



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

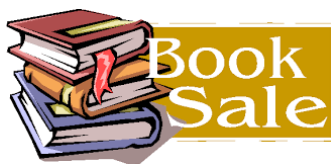


AAUW Presidents' Message ~ April 2017

The first of April is called April Fools' Day. It is a "holiday" where it is quite acceptable to play jokes or pranks, trick a friend, or just generally act foolish. What isn't a joke is that there is still a need to have an *Equal Pay Day* on April 4th. According to the AAUW Action Network message, "*Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day on which women's earnings finally catch up to what men made the previous year. Those three months of work equate to the 20 percent gender pay gap between men and women.*" This event was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. The wage gap isn't just a women's issue. The whole family benefits from equal pay. Research shows that nationwide, working families lose \$200 billion of income annually to wage gaps.

At the March 27th meeting, our speaker, Paul Beaumaster, talked about frauds and scams. There are people called scammers who try to trick us by using sneaky approaches to steal our personal information. They also invent seemingly legitimate and convincing reasons to give us false hope. In some cases, these scammers may create situations where we act without thinking through the situation. Paul provided information about some of the scams to watch out for and some resources that are available to us.

On April 1st, a beautiful sunny Saturday, thirteen Faribault AAUW members and one guest attended the Tri-Branch Luncheon at the newly remodeled Owatonna Art Center. After a delicious chicken lunch, Kao Kalia Yang spoke about her book, *The Latehomecomer*. It was apparent that she had a close personal relationship with her family, especially her grandmother. She also indicated that her father influenced her decision to write the book, *The Song Poet*. During the book signing, we learned that her husband is an unpublished writer and a stay-at-home dad for their three children.



There is no scheduled board or membership business meeting this month. Instead, we hope that all of you will assist with the book sale, our big moneymaker for the year. Here are some of the ways that you can help:

- On April 15th at 10:00p.m., the books that are stored at the Congregational Church need to be moved to the Faribo West Mall. Trucks and vans are needed to haul these books. The students from Shattuck-St. Mary's are no longer able to assist us so if you know any young people that can help that day please recruit them. Contact Pat Rice at 507-334-3076 if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.
- Monday through Wednesday (April 17-19) are set up days. All the books are sorted and placed in designated categories. More members assisting means a better organized book sale.
- Thursday through Tuesday (April 20-25) are the regular book selling days. There are four shifts on Thursday and Friday; three shifts plus the Kids' Karnival on Saturday; and two shifts on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Please consider signing up for several shifts.

Book Sale

*This notice is especially for those who have not yet signed up to work at the AAUW book sale. I know some members are still out of town.

Help is needed on:

Friday, April 21st, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 22nd, we still need lots of help because we need members to run the kiddie carnival and others to collect money. 9:30 to noon or noon to 2:30. If you are interested in helping with the carnival and need more information please contact Kathy Larson.

You can always come in any time starting April 17th to help with sorting and set up. Clean-up is Wed. morning, April 26th.

Thanks to all who have signed up already.

We still do not know our exact location at the mall.

Dorothy Joy
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- Probably, the least glamorous part of the book sale is the clean up on April 26th, but we do need a good crew to shorten the amount of time that it takes. Dick's Sanitation has agreed to once again recycle books for us.

If you can help, contact Dorothy Joy, who has graciously volunteered to set up the schedule. Even if you are not signed up at a particular time, but are in the area and can help for a short period, just drop in.

The 2017 AAUW State Convention will be held in Willmar on Friday, April 28th and Saturday April 29th. Presently, there are nine members registered to attend. If you are interested in attending, contact Pat Fuchs at 507-334-8563 or patfuchs46@gmail.com for registration forms. The deadline for registering is April 15th.

Our last social event, a Polymer Bead Making Party, will occur on May 6, 2017 at Glass Garden Beads from 2-5 p.m. A special thanks to Kirsten Grunnet for organizing a variety of opportunities for our members to get together to socialize and have fun this year.

In closing, just a note about a woman named Jeanette Rankin from Montana. On April 2, 1917, she was the first woman ever elected to U. S. Congress. That was before the women had the right to vote!

Membership News

- Our condolences to **Emily Nesvold** whose brother in Portland, Oregon passed away in March.
- Our condolences to **Kris Raaen** whose brother, **Jonathan King**, passed away on March 19, 2017.
- Congratulations to **Gloria** and **Jon Olson** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27th.
- **Cyndy Harrison** marched with **Amy Klobuchar** in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Paul. Way to go!
- **Dr. William Bottke**, son of **May Bottke** and brother of **Mary Osborne**, will be inducted into FHS Alumni Program on April 22, 2017. "The Faribault Falcon High Flyer Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes graduates who have made distinctive contributions to benefit others through humanitarian activities or extraordinary personal and professional accomplishments following high school."
- **Betty Harmsen**, a Friends of Buckham Library board member, helped judge the Edible Books Festival entries.
- All the Women's History Month articles were published in the Faribault Daily News during March and the first week in April featuring the Grimke sisters, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Marie Louise Sanford, and Olivia Sage. A special thanks to **Diane Hagen**, **Kathryn Speulda**, **Pauline Schreiber**, **Pat Rice**, and **Colleen Rolling** for writing these articles.

Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, co-presidents

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30	<small>April Holidays: April Fourth - Day - 1 Good Friday - 1/2 Easter - 1/2</small>						

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Congregational Church

- 10:00 a.m.
- Move books to Faribo West Mall

Monday-Wednesday, April 17-19, 2017

- Set up for book sale at Faribo West Mall
- All day

Thursday-Tuesday, April 20-25, 2017

- Book sale at the Faribo West Mall
- Various shifts scheduled each day

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

- 9:00a.m.-?
- Book sale clean up



Saturday, April 22, 2017

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, 2017

- 2017 AAUW State Convention
- Willmar, Minnesota

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Glass Garden Beads

- Polymer Bead Making Party
- 2-5 p.m.

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Membership Memos:

We are pleased to report that we have two new members for the fiscal year 2017-18: Ardo Ibrahim and Cheryl Freund. Ardo was our program presenter in January; Cheryl had been a member some years ago and took a breather. Cheryl is on the South Central College Board of Directors and is excited that the 2018 State Convention will be happening there on Saturday, April 28 next year. Already we have earned a free national membership for the 2018-19 dues year with the Shape-the-Future program.

A pillar of the AAUW Mission is advocating for women and girls through research. In the season of college graduations, AAUW research shows that: (part of 79 reasons women are still treated unequally)

61. In less than 10 years, the United States will need 1.7 million more engineers and computer scientists, and women could help fill these critical jobs. But today, women make up only 26% of mathematical and computer scientists and just 12% of engineers.
62. Women earn only 18% of computer science bachelor's degrees, 19% of engineering bachelor's degrees, and 19% of physics bachelor's degrees. But overall, women earn the majority of undergraduate degrees.
63. Girls represent 56% of all Advanced Placement test takers but only 19% of AP computer science test takers.
64. There was a 7% decline in first-year undergraduate women who said they were interested majoring in computer science between 2000 and 2014.
65. At Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Apple, men accounted for 70% of the rank-and-file workforce in 2014.
66. African American women make up only 1% of the engineering workforce and 3% of the computing workforce.
67. Forty percent of young men starting college intend to major in a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) field compared with around 25% of young women.
68. Nineteen percent of young men—nearly one in five—start college intending to major in engineering compared with just 6% of women.

69. Just 12% of engineers are women, and the number of women in computing has fallen from 35% in 1990 to just 26% in 2013.

Sometimes people aren't members because they have never been asked. Be brave, ask someone to join us!

Give a Grad a Gift

How Many Recent College Grads Do You Know? Give Them All the Gift of Free AAUW Membership!



Last year, colleges and universities in the United States awarded roughly 1 million associate degrees, 2 million bachelor's degrees, 800,000 master's degrees, and 200,000 doctoral degrees. Can you imagine if every one of these graduating students became an AAUW member? We can, and you can help us get there.

As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like! (Dues to become a Faribault Branch member would be \$10 and MN state dues are \$9.)

We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Give a minute; gain a new community of AAUW leaders. Here's how it works:

- **Identify the recent college or university graduates in your networks.**
These recent graduates can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends, you name it! You could even gift AAUW memberships to the entire graduating class of your local college or university. Anyone who has graduated within the past **two** years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.
- **Collect their information.**
You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members.
- **Fill out our handy form!**
Voilà! Welcome, new AAUW members. Hello, the future of AAUW.

The Perfect Graduation Gift

It's a win-win situation — giving a grad the gift of AAUW membership is free for you and free for them. With a gift of a free, one-year AAUW membership, recent graduates will

- Join an empowering community of more than 170,000 AAUW members and supporters who are committed to fostering women's leadership and equity

- Expand their careers through leadership trainings, salary negotiation workshops, and fellowships and grants programs
- Enjoy access to resources, research, and programming to advocate for women and girls locally, nationally, and online
- Stay current on issues affecting women and girls as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook* magazine, Action Network alerts, and more
- Increase their buying power with access to member-only discounts

Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

Email or call with any questions or referrals: kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com 507-332-2525 or kadras1217@gmail.com 507-331-0126


Treasurer's Report

March 31 numbers from the State Bank: Checking \$225.79, Savings \$3165.83. The first of our spring scholarships have been sent to South Central College. We budgeted two \$750 scholarships this year to SCC.

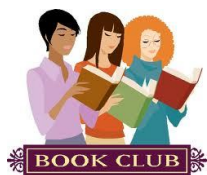
Julie Olson, Treasurer

Women's History Month



A big  to all our writers for Women's History Month. They are Diane Hagen, Kathy Speulda, Pauline Schreiber, Colleen Rolling and Pat Rice. The last article was in this past Tuesday's paper. I was disappointed that the photos I submitted were not published. That was an editorial decision.

Kathy Kasten



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Eleven members of the branch book club met at the HyVee Market Grille to discuss the March book, Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides.

Most were highly enthusiastic and agreed that the author's style and ability to skillfully handle a unique and sensitive subject were outstanding. Some readers felt it was a slow start due to the lengthy back story. The history and culture woven throughout the story were also features.

"A great poem
can move you,
shake you,
and remind you
what it is to
be human."

Barb's home will again be our regular meeting place. beginning the third Tuesday in April at 6: 30. April is National Poetry Month. Bring poetry to share -- anything goes!

All are welcome! With no book to read, it's a good opportunity for newcomers!

Gloria Olson

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PHOTOS!!! PHOTOS!!! PHOTOS!!!



If anyone has photos from the following AAUW events, would you please send them to my I phone at [507 339-6892](tel:5073396892), I will take hard copy photos also:

- October 1 Wine and Cheese Party
- November 6 Cake Decorating
- December 11 play "Wrapped in Glory"
- December 19 Christmas at the Cathedral
- January 27 Deb Peterson, Conflict Mediation
- March Clay Studio

Thank you very much,
Pat Umbreit, Historian

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Secretary's Report

AAUW Faribault Branch Meeting - Mar. 27, 2017

The February 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.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Pat Fuchs offered our condolences to Emily Nesvold and Kris Raaen on the loss of their family members.
- Pat also congratulated Cyndy Harrison on her appearance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Gloria and Jon Olson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- Christy Dore read a thank you from Karen Kittlesen for the support and memorials given to her and the family on the loss of her husband, Jim.

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Olson reported that the months of March and April produce our greatest financial activity with the scholarships awarded and the book sale receipts.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Karen Rasmussen announced that the Faribault branch qualifies for reduced national dues for new members beginning this month. New members would pay only \$43.50, renewals are \$68. She encourage members to recruit others to join our organization.
- **Social Events:** Kathy Larson displayed the pottery made at the Paradise Center in March. Kirstin Grunnet announced that there will be a Bead Making party at Glass Garden Beads on May 6th.
- **2018 Convention:** Kathy Larson, Liz Hartman and Pat Rice will be working on the design for the convention bags using scraps donated by the Faribault Woolen Mill.
- **Scholarships:** Karen Rasmussen passed around a sign-up sheet posting scholarship flyers. So far there are 3 applicants. The deadline is May 1st to submit the application. Also, the current and past-presidents who are available, will meet this Thurs. at SCC to select the \$750 AAUW Named Scholarship winners.
- **Book Sale:** Pat reviewed some of the arrangements:
 - Dorothy Joy will be sending an email with the volunteer schedule. Members were encouraged to sign up for vacant slots.
 - Mall space is assured but the location is not yet determined.
 - Kathy Larson has arranged for volunteers from Shattuck-St. Mary's on Apr. 15th for hauling books.
 - Sign-up sheets were passed around for members to select locations to post flyers.
 - Gloria Olson has 200 bags ordered.
 - Julie Olson will take care of the cash box.
 - Dick's Sanitation is recycling the books
 - Children who buy at least \$2.00 in books will receive string backpacks.
- **Tri-Branch Luncheon:** Members who are attending can meet for carpooling at the Broaster at 11:00 a.m. on Apr. 1st.

Old Business:

- **Airport Field Renaming:** The FAA has received the application to rename the field. The Faribault Area Pilots Association has also offered to help with the cost, promotion and ceremony

- **Signage:** Cyndy Harrison has included many pictures from our events in the signage design. She welcomes additional pictures of activities from members. The sign will be available for use at the book sale.
- **Funding Request from the Deaf School:** Pat gave additional information on the request from Kristin Hegberg, librarian at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf for help in funding a summer reading program for the 104 K-12 students. The \$450 needed would allow her to purchase books the students select for their summer enrichment. Motion by Pat Rice to donate \$200 this year for help in initiating the program. Second by Liz Hartman. The motion carried. Pat will notify Kristin of our contribution.

New Business:

- **2017 AAUW State Convention:** Co-presidents Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, AAUW Funds Vice President - Pat Fuchs, and Mary Lillquist will serve as our delegates. The other attendees will serve as alternates.
- **Officers for 2017-2018:** The following positions are open:
 - Co-president
 - Secretary
 - Co-program

Announcements from Members:

- **FHS Alumni Award Reception:** Ellen Bisping invited members to attend the reception honoring 11 charter members of the Distinguished FHS Alumni Program to be held Apr. 22, 2017 at the American Legion. Reserve tickets by April 15th by contacting Jill Fagerlund.
- **Donation to Faribault summer scholarship programs:** Emily Nesvold shared how thrilled RBNC and the Faribault STEAM summer programs were to be receiving our donations for supplies and equipment.
- **Tour of Tables to benefit the Hope Center:** Pauline Schreiber, Diane Hagen and Rene Perrance are hosting an AAUW table with the theme “Celebrating Women of World War II” on Apr. 9th at the American Legion. Members were invited to join them by purchasing tickets by March 27th. Colleen Rolling is also hosting a table.
- **Newsletter deadline:** Liz Hartman asked for submissions for the April Newsletter by April 8th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

Pat Fuchs introduced our speaker for the evening’s program, Paul Beaumaster, Assistant Dakota County Attorney who spoke on “Fraud Prevention Tips.”

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.