



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



### AAUW Presidents' Message ~ November 2017

**“‘Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.”**

**Alice Walker**

November is here and with it, Thanksgiving. I am extremely thankful, and as the quote states it contains gratitude, humility and understanding; for all of you.

October was very busy for our branch.

Our thought-provoking **program on suicide** in which I am grateful for those who dedicate their time and a part themselves to reach out to those in need, as well as, to groups such as ours that can continue to spread the message of hope.

Our annual **Halloween Breakfast** was a tremendous success! A special thank you to Pat Fuchs for organizing it and pulling the talents of our branch together for a fun day. Of course, another thank you for Kathy Larson for being the queen of decorations. It truly takes a team to pull off a wonderful day, so thank you to each and every one that participated whether it was before, during or after the breakfast.

Our **state convention** committees are busy, busy, busy, but together we are up for the task of hosting, as Jan Benson, Minnesota State AAUW president says “an unconventional convention!”

Our social side is taking off as well:

**Third Saturday Coffee Breaks** - Our social coffee started on the third Saturday in October and we had a fabulous conversation!

**Birthday celebration dinners** will start in 2018. As mentioned in the meeting, we will celebrate on a quarterly basis at Hy-Vee restaurant.

January, February, March birthdays will celebrate on Wednesday, February 7

April, May, June birthdays will celebrate on Wednesday, May 2

July, August, September birthdays will celebrate on Wednesday, August 1

October, November, December birthday will celebrate on Wednesday, November 7

**New Year's Eve Movie** – planning an early afternoon movie with dinner at Harry's after the movie.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 27 and we will be returning to District One to hear all about Goats – Nature's Lawnmowers presented by Jake Langeslag at 7:00 PM. A reminder that the business meeting will start at 6:15 and we will also be having our traditional LAF Auction.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family and friends.

Best,

Cyndy Harrison

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## Program Report

**October Program Review:** About 50 AAUW and community members attended the program on suicide awareness and prevention at the American Legion on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A few people in attendance did request CEUs. Several people stated that it was an excellent program which related valuable information as well as providing us tools to use if we know someone contemplating suicide. In an email sent after the program, Kirk Mansfield stated, *"Thank you for allowing me to present at the Open Arms event. Helping to get the word out regarding the issues surrounding suicide in this format has been very effective in the past and I try to really reinforce what we are up against through the use of viable statistics, along with video and sharing of personal stories. If I may be of any assistance in the future, please let me know, I would be happy to help in any manner."*

**Halloween Breakfast Update:** There were many positive comments about the Halloween Breakfast held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. Comments were made concerning the quality of food, the relaxed atmosphere, and the cooperation of all the people involved. There were 245 tickets sold before the breakfast. A total of 35 tickets were sold by Hy-Vee, Fareway, State Bank of Faribault, and the American Legion. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 200 of the pre-sale tickets were used and 60 people walked in. (There were also nine children.)

On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Julie Olson, Karen Rasmussen, Kathy Larson, and I met with Bob Johnson and looked over the expenses. The bill was paid at that time and about \$1900 was raised for the scholarship fund.

I want to thank all the members who helped make this breakfast fund raiser a success. Kathy Larson, once again, provided the decorations and Liz Hartman the special Halloween place-

mats. All the tables were very festive. Twenty-three members and several spouses helped out on the day of the breakfast in a variety of ways. Twenty-five members sold tickets and some members donated candy to be used as special treats. The Sons of the American Legion did a superb job of ordering the food, cooking and cleaning up. Imagine my surprise when I arrived before 7:00 a.m. and some American Legion members had already covered the tables with cloths and had started setting them!

Pat Fuchs

## November Program



### *Goats and Gifts to LAF*

The next program will be held on *Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>* at District One Hospital lower level classroom. Following the 6:30 p.m. business meeting, Jake Langeslag will speak on the topic "Goats-Nature's Lawnmowers". Jake offers grazing goats to those looking for a more sustainable way to manage land and eliminate invasive species.

Mary Lillquist, Susan Willcutt, and Pat Fuchs

Program Vice Presidents



The LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) Silent Auction will be featured at the November meeting. These funds go to the National AAUW to support women who are in the midst of legal battles on a variety of fronts.

Use your creativity to come up with items for the auction. Please consider donating food items and/or new or gently used items.

Last year we filled the hall at District One and had a great time overbidding each other on choice items. Declutter and give to AAUW.

Pat Rice

AAUW Funds Vice President



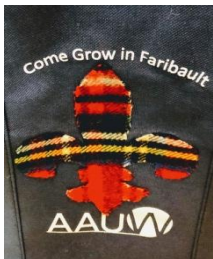
## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, November 21 Book Club 6:30 Barb Dubbels'**

**Monday, November 27 Branch Meeting 6:30 PM District One Hospital**

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## 2018 State Convention



Below are some *"take charge ideas"* for our 2018 State AAUW Convention. Members have asked what they can help with and many have volunteered to chair sub-committees. But here are a few details that a volunteer to take charge of the would help.

\* *Coffee for Saturday at South Central College.* Check to see if Hy-Vee's coffee shop, Bluebird or other vendor would provide coffee and what the cost would be. We need coffee for breakfast, breaks in morning and afternoon and lunch. So, how much coffee needs to be decided to make sure we don't run out.

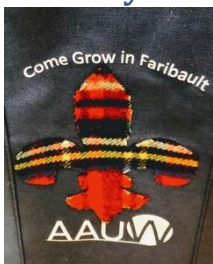
\* *Girl Scouts.* We need to find a troop who will provide girls to bring in U.S. and State flag at the beginning of the Saturday, April 28 business meeting at SSC.

\* *Banners or signs of welcome* to be placed at Boarders motel, by Rice County Historical Society and at Episcopal Cathedral. The one at cathedral could be moved to SSC for Saturday morning. It might be too costly, but it could be explored.

\* *Friday welcome reception and registration* from 12:30 to 4 p.m. we will be using bars or cookies made and volunteered by members. Those bars will also be used for the Saturday afternoon break. Someone to coordinate the "bar project" would be great.

\* *Exhibits* open during welcome reception at RCHS Museum. Coordinate with RCHS to highlight those exhibits at the museum on women.

## Thank you to the 16 who helped "Fleur de lis" the State Convention Bags!



On November 10, many hands accomplished much as well as had a fun morning! Many thanks to: Carmen Tripp, Liz Hartman, Rene` Perrance, Barb Dubbels, Pauline Schreiber, Mary Niermann, Mary Lillquist, Kathy Kasten, Mary Osborne, Pat Rice, Pat Umbreit, Shelly Rockman, Christy Dore, Emily Nesvold, Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen completed 60 bags and have cut out fusible appliques to all but finish the remaining 85 or so. We will try to

meet again in January at First English's lower level for the "pressing" matter of completing the task (pun intended)



## Women's History Month



It isn't too early to think about Women's History Month coming up in March. If you would like to be a part of choosing the topic for this year or simply have suggestions for a topic, please speak to Kathy Kasten or send her an email. [kathleengarykasten@gmail.com](mailto:kathleengarykasten@gmail.com)

Kathy Kasten  
Educational Equity – Women's Issues  
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## Membership Memos

### Membership Memos:

Following the Halloween Breakfast we gained a new member! **Ann Godwin**, recruited by Rene` Perrance, has joined our branch on numerous occasions, such as the Minnesota History Theatre, jewelry making and the Tri-Branch Luncheon in Owatonna. Be sure to welcome Ann by introducing yourself to her as she won't be able to read your nametag as she is blind. We currently have six new members for 2017-18.

There is still time to submit names for the Shape-the-Future Campaign. New members, or those who haven't been members for 2 years or longer, can join for half price of the National dues (\$49/2= \$24.50) + state (\$9) and local (\$10) for a total of \$43.50. For every two new members we will have a drawing for a free National membership which for 2018-19 will be \$59. So far three lucky people will have their names drawn next May to rewrite their checks for only \$19 rather than \$78! We can go up to five free if we get ten new members. So keep asking, maybe it's just the invitation they have been waiting for!



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

Be brave, ask someone to join us!

Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

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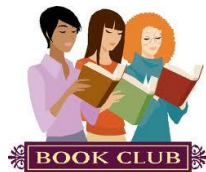
## Treasurer's Report

Here are the cash totals for 11/3/2017, after breakfast bills were paid: checking \$176.90, savings \$6289.78. Not too bad!! The breakfast went very well this year, I hear (I was out of town). Many good comments.

We cleared almost exactly what we did last year (\$64.48 less), although we took in \$338 more. Net profit by year: \$1842.28 for 2017, \$1906.76 for 2016. We are now paying a percentage on our gross sales, so our expenses are higher. However, the Legion assistance was just great this year, and much less stress for us! Additionally, the savings account total reflects a deposit of \$1,000 from the State AAUW for the convention expenses next April, so that is not really ours to spend at this time. Thanks to all the hard workers at the breakfast, and especially to members who beat the bushes for ticket sales.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

"Happiness is.....talking about books with friends."

October's book, *Neither Wolf nor Dog* is about Kent Nerburn's odyssey with a Lakota elder named Dan who invited him to record his story as they traveled across northern Minnesota and the Dakotas on back roads. Nerburn often felt frustrated during their travels as he was never told where they were going or what was the reasoning. Dan's story slowly unfolds which incorporates the historic struggles of Native Americans as well as Dan's personal insights.

(Another one of our choices which has been made into a movie!)

November's book is *How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. We meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30pm at Barb Dubbels'.

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Help!! Help!! Help!!

Does anyone have any pictures from

*December 2016* Christmas at the Cathedral

*February 2017* Ruth's House Gala

*February 2017* Conflict Mediation, Deb Peterson

*April 2017* State Convention, Wilmer

*April 2017* Tour of Tables for the Historian's Book?

Bring them to the November 27th meeting or send them to [tower@q.com](mailto:tower@q.com)  
or [507-339-6892](tel:507-339-6892) or [507-339-2770](tel:507-339-2770).

Thank You.

Pat Umbreit, Historian

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**After 25 years – our final highway cleanup!**



## **Secretary's Report**

### **FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 2017, 6:30 PM AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order by Cyndy Harrison, president. Pat Rice shared greetings from Thelma Monke, former Faribault AAUW member, who now lives in Fergus Falls. There were no other announcements or correspondence.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were published in the most recent newsletter. There were no additions or corrections made. Christy Dore moved that the reports be accepted as printed. Liz Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Julie Olson, treasurer, shared that she will be out of town for the Halloween Breakfast. Diane Hagen will deposit money after the breakfast. Karen Rasmussen will make necessary financial arrangements to start the sales of tickets at the breakfast. Julie also shared that we have received a \$150 donation from the State Bank, to be used for our scholarship program.

Committee reports were given.

Membership: Karen Rasmussen shared that membership requirements remain at a minimum of a two year associate's degree, as determined at the National Convention. National membership dues will go up \$10.

Halloween Scholarship Breakfast: Pat Fuch's met with Bob Johnson, American Legion, to work out details. Approximately 250 tickets have been sold thus far. We are encouraged to keep selling tickets. Tickets are also available for purchase at Fareway, Hy-Vee, and State Bank. Kathy Larson stated that the Vikings will be playing in London that morning. Fans can watch the game in the bar area. Karen Rasmussen has received Thrivent seed money for the purchase of 17 dozen pumpkin muffins. Julie Olson will give Karen money for the purchase of any additional muffins needed.

Highway Clean-up: Pauline Schreiber shared that she and the following participated in the clean-up: Liz Hartman, Mary Nierman, Emily Nesvold, and Gloria Carter. AAUW has cleaned a 2 ½ mile stretch of Highway #60 for 25 years. This was our last time, as membership is finding it more difficult as we age.

2018 Convention update: Our branch is hosting the 2018 state convention. Cindy Harrison recently updated the State Board on our efforts. Plans were well received. Cyndy was proud to present Faribault at the State Board Meeting. Workshop and keynote speaker have been secured. Registration will take place at the Historical Society on the Friday, from 1 to 4. Workshops and keynote address will be at South Central Community College. We are planning on approximately 130 participants. Committees have been formed. Pauline Schreiber will be asking for help as the date approaches. Karen Rasmussen showed a sample of the bags we will be giving to attendees. Volunteers will assemble the bags at 9 a.m., November 10th, at The First English Lutheran Church basement. Bring scissors and an iron if possible. A reminder will be sent to volunteers.

Social Events: We will be having birthday parties for members each 3 months. Everyone is invited to attend, birthday or not.

We will have a matinee New Year's Eve outing, with supper to follow at Harry's, in Lakeville.

Book Club: The November book is HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY.



Book Sale: See Pat Rice if you need to drop off books. Pat has a key to the Congo basement.

Pat Fuchs invited all to refreshments.

Meeting adjourned.

Program: Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

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