



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



~December 2018~



Thought you might enjoy this picture of May Bottke getting a peck on the cheek from Santa. This photo from 2013 might prompt long time members to look back and reflect on some favorite memories of our past AAUW Christmas parties. We hope that our newest members will take time out of the hustle and bustle of the season to come to the Cathedral Cloister on the 17th to celebrate with us, to form new friendships, and hopefully come away with some wonderful AAUW Christmas memories of your own.



December Meeting

“Christmas at the Cathedral”

Monday, December 17

6:00 PM

Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister

515 2nd Ave NW

Follow these easy steps to prepare for our Christmas party.



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1. **B**ring an appetizer or Christmas treat to share.
2. **B**ring a wrapped ornament for a Bonco prize. (A gently used one is best but if you need to buy one please spend no more than \$5.)
3. **B**ring a jar of peanut butter for the Community Café to give to their patrons in need.
4. **B**ring your holiday cheer and come and socialize with your AAUW sisters

Program co-chairs Pauline Schreiber and Sue Willcutt



December Calendar

Monday, December 17 Branch Christmas Party 6:00 pm Cathedral of our Merciful Savior's Cloister

Tuesday, December 18 Book Club (Frontier Feast) 5:30 pm Barb Dubbels Home



An excellent program on diversity was presented by Gordon Liu, of the Faribault Diversity Coalition at our November meeting.

Looking Ahead

January Program – “A Social Saturday”



Chase the winter blues away by participating in some fun activities on Central Avenue on *Saturday, Jan. 19*. If you know a perspective member, invite them to come to one of the activities so they can learn about AAUW. Neighbors, friends and relatives are also welcome. Please invite them.

There are two options for fun on the 19. Since some member expressed interest in doing both, they have been scheduled so that is possible. The dinner at 5 p.m. is open to all who wish to come whether they have participated in a "fun option" or not.

The "fun options" are:

- * Necklace making at Garden Glass Beads from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The necklace will be simple and not have a lot of stringing of beads.
- * Painting at Gallery on the Go 2:30-4:30 p.m. It will likely be painting a scene on a tote bag.
- * 5 p.m. Dinner at a downtown restaurant (Details in January newsletter).

"Stewardess" in February



From those who responded to my email, Sunday, Feb. 10 was the preferred date over Feb. 17 - so we will plan to attend the Minnesota History Theater play on Feb. 10. I will have sign-up sheet at the Christmas party.

Reservations for group seating at MHT performances are due five weeks before - which is Jan. 6. We need 10 people to get the group rate of \$25. But we can still go with fewer and just

pay more for tickets. Group rate ticket payment is due four weeks before a performance, which would be Jan. 13.

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Membership Memos:

Our Faribault A.A.U.W. Branch welcomes guests to our monthly meetings to encourage new members. Our group does a lot of "behind the scenes" work for the community and still has fun social events!

Looking for a special Christmas gift for a friend or relative? Why not sponsor her by buying a membership only \$48.50 for a new member? Contact us for any information.

Please add this information, for our newest member, to your yearbook.

Christine Terrell (1-507-213-7249) cmt292@hotmail.com Chris is a graduate of St. Ben's with a major in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Happy Holidays to all of you!
Kathy & Kathryn

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Treasurer's Report

Our current finances are healthy: savings \$8301.19, checking \$556.82.

For those of you who missed the report last month, our Halloween breakfast netted \$1932.83 this year. That's a nice reward for having a good time! Thanks again to the hard-working committee.

And our generous members participated in Legal Advocacy Fund night to the tune of \$247. I think most members enjoyed our new venue at the Museum.

See you at the Christmas party on the 17th. Julie Olson

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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BOOK CLUB NEWS



Our December books are *Two Old Women An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival* by Velma Wallis and *The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.



We will meet on *Tuesday, December 18* at 5:30 pm for a dinner to celebrate the Holidays and also 15 years together. Our dinner will have the theme “Frontier Food” in honor of the *The Long Winter*. I will provide a ham made from one of the recipes from the Little House Cookbook and others can bring such items as corn bread, gingerbread, cider, a vegetable, and a potato dish. Not sure what they ate for a salad if anything (when was Jello invented?) 😊

Looking forward to feasting and fellowship on the 18th!

Barb Dubbels

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AAUW Social Events



We will not be meeting for coffee at the Bluebird Cakery in December (so much going on) or on January 19th (3rd Saturday of the month) as we're having special activities that day and dinner at 5:00.

Sue Olson

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Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
6:15 pm, November 26, 2018
Rice County Historical Museum, Carlander Room

The meeting was called to order by Colleen Rolling, president. A meeting agenda was handed out.

A South Central scholarship fund drive update was given by Ruth Hildebrandt. Pledge cards for two \$750 scholarships have been submitted to SCC. The funds are to be submitted by June 30, 2019.

Emily Nesvold gave an update on needs of River Bend Nature Center and the Faribault public schools' STEM Camp. Last year we gave \$500 to each. Extensive discussion was held with some points of concern being that it may not be allowed for one charitable group to donate to another, whether we could contribute to purchase of equipment, and the appropriateness of contributing to the public school. We have budgeted \$600 for miscellaneous expenditures this year, which can include the above programs. There was discussion about requiring that any funds we give to RBNC go strictly to girls. Emily has checked with the state office, and was given advice that we could be sued if we give a gender biased contribution. Barb Dubbels expressed that money should go to scholarships, not the purchase of equipment. Pat Rice saw no problem with contributing to purchase of equipment. Cyndy Harrison said that we need not just contribute to scholarships and still be in keeping with our mission. Liz Hartman said that we already contribute to purchase of books through our annual donation to Project Star. Pauline Schreiber suggested that it would be appropriate to contribute to transportation costs, as was requested by the STEM program. Betty Harmsen suggested that we write up guidelines for future giving. Pat Rice made a motion that \$400 be given to each group for scholarships. Liz Hartman seconded the motion. The motion failed by one vote. Pauline Schreiber made a motion that we give \$300 scholarships to each program. Cyndy Harrison seconded the motion. Diane Hagen called for a vote. Motion carried.

Halloween Breakfast Review: Kathy Larson shared that we had 230 advanced ticket sales and a total of over 300 tickets sold. Many positive remarks were received from attendees. Everything went smoothly, and the food was plentiful and tasty. The Sons of the Legion did a wonderful job in the coordination, preparation, and running the kitchen. A tentative date has been set for next year's breakfast. Partial reasons for our good numbers is that there were no other fundraising breakfasts in town and there was no Vikings football game. Julie Olson said that \$3,368.30 was taken in. Expenses were approximately \$1,435. Net profit was approximately \$1,933, which is \$150 to \$200 more than last year. See treasurer's report for complete details.

Upcoming Events: The silent auction to raise funds for Legal Advocacy Fund is to be held tonight. Our president said to bid high and to bid often! Our holiday party is set for December 17, at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister, starting at 6 pm. Members are to provide hors d'oeuvres for sharing. Please bring a new or gently used ornament for Bunco prizes. Also bring a jar of peanut butter to donate to the Community Cafe. Women's History Month is in February. We need a new coordinator to arrange for the writing of articles to be printed in the Faribault Daily News. Kathy Speulda graciously offered to coordinate. Thanks to Kathy Kasten for having coordinated Women's History articles for many years.!

Pat Umbreit distributed the Yearbook and Directory to members. Pat has again typed and assembled the Yearbook. A big thanks goes out to Pat! Volunteers took books to be given to those not in attendance tonight.

Committee Reports: Membership: Recent, new, and potential members were introduced: Christine Turrell (information not in book, but will be in Newsletter), JoEllen Schulz, Isabelle O'Connor, and Sayaka Yamazaki. Welcome! Programs: See Yearbook. Diversity:

tonight's program. Treasurer/Secretary minutes: Approved. (Motion by Emily Nesvold. Seconded by Cyndy Harrison.)

Colleen Rolling said that we had 15 minutes after tonight's program to finalize bids on silent auction items.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

Program: Diane Hagen introduced tonight's speaker, Gordon Liu, from the Faribault Diversity Coalition. A great presentation with meaningful discussion at the end.

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The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Items should be sent by the 10th of the month to either Emily enesvold@gmail.com or Liz ethartmanariz@gmail.com on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.