



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ October 2017

"It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes and roofs of villages, on woodland crests and their aerial neighborhoods of nests deserted, on the curtained window-panes of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes and harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests."

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Come Grow in Faribault, it's not just our theme for the 2018 Minnesota State Conference, but our challenge for the year! Our September meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church was a lively one and I want to thank our programs committee for all of the organization, food and decorations! I look forward to sharing the videos that were made by many of you on how you want to grow this year!

Four popular social ideas on what to do this year include: coffee on the 3rd Saturday of the month seeing a movie, celebrate your birthday and a morning book club! Colleen suggested our first social coffee time should be at The Coffee House on October 21 at 10AM. Let me know if you have details on the other activities! As of now, I will join Colleen for coffee! However, I am a very big movie fan, so let me know and I will take part in that activity too!

It's hard to believe, it is already October and that means cooler weather AND our Halloween Breakfast. Make sure to save the date for the breakfast on Sunday, October 29 from 8:00 AM until Noon at the American Legion! Check with Pat Fuchs if you need presale tickets.

Our October meeting will also be at the American Legion. It is a very important, yet somber, topic - Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention. The business meeting will be at 6:30 while the program begins at 7:00.

Thank you all for the fabulous support for all that we do together and for each other!

Best Regards, Cyndy Harrison

Secretary's Report



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 6:30 PM, OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The meeting was called to order by Cyndy Harrison, president. Cyndy welcomed members and visitors. Cyndy said tonight's meeting was to be informal and fun. There were no announcements. The year ahead will be large and exciting. We are the hosts for the state convention. Help will be needed! Kathy Larson introduced new members and gave out our AAUW bags with information about our branch. New members include Cindy Griesert (unable to attend), Mary Nierman, and Cheryl Freund, (returning member). Karen Rasmussen will collect short bios on each new member so that the information can be included in our Cameo Booklet.

Pat Umbreit has completed and distributed the YEARBOOK & DIRECTORY. Any corrections or changes should be directed to Pat.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were published in the NEWSLETTER. Minor changes will be made to the secretary's report. (Change Kristen to Kirsten, bags for the state convention will be assembled in the near future, not in May as noted in the minutes.) Pat Fuchs made a motion that the minutes be accepted; Kathy Kasten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Julie Olson presented the proposed budget, as approved by the board at a special meeting on August 26th. Julie explained that we have been spending more in recent years because of an ample reserve fund. This fund is getting smaller, so spending will have to be closely watched this year and in the future. We are anticipating costs for the state convention to be approximately \$11,000. If we make money off of the convention half of the overage will be sent to state and we will retain half. If the convention loses money we will apply to the state to reimburse us. Diane Hagen asked about the decrease in budgeting for scholarships. Julie explained that this is due to the need to reduce spending from the reserve fund. The budget was approved; motion made by Pauline Schreiber and seconded by Barb Dubbels. Pat Umbreit presented a bill for the cost of making the Yearbook & Directory. Appreciation for Pat's work on this and past yearbooks was extended by the membership!

Pauline Schreiber gave a report on the State Convention. Volunteers will be needed to run the state convention. Key volunteer spots have been filled. Volunteers for registering guests will not likely have to pay the entry fee, however those helping on Saturday will likely have to pay. Anyone attending the banquet will also have to pay. \$1000 dollars of our budget has been allocated to assist in some of the registration fees. The cost for the entire convention is \$120. Betty Harmsen has arranged for Janelle Kline, renowned freelance journalist and reporter, to be keynote speaker at the banquet. The banquet will be at the Inn at Shattuck. Barb Dubbels and Betty Harmsen are making the arrangements. Kimberly Churches, new CEO of National

AAUW, is the invited keynote speaker for Saturday morning. The meetings and workshops will be at South Central Event Center and classrooms. The luncheon will be catered by Arna Farmer. Two workshop speakers are mandated. Erica Staab, Hope Center, and Diane Hagen, on Laura Ingalls Wilder, Achieving Late in Life, will be workshop presenters. Karen Rasmussen showed a sample bag to be given at registration. The bag will be entitled COME GROW IN FARIBAULT. A fleur-de-lis will be made of Woolen Mills remnants, and attached with Wonder Under. Help will be needed in assembling the bags, the date to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available tonight. A special tour of Faribault Woolen Mills has been arranged, with participants limited to 50.

The book sale has been moved from April to May 30th through June 4th. The exact location within the Faribo West Mall is yet to be determined. If someone has many books, arrangements should be made to drop them off at the Congo. Smaller donations can be stored in Pat Rice's porch. Sorting will begin in the spring. If anyone wishes to donate books to special causes they are free to collect from our supply. Rene' frequently collects books for prison libraries and other causes. Because of our later sales date, it is unlikely that the sale will coincide with The Kids' Karnival. Kathy Kasten will talk with The Kids' Karnival organizers.

The Halloween Breakfast will be October 29th, 8 -12, at the American Legion. Tickets to be sold can be picked up by individual members tonight, as can posters to be displayed in public places. There is a special disclaimer that must be part of posters distributed to schools, indicating that they are not a part of the sponsoring organization. The Sons of the American Legion will be preparing made-to-order omelets, and will also wash the dishes. We will give them 10% of our gross, plus the cost of the food. We will do floor work, such as setting up and clearing tables, sell tickets, and will provide 2 servers. The American Legion, State Bank, FareWay, and HyVee have agreed to sell advanced tickets, with each initially given 20 tickets to sell. Liz Hartman will be getting the placemats and napkins. We will again be serving pumpkin muffins purchased from FareWay. Karen Rasmussen has secured a \$250 donation from Thrivent to go toward the purchase of muffins. We are encouraged, but not required, to dress in costume. Pre-sale tickets will be \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Pre-sales must be reported by October 24th.

The October program will be YELLOW RIBBON SUICIDE PREVENTION, by Robert Sikel and Kirk Mansfield, and will be at the American Legion. Robert Sikel will help in the making of advertising fliers. One CEU will be offered for attending the program.

Old business included a brief summary of the renaming of the Faribault Air Field to the Elizabeth Walls Strohfus Airport. Information from the event is available for viewing tonight.

New business involving the desired focus for future special activities will be discussed informally following fellowship and refreshments.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

et was put together by Pat Fuchs.

Addition: New business discussed during program: International Festival: October 7, from 10 to 4. We have been involved for about seven years. We will not be involved this year because we received late notice. However, we will provide a silent auction basket that will include four Halloween Breakfast tickets.

Program Committee

Suicide awareness and prevention will be the topic of our October program. Robert Sikel will speak about the "Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Prevention Program" and Kirk Mansfield will talk about "Operation 23 to 0". There will be an open discussion with a question and answer session following the presentations. This important community awareness event, open to the public, will be held at the American Legion Post 43 in Faribault on October 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

Mary Lillquist, Susan Willcutt, and Pat Fuchs

Membership Committee



And the survey says: "Why I joined AAUW or thinking about joining AAUW:

To meet new people...Friend and I made a deal...Kathy Larson, her enthusiasm, she is my role model...Friend paid first year's dues...To be active in the community and social connections...Heard it's a great organization...Friendship, education...Promote and advocate for women and girls...Make friends...Empowerment of women...Was asked to join...To meet other educated women...Learn new topics...Promote women's rights... Believe in the mission...Equity in the workforce and other areas...Friends belonged originally, now it's the fellowship and worthwhile goals....Kathy asked me."

These were some of the responses on the 18 surveys that were returned at the September meeting.

Activities that were top interests included: Book Club, Birthday Club get-togethers, Coffee Club, Movie Club, Painting Party, Wine and Cheese Tasting, Trying different restaurants, and Live Performances. Fewer numbers responded: Community forums, Jewelry Making, Pottery, Cake decorating/coffee, etc. tasting, Organic Foods, STEM, AAUW research presentations, and having a Mah Jong Club was a write-in.

Quite a few listed event planning/programming as a skill as well as hosting or helping with events. It would be great to match those with the skills of planning and an interest in an activity to create the opportunity for friendship building, learning and fun.

Participation and involvement will keep our Branch vital. When you get involved, you'll have fun, meet new friends (or reconnect with old ones), and learn at the same time! And isn't that at least one of the reasons you joined and have renewed?

2017 AAUW National Election Results

Every two years AAUW's national election offers members the chance to share their opinions on proposed amendments to the [AAUW Bylaws](#), [Public Policy Priorities](#), and resolutions as well as to select the members of the national [AAUW Board of Directors](#). The 2017 election was a great success, with 11.49 percent of our members voting — more than double the 5 percent quorum required by our bylaws. The bylaw change to "[Eliminate degree requirement](#)" failed by 62.62%. The vote to have "Advocate category of membership" and "Change the quorum to 3 percent" both failed to gather the required two-thirds vote required to amend the bylaws.

All other amendments, priorities and resolutions passed to include **raising the national dues from \$49 to \$59 starting with the July 1, 2018 fiscal year.**

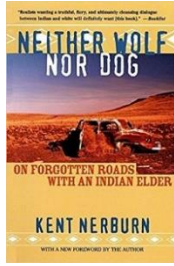
Membership co-vice presidents: Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson

Book Club

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." C.S. Lewis

September's book was *While the Locust Slept* by Peter Razor. Razor's autobiography concerns his early life in the Owatonna Orphanage. As an Ojibwe, he suffered horrific abuse both at the

orphanage and later in a foster home. Our discussion later wandered to social services and what has changed.



October's book is *Neither Wolf nor Dog* by Kent Nerburn. It has been made into a movie. *Our Souls at Night*, the June selection, has also been made into a movie. It is streaming on Netflix starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 at Barb Dubbels', 2414 Cardinal Drive, at 6:30 pm

Treasurer's Report



Here are the numbers for September: checking \$158.82, savings \$3503.78. Sell those breakfast tickets!! The menu sounds just great.

Halloween Breakfast

Sunday, October 29, 2017
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Faribault American Legion

Sign up to Help
Sell Tickets



The American Association of
University Women (AAUW) presents
Suicide Prevention Program
In Memory of Jacob Robert Sikel
Faribault, MN – American Legion Post 43
Monday, October 23rd, 2017 7:00 PM



Guest Speakers:

- Robert Sikel – *Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program*
 - Kirk Mansfield – *Operation: 23 to Zero*
 - Open discussion along with Question & Answer session to follow
- PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME * OPEN TO THE PUBLIC * FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by: American Association of University Women / Faribault American Legion Post 43

Message from Pauline Schreiber

Highway Cleanup



For one last time, we will be cleaning our Adopt-a-Highway miles. Members on a last spring survey, overwhelmingly said we should end our nearly 25 years of participation in this project. But Liz Hartman and Pauline Schreiber believe there needs to be a “one-last-time” clean up.

We hope all that can make it at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at our sign, just a mile east of Faribault on Hwy. 60 East, Pauline Schreiber

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