



Faribault Branch Communiqué



**AAUW: Equity for women & girls
through advocacy, education and research**

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE APRIL 2015

"You touch people by realizing that they want what everyone else wants: recognition, respect, and to feel as if they matter." — Anonymous

April is our busiest month, lots of opportunities for involvement and we want you to know that you do matter.

- **April 6** we officially started collecting books at the door of the Faribo West Mall. Remind all of this good opportunity to clean out unwanted/unneeded books for our many worthwhile causes, scholarships, etc.
- Friday and Saturday, **April 10-11** seven members are planning to participate in the State Convention in Austin. Pat Rice is gathering our AAUW book bags filled with books and goodies for the State LAF Silent Auction.
- Wednesday, **April 15** is the RSVP deadline for the Tri-Branch Luncheon in Northfield. Call Pauline Schreiber (334-9598). Please remember that if you sign up, you are committed to pay the \$20 which can be paid at the door.
- Friday, **April 17** listen to AM Minnesota to hear Pat Rice and Kathy Larson on KDHL at 9:30 with Gordy Kosfield to discuss the upcoming Book Sale, our 90th anniversary and our community activities throughout the year.
- Saturday, **April 18** is the date for moving the books that are in storage at the Congregational Church Hall to Faribo West Mall at 10 am. Still need pickups or vans and people to help load. Call Kathy Larson (332-2525) or Pat Rice (334-3076) to volunteer.
- Sunday, **April 19** Kathy Larson and Gloria Olson are sponsoring 2 tables "Celebrating Women" at the "Tour of Tables" for the Hope Center in recognition of our 90th Anniversary of our Faribault Branch.
- Monday, **April 20** we will start our book sorting and setting up which will be ongoing at the Mall. Check the schedule, but feel free to come spend a couple of hours helping at your convenience.
- Tuesday, **April 21** Book Club at Barb Dubbels' at 6:30. In recognition of National Poetry

- Month, share a favorite poem, author, etc.
- **Book Sale doors open at 10 am on Thursday, April 23.** For the next 6 days we are hoping for a very successful sale as this is our main fundraiser for our annual budget. Please check the work schedule and sale times found elsewhere in the newsletter.
 - Saturday, **April 25** from 10-2 will be the Kids' Karnival that the Mall is sponsoring. We will have our fish pond and making bookmarks. If a child makes a bookmark, they are eligible to get a free book. 300-400 children are expected.
 - Saturday, **April 25** is the Tri-Branch Luncheon in Northfield. So far 11 members are planning to go. Next year it is our turn to host.
 - Monday, **April 27** Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen plan to present the named scholarship at South Central College.
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- **Monday, April 27 is our regular meeting night. Board meeting at 5:30 pm at the Central Ave Subway** and any other interested Branch members are welcome to attend. We plan to move over to The Loft in the Bachrach Building at 318 Central Ave for the **6:30 pm social**. Complimentary desserts and beverages will be furnished and wine can be purchased. The **program will begin at 7 pm** to hear Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew, MN author of Hannah, Delivered, with book signing at 8. This will be an evening of casual conversation on the magic of creating books. There will be a freewill offering for expenses with any excess donated to the "Friends of the Library." Gloria Olson has worked hard on organizing this event and inviting other book clubs. Space is limited to 125 so call Gloria at 334-9631 to reserve your spot.
 - Saturday, May 2 is designated as Faribault's "Tree City USA Day." We will be planting a 4" diameter tree in Central Park to commemorate our 90 years in Faribault. We want to remember members who have passed as well as honor current members. The tree will cost \$399, delivered, and no funds have been budgeted for it. We would like to propose that members give monetary contributions "In memory of" and/or "In honor of" and write a sentence of a particular memory, achievement or contribution of that Branch member. We would like to read these memories at the planting ceremony and collect them into a written document to distribute at our annual picnic and put in our Historian book. **Please send your money and written memory to me: Karen Rasmussen, 1217 Mitchell Dr., Faribault, MN 55021 so it can be organized for the tree planting ceremony.** Any excess funds after the Anniversary expenses will go into the Scholarship Fund. (For example, "Whenever I see the chocolate cherry Christmas mice, I remember Hazel Evans.") Time will be announced.
 - Sportswoman of the Year will be awarded at Faribault High School to an outstanding female senior athlete sometime in May.
 - Highway cleanup will be scheduled for sometime in May.
 - Monday, **May 18** will be our annual potluck picnic with a celebration of our 90th Anniversary at the Hutchinson House. The House is reserved between 5 and 9 pm. Special recognitions will be given and we will be viewing the DVD which Betty Harmsen, Pat Umbreit, Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison have been working on the production of highlights of our Branch's 90 years. Fiscal year 2015-16 dues will be collected, \$68 for current members, \$43.50 for new members.

We want to thank everyone for all they do to make a difference in the lives of girls and women in our community. We appreciate all your time and efforts. Your time is important and your calendars are full, especially with all that we have going on this month, this season, and this year.

Co-Presidents-Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen



AAUW, Degree or No Degree?

Please remember to VOTE in our AAUW National Election. **Members will need their member # and the PIN # in order to vote.** Both numbers can be found by their name/address label for the Spring/Summer 2015 "Outlook." Online voting begins on April 15. The final deadline is June 19 at 11 pm CDT to vote online. Directions for a paper ballot are in the Outlook.

We will **all** be voting on 12 Proposals to our AAUW Public Policy Program, 5 Proposed Amendments to our Bylaws, AAUW National President, AAUW National Vice President and 10 Directors-the full Slate for the AAUW National Board of Directors.

There is a possible major change to our Bylaws:

Bylaws Proposal 1:

Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership.

This has been defeated when brought up in past Conventions. At those past Conventions, delegates of the membership did the voting.

*******This will be the first time this proposal will be voted on a "one vote per member," thus every member, vote. *******

Two general and opposing ways to look at this proposal:

For the proposal: We should eliminate all barriers to membership.

Against the proposal: We advocate for girls and women to obtain equity through education. Shouldn't we set an example by promoting higher education degrees for members?

May 19 will be the last day for the National Office to receive new member dues to be eligible to vote in this election.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



FARIBAULT AAUW BOARD/BRANCH MEETING MINUTES MARCH 23, 2015

The March board meeting was held at 5:30 p.m., at District One Hospital Cafeteria. Kathy Larson, president, called the meeting to order. She distributed an agenda that applies to both the board and branch meetings. The Branch meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

President, Kathy Larson, introduced several special guests.

Treasurer's and secretary's reports were approved as presented in the March newsletter.

Membership co-chair, Pat Fuchs, shared that new members who join tonight will pay only \$43.50 for an entire year. Kathy Larson shared that she has a potential new member.

Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen, co-program chairpersons, gave a program update. The program for April has been changed. We will be holding our branch meeting at the Bachrach Building Loft. The program will be presented by author, Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew, on writing and her book, Hannah, Delivered. Books will be available for sale. All Faribault area book clubs have

been invited. There is limited seating of 125. Flyers and mini-handouts to advertise the event were routed at tonight's meeting as well as a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend. A social hour will be at 6:30, with the program to follow at 7:00 p.m. The event is free, but there will be a free-will offering with proceeds going to Friends of the Library after expenses have been paid.

March is Women's History Month. Kathy Kasten coordinated writers of articles that have and will be published in the Daily News. Appreciation was given to our writers for a job well done! Kathy Larson has copies of the articles that she will share with those who missed them in the Daily News.

Our upcoming book sale was discussed in detail. The sale runs from April 23 - 28, and will be held at the same site as last year in the Faribault West Mall. - Books may be dropped off at the mall as of April 6th. Carts will be available. - Dorothy Joy is doing the scheduling again. Please sign up for several slots on the sheet that will be routed tonight. This is our biggest fund raiser. - Pat Rice gave a summary of work and plans to date. - Kathy Larson and Julie Olson, treasurer, will coordinate getting the money for making change. Pat Rice shared the denominations of coins, bills, and total needed. - Kathy Larson and Pat Rice will be interviewed on KDHL radio on April 17th, at 9:30 a.m. - Emily Nesvold will coordinate the advertising in the local newspaper, radio and television, and will also ask the Kenyon newspaper to advertise our sale. - Ruth Hildebrandt has made flyers. Pat Rice has made small hand-outs. Members are to take these flyers and handouts tonight, and distribute them throughout the community. - Gloria Olson has made advertising bookmarks. - Kathy Larson will be making 3 sandwich advertising boards. - Pauline Schreiber, Pat Rice and Kathy Larson will arrange a photo shoot to submit to the Daily News. - Pat Fuchs has secured a recycler for books remaining after the sale. The recycler is Dick's Sanitation; Jeff is the contact person. The cost is \$275. We will not need to rip covers from books; they will be accepted as is. The dumpster will not be delivered until April 28th so that it will not be used by others. - Kathy Larson and Liz Hartman will put up signs prior to the sale. - Kathy Larson will need help getting the shelving we borrow each year. - Pat Rice is arranging for help in picking up the books from the Congregational Parish House, and returning the books after the sale. Hopefully Shattuck students and/or individuals who are required by sentencing to help with community service will be able to do the moving and help with sorting. There is no longer a Sentence To Service work crew, but hopefully the county will be able to provide individuals who we will need to supervise and sign for hours of work. Pat is also checking to see if any high school team members are required to do community service. - Kathy Larson and others will be coordinating the fish pond, kids activities, and Kids' Book Corner. - Karen Hoffman has shared that Kiwanis will also be involved in the Kids Karnival, and is expecting 300 children. - All members are needed for book set-up and sorting. - Gloria Olson has obtained the AAUW bags that will be for sale. Cyndy Harrison is storing them. - Ruth Hildebrandt has sent letters / emails to past book buyers. We will have a sheet at the sales table for buyers to provide us email addresses so we can contact them by email next year. - We need pick-up trucks to haul books on the Saturday before the sale, and then again after the sale. - Pat Rice suggested that we pursue a gift card of \$250 from Thrivent Financial. These gift cards are awarded to "Action Teams". Our purpose for the money would be to purchase children's books and gifts for the Kids' Karnival, and also books for Project Star. Members of Thrivent may apply for up to two \$250 gift cards. Julie Olson will pursue this.

This is our branch's 90th anniversary. Betty Harmsen, Pauline Schreiber, Barb Dubbels, and Pat Umbreit are on the committee to set up the celebration. Betty, Pauline and Pat have researched archives, including those at the Rice County Historical Society. They have sent relevant materials to Cyndy Harrison, who is composing a DVD to be shown at our May meeting which will be held at the Hutchinson House. Cyndy will talk with Mary Osborne, daughter of May Bottke, to set up

an interview with May, our longest actively involved member. The branch will pay for picture development and other expenses, such as cake and balloons. Pauline Schreiber is arranging for a commemorative tree in honor of past presidents to be planted at Central Park. Possible providers are Farmers' Seed and Steve Burkhartzmeyer. The tree must be at least 4 inches to be planted in Central Park. Our branch will pay for the tree. Gloria Carter, secretary, will send invitations to Joan Koonmen and Marge Helmer, longstanding Life members and Past Presidents. We will request that an article about our 90th anniversary and accomplishments through the years be included in the Daily News. Kathy Larson shared that we have received a certificate of honor from the national AAUW in Washington, D.C. for our 90 years as a branch.

Betty Harmsen gave an update on scholarships and awards. The next to be awarded will be in May for "Sportswoman of the Year" at FHS. This is a very prestigious award presented from our Branch. We no longer have to pay for the trophy and it is non-monetary.

Our book club remains active. They ask that book club members observe National Poetry Month by bringing and sharing a favorite poem or two, a favorite poetry book, a biography of a poet, or tell about a poet you have "discovered!" at their April 21st meeting.

The state convention is in Austin on April 10th and 11th. Delegates that will be attending are: Karen Rasmussen, Kathy Larson, Emily Nesvold, Pat Rice and Diane Hagen as our alternate. Others members attending are Liz Hartman and Cyndy Harrison.

Tri-Branch Luncheon is April 25th at the Northfield Sr. Center. Cost is \$20. RSVP with Pauline Schreiber by 4/15/15. A sign-up sheet was routed at the meeting.

The board serves as the nominating committee for officers for the coming year. Kathy Larson has volunteered to be co-membership chairperson. Pat Fuchs has offered to be co-president. We still need a new secretary and co-program chairperson.

Ruth Hildebrandt sent us a thank you card from "Ruth's House," for our donation of 2 baskets that Ruth and Pat Rice prepared for the silent auction at the Ruth's House Gala held in February.

Several members attended the play, "God Girl," at the Minnesota History Theatre in February. Reports on the play were very positive.

Karen Kittlesen asked if our branch would like to donate a bag/basket of books to "The Hope Center" charity event at the "Tour of Tables" fund raiser on April 19th. Pauline Schreiber so moved. Diane Hagen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Betty Harmsen has baskets to donate to the branch for such purposes.

Julie Olson, treasurer, is checking to see which members are potential 50 year members as they are entitled to a lifetime membership and pay no dues.

Pauline Schreiber, on behalf of GROWS, invited our branch to join their group on a tour of the Singing Hills Dairy Goat Farm and the Simple Harvest Farm, on July 19th. The owners of these farms were program presenters at our November meeting. We may eat at the hotel in Kenyon following the tours.

Kathy Larson asked if there is still interest in being in the Heritage Parade on June 20th. The question will be raised at the branch meeting. Board members expressed support. It was decided at the branch meeting that we will sponsor a float that celebrates our accomplishments through the decades since our inception.

Diane Hagen introduced our program, the movie, "The Invisible War," about sexual abuse in the military. We had several guests tonight, including members of the American Legion Auxiliary. The movie and discussion were profound.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT



Here are the March 31 bank balances: Checking \$121.50 and Savings \$3,423.72. Some good news! We have two new members, Bonnie Becker and Susan Olson. FYI, I did ask Thrivent about the cash available for organizations, but they told me that AAUW branches do not fit into their qualifications and so are not eligible for this program. But it was a good try! April and May will be very busy months for all of us. The book carts at the West Mall were filling up when I was there this morning.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP

Join or Renew
Membership

A member brought to my attention that her enrollment date was not accurate on the AAUW enrollment roster. If you get a chance, please check the AAUW website to see if your enrollment date is correct. If not, contact Pat Fuchs so that a correction can be made.

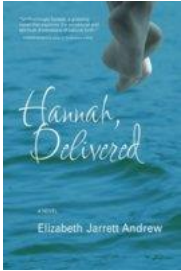
With two people joining in March, our branch membership is now at 42. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our two newest members, Bonnie Becker and Susan Olson. Please add the following information to your program booklet:

Bonnie Becker [507-332-7790](tel:507-332-7790)
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Faribault, MN 55021
Mankato State University-undergraduate
U of M- MA Ed
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Looking forward to seeing you at the Bachrach Building for our meeting on April 27th

Pat Fuchs and Karen Kittlesen, membership vice-presidents



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Hi AAUW friends!
If you were at the March meeting, you already have this information.

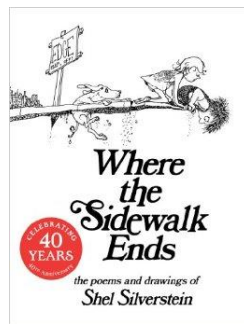
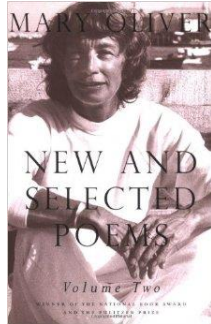
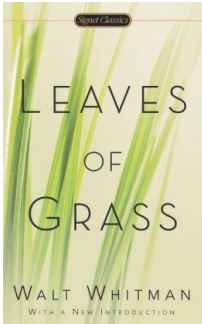
To the rest of you --

I have attached a flyer promoting author Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew, who is coming to Faribault. This event is open to the public and is ALSO our April program! Because it is being held at the Loft at the Bachrach Building, there is a seating limit of 125 and RESERVATIONS are needed.

It will be fun and interesting, with wine and goodies! Please plan to come and please let me know as soon as you can so you can be sure of a seat!

Thanks so much and Happy Spring!
Gloria Olson

April Bookclub



Nine members attended book club at Perkins in March to discuss Charles Baxter's *Feast of Love*. The book was well-liked overall, though some felt it was a slow start and took some time to really get to know the several characters. Readers especially liked the development of Chloe and how the lives of many characters came to be intertwined. The next meeting will be at the home of Barb Dubbels at 6:30 on April 21. Since April is National Poetry Month, those attending are asked to share the work of a favorite poet or two, poetry they have written themselves, favorite poetry books or anything to do with poetry! Or just come and enjoy the fellowship of the evening. All branch members welcome!

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Book Sale Sign Up Attached to this newsletter is the current sign-up sheet. To Sign up, contact Dorothy Joy - - - Home: 333-5775, cell 612-691-4265. We need volunteers!

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Program

Spring Highway Cleanup

A local company - KGP (Kathy Putrah's firm) looked for a public service project for spring and is going to clean AAUW's Adopt-A-Highway miles in May. It is just a one-time project, but a good reprieve for Faribault AAUW mem-

bers. It will give us more time to get ready for our 90th anniversary party and spring picnic.
Pauline Schreiber,
Liz Hartman, environmental issues co-chairs

Tri-Branch Luncheon

The Tri-Branch Luncheon is Saturday, April 25 at the Northfield Senior Center. Registration opens at 11 a.m., lunch is at 11:30 a.m. The speaker is Riki Kolbl-Nelson who grew up near Salzburg, Austria and came to the U.S. as a young adult. She is an artist and teacher.

Eleven Faribault branch members have signed up to attend. The cost is \$20, paid at the door. However, those who have signed up are obligated to pay \$20 if at the last minute they can't attend.

Anyone still interested can call Pauline (334-9598) by the evening of April 13.

Memorial Tree

At 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, a memorial tree for all women who have been Faribault AAUW branch members will be planted in Central Park. The maple tree's planting is part of our 90th anniversary celebration. All members are welcome to attend.

Spring Picnic

Did you know this May's spring picnic will be the branch's 79th spring picnic?

In doing research on AAUW's past, Kathy Kasten's research found the tradition began in 1936.

So, program, co-chairs Pauline Schreiber and Diane Hagen hope all members have reserved the night of **Monday, May 18** for AAUW's annual spring picnic. It will be a pot luck at the historic **Hutchinson House** with a special party and program to celebrate the branch's 90th anniversary.

Save This Date - Sunday, July 19

A summer outing has been planned to tour the Simple Harvest and Singing Hill's Goat farms in rural Nerstrand as a follow up to our November program when the women farmers spoke to us. They agreed to have us, and members of GROWS garden club, for a tour 1 to 4 p.m. July 19. More details will be announced at the May picnic.