



Faribault Branch Communiqué

~ November 2014 ~

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



President's Message

Happy Birthday to us! November 28 is AAUW's 133rd birthday! We have many reasons to celebrate how our organization has given women a voice in society. At our next meeting be ready to share what AAUW means to you and what a strong AAUW means to the future generations of women!

We hope you all had an opportunity to vote in the local elections after our informative Candidates' Forums.

Just as we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we reflect on all we have in our lives to be thankful for: our families, our friends, our country and our freedoms. Remember the men and women in the military who have served our country for those freedoms – November 11 is Veterans Day.

Our Halloween Breakfast Benefit was a successful, fun event! Thanks to all the great volunteers who helped in the kitchen, on the floor and with ticket sales! A special thanks to the spouses and members' families who so generously donated their time to make this benefit a great one. Presale tickets did help increase our overall money contributions. Hurrah! Thanks to all for your efforts! We received many compliments from the guests on the quality of food, service and decorations which were most appreciated. Being visible to the community as a working organization does help our AAUW mission to educate others and encourage equity for women. *Karen: A super big THANK YOU to Kathy Larson for all the incredible number of hours she devoted to making slipcovers for our signs and getting them up around the churches, the goodie bags she worked on, the 40+ ticket presales she had, the cute decorations and centerpieces along with the placemats, napkins and napkin rings which added so much to the décor!*

Membership Matters is a topic from the national AAUW November issue. It deals with sharing tips on how to interest potential new members to join our group. We have been asking for ideas that would increase our own Faribault AAUW branch. Karen and I would like to share an idea her daughter recently sent to us:

“Mom,

I had an idea during the night about how to increase AAUW members. You should have a paint night here in town for members & their daughters or daughter/granddaughter age friend with a member. Have drinks and treats. Do it in January when not so busy. Do it on a weekend afternoon or Thursday or Friday evening. Explain what the group does to make it appealing to my generation. Sometimes we want to have fun with our moms or mentors. There was a lady in town who does paint nights for groups. I think this idea would be good to bring people to a group. It would give a chance for our generation to meet so maybe we can keep it going in years to come.” (Kirsten Grunnet)

Think about this idea suggested by a younger woman and be ready to discuss this idea and others at our November meeting. Another suggestion Kirsten had was a jewelry making class, both ideas were highlighted during Downtown’s Chili Fest. We may want to coordinate with the Shape-the-Future Campaign to really enhance our new membership efforts.

Invite a friend to our meeting and be ready to listen to our Program – Women Farmers. We can even purchase their cheese products! Cheese is becoming a wonderful dessert choice these days. Thanksgiving dinner could be completed with a cheese/fruit tray.

Our November 24 treat servers are Judy Graham and Ruth Hildebrandt with Mary Lillquist bringing coffee.

A very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Your Co-presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

A Message from Kathy Larson

May turns 90 on Nov. 28 (also our AAUW's 133th. B-day)!
Let's shower her with 90 or more birthday cards to help her celebrate.

May always remembers everyone's' birthday.

Now we can show her how special we think she is!

May Bottke is now living at: Apt.# 106 Pleasant View Estates
Faribault, MN. 55021

Secretary's Report



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2014

The October branch meeting was held at City Hall, at 6:15. Kathy Larson, president, called the meeting to order. Co-president, Karen Rasmussen was unable to attend. Kathy opened the meeting with a leadership quote by Robert Sutton that says leadership is a team sport.

Secretary and treasurer reports were approved as printed in the Communique' newsletter. Julie Olson, treasurer, shared that she has paid the first half of our Project Star obligation. She is currently accepting earnings from pre-sales for our upcoming Halloween Breakfast. Gloria Olson has purchased AAUW bags, and presented the invoice to Julie. Cyndy Harrison will store the bags.

Pre-sale tickets for the Halloween Scholarship Breakfast were routed.

Mary Osborne gave an update on her mother, May Bottke, who continues convalescing at Pleasant Manor. May's outlook is positive, as always! May hopes to move to Pleasant View Estates, next week. She greatly appreciates all the cards and visits from her friends.

Pauline Schreiber and Liz Hartman, Environmental Issues Committee, did our highway clean-up project on October 15th.

Karen Kittlesen will verify that the Membership Committee has the updated tri-fold brochure to distribute to potential new members. Our newest members are Mary Osborne, Cyndy Harrison, and Susan Willcutt.

Diane Hagen and Pauline Schreiber, Program Committee, shared that next month's program will be presented by women farmers of the Nerstrand area. They will have products available for sale. Come prepared to buy. December's meeting will be our annual holiday party, including the silent auction to raise money for LAF. We will be sending \$1500 to the Education Fund. Pat Rice will form a committee to determine our two named honorees. We need to submit the names of our honorees in December. Pat and committee welcome honoree suggestions.

Kathy Larson shared information about our upcoming Halloween Breakfast, a scholarship fundraiser. A volunteer sign-up sheet was routed. We especially need more kitchen help for the 7 to 10 shift. This will involve assisting in cooking and dishwashing. More advertising fliers have been printed by Gloria Olson. Please distribute. Kathy Larson will take fliers to the American Legion suppers. Karen Rasmussen and Kathy will make treat bags for children. Workers are to wear Halloween attire. Kathy Larson has purchased and assembled sign sleeves advertising the breakfast. Kathy and Tom and Liz Hartman will put up the signs. Emily Nesvold has contacted CTV, KDHL, and State Bank regarding the sale. Ellen Bisping has asked Father Doyle to contact area clergy to advertise in their weekly bulletins. Continue to sell tickets right up to the date of the breakfast. Have checks made out to AAUW. Circle the type of sale on the tickets. Let Kathy know how many tickets you have sold by Friday, October 17th, so that she can give an estimate to the American Legion manager.

A sign-up sheet for providing treats at upcoming meetings was routed.

Pat Rice shared information regarding our book sale, which is set for April 23rd through April 28th. Sorting help will be needed in advance. Kathy Larson has coordinated with Caren Hoffman, Child's Delight, to hold the Kid's Carnival on April 25th. Pat will secure a space at West Mall

for the sale. Pat and Pauline Schreiber have packed 30 boxes of unused books donated by Mrs. Arseno, former book store owner.

Sue Willcutt shared that Al Franken and Elizabeth Warren will be appearing at Carlton College. RSVPs are required. Liz Hartman will send an email with details.

Pauline Schreiber asked for questions to be asked of tonight's forum candidates for state representative, Brian Daniels and Patti Fritz.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, Secretary

November Branch Meeting

We are looking forward to welcoming women farmers from Nerstrand at our Nov.24 meeting: Kathy Zeeman from Simple Harvest Farm Organics along with Lynne Reeck and Kate Wall from Singing Hills Goat Dairy. They are committed to sustainable farming. The speakers had originally planned to speak at our meeting last winter but were prevented by a nasty snow storm. Hopefully the weather will be more favorable in Nov. The women will talk about their work and bring some items to display and sell, such as goat cheese, goat soap, and wool yarn for those who are interested. The program will be at 7:00 pm at District One Hospital.
Diane Hagen, Program Vice President



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TREASURER'S REPORT

This month I am reporting balances as of November 6, since I just paid some good-sized bills and the current numbers are better year-to-date figures. Our checking account shows \$316.14 and savings \$5,131.40. These figures are after payments to the AAUW funds, a budgeted amount of \$1,600.00, and to the American Legion for breakfast costs of \$673.82.



Some interesting figures to note about the fundraiser. This year our total sales were \$1,550 as compared to last year's sales of \$1,250. Pre-sales made ALL the difference! We had five times more sales before the breakfast than at the door. Our net for this year's project was \$818.97, assuming no more receipts or expenses are submitted to me. Good work!!!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

Membership

At the present there are 41 members in our branch. New members are always welcome. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member, please let us know. We will certainly contact that person and send out information.

Just a reminder that if someone joins the night of the meeting, national dues will still be half price this month.

Hope to see you at the meeting on November 24th and feel free to bring a guest or two.

Karen Kittlesen and Pat Fuchs, membership vice-presidents

Scholarship



Scholarship update: Success again! We have nine outstanding women who have applied for the two \$1,000.00 scholarships we are offering this year. The importance of giving educational scholarships from our Faribault AAUW has always been a high priority for our group. Helping to give back to other women the same opportunity we have all had is certainly a great feeling for all of us. I will be calling upon some of you to help with the selection. We should be able

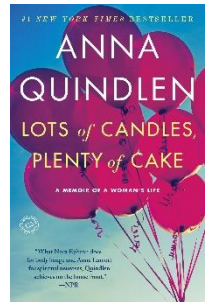
to award the scholarships this month.

Betty Harmsen, Scholarship Chair

Book Club News

October's selection for Book Club was *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, Anna Quindlen. In her memoir, Quindlen deals with a woman's life from childhood memories to turning 60. She is witty but introspective with chapter headings such as, "Faith", "Girlfriends", "Mirror, Mirror" and "Parenting". Issues which with book club members could identify. November's book is *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. We will meet at Perkins on November 18.

Barb Dubbels



Faribault Branch Website

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

Please Go to our Facebook page and hit like!

Emily Nesvold, Liz Hartman, Faribault Branch Communiqué editors



Calendar

Monday, November Branch Meeting: November 24, District One Hospital. 5:30 pm
Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Branch Business meeting, 7:00 pm program
December 15: Christmas at the Cathedral,

A Message from Pauline: A big thank you to forum committee members Ellem Bisping and Pat Umbreit for helping plan this year's candidates' forums. Having a great working committee helps in whatever project AAUW undertakes. And thanks to all members who helped with the forums or attended them. All were well attended. Also, a big thanks to Betty Harmsen and Donna Deliaden who undertook the technical part of the forums.

Pauline Schreiber

Note: Since our next meeting is scheduled a week earlier than normal, I will need Newsletter submissions by Dec. 4. Thanks!!

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.