



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message May 2015



April was awesome for our Branch:

- We had a fun, delightful and informative Tri-Branch Luncheon at The Inn, hosting Owatonna and Northfield in a full room.
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- The Book Sale was phenome with members coming to help multiple shifts when they weren't even signed up, the total take, the new string backpacks for the kids which netted us \$491.50, a big thanks to all members and their families for all your help in whatever way.
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- Pat and I presented the biggest scholarship awards yet to be presented for South Central College students: two \$750 scholarships, one to Katherine Engel, an accounting major with three children and a nontraditional student, and the other to Crystal Ross, a Computer Integrated Machining major, a nontraditional career. We hope both will be able to attend our May meeting.



(L to R) Pat Fuchs, Katherine Engel, Crystal Ross and Karen Rasmussen

- We attended the presentation in Rochester of Sex Trafficking in the area (I will never look at young girls in a restaurant, at a truck stop or the Mall of America the same).
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- The State Convention in Duluth was attended by 8 members and we not only had fun, but it was informative. Our Branch walked away with the most awards of any Branch and one in the delegation was surprised to find out she was the Named Honoree!
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- Other notes:
 - Thanks to Gloria Olson for her suggestion to rename the Faribault Airport to honor Liz Strohfus (Betty Wall) and her efforts through the City Administrator, Airport Board, City Council, FAA, Senator Amy Klobuchar's Office as well as other groups in Faribault.
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 - We have received over ten applications for our two \$1500 local scholarships to be awarded this spring for the fall semester. We have set Tuesday, May 17 at 3:30 for the selection committee to review the applications at SCC.
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 - At this time, the following have volunteered to serve as our slate of officers:
Cyndy Harrison as Co-President with Pat Fuchs
Colleen Rolling as Co-Vice President of Programs with Mary Lillquist
Karen Rasmussen as Co-Vice President of Membership with Kathy Larson
Pat Rice as Vice President of AAUW Funds
Pauline Schreiber as Vice President of Public Policy
Rene` Perrance as Vice President of Diversity
Ruth Hildebrandt will be in her 2nd year of her 2-year term as Secretary
Julie Olson has offered to continue as Treasurer
Nominations can be made from the floor provided written consent has been obtained from the nominee. The election of officers will be at our May 23rd meeting.
- Malala Yousafzai, youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and author of our March Book Club selection, will be at the Target Center on July 26 at 7:30 pm. I was wondering if some of our membership would be interested in attending. The ticket price may be high for some, but Malala nearly paid the ultimate price because of her desire want to hear her as much as I do. *Ticket prices: \$33.00 - \$153.00*

- Karen Winslow, one of our newer members, has offered her family room for a movie night/matinee. It can hold 8-10. We would like to get an indication of people that would be interested. We've discussed seeing *Extremely Close and Incredibly Loud* in Sept. near the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 date, TBD. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the May picnic, not a commitment, but to find out the level of interest.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Co-Presidents!

Karen Rasmussen with Pat Fuchs

Program



May Branch Picnic

Monday May 23

Home of Diane Hagen

735 Ravine Street

6:00 p.m.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

Spring Picnic

Come and celebrate another successful year of Faribault AAUW at the annual spring picnic. It will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23 at Diane Hagen's, 735 Ravine St. Co-program vice presidents Pauline Schreiber and Mary Lillquist will assist Diane in hosting the event.

Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Wine and other beverage will be provided as well as paper plates and silverware.

Pauline Schreiber and Mary Lillquist
Program Co-chairs



Airport Naming Project Update

The idea to rename the Faribault Airport in honor of Liz Strofus (aka Betty Wall) was enthusiastically received by those in attendance at the last branch meeting. A committee was formed to proceed with this project on behalf of our branch. Members are Gloria O, Pat R, Betty H, Kathy L and Cyndy H.

So far, Pat and/or Gloria have either talked with or met with Public Works Director Travis Block (whose dep't over sees the airport), City Administrator Brian Anderson, and former mayor Chuck Ackman, who was at the Senior Center a couple of weeks ago as part of Amy Klobuchar's staff. Pat spoke with other community supporters at the recent Business Expo and is keeping Liz's family informed. The project was informally presented and well received

at an Airport Board meeting last week.

We now know the exact procedure that needs to be followed (we'll be presenting a resolution to the Airport Board at their next meeting on May 18). Final step will be approval by the FAA.

After that, we will want to have some kind of celebration or ceremony when new signage is installed at the airport. All members of the committee are coming up with great ideas on what this might include, who to invite, etc. - etc. We welcome input from everyone and encourage you to spread the word, as well.

We can't imagine that there is anyone in the community who won't think this is a great idea!

We'll keep you posted ~ you keep your fingers crossed ~ and share any thoughts you have with any of us!

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Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, here are the cash balances: Checking \$129.60 and Savings \$10,975.16. Wow! These remarkable numbers are, of course, because of our successful book sale. This year we grossed \$5,288.40 and (so far) netted about \$4,630. I think I have most of the bills in and I am estimating a couple of them. Last year we grossed \$5,411 and netted \$4,646. These numbers represent so much hard work, dedication, and a determination to carry out the goals of AAUW. Great, great work, ladies!!

From the \$10,975 we will be paying \$4,500 in promised scholarships and \$1,000 in convention expenses, plus a few other costs, but we will be ending the year very much in the black, it appears. I will not be at the May party (sob!), but I want to remind you to bring your checkbooks for dues for next year. Here's to the lucky five winners of free national dues!

*All membership dues for 2016-7 are due no later than *July 31*. It will save a lot of phone calls if you could pay at the May meeting.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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Membership Report

GREAT MEMBERSHIP NEWS!:

* At the A.A.U.W. State Convention in Duluth our Faribault Branch was presented with: Three Membership Awards for achieving our goal of 10 plus 3 new members in 2015-16!!!

*Now five free national AAUW dues for 2016-17 (worth\$49.00) will be drawn from our 2015-16 memberships! If you can't be at our picnic meeting May 23, pay Julie Olson the \$68.00 total dues before May 23rd. to be eligible for the drawing.

* Hurrah! The three new Honorary Life Members will be announced on May 23. They have been active A.A.U.W members for 50 years!! We're PROUD of your Service Ladies!!

*Thanks to all for participating in our new Cameo Project this year. It has encouraged more camaraderie in our branch.

* Our Faribault Branch also gives a BIG THANKS to Karen Kittlesen for her wonderful years of service as co-membership vice president!! Dedicated members, like Karen, value the mission of A.A.U.W. advancing equity for women and girls.

* We welcome Karen Rasmussen as the new co-membership vice president for 2016-17! Thanks for volunteering!!

*Remember to plan to pay your 2016-17 membership dues at the May 23-Picnic.

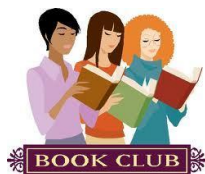
\$68.00 = Regular Membership \$43.50 = NEW MEMBER (or returned member gone for 2yrs. or more) \$19.00 = Life Member

* Your gift for 2016 - 17 dues will be a CAMEO BOOKLET. We plan to add to it through the years!!

* For more membership information call:

Karen Kittlesen (334-4900) or Kathy Larson (332-2525)

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Because April is Poetry Month, our book club has decided to devote April to poetry annually. Once again we had such fun sharing how poetry has been part of our lives.

ODE TO THE AAUW BOOK CLUB

*A group of gals from Faribault
Formed a Book Club years ago.
They love to dine,*



*Sipping their wine
Making comments so apropos.
They read both truth and fiction,
And have not experienced great friction.
Opinions abound,
Some may be unsound.
In April they spout Poetic Diction.*

By Pat Rice

May's book is *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. We meet Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm at Barb Dubbels'.

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Monday, May 17 Book Club

Monday, May 23 May Picnic Meeting Diane Hagen's at 735 Ravine St 6:00 p.m.

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.