



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

April 2019

Our program for **April** was the Tri-Branch Luncheon. A big thanks to everyone who helped with planning, setting up, coffee, and clean up.

Special thanks to May Bottke for playing piano before and during our meal. Thanks for your gift

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And, we can't thank Isabell enough for her wonderful storytelling program. We will be giving a donation to Buckham West senior center building fund to honor Isabell and thank her for her gift of time and talent. The amount will be decided after we pay our rental bill for the senior center and Arna Farmer's catering bill.



Thanks everyone!

Tri-Branch Luncheon Committee
Pauline Schreiber and Sue Willcutt
Liz Hartman and Kathy Larson

Women In History Month

Kathryn Speulda did a great job coordinating and editing the Women In History Month articles this year. We hope she will consider doing it again next year.

And, a big thanks to the writers: Kathy Kasten, Gloria Olson, Sue Willcutt and Pauline Schreiber

Convention

The state convention is *April 26-27* in Grand Rapids. Attending and delegates are: Collen Rolling, our president; Rene Perrance, who has agreed to be secretary of the board for the next two-year term; Pauline Schreiber, who has agreed to be incoming president with the hope that someone might join her as co-president in her second year; and Mary Lillquist, past program co-chair. They will give a report on the convention at the May picnic.

Spring picnic

The spring picnic will be *6 p.m Monday, May 20* at Cyndy Harrison's, 23825 Echo Ave., west of Faribault off Hwy. 60. Watch for details in the May newsletter.

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AAUW Book Sale

May 15– 22

Faribault West Mall

From Pat Rice:

Now's the time to sign up for shifts at the Book sale for sorting and selling our books! Harrah, we will have a crew from the prison moving them.

We lengthened the shifts but have fewer, so it should help us out.

We need everyone to help as this is our largest fund-raising event. Plus, it's fun. Bring your friends to help out.

From Kathy Kasten:

This year I have agreed to take charge of scheduling workers for the book sale. We will plan to begin sorting on *Friday, May 10* and end the clean up on *Wednesday, May 22*. That means there are 13 days of opportunity to be involved! And more than 120 slots to be filled!

You will recall last year we attempted to go high-tech (with less than stellar outcomes). This year we are going VERY low-tech, mostly because I do not have a working printer at the moment. So be prepared for paper and pencil!

I had the sign-up sheets at the luncheon last Saturday and now will take to email to get the rest of the scheduling finished.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 16 Book Club 6:30 p.m. Barb Dubbels

Saturday, April 20 Coffee 10:30 a.m. *Crack of Dawn (notice change of place)

Friday and Saturday April 26 &27 AAUW State Convention Grand Rapids

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Membership Memos:

Our Faribault AAUW Branch members are looking for Spring even though we just had a SNOWY EVENT.

With Spring comes an opportunity to ask someone you know to join our energetic Faribault AAUW group of women. A new membership is only \$48.50! You may consider a gift of a membership for a friend or a relative. For our regular members it only takes \$6.50 a month for a renewal membership = \$78.00. That's a real deal for promoting our mission for all women & girls!

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

*Be sure to read the national AAUW Equal Pay Article after our Message and be sure to vote too.

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Equal Pay Day Roundup

Thank you to all the members who commemorated Equal Pay Day!
We're proud of the AAUW community's work to raise awareness

[about](#) and [organize action](#) around the gender pay gap. [Read](#) AAUW CEO Kim Churches' op-ed in NBC News and check out some of the great press coverage AAUW's economic security work received from media outlets like the [New York Times](#), [ABC News](#), [Time](#), and [U.S. News and World Report](#). We love this visibility for AAUW!

April 2019

Dear Leaders,

As a member of AAUW, you have a voice in shaping our future. That's why it is so important for you to participate in the [2019 AAUW National Election](#). We're asking each one of you to select members of our national board of directors and vote on amendments to our public policy priorities. This year's election feels particularly crucial because it determines who will work alongside our CEO Kim Churches to reach our bold strategic goal of achieving equity for women and girls. Also, our 2019–21 public policy priorities will provide the framework for the important advocacy work we do at the state, local and national levels.

Voting is now open. It's your AAUW, and your voice counts.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendra L. Davis".

Kendra L. Davis,
Senior Vice President of Advancement and Partnerships



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia Richards".

Claudia Richards,
Acting Director, Member Experience

Treasurer's Report

March's bank accounts show the following: savings \$8111.89 and checking \$204.16. Thanks to all who attended (and paid promptly!) the Tri-Branch lunch on Saturday. A special thanks to our local actress/storyteller Isabell O'Connor, who provided us with memorable entertainment.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW. Book Club discussed 2 books in March. The picture book, "I Want My Hat Back" was recommended to lighten our spirits following an extra long, cold and snowy winter. Most of us did not find it particularly amusing and even felt it should be read to children by an adult since a couple of animal characters were a bit dishonest!

Most of us really enjoyed the memoir, "Lab Girl", by scientist and researcher Hope Jahren. We were amazed by her drive, many many all-nighters in the lab, the necessity of scrounging for lab equipment and funding and her all-to-often biased treatment. Some questioned the intensity of the strictly platonic relationship between Hope and her lab partner/manager, Bill.

April is Poetry Month and we will meet at Barb's house on April 16 at 6:30. Bring a favorite poem or two to share!

All members are welcome to join us!

Gloria Olson

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AAUW Socials



Happy Easter to my AAUW Sisters! I realize that next weekend is going to be extra busy for some of us but if you can find a chance join us for coffee and treats next Saturday, April 20th at 10:30 at Crack of Dawn (not the Bluebird Cakery) we can celebrate the end of winter (I hope).

Sue Olson

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FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m., March 25, 2019

Rice County Historical Society Museum

Pauline Schreiber called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and visitors, including Thalia Duffield of Northfield and Susan Erickson, representative of the area pollinator friends group.

Secretary's and treasurer's reports were printed in the most recent newsletter. Emily Nesvold moved the secretary's report be approved as printed, with Kathy Larson seconding the motion. Pat Rice made a motion to approve treasurer's report as printed; Liz Hartman seconded the motion. Motions carried. Julie Olson, our treasurer, assisted in the recent audit of state AAUW books.

Pauline Schreiber shared the proposed slate of officers for our branch, recently approved at our local board meeting. Pauline Schreiber, president; Rene' Perrance, secretary, Sue Wilcutt, Public Policy. Other officers will continue in their current roles, except that a committee will determine programs, including input from the whole branch. Brainstorming for programs will occur at our first branch meeting in the fall. The slate of officers will be voted on at our May branch meeting.

The State AAUW Convention is on April 26th and 27th, in Park Rapids. The following will represent our branch as delegates: Colleen Rolling, Mary Lillquist, Rene' Perrance, Pauline Schreiber. Karen Rasmussen might attend and will be an alternate delegate if able to attend. Emily Nesvold moved that the above attendees serve as our delegates. May Bottke seconded the motion. Motion carried. All members are welcome to attend and may register online.

We host the Tri-Branch Luncheon on Saturday, April 6th, at 11:30 a.m., Buckingham West. A sign-up sheet will be routed tonight. Please sign up tonight. Payment may be made tonight or at the door. Isabell Monk O'Connor is our featured speaker, with storytelling as her topic. Isabelle is currently in a play at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She has received great reviews. We gave Isabell a round of applause. All members are encouraged to attend and to bring guests. Cost is \$20 / person.

Kathy Larson thanked Kathryn Speulda for the great job she has done in organizing the Women in History articles that have been written by some of our members for print in the Faribault Daily News. Thanks also to our writers!

The Book Sale is scheduled for May 15 - 22, at the Faribault West Mall. Exact location within the mall is still to be determined. Kathy Larson encouraged us to distribute book sale flyers which will be handed out at the Tri-Branch Luncheon. Books may be dropped off at the mall beginning May 5th. Please sign up for work shifts, which will be 3 ½ hours long. We will need to see the bags to be donated by Cyndy Harrison to see if there is a way to put our name on them for advertising purposes. Members are needed to sort books during the week prior to the sale. Pat Rice has heard from several non-members who are willing to assist us in sorting. There are other events taking place the weekend of our

sale, including GROWS plant sale. We can encourage attendees to go to both places.

Our annual potluck picnic will be at Cyndy Harrison's home, on May 20th. We will elect officers.

Karen Rasmussen gave an update on scholarships. Flyers will be available for distribution. Karen also provided us with hand-outs with scholarship criteria so that we may give them to potential applicants. The \$1,000 scholarship criteria is as follows: The recipient 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, 2019. Application is to be made online. We also have a named scholarship to South Central College. Recipients must have proof of paying fees and tuition. Scholarships are payable to both the recipient and college, by means of a bank order.

Emily Nesvold shared that we have received appreciation from Breanna Wheeler of River Bend Nature Center and from the STEAM Event of Inver Hills Community College for our contributions to scholarships for girls. Emily asked that our board members include these two programs when developing our budget for the coming years.

Gloria Olson shared that the Ivan Whillock carving of Liz Strohfus was not damaged in the tornado that hit the Liz Strohfus Memorial Airport.

Kathy Larson thanked Liz Hartman for seeing that a picture and write-up of our 94th birthday celebration was printed in the Faribault Daily News. Kathy also shared that Karen Rasmussen has recently been featured in articles about her involvement with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Pat Rice shared that the hospital auxiliary is holding its gently used jewelry sale on April 1st and 2nd, at the American Legion. Some of the profits are used to help needy medical students.

Pauline Schreiber asked if we like our current meeting space in the Rice County Historical Society, and if we would like to donate \$25 to the museum for each time we use it. Emily Nesvold so moved; motion seconded by Liz Hartman. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, secretary

Program: How to be Pollinator-Friendly in your Garden. Presenters: Liz Hartman, Dee Bonkoski, Emily Nesvold, Susan Erickson, Pat Rice.

Snack provided by Pauline Schreiber and Kathy Larson

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