



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ February 2017

February may be the shortest month of the year but it is jam packed with events such as Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and the Super Bowl to name a few. It is also American Heart Month, Love Month, and Black History Month. A famous Black leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stated "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

Our January speaker, Ido Abraham, inspired us with her story about her journey to America and her plans for the future. She also showed tolerance towards those who misunderstand her culture. She definitely has love in her heart. This month the program features Deb Peterson who will speak on the topic of Conflict Mediation. Settling a conflict in a more peaceful manner creates more harmony in our lives and in our community.

Next month's speaker, Paul Beaumaster, will talk about 10 Ways to Avoid Fraud. He would like to gear the presentation towards our interests and concerns. Anyone that has specific questions that you would like to have addressed, please email them to Pat Fuchs at patfuchs46@gmail.com and she will give him that information.

Kathy Kasten informed us that she has the writers that she needs for the Women's History Month newspaper articles. A special thanks to Kathy for once again chairing the committee and also to those members who volunteered to write articles.

Just a reminder that the Tri-Branch Luncheon will be held at the Owatonna Arts Center on *April 1, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.* The speaker will be Koa Kalia Yang, who received the Minnesota

Book Award in 2009 and was awarded the Best Memoir of 2016 by the Library Journal. At this time, we have no ticket information.

The book sale, which is our biggest fund raising event, will also be held in April. Dorothy Joy has included some information about the book sale in this newsletter and will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting. The sale of the books is important, but we always can use extra help with setting up and clean up. Please consider helping out during those times also.

Just a note about the Winter 2017 Outlook Magazine. There is an interesting article about human trafficking and the two pieces of federal antitrafficking legislation that are in place. It states, "...many AAUW members across the country, embrace the issue as urgent."

Membership News

- Photogenic! **Diane Hagen's** picture appeared on the front page of the Faribault Daily News on January 17th. She attended the Faribault Diversity Coalition's third annual Martin Luther King's Day breakfast program held at South Central College.
- Our condolences to **May Bottke** whose sister-in-law, **Helen Boldt**, passed away on February 3rd at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home.
- **Maren Grunnet** competed in the Regional Science Olympiad in Rochester on Saturday, February 4th. She was awarded 4th place for a topic that she has never studied before, optics.
- **Karen Rasmussen's** two granddaughters in Texas will be singing the National Anthem at the Austin Stars basketball game on February 24th.
- **Julie** and **Bob Olson** will be traveling to Florida to visit Ken and Barb Dubbels. They will continue on to Phoenix and end up in Las Vegas before flying home. They will also spend some time with their daughter.
- **Annette Petersmeyer**, a former student of **Pat Fuchs**, was chosen as teacher of the year in Duluth. Her name will be submitted for the 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award.
- Remember to let us know what **YOU** are doing!



February Meeting
Monday, February 27
District One Classroom

Board Meeting - 5:30
Member Business Meeting - 6:30
Program - 7:15

Conflict Mediation
Deb Peterson, speaker

Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, co- presidents.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 16 - Convention Steering Committee and Bag Committee

Meet at the Gran Plaza Restaurant at 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 – AAUW Book Club at Hy-Vee Market Grille

Supper at 5:45 p.m. and Discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 27 - District One Hospital, Branch Meeting

- Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Membership business meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Program featuring Deb Peterson at 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28 – City Council Meeting Be there at 7:00 p.m. to support the proposal of our branch’s Airport Renaming Committee!!

Saturdays, March 4 and 25 - Paradise Center

- Arts Clay Studio-pottery class 10:00 a.m.- noon

Tuesday, March 7 – The first of 5 Women’s History Month articles, written by Faribault Branch members, to appear in the Daily News.

Saturday, April 1 - Tri Branch Luncheon at the Owatonna Art Center

- 11:30 a.m. Speaker-Kao Kalia Yang, author

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AAUW NEWS:



Women's History Month

In 1987 Congress officially declared March as Women's History Month. Every year since 1989, our local AAUW has participated in Women's History Month by writing columns for the Daily News. This year we have chosen to write about Women Activists. With activism making headlines almost daily, we may think that activism was invented in the 20th or 21st Century, however we will highlight little-known but influential Women Activists of the 19th Century.

Diane Hagen will write about the *Grimke sisters* (yes, book club members, we did recently read their biography). Kathy Speulda will write about *Sojourner Truth* (do you know her original name and why she changed it?) Pauline Schreiber will write about *Lucy Stone* (do you know the "first" distinction for which she is known?) Colleen Rolling will write about *Olivia Sage* (do you know what unusual purchase she made with some of her wealth?) And Pat Rice will write about *Maria Sanford* (do you know where you can see her statue?)

Look for these articles running in the Daily News on Tuesdays beginning March 7.

Kathy Kasten

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This is our main source of revenue for our scholarships, so please to come to the February Branch meeting, on the 27th, prepared to sign up to help in any

ways you can!

Sale ~ Sale ~ Sale ~ Sale ~ Sale

Mark your calendars!!

Sort books: Monday – Wednesday, *April 17-19*

Sale: 9:30 to 8:00 PM Thurs. & Fri. *April 20 - 21*

Sale and activities for kids: 9:30 – 5:00 Saturday, *April 22*

Sale: Noon to 5:00: Sunday, *April 23*

Sale: 3:00 to 7:00: Monday & Tuesday, *April 24-25*

Pack up: Wednesday, *April 26*

Dorothy Joy and Pat Rice

AIRPORT RENAMING ON AGENDA!

FINALLY!



After many months of back and forth (including some gentle nagging!) our proposal to rename the airport after local WWII WASP pilot, community activist, and inspiration for women and girls, LIZ WALL STROHFUS, has made it to the City Council agenda!

DATE: Tuesday, FEBRUARY 28, 2016 ~ 7:00 PM ~ CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

If you can be there as a show of support, that would be wonderful!

Airport Renaming Committee
Gloria Olson
Betty Harmsen
Pat Rice

Cyndy Harrison
Kathy Larson
Karen Rasmussen

2018 State AAUW Convention

Save These Dates!

* State AAUW Convention *April 27-28, 2018*: Main Business Meeting and Events Saturday at South Central College; Friday night banquets at Inn at Shattuck and welcoming event in afternoon at Paradise Center for Arts.

* *Convention Steering Committee and Bag Committee*
6:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017
Gran Plaza Restaurant, Faribault

Planning for the State AAUW Convention is off and running. With Faribault hosting the event, we hope all Faribault Branch AAUW members will participate in its planning and volunteer during the convention so it will be a grand success.

Co-chairs for the event, Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison met in early January and come up with an outline for needed committees to start planning for the event. At the January branch meeting, members liked the theme "Come Grow In Faribault" and many signed up to be on the steering committee and the convention bag committee. The list of those members are:

Steering committee -
Co-chairs Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison

Pat Rice
Kathy Larson
Colleen Rolling

Karen Rasmussen
Pat Fuchs
Emily Nesvold

Rene Perrance
Sue Willcutt

Diane Hagen

Convention Bag Committee

Kathy Larson
Kathryn Speulda
Pat Umbeit
Betty Harmsen
Mary Osborne
Emily Nesvold

Colleen Rolling
Mary Lillquist
Dorothy Joy
Gloria Olson
Carol Quail

Note, other committees Pauline and Cyndy came up with, that people can sign up for at the spring picnic

* **Registration Committee** to set deadline for registration, recruit and organize volunteers, develop a mobile system to take registration (in convention bags) to three different sites during convention.

* **Friday afternoon welcome committee** (will seek to use Paradise Center for this event). Develop map for various sites visitors can stop at like Donahue's Greenhouse, Woolen Mills, Rice County Historical Center, Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviors, downtown locations, etc. Also, determine if shuttle bus, making rounds to site, is possible. Could charge fee for bus with registration for it in advance.

* **Banquet Committee** - planning to use Inn at Shattuck. Will need to find entertainment and details of meal. Thinking it should be sit-down meal with plates of food delivered to table.

* **Saturday breakfast and luncheon:** Likely using Arna Farmer as caterer. Will be at South Central College.

* **Saturday breakout sessions** need to be planned with workshop presenters selected and approved by State Board.

* **Eleanor Roosevelt Walk?** Can have one to raise funds for Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, but it is only an option for sponsoring branch.

* **Lodging:** Contact local motels to secure rooms for convention.

* **Convention Finance Committee:** Likely to be two co-chairs of convention committee and treasurer.

From the list, you can tell there is much to be planned. Pauline has met with South Central College officials and we can use the facility on Saturday, April 28. There are no classes on Saturdays. But there will be fee charges and those will be discussed on Feb. 16. Karen Rasmussen and Pauline Schreiber have both looked into donation of scrap material from woolen mill. They would like an idea of number of yards we are looking for. That will be discussed at Feb. 16 meeting. So, all interested convention bag committee members - as well as any interested Faribault AAUW member - are welcome at the Feb. 16 meeting.

P.S.: Pauline and Cyndy know some members of the steering committee will be gone, but hope to see as many as can attend on Feb. 16.



Membership

Membership Memos:

We have our birthday this month! AAUW Faribault was organized Feb. 25, 1925. We're 92 and going strong. We have our new nametags for our gift to us ready for the meeting on the 27th. It was suggested that there be a possible fine for not turning them back after a meeting or event. How do you feel about that? And speaking of birthdays, Karen received a birthday card that tells

"The Truth about Women our Age"

*We've seen it ALL. We've done it ALL. We've been around the block.
We're living large. We're so in charge. Old ladies? What a crock!
We've just begun to have our fun! We've earned each little wrinkle.
Say it LOUD! We're downright proud, and when we laugh, we tinkle.
Real women feel it's no big deal to add another candle—
We're old! We're bold! We're solid gold...There's nothing we can't handle!*

A pillar of the AAUW Mission is advocating for women and girls through research. Continuing our list which is from the AAUW poster "79 examples of how women are still treated unequally," AAUW research shows that:

39. Of the workers who make more than \$100,000 in the United States, only 27% are women.
40. More than three-quarters (76%) of public school teachers are women, but a mere 20% of superintendents are women.
41. Fewer than one in five—or 19%--of patents have at least one female inventor.
42. Women are primary inventors in only 8% of patents.
43. Women college athletes receive \$176 million less in scholarships annually than what their male counterparts receive.
44. Soccer players on the U.S. women's national team earn less than half of what those on the men's national team earn.
45. An online tool called Rate My Professor found that evaluations by both male and female students were more likely to refer to male teachers as "brilliant" or "smart" and to women professors as "rude" or "strict."
46. Nearly one in five (19%) girls in middle and high school said they had a hard time studying as a result of sexual harassment they experienced in school. Other effects included feeling sick to their stomachs, getting in trouble at school, and dropping sports or activities.
47. Fifty-two percent of female students (grades 7-12) admit to having been sexually harassed in person,

compared with 35% of male students reporting the same.

48. More than half (56%) of girls and 40% of boys reported experiencing some form of harassment during the 2010-11 school year.

49. In the 2010-11 school year, sexual harassment by text, e-mail, Facebook, or other electronic means affected nearly one-third (30%) of students in middle and high school.

Sometimes people aren't members because they have never been asked. Be brave, ask someone to join us! (Remember: there's nothing we can't handle!)

Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

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Treasurer's Report

January 31 account balances: Checking \$95.11, Savings \$4755.82. If you need a check before the end of February, please contact Pat Fuchs. Karen R. usually signs when I am gone, but I think that she will be out of town as well. I will bring your good wishes to Barb Dubbels as we enjoy the sun!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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March Social Event

*Saturday, March 4 and March 25 * 10 am-noon * Arts Clay Studio at the Paradise * 321 Central Ave N, Faribault, MN 55021 * <http://www.paradisecenterforthearts.org/> * Cost TBD, probably \$30-40/person that covers 2 sessions. **

*Come join Dianne Lockerby at the Paradise Center in the Arts Clay Studio where 'people pay to get dirty!' Dianne will guide you in the making of your one of a kind piece – perhaps a bowl, vase, or a mask. Class will allow participants to make the piece(s) of their choice with decoration. Your pieces will be glazed and safe to use with food. * Class size will be limited to 8-10. * Sign up at Feb 27 meeting or call Karen Rasmussen (507) 331-0126 or (507) 412-1011. * Or call Kirsten Grunnet (507) 339-1309.*

2/6/17 Note from Dianne Lockerby: "I heard back from Julie about cost. If they have a membership at PCA, it will cost them \$28, if a non-member then it will be \$36. That is for instruction. The clay will be purchased separately – don't know how you want to do that.... We sell 25# bags for \$45 – that includes all firings and glazes. Since I don't know what projects they will choose to make I would figure that 4 people sharing a bag would allow them several small projects or one larger one. Plates and cups, you can count at 1-1.5 # per item, large serving bowl about 3#, and a small tabletop bird bath would use all the clay (6#), They can do functional dinner pieces or gardening items (labels, fairy house and furniture,

pots). Lots of possibilities – tell them to bring pictures from catalogs or Pinterest. Everything will be hand built using coils and/or slabs. A fun morning that will generate interest. “If possible, I would like the class list a couple days before class so I can get the clay ready and set up.

“Looking forward to meeting you all!”

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

A Painted House was the selection for the first of our three "winter" Book Club meetings at the Hy-Vee Market Grille. John Grisham's genre-switch novel was loosely based on his growing up years in Arkansas cotton country. It was well liked by the group for its look at another time and culture and its strong character development. A major weakness was the much too wise and mature voice of the seven-year old story teller.



Next meeting will be at the same place (dinner 5:45 / discussion 6:30) on Tuesday, February 21. We will read *Whistling in the Dark* by Lesley Kagan (with another child protagonist -- hmmm -? -!-) All AAUW-ers are welcome!

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Secretary’s Report

AAUW Faribault Branch Meeting - Jan. 23, 2017

The January meeting of the AAUW Faribault branch was called to order by Co-president Pat Fuchs at 6:30 p.m.in the meeting room at District One Hospital.

Secretary’s Report: Approved as printed.

Treasurer’s Report: Julie Olson reported we have \$2,000 less funds because she paid the educational fellowship contributions. We currently have a balance of \$4,000.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson showed examples of three different name tags we could order to replace our old ones: pin, clip or lanyard. Motion by Pat Rice, second by Julie Olson to purchase the lanyard nametags and cardstock for \$26.00. The motion carried
- **Social Events:** The next social activity is the necklace making at *Glass Garden Beads* on Feb. 11th. Everyone can choose her own design and there is no knotting involved. (Someone left her project there last year and can still claim it.)
- **Program:** Mary Lillquist announced that next month’s program will be a presentation by Deb Peterson on *Conflict Mediation*.

- **2018 Convention:** Pauline Schreiber and Co-president Cyndy Harrison had a preliminary meeting to begin the planning for our hosting the AAUW State Convention in 2018. They determined that we would need 10 committees to do the work needed in organizing this event. Pauline announced that their tentative theme will be “Grow in Faribault.” The 24-hour convention will begin with registration at the welcome venue, shuttle to various local sites, and an evening banquet. Saturday would begin with a continental breakfast, state convention meeting and breakout sessions and a catered lunch. Possible venue locations were named but have not been confirmed. One of the first tasks would be to form a committee to create 150 bags, possibly using Woolen Mill remnants. She passed around a sign-up sheet for sewers and designers to volunteer for this task. The steering committee (listed in the 2016-2017 Directory and additional volunteers from tonight’s meeting) will meet in February to begin the planning process. Pauline and Cyndy plan on attending the 2017 state convention.
- **Scholarships:** Karen Rasmussen asked if we should increase the amount or number of scholarships, budgeted in 2016-2017 for two \$1,000 scholarships. Motion by Pat Rice, second by Betty Harmsen to keep it at \$1,000 for two scholarships. The motion carried.
- **Book Sale:** The committee will meet next month to begin planning for this April fundraiser.
- **2017 Halloween Breakfast:** Pat Fuchs and Karen Rasmussen met with Bob Johnson from the Sons of the American Legion regarding an omelet breakfast for Oct. 29th this fall. The menu would be make-your-own omelets, potatoes, cheese sauce, coffee, juice, and milk. We would substitute pumpkin muffins for their usual cinnamon rolls. AAUW pays 10% of the gross amount taken in, plus pays for food and table cloths. The SAL will do the cooking, ordering, and have 5-7 people assisting us. We would provide two volunteers at the counter and 4-6 workers on the floor. Motion by Kathy Larson, second by Julie Olson to go with the Sons of the American Legion omelet breakfast arrangement. The motion carried.
- **Airport renaming project:** Gloria Olson reported that our AAUW Faribault Branch proposal to rename the Faribault Airport to the Faribault *Municipal Airport, Betty Wall Field* is on the Faribault City Council agenda.

Old Business:

- **Local Summer Camp Scholarship:** Emily Nesvold has checked with the River Bend Nature Center about their partner scholarship program for their summer camp program and with the Faribault Public Schools for their STEAM programs. We need more details about their programs and the selection process needed for scholarships so this will be tabled until we have more information.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast:** Diane Hagen reported that the breakfast was a success and our AAUW branch was well represented. She promised to remind us next year of this event.

New Business:

- **Women’s History Month:** Kathy Kasten said the theme for the 2017 Women’s History Month is *Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business*. She has not determined what our theme will be. She asked for volunteers to meet with her at Bernie’s Grill this Wednesday at 11:45 and passed around a sign-up sheet for those willing to write articles. She will meet on Jan. 31st with a representative at Faribault Daily News about our annual women’s history series.

Correspondence:

- Thank You: We received a thank you from the SCC scholarship Fund Drive volunteer (Ruth Hildebrandt) for the pledge of two \$750 scholarships for the 2016-2017 drive.

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

Colleen Rolling, program vice-president, introduced our speaker, Ardo Ibrahim, who spoke on the topic: *From Ethiopia to Faribault: A Young Woman's Story*.

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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.