



Faribault Branch Communiqué

~February 2015~



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

President's Message



AAUW Presidents' Message February 2015

February, the month of friendship and love, is a time for us to reflect on what it means to be a part of AAUW. It's been an organization that has never wavered on its commitment to advocate on the behalf of women and girls! Being Faribault Branch AAUW members has given us many lifelong relationships with pretty amazing people who are like family to us.

Our big branch event for this month is the Minnesota History Theatre production of "God's Girl." Minnesota playwright Kristine Holmgren is a Presbyterian pastor and former *Star Tribune* columnist. Her new play explores the hard work, humor, and heartbreak experienced by the first brave women who dared smash the stained glass ceiling of Protestantism.

REMEMBER there will be NO other monthly meeting in February.

BOOK SALE: Start sorting through your books and asking friends and neighbors to contribute their used books. Check the schedule that Dorothy Joy is managing and pick a couple of times, or more, when you will be able to help. Pat Rice is looking for volunteers she can call to help sort books. April 6 the cart will be available to put books in at the Faribo Mall. We will be looking for people to post flyers to announce the Book Sale and to bring empty copy paper boxes for sorting.

Kathy Larson is looking for items that you can contribute for the Kids' Carnival on April 25. For the fish pond she would like to get small toys, trinkets, jewelry, Happy Meal toys. There are bins at Wal-Mart, JoAnn's, etc. that have little inexpensive fun toys. For the bookmark making table we will need fun kid stickers.

Co-Presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

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February Meeting:

God's Girl, Feb. 15. See below for details

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING January 26, 2015

Kathy Larson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the District One Allina conference room. Kathy announced that her husband had recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 bile duct cancer and will be starting chemo so asked us to bear with her.

A brief recap of the December Christmas Party meeting had been printed in the newsletter. Julie Olson announced that her phone number has changed to 507-334-5488 and can be reached at that number by either landline or cell. The LAF Silent Auction netted \$213. She reported that the treasury has been declining with recent large expenditures, including 2-\$1000 scholarships. For budgeting purposes for next year, we may need to look at not offering two large scholarships, plus the \$1000 SCC named scholarship, pending results of our Book Sale and Halloween Breakfast. Last year we had 2 large memorial donations (Karen Johnson and Pat Tuma) which covered most of the extra scholarships we have awarded. We currently have about \$3300 in the treasury.

The **Book Sale** is scheduled for April 23-28. Dorothy Joy passed around a sign-up sheet for scheduling workers. Pat Rice will pick some days for sorting and ask for helpers. Space is limited at the church's storage facility and not more than three or so can be there at a time. Three estates have donated books which all need to be sorted, plus all the other drop-off donations. Books can be dropped off at the Mall starting April 6. A sign-up sheet for workers from 10-2 pm was passed around for the Children's Day Kids' Carnival on April 25. Also on April 25 will be the Tri-Branch Luncheon in Northfield. Pat Fuchs is researching disposal of books. We do not know yet which location we will be in at the Mall. Pat Rice and Kathy Larson are to be guests on KDHL's "AM Minnesota" on April 17 at 9:30 a.m. to promote our Book Sale and 90th Anniversary.

At the Board meeting preceding the Branch meeting, we recapped the Book Sale meeting that was Jan. 14. Emily Nesvold will be doing publicity, e.g., TV's, Life and Times, Calendar of Events, and checking with Shattuck-St. Mary's for students that need volunteer hours to help with the Kids' Carnival or other times. Gloria Olson is making bookmarks for people to pass out and have at the library, Coffee Shop, etc. with dates and hours. Ruth Hildebrandt is making up the flyers for posting. Dorothy Joy is managing the work schedule. Kathy Larson is spearheading the Kids' Carnival activities and children's book corner. She is also making 2 sandwich boards and has the other signs all prepared for setting up around town that say "Book Sale Today at Faribo Mall." She will also get the shelves that we use. Pat Rice will check with Sentence to Serve about helping to move the books to and from storage.

Ruth Hildebrandt announced that she is putting together two baskets of books for the Ruth's House Gala Silent Auction on Feb. 14. Pat Rice is assisting finding books as she is sorting.

A sign-up sheet and money envelope was passed for those interested in going to *God's Girl* on Feb. 15. The minimum number was reached to get the group rate of \$22. It was decided to meet at the Trucker's Inn at 12:30 to carpool. We are looking for drivers. Whether we eat out in Burnsville at the Chianti Grille or come back to Faribault to eat will be contingent on the weather. Kathy will check the forecast and make reservations if weather forecast is favorable.

The March meeting will be a video, *The Invisible War*, about sexual assaults on female service members. The American Legion Auxiliary has been invited. It was also suggested to invite Erica Staab and any other Hope Center staff.

The April 27 meeting will feature a Minnesota author and will be held at the Bachrach Loft. Further details will be announced later.

Newsletter articles are due Feb. 7th to Emily Nesvold.

Emily Nesvold made a plea for more "Likes" on Facebook. She requested that children, grandchildren, etc. "Like" us if a member didn't feel comfortable doing so. Type "aauw faribault" in the Facebook search box and hit "like." In the past year there have been 10 likes (now 12). All the meeting notices are posted there. Our web address is: <http://faribault-mn.aauw.net/>

The Shape-the-Future New Member Dues was reviewed by Karen Rasmussen. For new members joining after March 15 until Dec. 31, the National AAUW assesses half of the yearly dues of \$49, or \$24.50. So with State (\$9) and Faribault (\$10) dues, the total is \$43.50 for membership through June 30, 2016 (\$68 for current members). In addition, for every 2 new members that join with the reduced dues, the Branch is awarded 1 free National membership worth the \$49, up to 5 free memberships. The Branch can use these free memberships however they chose.

Kathy Kasten is looking for members interested in writing articles for the *Faribault Daily News* for Women's History Month in March. Anyone that would like to take this opportunity is asked to meet at the Rice Co. Historical Center on Thursday, January 29 at 3:15 p.m. to have access to the historical records.

The Book Club will meet at Perkins on Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. to order dinner or 6:30 for dessert/discussion. The book about friendship is entitled *Astrid and Veronika*. The March meeting will also be held there on March 17.

Thanks was given to Karen Rasmussen for a successful "Gallery on the Go" event held Jan. 17 for new member recruitment. There were 22 in attendance: 10 members and 12 guests with some guests interested in joining. Three were introduced at tonight's meeting: Kirsten Grunnet, Christy Dore and Suzie Olson. We discussed that it would be fun to make this an annual affair in Jan. as it was a nice break for those who don't leave in the winter, the treats were good and fellowship enjoyed, plus an original piece of artwork to take home.

The May meeting will be held at the Hutchinson House on the 18th. With a show of hands, it was decided to have the usual potluck picnic rather than having a meal catered. Betty Harmsen is looking into ordering a cake in observance of our 90th anniversary and inviting previous scholar-

ship winners and presidents. Ella Hutchinson was Faribault AAUW's first president, whose father-in-law's brother was the original owner of the Hutchinson House.

We adjourned to have treats and enjoy the program presented by Emily Nesvold. Emily had traveled to Peru and had us intrigued with the animals, the Amazon and the activities she participated in while visiting her niece in the Peace Corps with her sister.

The treat servers for tonight were Diane Hagen and Pat Rice with Pauline Schreiber bringing coffee. It is working good to have 2 bring treats and one provide coffee since the hospital doesn't provide it for us anymore.

Karen Rasmussen

Acting Secretary for Gloria Carter

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

January 31 account totals: Checking \$510.95, Savings \$3,422.34. No big news this month.



Julie Olson, Treasurer

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CARPOOLING FOR "GOD'S GIRL"

First, we need drivers. We have just one so far who can take four others besides herself. There are 15 who are going. Please call Pauline at 334-9598, if you can drive.

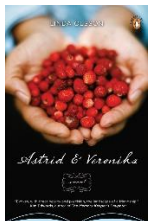
LEAVE TIME: 12:30 p.m. from Trucker's Inn west side. (Parking next to Hwy. 21.) Sunday, Feb. 15. The performance is at 2 p.m.

Some may not be aware, but the playwright for "God's Girl" is the main character in the play, Kristine Holmgren, who became a Presbyterian minister in the late 1970s. Her play about "daring to smash the stain glass ceiling" should be very good.

We plan to eat after the play at either an Italian grill in Burnsville or the Thai Restaurant in Faribault, depending on the weather.

For those 15 who signed up, if for some reason you are driving on your own and not carpooling, let Pauline know.

Book Club



This month's book was *Astrid and Veronica*, by Linda Olsson. We will meet Feb. 17, at Perkins. Please arrive at 6:00 pm if you wish to eat dinner and at 6:30 pm for dessert and discussion.

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Calendar



February 15: *God's Girl*. Meet at Trucker's Inn.

March 23: Branch Meeting; *Invisible War*

April 23-28: Book Sate

April 27: Branch Meeting; Minnesota

May 18: Branch Meeting; Hutchinson House

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.