



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

March 2019



Happy 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our branch!





# These

speakers came out on a bitter cold February night to celebrate. Many thanks to Nort Johnson for updating us on the Main Street Project and Kym Anderson on the Virtues Project.

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# **AAUW Branch Meeting**

Monday, March 25 Rice county Historical Society



Bees and other pollinators have been all the "buzz" in the news lately. Members of the GROWS garden club *Pollinator Committee* will share what they know about the plight of our pollinators, why their decline should be a concern for everyone and

actions we can all take to protect them.

6:15 pm Business Meeting

7:00 pm Program

Sue Willcutt, and Pauline Schreiber

**Program Vice Presidents** 



#### **Calendar of Events**

Saturday, March 16 Coffee 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19 Book Club 5:45 p.m. (dinner) 6:30 (discussion) HyVee Market Grille

Bluebird Cakery

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

**Monday, March 25** Branch Meeting 6:15 PM Business Meeting 7:00 Program Rice Co. Historical Society

Saturday, April 6 Tri-Branch Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Buckham West Senior Center

Friday and Saturday April 27 &28 AAUW State Convention Grand Rapids

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## **Membership Memos:**

Our Faribault AAUW Branch is very happy to welcome a **new member this month of March** - **JoEllen Schulz**!

**Jo Ellen is** an active member in our Faribault community and just recently served on the Buckham West Board.

Make sure you introduce yourself to **JoEllen** at our next meeting. We look forward to working with you, **JoEllen** and appreciate your willingness to help empower women and girls for equity through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research!

# Remember now is the time to encourage other new members by inviting them to join us for only \$48.50 for a new membership!

A **great gift** for a daughter, close friend or a new college graduate ( 2 year associate or 4 year Bs/Ba).

Thank you., Kathy & Kathryn

Need any information on joining or membership contact: Membership Co-Vice Presidents Kathy Larson 332-2525 or kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com

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## **Tri-Branch Luncheon**



"Let Me Tell You A Story..."

One of our new members, retired actress Isabell O'Connor graciously agreed to doing a storytelling

program at our Tri-Branch luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6 at Buckham West senior center.

Tickets are \$20. Members can sign up and pay at our March 25 meeting at the Rice County Historical Society. Those who aren't able to make the March meeting need to call Pauline Schreiber at 334-9598 by March 27. They can pay at the door. (Note: If you sign up, you will be responsible to pay even if something comes up at the last minute.)

Arna Farmer is catering the event, which begins at 11:30 a.m. With social time; meal served in dining room at noon with program following in Buckham West Common's area.

# State Convention



Go to AAUW Minnesota and click on Convention registration 2019 to download a registration form. Registration is due by April 10! In the next copy of the Pine, you can register electronically.



We are in need of gardening items to fill the baskets that we take to the State Convention. We will start collecting them at our March meeting.

Pat Rice

AAUW Funds Vice President

# **Treasurer's Report**

We still have money in the bank! Checking \$279.15, Savings \$7,699.78. We will begin scholarship payouts next month.

Julie Olson, Treasurer



#### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

For February we read and discussed *The Aviator's Wife*, a historical novel by Melanie Benjamin, which focused on the married life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Charles Lindbergh. Some also read *Gift From the Sea*, reflections by Anne herself, that reveal a deeper understanding of the real Anne. Many were disappointed to read of Charles' aloofness as a husband and father and his hidden relationships in Germany. While all of us enjoyed the book, a few readers felt that Benjamin shortchanged Anne's character.

The March group will meet on the 19th, again at Perkins; 5:45 for dinner; 6:30 for discussion. The book for March is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, a New York Times best-selling memoir of a young women's love for and career in science and research. It was also recommended that we read the picture book, *I Want My Hat Back* for some comic relief during this loooong winter...

In April, we will celebrate Poetry Month and Barb's return and possibly, the return of spring!

All members are welcome to join us!

Gloria Olson



Join us for coffee at the Bluebird Cakery on Saturday, March 16th at

10:30.

Thanks, Sue \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

March 3<sup>rd</sup> attendees, AAUW members and guests, of "Stewardess" at MN History Theatre included: (back row) Mary Lillquist, Chris Terrell, Karen Rasmussen, Christy Dore, Lois



Saathoff, Carol Quail and (front row) Pauline Schreiber and Sayaka Yamazaki. Also, but unavailable for photo, the group included Diane Hagen, Kirsten and Maren Grunnet. Season ticket holders, Kathy Larson and Pat Rice, also attended, but at a different performance.

1958. Mary Pat Laffey begins work as a stewardess for Northwest Orient Airlines. While thousands of young women applied for the position, only a handful are chosen. Weighed, measured, trained and smiling,

Mary Pat embarks upon a job that she quickly realizes is "unfair." While her male counterparts can work past the age of 32, Mary Pat and her female cohorts put up with endless weight checks, are prohibited from marrying, can't wear glasses and must retire when they turn 32.

Set against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement and the birth of feminism, this play tells the story of one woman's fight over the span of 20 years to transform the lives of the women she works with by joining a union, taking legal actions and changing the consciousness of the men she works with. A stylish, entertaining and relevant piece, Stewardess! tells

the story of how one woman stood up to a corporate giant and made a difference. Go, Mary Pat!

Karen Rasmussen

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### Secretary's Report

#### FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES 6:15PM, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The meeting was called to order by our president, Colleen Rolling. The board will be meeting at 10:00, on Saturday, March 9th, at the Bluebird Cakery.

Today is the exact date of our branches beginning 94 years ago. We will celebrate our birthday following our business meeting.

The state convention will be in Grand Rapids on April 26th and 27th. Cyndy Harrison reported that the registration will be electronic, as the state liked how we handled it last year. Information will be on the state's website and in the next issue of The Pine. Cost of registration is \$125. Delegates will be selected at our next meeting.

A committee will need to be formed to make up the slate of candidates for office for the coming year. The board will address this need at our next meeting.

The Tri-Branch Luncheon will be hosted by our branch on April 6th, at 11:30am, at Buckham West. Kathy Larson, Liz Hartman, and Sue Wilcutt form the plannning committee and will be meeting at 2pm this Thursday at Buckham West. Arna Farmer will do the catering in the dining room, and Isabelle O'Connor will be the featured speaker.

The spring picnic will be at Cyndy Harrison's home.

Pat Rice shared that the book sale will be May 15th through May 21st. We will work 3 ½ hour shifts: 9:30 to 1, 1 to 4:30,an 4:30 to 8. Prior email lists will be used to contact buyers. Bonnie Becker will get the same vehicle used last year to haul books. We hope that inmates from the prison will assist in hauling again. Carts for donating books will be available at the mall starting on May 5th. Dennis will assist us in table setup. Space for the sale is still to be determined, possibly the recently vacated shoe store. Pat Fuchs will try to secure the same recycling organization to haul away discarded books at the end of the sale. It has been suggested that 2 people be

assigned to organize and alphabetize certain categories, such as mysteries, romances, history, fiction. Liz Hartman volunteered to work on history, and Mary Lillquist volunteered to work on mysteries. Other volunteers will be needed. The book committee will organize shelf setup. We agreed that the bag sale price can be increased from \$8 up to \$10. If an AAUW bag is purchased shoppers can get a bag of books for \$8. Cyndy Harrison may be able to get free cloth bags. Kathy Larson will contact Gloria Olson regarding purchase of AAUW bags. The color of bags will be changed. Pat Rice stated that we will give books to needy organizations, such as to the military. Pat also suggested that we give books to Karen Hoffman's nursery group. We also usually give a quality book to the local library. Gloria Olson will be contacted regarding making of bookmarks for advertising purposes, some of which may be placed in the library prior to the sale. Cyndy Harrison, Liz Hartman, and Emily Nesvold will work on advertising through social media. The book sale committee members will be guests of Gordy Hausfeld May 3rd, on KDHL radio. Pat Fuchs and Carol Quail will contact the two banks who have electronic media boards to request that they advertise our sale. There are community members outside of AAUW who like to help with the sale. These people will be contacted. There have been some funds set aside in our budget that can be used for supplies. Julie Olson, treasurer, will pick up the money box at the end of each sale day. It has been suggested that we wear name tags during the sale. Carol Quail will apply to Thrivent for a donation to help with costs. A close record of expenditures is required.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

A celebration of our 94th birthday was held after the meeting with song, food, and drink.

Program: "Around Town", with Nort Johnson speaking on the Main Street Project, and Kym Anderson speaking about the Virtues Project.

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 <u>enesvold@gmail.com</u> or Liz <u>ethartmanariz@gmail.com</u> on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.