



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



Presidents' Message May 2017

Wow! It is May and time to reflect on the accomplishments of the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Our AAUW-Faribault Branch has much to be proud of and we will get a chance to celebrate and socialize at our annual picnic on May 22nd at the home of Cyndy Harrison. The picnic begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and consider paying your dues at this time.

The month of April was especially busy with several special events.

- On April 1st the Tri-Branch Luncheon was held at Owatonna Art Center. Information about this event was in the April newsletter.
- The book sale was once again a success. Many members as well as extended family members and supporters volunteered many hours to move books, set up, sell books, and clean up. Without everyone's help, the sale would have been a daunting task.
- On April 28-29th, eight members attended the AAUW State Convention in Willmar. A display was set up to inform those in attendance about the opportunities available to them in Faribault. At the end of the business meeting, Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison invited everyone to attend the 2018 State Convention in Faribault.

On May 1st, Karen Rasmussen and Pat Fuchs presented scholarships to three South Central College students. The extra scholarship was available because a 2016 scholarship recipient did not return to college. The three students to receive the scholarships were:

- Nicole Paul is in the pre-nursing program. She is also working as a pharmacy tech serving long term care patients.
- Shelby Goodfellow is starting her first year in the Associate's degree program. In the future, she hopes to attend Concordia University in St. Paul for a degree in education.

- Kaelen Kurtzweil is starting her first year in the Associate's degree program with an emphasis in business. She already has a welding certificate. She is the daughter of Deb Petersen, who was one of our featured speakers this past year.

Sixteen applications were received for the two \$1000 scholarship offered by the Faribault AAUW Branch. Six members met at South Central College on May 8th to review the applications and select two recipients. The names of these two recipients will be announced at the picnic.

Just a reminder that all AAUW members are eligible to vote for national AAUW Board of Directors, proposed Public Policy changes, amendments to AAUW By-laws, and resolutions. One amendment change that might be of interest to you is one that removes the degree requirement and adds an advocate category to membership. Information about the candidates and change suggestions is found in the Outlook Magazine, Spring 2017. Your Member ID number and Voter Pin number are found on the back cover of your magazine next to your name. June 15th at 9:00 p.m. ET is the voting deadline. At this time, the following members have volunteered to serve as our slate of officers for 2017-2018:

- Cyndy Harrison and Colleen Rolling as co-presidents
- Julie Olson as treasurer
- Mary Lillquist and Pat Fuchs as co-vice presidents of programs
- Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson as co-vice presidents of membership
- Pat Rice as vice president of AAUW funds (2nd year of two year term)
- Rene' Perrance as vice president of diversity (2nd year of two year term)
- Pauline Schreiber as vice president of public policy (2nd year of two year term)
- There is no secretary at this time.

Nominations can be made from the floor provided written consent has been obtained from the nominee. The election of officers will be held at our May 22nd meeting.

Hope to see you all the picnic. It was a pleasure serving as your co-presidents.

Membership News

- Our condolences to **Kirsten Grunnet** and **Maren Grunnet** whose mother-in-law and grandmother, **Gail Grunnet**, passed away on April 22, 2017 at Little Hospice in Edina, Minnesota. Gail was also a close friend of **Karen Rasmussen**.
- A special thank you to all the members and others who helped with the book sale. Spouses, children, grandchildren and relatives were very supportive: **Dan Rasmussen, Jerry Anderson, Tom Hartman, Duff Hartman, Bob Nesvold, John Hagen, Cynthia Wagner, Nathan Rolling, Jacob Rolling, and Maddi Carter**. Also, thanks to two Faribault High School students: **Hannia Bidal**, and **Anahi Rubalcava** as well as people who just stopped in to help: **Brian Deney, Jill Fagerlund, Becky Sammon, and Sayaka Chou**. These are the people we know about. If you know of anyone else, please tell us about them.
- Congratulations to **Maren Grunnet** who is graduating from South Central College with her Associate's Degree on May 11th and from Faribault High School with her High School Diploma on June 11th. She will be attending Hamline University in St. Paul this fall.

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

- Picnic –bring a dish to pass
- Home of Cyndy Harrison (23825 Echo Avenue Faribault, MN)

Directions to Cyndy' home from Faribault
Highway 60 W to Echo Avenue
Turn left on Echo Avenue and travel about .81 miles
It is the last house on the left.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

- Book Club
- Barb Dubbel's home

Submitted by Pat Fuchs and Cyndy Harrison, co-presidents

2018 State AAUW Convention In Faribault!

Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison, co-chairs of the steering committee for the 2018 State AAUW Convention, extended an invitation to attendees at the Willmar Convention on April 28 and 29, and to members in the state to come to Faribault in 2018 on April 27 and 28, for the next state AAUW Convention. Their welcome to Faribault in 2018 was well received.

Now, Pauline and Cyndy need all branch members to come together and do the planning and leg work so we can provide a top-notch convention next year in Faribault - one those who come will remember fondly.

At the spring picnic a "Rally for the State Convention in Faribault in 2018" will be held to get all members revved up about staging the convention. Pauline and Cyndy have come up with six sub-committees that will need a chair or co-chairs for them, and members to sign up to help the committees. Part of the rally will be asking members to sign up for a committee.

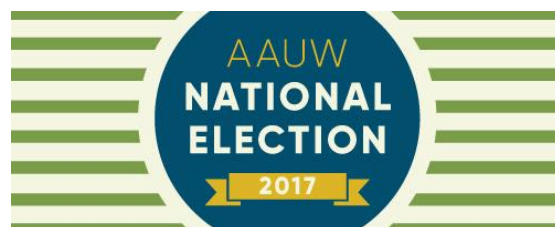
The facilities are already reserved. Here is a review:

Friday, April 27, 2018, a Welcoming Event from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Rice County Historical Society with tours of the museum (with hopefully special women's exhibit) offered and a tour of the Faribault Woolen Mills.

Friday, April 27, 2018, Banquet at the Inn at Shattuck - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. social hour; 6:30 p.m. Banquet.

Saturday, April 28, 2018, Convention business meeting, workshops and luncheon at South Central College. *Submitted by Pauline Schreiber*

A reminder from Karen Rassmussen:



All AAUW members in good standing are eligible to vote in the [2017 AAUW election](#). Have you joined your fellow members this year in exercising this vital right? You may vote via the link sent to you by email or by use of your Outlook.

Announcement from Pat Rice: If you look at the Spring AAUW Outlook, Marching into Action, you can find Joan Koonmen in the front row, third from the left.



Membership Report

Please bring your checkbooks to our annual picnic and pay your dues: \$68 for renewing members, \$43.50 for new members, \$19 for students and Give-a-Grad-a-Gift (to be branch and state members also). A special surprise is planned for you who pay!

- Two members who have paid their dues will be entered in a drawing for FREE National membership (\$49 value).

*Even if you haven't been an active member, **PLEASE** renew your membership to support our mission. Dues payment should be paid to our treasurer, Julie Olson, no later than June 15th. This is also the final day of voting in the National election to vote whether to keep the membership requirement of a minimum of a 2-year degree or drop it. Please vote!*

The last set in the series of the 79 examples of how women are still treated unequally are printed below. If you have doubted that your membership is valuable, these 79 examples should give ample proof that there is still a lot of work to be done for our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and our country!

70. Although black, Hispanic, American Indian and Alaska Native women together made up 18 percent of the population ages 20-24 in 2013, they were awarded just 6% of computing and 3% of engineering bachelor's degrees conferred that year.

71. Black and Hispanic women each make up just 1% of the engineering workforce.

72. In 2014, Google said that only 17% of their technical workforce is made up of women.

73. In 2014, Apple's technical workforce was 20% women.

74. Facebook's technical workforce is 15% women.

75. Twitter's technical workforce is 10% women.

76. Title IX affects educational gender equity beyond sports. The law also applies to access to STEM fields and others, protection from sexual harassment and assault, rights for pregnant and parenting students, and more.

77. Within six years of enrolling in community college, almost half of students have not completed a degree, received a certificate or transferred. In other words, they drop out.

78. In 2010, about 49 percent of community colleges provided on-campus child care, compared to 57% of four-year public schools, and just 9% of four-year private schools.

79. AAUW's first research report in 1885 debunked the then-common idea that education was bad for women's health.

Sometimes people aren't members because they have never been asked.

Be brave, ask someone to join us!

Submitted by Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen



Treasurer's Report

Here are our April 30 bank totals: checking, \$492.36, and savings \$7880.17. Nice! The up-to-the-minute book sale gross sales were \$5,581.79. I think that's it, unless someone is hiding a few receipts somewhere. This represents an all-time high. Congratulations, and THANKS to the many people who spent hours and hours making this a success. I expect our expenses to be around \$800, up a bit from last year, leaving us around \$4800 net.

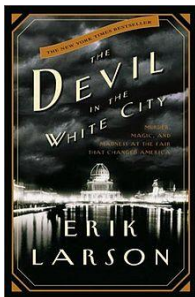
And another success. We have three new members to date: Jeanne Brown-Kreusel, Ardo Ibrahim, and Cheryl Freund. Welcome to these new members!! If you need info on them, please give me a call.

Submitted by Julie Olson



Book Club News

The AAUW Book Club met during National Poetry Month to share some classic, humorous, and nostalgic poems which were among the many recited. From Chaucer to Shel Silverstein, we once again had an enjoyable time which included stories of how poetry could be introduced to children or given as meaningful gifts.



Our May selection is *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. We'll meet at Barb's on Tuesday, May 16. *Submitted by Barb Dubbels*



At Cyndy

**Harrison's home, 23825 Echo Ave, Faribault,
6:00 pm May 22.** Bring a dish to pass. See calendar
of events for directions.



Scholarship News

The Sportswoman of the year award at the high school is sponsored by Faribault AAUW. It is one of the most prestigious awards presented at the spring awards program. The Bruce Smith award had been given for many years for male scholar athletes but female athletes were not recognized. Faribault AAUW branch objected to this inequity and started the Sportswoman of the year award with cooperation from the High School activities department. Our AAUW committee will be reviewing candidates early May with the awards program and presentation taking place at the end of May.

Submitted by Betty Harmsen awards chairperson



Secretary's Report

Since we did not have a formal meeting in April, there is no Secretary's Report

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.