



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ March 2018

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." - Leo Tolstoy

This quote could not be more appropriate to our spring! We have many projects and plans to keep all of us occupied for the duration of the spring! However, just a few items to highlight:

Women's History Month

It is Women's History Month and Kathy Kasten and her group are busy writing articles about women that are important not only to us but have contributed significantly to the community. A very special thank you to all!

Tri-Branch Luncheon

This year's luncheon is hosted by the Northfield Branch and I have listed the information here:

- Saturday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.
- Ruth's on Stafford Catering, 410 Stafford Lane, Dundas
- \$20, payable at the door
- Tim Penny will speak on his Southern MN Foundation.

We need to *RSVP by March 30*, so I will bring a sheet to our meeting on March 26.

2018 Minnesota AAUW State Convention

An idea that sprouted two years ago is truly about to bloom! We are hosting the 2018 AAUW Minnesota State Convention next month! So many of you have already been working on making this

convention successful and we are about to see the fruits of our labor. Thank you to Gloria and Kathy that have added places to Things to do in Faribault! Click this [link](#) to add your ideas too!

Social Time Coffee

Our next coffee chat time will be Saturday, March 17 at Bluebird at 10:30 AM. Make sure to wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Monday, March 26!

Kindest Regards,

Cyndy Harrison

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AAUW Meeting

We hope that you will join us to help prepare for the convention!

Monday, March 26

District One Hospital lower level classroom.

6:00 pm Board Meeting

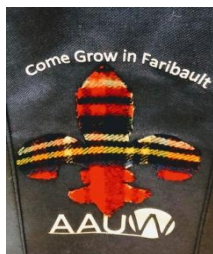
6:30 pm Business Meeting and Convention Planning and Activities

There will be an opportunity for socializing and treats!

(Just a reminder to enter through the Emergency entrance and proceed to the elevators if you arrive after 6:00 p.m.)

Mary Lillquist, Sue Willcutt, and Pat Fuchs

2018 State Convention



We are on target to host the 89th Minnesota State Convention on April 27 and 28. But it takes "A Branch" to host a state convention. So, I am hoping for a large turnout for our Monday, March 26 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at District One Hospital (basement classroom). Steering committee members are working on various projects for the convention members can work on that night. Also, a list of specific needs for volunteers for April 27 and 28 will be ready, and it is hoped, members will sign up for them.

Branch members who do not want to attend the convention, but help, can find volunteer jobs on Friday. They include helping at the registration table at the Rice County Historical Society where registration is 1 to 4 p.m. April 27.

Also, we will need a session to fill the convention bags in April before convention. We can talk about that at the March meeting.

So, please attend.

Thank you,

Convention Committee Co-chairs Pauline Schreiber and Cyndy Harrison

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 17	Coffee	10:30 a.m.	Bluebird Cakery
Tuesday, March 20	Book Club	5:45 p.m.	HyVee Market Grille
Monday, March 26	Branch Meeting	6:30 PM	District One Hospital
Saturday, April 7	Tri-Branch Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.		
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Friday and Saturday April 27 & 28 AAUW State Convention

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Membership Memos:

Bylaws Amendment Vote

The AAUW Board of Directors has put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the



membership to be voted on this spring. Members will receive their voter PINs via email in April and with the spring *AAUW Outlook* magazine, which will be mailed to members without registered email addresses and to those that have requested to receive *Outlook* in the mail.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

We are at an ideal time to invite individuals to become members through the Shape-the-Future campaign! Starting March 16th, new (or those who haven't been members for two years or more) can join at the reduced rate of \$48.50 and membership will be good until June 30, 2019. Reminder that the national portion of our dues is increasing March 16th to \$59, so renewals will be \$78 going forward. It is still a really good value for the work that is being done for education and equity for women and girls.

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

Membership co-vice presidents: Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson

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Treasurer's Report

February 28 report: Checking account \$131.86, Savings \$5520.21. Keep in mind that the Savings balance includes \$3,347.00 of money sent by early registrants for the State Convention. And while I am talking about the Convention—you may send your money to me at once. Please fill in the registration form in the Pine to send with your check or register directly on line (instructions with Pine). There are some pieces of info that we need from our local members as well as everyone else. Great fun ahead!!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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AAUW Scholarships Offered

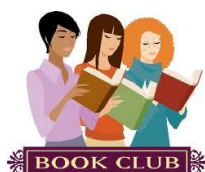
The American Association of University Women Faribault Branch will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to qualifying local women. The recipients must be enrolled in or accepted to a program at a four year college or university and have completed a minimum of one year. The program may be at the undergraduate or graduate level.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2018.

Applications are available at: <https://goo.gl/PHPPKJ>

Email questions and additional requirements to: kadras1217@gmail.com

Karen Rasmussen



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Group met at the HyVee Market Grill on February 20 to discuss *Good Night, Mr Wodehouse* by popular Minnesota author, Faith Sullivan. A Top Ten Book of 2015 in the Wall Street Journal, and winner of the Midwest Book Awards and the Langum Prize for Historical Fiction, this novel was "loved" by all nine attendees! Among our many reasons were writing style, character development and small town Minnesota connections. We admired Nell, the strong main character who faces nearly insurmountable odds. We related to Nell's many references to the value of books and reading and even learned some new vocabulary words, thanks to Kathy K!

The next meeting is March 20, again at the Market Grille, 5:45 for dinner and/or 6:30 for discussion. This month's book is *The Last Goodnight: A World War II Story of Espionage, Adventure and Betrayal* by Howard Blum. The publisher describes it as the "riveting biography of Betty Pack, the dazzling American debutante who became an Allied spy during WWII and was hailed by OSS chief General "Wild Bill" Donovan as "the greatest unsung heroine of the war!"

All members are welcome to join us!

Gloria Olson

AAUW Socials



Join us for coffee on Saturday, March 17th, 10:30 at the Bluebird Cakery! Always the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Remember to send your birthdays in to Sue Olson at susieolson@frontier.com so we can celebrate together. This fun event will be on the middle month of each quarter, the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30--that will be May 2nd, 5:30 at the HyVee back room this time. There will be more reminders in the newsletter as we get closer to the date along with a

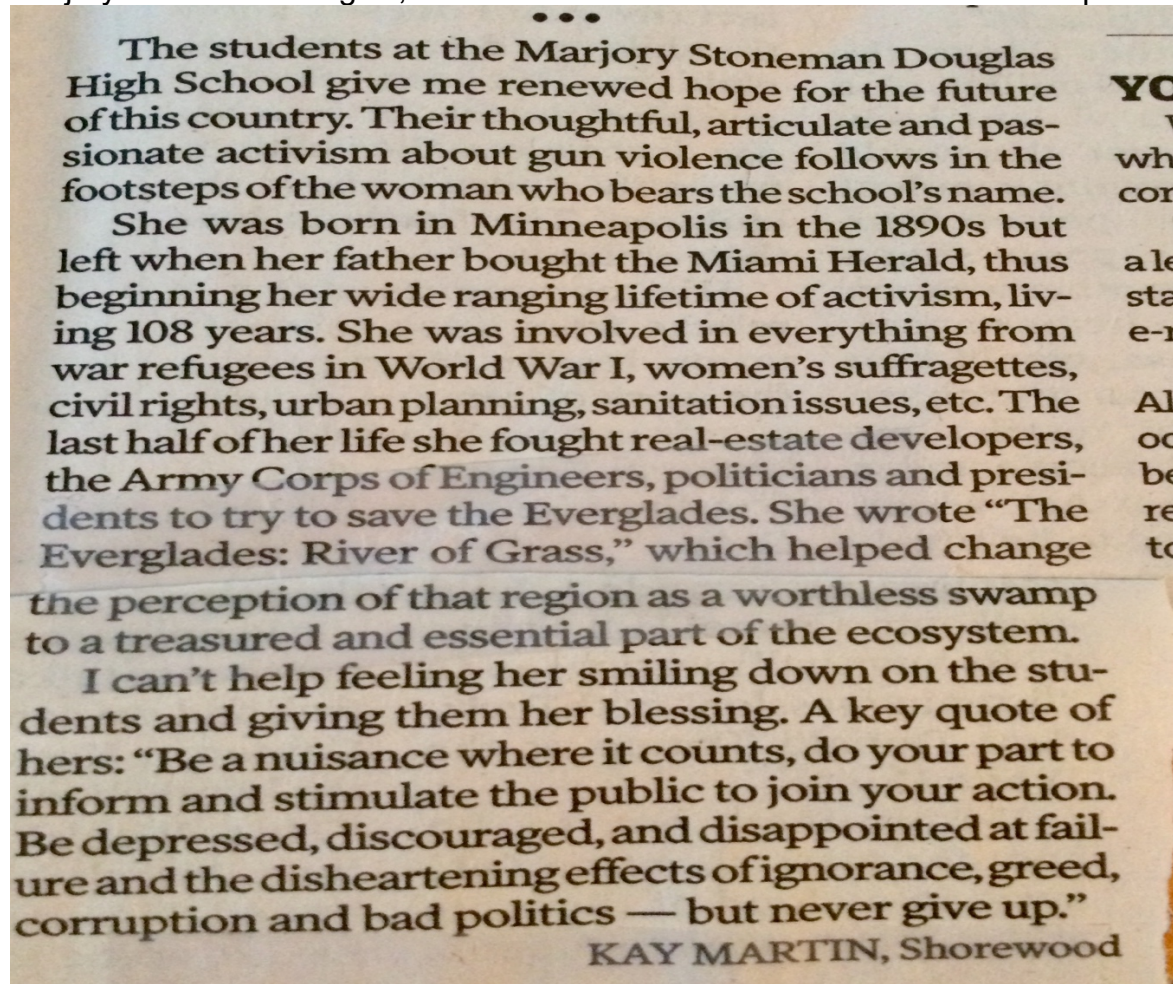
list of the birthdays that will be honored.

Thanks, Sue

MARCH *into* **WOMEN'S** **HISTORY MONTH**

#NeverthelessShePersisted

Editor's note: I don't know how many of you saw this letter to the editor in the Star Tribune on February 25 but thanks to Kay Martin of Shorewood, we are introduced to Marjory Stoneman Douglas, another remarkable woman who "nevertheless persisted"!



Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018, 6:15 pm
District One Hospital Classroom

The meeting was called to order by Colleen Rolling, co-president. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted as printed in the most recent newsletter. Motion for approval was made by Pauline Schreiber and seconded by Kathy Larson. Julie Olson has been receiving checks for the upcoming state convention and has deposited those checks in our bank account. Our members may

also register now. A new spreadsheet is needed to chart all of the required information. Colleen Rolling and Emily Nesvold are willing to assist Karen Rasmussen and Julie Olson in creating said document.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Sue Wilcutt will be introducing tonight's program presenter. Next month our branch meeting will begin at 6:15. There will be no program. We will all be working on the state convention.

Membership: We currently have 51 members. Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson have brought a birthday cake to help us celebrate our branch's 93rd birthday. We are saddened by the loss of member, Dorothy Joy. Her funeral will be this Thursday, March 1st, 10:30 am, Fourth Avenue Methodist Church. Visitation is to be at Parker Kohl Funeral Home from 4 to 7 pm, this Wednesday. Karen shared information recently sent to all members, via email, about the national office's desire to change our bylaws to eliminate any educational requirement to belong. There are also two other proposed bylaw changes. See email for details. Voting will be from April 25th through June 9th.

Social Events: Only two members showed up for the February coffee. We will continue to try to get this event off the ground through communication. We also have a quarterly birthday celebration, with the next to be on May 2nd. Susan Olson is now organizing the birthday events. Please provide Susan with your birthday information. A birthday information sheet was routed tonight.

State Convention: The committee has been meeting frequently, including just prior to tonight's board and branch meetings. Pauline Schreiber and others are working on editing all related printed materials, including the article to appear in The Pine and the convention booklet. Register soon. Julie Olson is accepting checks now. Be sure to read The Pine, the state AAUW newsletter. Cyndy Harrison, co-president, asks that we add our favorite things to do in Faribault to a list for convention attendees to consider doing during the state convention. A list for our suggestions was routed tonight. Ivan Wheelock's art studio was one suggestion. Diane Hagen will contact Ivan to see if he can have his studio open for visits.

Educational Equity -- Women's Issues: Kathy Kasten shared that four of our members have written articles about our 50 plus year members. The first of the articles is to be printed in The Faribault Daily News on March 3rd. Keep your eyes open for future articles.

Scholarships: Colleen Rolling has created an AAUW email application for submitting applications. Information about the requirements for application has been and will continue to be printed in the Faribault Daily News. We will be awarding (2) one thousand dollar scholarships.

Booksale: Pat Rice said we are to have the same space as last year at the Faribault West Mall. Dates are still to be finalized. It is doubtful that The Kids Carnival will occur at the same time since our sale will be later than usual. We will still have activities for children. Pat encourages all members to work at least two shifts at the sale. Cyndy Harrison will work with others to create a sign-up sheet where we can sign up immediately online.

Tri-Branch Luncheon: Pauline Schreiber said that the luncheon is scheduled for April 7th, in Northfield, with Tim Penny as speaker. We have not received information as to time and place. We will hopefully have information by the time our newsletter is printed.

Book Club: Gloria Olson shared that all is going well. There are limited number of books available for the March gathering. The book is THE LAST GOOD NIGHT.

Announcements: Convention tours are to the Woolen Mills and the Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour. Ruth Hildebrandt was thanked for creating a silent auction basket for the Ruth's House Gala. The Gala was a huge success.

Pat Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Pauline Schreiber seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

Program: Warden Speaking, by Kathy Halvorson, warden of the Faribault Correctional Facility of The Department of Corrections. A great presentation with good discussion and questions answered.

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