAUW mission of equity for women and girls. Be sure to be informed

about the candidates' stand on important issues and  on Election Day -November 4. The three Candidate Forums our branch conducted for the city, county, school board, and state positions have been informative and interesting. By giving our Faribault Community an opportunity to actually learn each candidate's viewpoints, we are providing a public service. Thanks to all our members who volunteered their time for those events!

Two other important activities this month are: 1. the *Highway Cleanup* scheduled for Wednesday October 15. (This is our Environmental contribution both fall and spring. Check for the meeting time in the calendar of events.)

2. The second annual *Halloween Breakfast Scholarship Benefit*
Sunday October 26 –8:00 am to 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion



Cheesy Scrambled Eggs, 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).

Please promote our event (advanced sales really help) call Kathy Larson 332-2525 for more tickets to sell. *If you can help for 3 hours on Sunday, please sign up to work on the sheet sent out by Karen. (Shown at end of newsletter)* It was a fun activity last year; a good time for camaraderie' and laughs –wear some kind of Halloween costume or hat. This breakfast is a great way to let the community know what we are doing for our present and future Faribault citizens!

To assist with breakfast food orders – Please email: kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com or call: Kathy Larson at 332-2525 by October 17 and give the number of presale tickets you have sold.

KEEP ON SELLING PRESALE TICKETS TO THE DAY OF THE BREAKFAST! THANKS!

Remember our October meeting was changed to Thursday – October 16, before the last Candidate Forum at City Hall. Invite any friend to enjoy our programs with us. We also welcome new members!

Your Co-Presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen (the two K's living on Mitchell Drive)

We only offer treats, not tricks!!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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October Branch Meeting
Thursday, October 16 City Hall
Business Meeting 6:15 pm
Program: State Candidates' Forum 7pm

Our October program will be our third and final forum on Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 to 8 *p.m.* at Faribault City Hall. We hope there is a good turnout. District 24B State Rep. Patti Fritz has confirmed she is coming, as well as her Republican candidate Brian Daniels.

The branch business meeting will be at 6:15 *p.m.* before the forum in the City Hall public meeting room. The forum will be in council chambers.

*Members are welcome to join the board at 5 *p.m.* at Grand Plaza Restaurant. The board will have their meeting over dinner.

*There is a new development for the forum on Oct. 16. *The Children's Defense League and Three Rivers Community Action* will be co-sponsors. They had been planning to meet with the State Representative Candidates on Oct. 22 for a forum. They contacted us and it makes sense that we work together. We are looking forward to a potentially large audience that night.

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen, Program, Co-chairs

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Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

President Kathy Larson called the meeting to order, and welcomed members and guests to our branch's 90th year. Kathy emphasized our mission to achieve equality and better standing for women

Julie Olson presented the board recommended budget for the coming year. Copies of the budget were distributed. Julie explained that the budget is a flexible guideline. She shared proposed changes from last year's budget, including planning to spend \$3,000 or more on scholarships and paying for 2 years to Project Star because we did not receive the bill for the last year until after our fiscal year ended. The book sale costs should be less this year since we will not have to pay for signs. Signs purchased last year will be used again and can be used for other events, such as our Halloween breakfast. After discussion, Cyndy Harrison made a motion that the budget be approved. Liz Hartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

We are striving for 10 new members this year. Please invite others to join. Karen Rasmussen shared the Shape the Future membership incentive program, whereby new members may get reduced priced memberships. Karen is checking to see if recently new members can receive this benefit retroactively.

Pauline Schreiber shared candidate forum information. The dates for the forums are October 2nd: city and county candidates; October 9th: school board candidates; October 16th: state candidates. Moderators are Kym Anderson, Cheryl Freund, and Linda Mitchell, respectively. Helpers are needed. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Our branch meeting will be October 16th, at 6:15, at City Hall, prior to the State Forum.

Kathy Larson gave an update on plans for our Halloween Breakfast Benefit for Scholarships, to be held on October 26th, at the American Legion. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Family members are encouraged to assist. Get into the spirit with some type of Halloween wear. Fliers for the event were given to members to post. Tickets were distributed to sell prior to the event. We make more money on pre-sale tickets. The breakfast will hopefully give our branch more visibility in the community.

Betty Harmsen gave a scholarships report. We plan to give a minimum of three scholarships: a \$1,000 scholarship to a South Central student and two \$1,000 scholarships to students enrolled in a four year college program and who have finished one year. Scholarship criteria forms and applications are to be distributed to schools, library, newspaper, library, etc. Members are encouraged to give forms to possible individual candidates.

A treat sign-up sheet for remaining branch meetings was distributed. Thanks were given to tonight's treat servers: Pauline Schreiber, Liz Hartman, Pat Fuchs, Karen Kittlesen, and Kathy Larson.

Kathy Larson expressed thank-yous to: Pat Umbreit for organizing the Directory. Please contact Pat with any corrections or additions; Gloria Olson for organizing the 3-Fold Yearly Program sheet and for creating and copying the Halloween breakfast fliers to be posted; Julie Olson for her work on the budget; Pauline Schreiber, Ellen Bisping, and Pat Umbreit for their work on the forums; Rene' Perrance and crew for organizing and working on the International Festival; Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman for the Newsletter/Website; and Karen Rasmussen for making fliers / emails for tonight's program on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Liz Hartman shared that road clean-up is scheduled for October 15th, time to be announced. Please help with the event. Emily Nesvold asked that members "Like" our Facebook page. Kathy Larson reminded us that donations to our "Buck-it" go to scholarship funding. Individual donations can be made at each meeting.

News was shared that May Bottke is recovering from a health issue at Pleasant Manor. We miss her! We signed a card wishing her a speedy recovery.

We welcomed several guests to tonight's program on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Karen Rasmussen introduced the program presenters: Kari Fletcher, niece of member Ruth Hildebrandt, and Kirsten Grunnet, daughter of member Karen Rasmussen. The program was highly informative and touching.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

September 30 balances are Savings \$6,115.02; Checking \$593.17. I have received some money from our Halloween breakfast sales this month. You can give me those at any time.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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Scholarships

AAUW OFFERING TWO \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Faribault American Association of University Women will be awarding two \$1,000.00 college/university scholarships to a local woman who is resuming or continuing her education. The applicants must be presently enrolled in an accredited four year college or university, and have completed a minimum of one year. The degree program the applicant is pursuing may be either graduate or undergraduate. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2014. Applications and further information may be obtained by contacting Betty Harmsen, AAUW Education Chairperson.

Betty Harmsen Cell: 507-363-6420 Email: llhblh@bevcomm.netP

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Highway Cleanup

Join us at 1:00 pm to clean our section of Highway 60 east towards Kenyon. We can park on the side road across from our *AAUW Earth Tenders* sign. The advance forecast predicts mild weather. Come out and enjoy a nice walk and some beautiful fall colors.

Pauline and Liz

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Book Sale

It is not too early to begin thinking of our annual book sale in April. People can drop off 2 or 3 boxes on my porch at a time and I can start to sort them. For greater volumes of books, people can make arrangements with the secretary at the Congregational church drop them off there.

Pat Rice

Book Sale Committee

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International Day

On Saturday August 23, the steadily all morning, but it did not determined to set up the AAUW festival.



forecast for rain was on the mark. Rain fell stop the dedicated branch members display for the Faribault International Day

Before the rain, Pat Fuchs, Liz Karen Rasmussen appeared

a boxed Christmas tree, wrapped presents, tot furniture and the AAUW maps. As the rain fell, several formed a football-styled huddle to assemble the Christmas tree before seeking refuge under a tent. Karen Kittlesen joined us in the afternoon bringing several AAUW brochures to distribute.

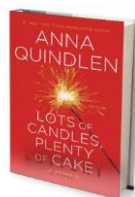
The rain moved on and visitors began to arrive. Our members were slightly damp, perhaps a bit bedraggled but ready! Our tree was surrounded by presents identified as branch projects and programs. Festival guests wrote friendly phrases in Dutch, German, Somali, Spanish, and a language of Togo to decorate the tree. Children colored paper flags, both real and imagined. Parents helped children with the flags; others asked about AAUW and its programs, and maps were sold. Despite the rainy start, it was a good day.

The Faribault Branch display offered an attractive, inviting place for children and adults. Members provided talent, time, trust and enough optimism to toss off the weather's wet blanket. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the display at the International Day Festival.

Rene' Perrance
Diversity Vice President

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Sonia Sotomayer's book *My Beloved World* was the book club's September selection. Sotomayer's memoir tells the story of growing up poor in the South Bronx; living with juvenile diabetes, being raised by a single mother after her alcoholic father of the odds as an minority. We found admire her accomplishments.



We will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 at *Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen.

Barb's. Our book is *Lots of Candles,*

Barb Dubbles



October Branch Meeting Thursday October 16 (City Hall)

5:00 p.m. board meeting Grand Plaza Restaurant

6:15 p.m. branch business meeting

7:00 pm State Candidates Forum The Children's Defense League and Three Rivers Community Action will co-sponsor this forum with AAUW.

Candidates' Forums at City Hall

Thursday Oct. 2 City Council and County candidates

Thursday Oct. 9 School Board candidates

Thursday Oct. 16 *please note date change* This forum was previously scheduled for Oct. 23.

Highway cleanup Wednesday October 15 1pm Highway 60 east at AAUW Earth Tenders Sign

AAUW Halloween Breakfast Sunday Oct. 26 (American Legion) 8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. See signup sheet below. Let's fill up the blank spaces!!

Year Book

Please note these changes for the directory:

1. The October forum scheduled for the 23rd is now on *October 16th*.
2. Cyndy Harrison's name is spelled with a y instead of i. Email: cyndyharrison@msn.com
3. Cross off Karen Rasmussen's work number.
4. Address for Shirlee Madow: Faribault Senior Living, 843 Faribault Rd.
5. Email address for Joan Koonmen: flitswi@hotmail.com

The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Items should be sent by the 10th of the month to either Emily enesvold@gmail.com or Liz ethartmanariz@gmail.com on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.

AAUW Halloween Breakfast 10/26/14 Work Schedule



Decorations 7-8 am (Sun):



Kathy Larson	Pat Fuchs	Karen Parker
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Kitchen Helpers 7-10am:

Julie Olson	Bob Olson	Mary Osborne
Liz Hartman	Mike Fuchs	

Floor Helpers 7-10am (Early Set-up Coffee, etc.):

Pat Fuchs	Tom Hartman	Kathy Larson
Barb Dubbels	Ken Dubbels	

Kitchen Helpers 10am-1pm:

Dan Rasmussen	Christy M Dore	Kirsten Grunnet
Rene' Perrance	Carol Quail (10:15)	

Floor Helpers 10am-1pm (with Clean-up):

<u>Karen Rasmussen</u>	<u>Karen Kittlesen</u>	<u>Judy Graham</u>
<u>Gloria Carter</u>	<u>Pat Umbreit</u>	<u>Mary Lillquist</u>

Ticket Sales

8-10:15am:

10:15am-12:30pm

<u>Pauline Schreiber</u>	<u>Diane (and John) Hagen</u>
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FLOOR HELPERS – PLEASE WEAR A COSTUME OR SOMETHING HALLOWEENY!

