



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ September, 2018



You must do the things that you think you cannot do. - Eleanor Roosevelt

This is my personal theme for the year. We are going to embark on an adventure together. I look forward to the year ahead with both fear and excitement. Fear because this is group of women with high expectations; excitement because I know I bring energy to the group. Yet this group also needs no individual leader. It is a team of women working toward a common goal.

The year ahead will be filled with fun activities. We will be able to socialize as well as to have plenty of time to accomplish business. I look forward to seeing what the year will bring and how it will unfold. Thank you for your support and I hope we can accomplish great things in the coming year.
Colleen Rolling

Program River Bend Nature Center



Our September meeting on the 24th is a look back at the 40th anniversary of River Bend Nature Center, as well as looking forward to the future of the organization. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a business meeting at River Bend Nature Center.

At 7 p.m. the program will begin with local AAUW members connecting with the early days of the nature center, sharing their memories. Many of our members are also River Bend Nature Center members, so all of us have memories from the past 40 years of being at River Bend Nature Center. All who wish to may share their memories. Ending the program will be Breanna Wheeler, director of River Bend, who will tell us about the direction the nature center is taking

and where it is headed.

Program co-VPs Sue Willcut and Pauline Schreiber are hoping for a good turnout.

Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

2018-19 Faribault AAUW Programs

September

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, Bluebird Cakery - Board Meeting

6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, River Bend Nature Center, Branch Business meeting

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, River Bend Nature Center, "Celebrating 40 years of River Bend Nature Center History." AAUW members involved in its early days will reminisce and Breanna Wheeler, River Bend director, will speak on the future of the nature center.

October

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, Faribault City Hall, Council chamber, State Representative Candidate forum

8:10-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, City Council chamber, Faribault City Council candidate forum

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, City Hall public meeting room, Branch Business Meeting

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, City Hall Council chamber, Faribault School Board candidate forum

8 a.m.-Noon, Sunday, Oct. 28, American Legion, Halloween Breakfast

November

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, Bluebird Cakery, Board meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Rice County Historical Society Museum, Branch Business Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, RCHS, Program, "Diversity in Faribault," Diane Hagen, Diversity VP, arranging program; also, SILENT AUCTION for LAF

December

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Bluebird Cakery, Board meeting

6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, Christmas at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister. Members to bring hors d'oeuvres.

January

Program for Month is a "Social Saturday" on Jan. 19

2 p.m. - Painting Party at Upper East Side, or members can choose to do a bead project at Glass Garden Beads.

5 p.m. - Beating Winter Blue's dinner - Restaurant TBA. Those who do not want to do either the painting party or bead project can come for dinner. There will be brief branch business meeting.

February

Minnesota History Theater Outing for those interested on Sunday, Feb. 17 to see "Stewardess!" Will need 10 people for group ticket rate.

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Bluebird Cakery - Board meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, RCHS Museum, Branch Business Meeting

7 p.m. Monday's, Feb. 25, RCHS Museum, "Around Town" - brief presentations by three speakers on the Virtues Project, Mainstreet and the Mural Project.

March

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23, Bluebird Cakery, Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, RCHS Museum, Branch Business Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, March 25, RCHS Museum, "How to be Pollinator-Friendly in Your Garden," by member Liz Hartman and other members of GROWS garden club's Pollinator-Friendly Promotions Committee

April

Faribault AAUW Hosts Tri-Branch Luncheon on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. Location TBA. Entertainment provided by Isabell Monk O'Connor, retired actress, and new Faribault AAUW member Book Sale - Hoping for April or early May date, but will be at Faribo West Mall

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, Bluebird Cakery, Board Meeting/Book Sale meeting

May

6 p.m. Monday, May 20, Spring Picnic. Location TBA. (Volunteer host can contact Colleen Rolling.)

Volunteers needed for forums

There will be two nights of candidate forums this year. The first is **Oct. 4** It will be split between State Representative candidates from 7 to 8 p.m., and City Council candidates from 8:10 to 9 p.m. The second is the School Board forum on **Oct. 11**. Both will be at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

Volunteers are needed to help with both forums. Time keepers are needed and volunteers to collect written questions from the audience and give them to the moderator. Kymn Anderson has agreed to be the moderator for the night of Oct. 4 and Cheryl Freund will be the moderator for the Oct. 11 forum.

There will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the Sept. 24 meeting.

Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2018, 6:00pm

The annual branch picnic was held at the home of Pat Umbreit. The meeting was called to order by Pat Fuchs, acting in the absence of our president, Cyndy Harrison, who is attending the funeral of her father. Our sympathies go out to Cyndy and her family. Pat Fuchs extended our appreciation to Pat Umbreit for hosting this evening's picnic. Thanks also to Betty Harmsen for assisting Pat U.

Kathy Larson introduced scholarship winner, Emily Phillips, and her mother, Ellen. Emily is a sophomore at The University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, with a major in business and a minor in mathematics. The other scholarship winners are Hannah Bockelman, Drake University, \$1000, and Holly Kelstad, South Central College, \$750. Hannah is majoring in actuarial science. Branch member, Bonnie Becker, is Hannah's aunt. Holly is a single mother of 3 and is majoring in . There were seventeen applicants for two \$1000 scholarships. A committee narrowed that field to seven finalists, from which the winners were chosen.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the most recent newsletter, with a clarification that Gloria Olson ordered copies of the March issue of Minnesota Women's Press for the convention bags, and that Kathy Kasten agreed to create a list of our book club selections for the year which may be published in the convention booklet. The treasurer's report was accepted as published in the newsletter. (Pat Fuch's moved that the reports be approved. Pauline Schreiber seconded the motion.)

Kathy Larson shared that we are able to award three free state memberships, based on our increase in membership. This year's drawing winners are Gail Kielmeyer, Pat Umbreit, and Barb Dubbels. They will only need to pay \$19 instead of \$78. Those who renewed membership tonight received ink pens as incentive gifts.

Pat Fuchs routed a sign-up sheet for setting up for the book sale and for working the sale.

Pat Rice announced that Karen Kittlesen and Mary Lillquist are this year's named honorees for their dedication and service to our branch through the years. Our branch was in the top ten in the state for both total giving and per capita giving to Legal Advocacy Fund.

Today is Barb Dubbels birthday. We celebrated by singing Happy Birthday!

Our book sale is May 30th through June 4th. Pat Fuch's has sent an article to the Faribault Daily News. We were not able to find help to transport books. Six of our members, assisted by Mike Fuch's and Tom Hartman, moved books from the Congo basement to the mall on May 18th. Mike and Pat Fuchs provided an enclosed trailer. Jeff, of Dick's Sanitation, said they hope to haul our leftover books, provided rules do not change by then. Cost of recycling will be \$300. All books will be free the last day of the sale.

Pauline Schreiber gave a synopsis of the AAUW State Convention that we hosted. Colleen Rolling connected a speaker phone call to Cyndy Harrison. Cyndy expressed her appreciation and pride in all of our accomplishments this year and of how proud she was to serve as our president. She has had a lot of positive feedback about the convention and will share thank-you notes from the convention. The membership thanked Cyndy for her leadership. Liz Hartman expressed our appreciation for the great leadership Cyndy, Pauline, and committees provided in the planning and implementation of the convention. Liz said, "A good leader takes you beyond where we thought we could go." The membership also expressed support for Cyndy and her family in the loss of her father. Cyndy hopes to hold a board meeting after our book sale. She requests recommendations for next year's budget. A suggestion was made to consider giving \$400 to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund at the national level. Colleen Rolling shared that some members have suggested giving to River Bend and possibly to Nick Whistle scholarships. It would be good to involve local young women in the national leadership conference, perhaps our current scholarship winners, Hannah and Emily.

We had budgeted \$1000 to pay delegates' registration fees. There is \$520 left of this amount. Non-delegate registrants (those who paid for full convention or for Saturday) may get up to \$30 back on their fees by contacting Julie Olson, treasurer. Kathy Kasten so moved, with Kathy Larson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

We made approximately \$8,876 on the convention, with half going back to the state office. We received \$4,393.25 in profits. Two of our workshops were put on by the state, costing us nothing. We paid a donation to the Hope Center for putting on a workshop. Diane Hagen's registration was paid in lieu of being paid for presenting a workshop. Cyndy did not charge for her workshop presentation. Seventy-five dollars was paid to the person who presented a workshop on internet social media. Julie Olson stated we had more registrants than anticipated. Our food costs were less than expected. The Woolen Mills charged only half of what they had originally asked. There was a contingency fund, but this was not needed.

There will hopefully be a planning meeting for the coming year, perhaps the Wednesday following the book sale. Julie Olson emphasized the good we can do with our profits.

Betty Harmsen, Bonnie Becker, and Mary Osborne chose the Faribault High School Sportswoman of the year. Mary will attend the presentation this coming Wednesday night.

The book club continues to meet monthly. The current book is about the underground railroad. A great time was had at the home of Dorothy DeJung's for the last meeting. The next meeting will be at Barb Dubbels' home.

New business involved the presentation of the slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations are open from the floor. The slot for co-president is open. The secretary and treasurer will continue for one more year. Pauline Schreiber will now become co-vice president of programs. Carmen Tripp will become co-vice president of membership. Pat Rice will continue as Funds Chair, but would like to mentor someone to take over that position. Rene' Perrance will continue in Public Policy. Diane Hagen will take over as Diversity Chair. Pat Umbreit continues as Historian and Yearbook and Directory editor. Pat Fuchs made a motion that we accept the slate. Bonnie Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pauline Schreiber expressed our gratitude to Kathy Kasten for her continued work in Women In History, including coordinating the Daily News articles written by our members. Karen Rasmussen will possibly take over the bylaws compliance duties. Thanks was given to Sue Olson for getting our Birthday Club off to a good start. Pat Fuchs expressed thanks to all who are willing to serve in office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

Social Activities



Monthly Coffees: The third Saturday of each month at the Bluebird Cakery, 10:30 am



Quarterly Birthday Dinners: The first Wednesday of the middle month of every three months (February, May, August, November) at 5:30. Locations to be announced. *Submitted by Sue Olson*

Treasurer's Report

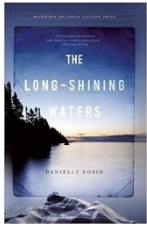


We are starting our new year with healthy bank balances: checking \$960.03, savings \$8727.33, due to the unexpected funds from the state convention. Come to the meeting prepared to vote on the new budget. And dues are DUE!! *Submitted by Julie O.*

Book Club

"So many books, so little time". Frank Zappa

The AAUW Book Club continued to meet throughout the summer. In June, we read *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. July's choice was *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. At our August gathering, we discussed a young adult classic, *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles. This book was on the list of The Great American Reads.



The group will meet on **Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm** at **Diane Hagen's home** to discuss *The Long-Shining Waters* by Danielle Sosin. *Submitted by Barb Dubbels*

Membership

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are off to a great Membership start for this 2018 - 2019 Faribault Branch of A.A.U.W. with three new members and several interested candidates!

WE WELCOME THESE LADIES TO OUR A.A.U.W. ORGANIZATION:

SAYAKA YAMAZAKI ISABELL O'CONNOR BARBARA DETTLE

We are excited to welcome these ladies and "know by blending their unique voices, talents, personalities and resources each can find a special niche in **A.A.U.W.** and accomplish so much more working together than we could ever do on our own." quote from Liz Hartman from our Hat's Off 90th. Anniversary Booklet.

Remember a new membership is only \$48.50. So if you'd like to invite a friend to join us (or even sponsor them by paying their dues) please feel free to contact me. Our goal is 5 or more new members. *Submitted by Kathy Larson, 332-2525*

We are happy to welcome Kathryn Speulda as our new Membership Vice - President working with Kathy Larson. Now two K's are still here to answer any membership questions!

A MARVELOUS THANK YOU TO KAREN RASMUSSEN FOR HER AWESOME WORK AS MYMEMBERSHIP PARTNER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS! KAREN IS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF OUR FARIBAULT AAUW ORGANIZATION. HER MANY INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND HOURS OF COMPUTER WORK HAS ENHANCED AND STRENGTHENED OUR AAUW GROUP AND FURTHERED OUR GOALS! OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE 2 K'S ON MITCHELL DRIVE HAS BEEN AN EXTRA BONUS! "HATS OFF TO YOU- KAREN" LOVE, KATHY:)

Board Meeting, September 22, Bluebird Cakery, 10:30am

