



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ January 2018

*"Choose to focus your time, energy and conversation around people who inspire you,
support you and help you to **grow** you into your happiest, strongest, wisest self."*

Karen Salmansohn

2018 is upon us and it will be a busy year for all of us! After two years of planning the AAUW State Convention will be held in our town! One of my favorite parts of planning this convention was deciding upon the theme, "Come grow in Faribault."

I challenged all of you during our first meeting in September to focus on how you wanted to grow this year. Many of you said you wanted to learn more about technology, so if you haven't learned more about technology, and still would like to do so, you are in luck.

I will be sharing how Google Drive works along with taking questions about the various Social Media choices that are available. So, if you have a laptop, chromebook, iPad, or smartphone bring it with you to our January meeting! (Details below)

*We will not be meeting for the board meeting on Saturday, January 20 as previously scheduled.

See you all soon and until then, stay warm!

Best Regards,
Cyndy Harrison

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JANUARY Program

New Year, New Skills

Cyndy Harrison

Monday, January 22, 2018

Board Meeting 5:00
 State Convention Steering Committee 5:45
 General Meeting 6:15
 The program will begin at 7:00

District One Hospital lower level classroom.

Attention: Please remember to enter the hospital through the Emergency area if you arrive after 6:00 PM. Proceed to the elevators.

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 15** Convention Bag Work Day 9:00am First English Church
- Tuesday, January 16** Book Club 5:45 HyVee Market Grille
- Saturday, January 20** 4th Annual Painting Party 1-3pm 212 North Central
 (RSVP to Karen Rasmussen by Monday January 15)
- Monday, January 22** Branch Meeting 6:15 PM District One Hospital

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Membership Memos:

AAUW ANNUAL ART CONTEST – MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM THE AAUW WEBSITE:

“We hear about the gender gap all the time — in [salary](#), in [math and science](#) fields, in [leadership](#). But one of the most glaring and long-standing gaps is in the art world. For centuries women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men.

“Today, things have changed ... some. Still, as of 2012, only [4 percent](#) of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. There remains just [one major museum](#) (National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.) in the world dedicated solely to women artists. That’s why we host an annual art contest to give women artists the equal attention they deserve.

“Once again AAUW artists will be able to submit their entries to be voted on by other AAUW members! The entry period for the 2018 AAUW Art Contest is January 4–February 4 and voting begins February 6.”



These were five of the six winners in 2017. If you look at these winning entries and think, ‘I could have done that!’, then be sure to enter. If you see a member’s photo online that you like, encourage them to enter. Wouldn’t it be exciting to have a Faribault winner?!?

“The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring. This is the timeline:

Submission Period	January 4–February 4	Submit your artwork. Members can submit up to two pieces. Read the contest rules to learn more.
Voting Period	February 6–March 4	AAUW members can vote for up to 10 entries. Rally votes for your favorites by sharing with other members.
Winner Announcement	Late March	We’ll announce the six winners on the AAUW webpage!”

And speaking of art, we’re having our **4th Annual Painting Party** with Suzanne Schwichtenberg on **Sat., Jan. 20th from 1-3 pm**. We would like to encourage you to bring a guest, maybe a prospective member. We will be doing a fall themed 12”x12” canvas wrapped creation. Cost is \$25, payable to Suzanne that day by cash or check. Please use the street entrance at 213 N. Central. This studio is newly remodeled and worth taking a look. Come for the social event even if you think painting isn’t your talent. We, as women, are so hard on ourselves! Maybe it could be entered in the Art Contest, or a photograph or two, Karen will help anyone who wants to enter with their online submission.

Membership co-vice presidents: Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen

Treasurer's Report

Here are the December 31 balances: Checking \$161.86, Savings \$4191.06. Stay warm! Help is on the way.

Julie Olson, Treasurer



2018 State Convention

Cyndy Harrison and Pauline Schreiber are readying information for the winter Pine on Faribault's state convention. The pace will be picking up in preparation needs in February and March, so the co-chairs hope that steering committees and branch members are ready to pitch in where needed.

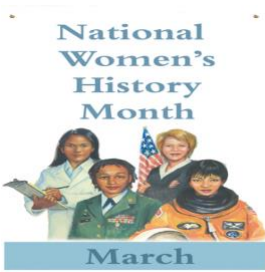
A Saturday breakfast and snack committee is needed comprised of three people. A free continental breakfast will be offered 7 to 9 a.m. At South Central College. What isn't eaten for breakfast would be offered as the morning break snack.

The committee will also decide about coffee -how much and where to get it, or make it ourselves, etc.

So, Cyndy and Pauline hope there will be three people volunteering for this task at the January meeting.

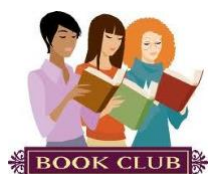
A big thank you, too, for all who are planning to come to the *Monday, Jan. 15* "convention bag" making session at First English Church.

Pauline Schreiber



Women's History Month is in March. It seems to be coming up quickly. We **need** writers and we **need** a topic! If you have an idea or would like to write, please speak to Kathy Kasten or send her an email. kathleengarykasten@gmail.com

Kathy Kasten
Educational Equity – Women's Issues



BOOK CLUB NEWS

When we picked our December book, we wanted something light-hearted and short! At 229 pages, *A Redbird Christmas*, met both criteria. Set in Lost River, Alabama, where they refer to cardinals as red birds, and where 52 year old Oswald Campbell goes to escape cold, damp Chicago for what the doctor has told him will be his last winter, we get to experience with him Christmas among his new friends. Both heart-warming and quirky, this tale seems typical of the writing of Fannie Flagg better known for her book-turned-movie, *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

Our January book is *The Color of Water, A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother*, written by James McBride. We will meet at the HyVee Market Grille at 5:45 on January 16. **The Market Grille is now a Market Grille express with a more limited menu which we may not enjoy... we will decide after we give it a try...**

In the meantime, enjoy the heat wave – at last!



Kathy Kasten and Gloria Olson

Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES December 18, 2017, 6:00pm Cathedral of our Merciful Savior Cloister

The holiday meeting followed a potluck gathering, and was called to order by president, Cyndy Harrison. Cydy welcomed the group and expressed our happiness that member Karen Rasmussen, was with us tonight, following her recent successful surgery.

Julie Olson shared an update on member Barb Dubbels' recent successful surgery.

The secretary's report was published in the most recent Newsletter. Emily Nesvold moved the report be approved as published; Kathy Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was also in the Newsletter and was filed, subject to audit. Julie reported that we earned \$369 at our silent auction which was held at our November meeting. This money will be sent to the Legal Advocacy Fund. We currently have 52 members. In March new members may join at a discounted rate.

Pat Fuch's will not be able to chair next year's Halloween Breakfast. Karen Kittlesen is willing to co-chair the event next year. Another co-chair is needed. Pat expressed the necessity of securing a date and the Son's of the American Legion to do the ordering, cooking, dishwashing, etc.

Pauline Schreiber reported on the progress of the State Convention Steering Committee. The committee met this past Saturday. They are setting up registration and schedules. One more work day is needed to assemble the convention bags. Only 5 people will be needed to iron on patches. The work day will likely be on Martin Luther King Day or on Presidents' Day.

Social Events were discussed. We will have a New Year's Eve movie and dining outing. We will go to a 1 or 2:00 movie, eating after. We will have a Gallery on the Go painting event, most likely at 1:00 on January 20th. Cost is \$26. We will hold a birthday party for January, February, and March birthdays in February. All members are invited. There is also a play, CRACK THE SKY, to be held at the History Theatre sometime in February. More information will be routed via email regarding each of the events.

Cyndy Harrison shared a quote that Christmas is a time to both reflect and rejoice.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

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