



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ April 2018

"Come Grow in Faribault"
Faribault AAUW



The theme of the 2018 Minnesota AAUW State Convention has been our mantra during the year. I challenged everyone to grow this year and everyone has taken the challenge to heart and has grown individually and together as a group. My favorite area of growth has been growing a stronger relationship with all of you. I am so honored and excited to welcome our AAUW sisters from across the state to our town.

As I have said throughout the year, the state convention is a BRANCH effort and every one of you has done amazing work! EVERY task, no matter how small you think it was, makes an ENORMOUS impact!

Due to the convention, we will not be having a meeting, but I am looking forward to seeing you on Friday, April 27 and/or Saturday, April 28! If you haven't signed up to volunteer, but want to, just [click here](#). We are mainly in need of volunteers to be in key areas of interest around town on Friday afternoon.

As the year comes to a close, we still have two big events: the May picnic AND the Book Sale next month. More details on these events will be in our next newsletter.

If you want to relax and enjoy some quiet time, the next coffee social is on Saturday, April 21 at 10:30 and Bluebird. I hope to see you there! Best Regards,
Cyndy

Program



There will be no program or business meeting scheduled during the month of April. There will be a convention activity scheduled on April 23rd at Rice County Historical Society from 3-5 p.m.

Betty Harmsen has offered to host the May Annual picnic at her home. Thank you, Betty.

Submitted by Mary Lilquist, Sue Willcutt and Pat Fuchs

Membership Memos

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

Scholarship applications are trickling in for our two locally awarded scholarships that are due May 1. We (Kathy Larson, Liz Hartman and Karen Rasmussen) met with Shelly Rockman to select the SCC AAUW Named Scholarship recipient. This \$750 award winner will be announced April 23rd at South Central's annual scholarship awards presentation.

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

Women's History Update



I was just reading the Minnesota History Magazine and happened upon an article about Betty Strohfus' jumpsuit. The article can be read online by googling Minnesota History Magazine, choosing the current volume and then finding it in the table of contents.

Submitted by Kathy Kasten

Book Club News

Wow! What a lively discussion we had! Though we are usually quite good at "taking turns," the March 20 discussion of *The Last Goodnight: a World War II Story of Espionage, Adventure and Betrayal*, found us all interjecting comments and thoughts and taking second turns! We did all agree that Betty Pack, while considered an unsung hero and a very effective spy, had some definite weaknesses - among them, her parenting skills! Most people enjoyed this vividly written non-fiction account that reads like a suspense novel!



April is **POETRY MONTH** and we will resume meeting at the **home of Barb Dubbels at 6:30 on April 17**. Share some poetry you enjoy, written by anyone, even yourself! Most anything to do with poetry, actually... and since Bob Dylan won the Nobel for Poetry, we will include song lyrics as poetry!

Submitted by Gloria O.

Coffee Social



Please remind everyone that we'll meet for coffee on Saturday, April 21st at 10:30 at the Blue Bird Cakery. Also, I hope to get more birthday information sent to me as our quarterly dinner celebration will be Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:30 at the Hy Vee back room.

Thanks, *Sue*

Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2018

District One Hospital Classroom



Cyndy Harrison, president, opened the meeting by expressing gratitude to Colleen Rolling for acting in her absence at the last meeting.

Cyndy shared that she has already written her speech for the state convention, which we are hosting this year. This is a great opportunity for our local members to attend a state convention. Full Convention cost is \$120. There are still many volunteer opportunities for our members. For those not attending the whole convention and who are volunteering on Friday, you may sign up for Saturday. The Friday Banquet costs \$35. Saturday lunch is \$20. Next year's convention will be in Grand Rapids.

Pat Rice is in charge of the silent auction at the convention. A card reader will be used at the auction. The Gallery on the Go of Faribault has offered to donate a painting session worth \$150 to the silent auction. Our members are encouraged to contribute to our branch's basket; wine is a possible donation.

The secretary's report was printed in the newsletter. The following correction/clarification was made regarding scholarships: "Cyndy Harrison made the application totally online last year. Karen Rasmus-

sen tweaked it some for this year. Colleen created an email address for applicants to send the required documents. We will continue to use Karen's email for now." Pat Rice moved that the treasurer's report and the secretary's report be accepted as corrected. Emily Nesvold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kathy Larson stated that there are no changes at this time. She has requested that the city put out the two Tilt-a-Whirl exhibits in time for our convention, if at all possible.

Social Events: Coffee events were held the last two weeks and were well attended.

Scholarships: A meeting has been scheduled for April 3rd, at 3 pm, South Central College, to choose our \$750 scholarship winner. Past presidents will make the selection. We are still accepting applications for our two \$1,000 scholarships. We have handouts to advertise, plus little sheets to hand out to prospective applicants. See website for criteria. Colleen Rolling will make sure an article advertising the scholarships gets in the paper again.

Book Sale: Pat Rice shared that we have the same location as last year. Our sale will begin on Wednesday, May 30th, delayed because we are hosting the state convention in April. Emily Nesvold said that the Faribault Dept. of Corrections might be able to provide help in moving the boxes. Ruth Hildebrandt has last year's list of book sale buyers/sellers. She would like to give this list to the appropriate person.

State Convention: Pauline Schreiber shared that the Convention Booklet Committee met this morning. Reports are needed from the state branches. Cyndy Harrison has received some and will request the remaining reports. Cyndy and Emily will work together to organize. Our branch also needs to submit the same report highlighting things such as our book club favorites, the Liz Strohfus Airfield renaming, and other special events/projects. Cyndy requested that Gloria Olson do a write-up about the airport renaming. There are also committees regarding breakout meetings and the silent auction. We will be stuffing convention bags on Monday, April 23rd. We can use the Carlander Room at Rice County Historical Building. Registration for the convention will be on Friday. The actual convention will be Saturday at South Central College. Guests will be staying at Borders or Days Inn. There will be shuttles to the Friday night banquet, leaving from Borders at 4:45 and 5:15. Return time will be 9:30 pm. Use of the shuttles is recommended due to limited parking spaces at The Inn. We can ask who intends to use the shuttle and encourage its use when registering guests. Four registered members are needed to serve as pages(2) and tellers(2). Miscellaneous help may be needed throughout the convention, including monitoring the silent auction room. Cyndy will be making table assignments at the luncheon to assure that members from various branches mingle. Lunch placemats and decorations are being coordinated by Ruth Ann Marsh. Conversation starters will be placed at tables. Arna Farmer is catering the breakfast and luncheon. Everyone needs to let Julie Olson know if they want lunch. Breakout sessions will be at 1:30 and 2:45, each limited to one hour so that people can go to the silent auction. Bars and coffee are needed for registration. Bring to Historical Society Thursday afternoon or at registration. Gift items for bags are being gathered. Cyndy has 150 phone holders and notebooks. We could get seeds from Farmers' Seed, fitting with the Come Grow in Faribault theme. Faribault Foods may have coupons to offer. Gloria Olson suggested we share booklists provided by the Women's Press.

Tri-Branch Luncheon: Saturday, April 7th at 11:30, 410 Stafford Lane, Dundas. Northfield AAUW is hosting. Tim Penny is the featured speaker. Cost is \$20. Need to sign up by March 31st. Payment may be made at the door. Must cancel by April 2nd or we will be responsible for the cost. A sign-up sheet is being routed tonight. We will carpool.

Women's History Month: Thanks is given to those who wrote articles for the Faribault Daily News regarding four of our fifty year members. Thanks also to Kathy Kasten for coordinating. Job well done!

Various signup sheets are being routed tonight. Treats and water were provided. We broke up into work groups to color decorations to be used at the convention.

Our branch delegates include Cyndi Harrison and Colleen Rolling, co-presidents. Two others are to be determined. Pat Fuchs will serve as alternate.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

Treasurer's Report



Happy Convention Month. We have big numbers to report this time: Checking, \$411.86, Savings \$15,824.53. Of course the largest \$\$ came from convention registrations. So far I have deposited \$12,749 in convention fees, with another \$2,138 in April deposits not included above. And I just received a call regarding a few latecomers who are yet to send in their fees. So we will have a crowd here on the 27th. Thanks so much to those who have worked so hard on the booklet, program, food, and a million other details. This will be worth it, but it's a bit daunting along the way!!

Submitted by Julie Olson

Bagging Party

Come help fill the bags for the 2018 State AAUW Convention. We are having a **"Bagging Party" from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 23 at the Rice County Historical Society.**

The convention registration is 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27 at the RCH Society. We can fill the bags there on Monday and have them ready for Friday.

At the end of the bag session, any participant who is interested can go to Gran Plaza restaurant for social time.

There is no branch meeting this month. Instead, please come to the "Bagging Party."

Pauline Schreiber has had the finished bags from The two "Convention Bags Creation Sessions" at a her home and will bring them. She also has items from the chamber to put into the bags.

Pat Fuchs and Karen Rasmussen, registration co-chairs, likely will have other information. The convention booklet will be completed and ready to be put in bags.

Thanks,

Pauline and Cyndy, co-chairs of the convention committee

