



# Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



## AAUW Presidents' Message January 2015

**Happy New Year!!** This is the year we celebrate the Faribault Branch's 90th Birthday. Reflecting on the past 9 decades, there has been so much that has been accomplished. Projecting the rest of this year, we also have many things to look forward to:

- *January* – the “Gallery on the Go” on Jan 17 at the Upper East Side to get acquainted with potential new members and have a fun afternoon painting. At this moment the painting party is full! If there is a cancellation, I maybe could squeeze someone in. We currently have *9 members and 13 guests* attending, so we have exceeded our expected maximum. Suzanne did say she sits up a couple extra chairs. What a wonderful problem! The program for this month is “Travels with Emily.” Maybe if we can't get out of the cold, we can visualize some warmer place we could be on the 26th. *Treat servers are Diane Hagen and Pat Rice with Pauline Schreiber to bring coffee.*
- *February* – we plan to go to Minnesota History Theater to see “God's Girl” about the first female Pastor in Minnesota. Tickets are to be purchased by the Jan 26 meeting for this February 15 Sunday matinee. Expect that we may want to go out together for supper after the play.
- *March* – Be looking in the Faribault Daily News for articles written by members of outstanding women. Not sure if the writing committee has decided definitely, but we had talked about featuring past and current members of our Faribault Branch during these 90 years. We also have our program on the 23rd about women in the military with excerpts from the “Invisible War.” The State Board had looked at purchasing this video for branches to use for a program, but Emily Nesvold already has this available for us.
- *April* – Is always a busy month in AAUW as we have the State Convention in Austin on the 10th and 11th, the Tri-Branch Luncheon in Northfield on the 25th as well as our Book Sale April 23-28. Details are still being worked out for our meeting on the 27th with a Minnesota author and area book clubs.
- *May* – a hint of another thing we are working on for our 90th birthday is going to the home of our first President, Mrs. R.R. Hutchinson. How lucky we are to have the Hutchinson House available to us! We have our year-end picnic on the 18th with acknowledging many for another outstanding

year. We're hoping some of our scholarship winners can join us.

We had a delightful Christmas get-together at the beautifully decorated Guild House on Dec. 15th. After many tasty hors d'oeuvres, we had the announcement of our 2 scholarship winners of \$1000 each: Andria Sammon and Kayleigh Buescher. We had a tribute to Shirlee Madow, a Branch member, whose memorial service had been held recently, as well as rousing verses to "O Tannenbaum" for an 80th Birthday Ode to Carol Quail. It was decided to have a Book Sale Committee meeting on Jan. 14th at 1pm at the Coffee Shop. I presented a Power Point of our new member potential opportunity with "Gallery on the Go." We discussed preferred dates to go to the History Theater for Feb. A visit from our own Santa Claus, aka John Hagen, gave us a reading from "The Night before Christmas." Our 90-year young May Botke again accompanied us singing Christmas carols. We also had a successful LAF Silent Auction.

At this writing, Dave Larson, Kathy's husband, is undergoing a serious medical issue. They would much appreciate prayers of healing, strength and peace at this time.

Your Co-Presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

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## January Branch Meeting

*Monday January 26*

*District One Hospital Classroom*

*5:30 p.m. Board Meeting*

*6:30 p.m. Business Meeting*

*7:00 p.m. Program "Travels with Emily"*

*All members are welcome to come and eat in the Hospital cafeteria between 5:30 and 6:30.*

Branch member, Emily Nesvold, will present a series of snapshots depicting a trip into the Peruvian Amazon with her niece and her daughter who is a Peace Corps Volunteer. You will see a 3 toed sloth, snakes, piranha, exotic frogs, a lot of water and other interesting things! A virtual tour to the Amazon should help to warm us up on a cold winter night.

**\*SIGN UP FOR OUR FEBRUARY TRIP AT THE JANUARY MEETING!**

Our February trip to the Minnesota History Theater is planned for *Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m.* We will be seeing the play, "God's Girl" about a 1975 Macalester graduate who is one of the first women to enter an elite Ivy League seminary. The tickets are \$22.

We will need people who are willing to drive for carpooling. See Pauline at meeting or call: 334-9598.

**MEMBERS MUST PAY AND SIGN UP** for the play by the *January 26* meeting!! If you can't be there, a check must be sent to Julie by January 26. Please make your \$22 check out to AAUW to Julie Olson, 2815 Village Drive, Faribault, MN.

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen, Program, Co-chairs

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## Secretary's Report

No secretary's notes for December. Christmas Party!

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, Secretary

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## Membership

We would encourage members to invite a guest to our January 26th AAUW meeting. Anyone who is interested in joining our branch this month at the meeting will pay 1/4 national membership dues. With national dues at \$12.25 plus \$19.00 for state and local dues, the total would be \$31.25.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and hope for warmer weather.

Pat Fuchs and Karen Kittlesen, Membership Vice-Presidents

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## Treasurer's Report

Here are the 12/31 balances: checking \$180.88, savings \$3385.62. We have paid a number of large budget items lately, namely \$2000 in local scholarships, \$1600 in AAUW funds, and \$800 in Star billings. We have one more scholarship due later in 2015, as well as a second Star payment. On the receipt side, members have donated \$187 in Bucket and memorial funds so far this fiscal year. Legal Advocacy funds received through the Christmas silent auction totaled \$213, and these have been submitted to the national office. *Stay warm!!!*

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## Scholarships

Betty Harmsen, of Faribault, representing the American Association of University Women, is presenting each of this year's educational scholarship winners with \$1000. Pictured left to right are Andria Sammon and Kayleigh Buescher. Buescher is attending North Dakota State University and is a Medical Science major. Sammon is a senior at St. Scholastica and plans on becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Proceeds from the AAUW annual used book sale help provide scholarships for community young people.



(This is taken from an article in the Faribault Daily News)

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## Women's History Month Articles

March is *Women's History Month* when we typically write articles for the Daily News about women who have made a significant contribution to some aspect of life. If you have suggestions for topics or particular women or if you would be interested in writing an article, please contact Kathy Kasten. [KathleenGaryKasten@gmail.com](mailto:KathleenGaryKasten@gmail.com) or 507-332-0708.

I thought you would also be interested in our former topics listed back to 1989.

1911 – Sonoma (CA) School District established a Women's History Week

1980 – President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation making the first week in March National Women's History Week

1987 – March was officially declared Women's History Month by Congress

- 1989 Women in Science
- 1990 Women in the Arts
- 1991 Women as Agents of Change
- 1992 Local Women
- 1993 Local Women Who Worked on Faribault's East Side: schools, hospitals, institutions
- 1994 Local Women in Politics
- 1995 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage
- 1996 Women in Nontraditional Roles
- 1997 Local Women Legends
- 1998 Women from 150 years Instrumental in starting the fight for equal rights for women
- 1999 Local Women born in the First Decade of the Century
- 2000 Local Young Women Chapter Members
- 2001 Local Women Writers
- 2002 Women Inventors
- 2003 Women from Different Cultures within the Community
- 2004 Local Women in Drama/Theater
- 2005 Women in the Military - (I think they were all local)
- 2006 Our Local Scholarship Winners
- 2007 Local Generations of Women Moving History Forward
- 2008 Women whose lives affected our state and nation—building Minnesota's high quality of life
- 2009 Local Women from Diverse Ethnic Communities
- 2010 Nobel Peace Prize Winner
- 2011 Women Inventors
- 2012 First Ladies who made a lasting difference
- 2013 Prominent Women Relating to Title IX
- 2014 Women Environmentalists

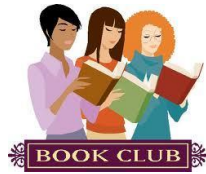
Kathy Kasten  
Educational Equity – Women's Issues  
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## News from Our Members

Drew Helmer, *son of member Marge Helmer*, has been published. His book, "Sex After Service, A Guide for Military Service Members, Veterans, and the People Who Love Them" was published December 16, 2014 by Rowman and Littlefield and is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon. Drew Helmer, MD, MS Public Health, is the Director of the East Orange, NJ War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) and Associate Professor of Medicine at Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical School. The WRIISC is one of three centers funded by the Veterans Health Administration to improve the health and quality of life of veterans with deployment health concerns through research, education and clinical care. He is an internist and primary care physician who has assisted many veterans with their sexual health concerns and learned with them how best to talk about such issues and how to create solutions and learned with them how best to talk about such issues and how to create solutions within and outside of the health care system. He has published several original research articles about veterans' sexual health concerns and presented his findings at national and international meetings. Drew graduated in 1988 from Faribault High School, in 1991 from U. of MN with a degree in Genetics and Cell Biology, Columbia School of Medicine with an MD, and Columbia School of Public Health with an MS. He interned at Baylor Medical School and finished a post doc fellowship in public health. He lives in Houston with his partner Salil Deshpande and twins Dashiell

and Pierson who are in the second grade.

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club's choice for December was *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. In her fifth novel, Kingsolver writes about two women and one man in Appalachia whose lives eventually intersect. One woman is a park ranger living almost hermit-style in the mountains. The second woman is newly married and then becomes a widow dealing with her seemingly unwelcoming in-laws. The older man is trying to reproduce the American chestnut tree. Kingsolver makes connections with ecological and biological facts. We all loved the book



January's selection is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. The group will meet at Perkins on *Jan. 20*.

Barb Dubbels

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*Saturday, January 17 at 2p.m.*      **Gallery on the Go AAUW Painting Party**

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6:30 p.m. Branch business meeting

7:00 p.m. Program

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## Year Book

*Please note this change for the directory:*

1. New email address for Betty Harmsen: [bharmsen0@gmail.com](mailto:bharmsen0@gmail.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](mailto:enesvold@gmail.com) or Liz [ethartmanariz@gmail.com](mailto:ethartmanariz@gmail.com) on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.