



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

JOY  
to the world  
~ December 2020 ~

### *"Pauline's Presidential Pen"*

*"People need joy quite as much as clothing. Some of them need it far more."*

*Margaret Collier Graham*

This Christmas, unfortunately, we can't gather together in person to find joy in the Sisterhood of Faribault AAUW. But we will do the next best thing and have a Zoom Christmas meeting at **2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14**. Zoom masters Liz Hartman and JoEllen Schulz will orchestrate the meeting. I hope to see many of you via Zoom on Dec. 14.



Our members, Isabell O'Connor and Mary Niermann, have agreed to lead us in a Christmas meditation/inspiration session. It will be a different Christmas for most of us. I will not be going to my hometown of Spooner, WI, for the holidays. Most of us will be limiting our gatherings with family and friends to stay safe from COVID-19. Hopefully this inspiration session will help inspire us to find the joy in the holidays in spite of pandemic restrictions.

I thank all of you for continuing to support AAUW by being members. The pandemic will end sometime. When, is uncertain, but I want all of you to be healthy and well when we can next meet in person.

There will be a Zoom meeting in January to be announced in the January newsletter. If anyone has an idea for a speaker to invite to be with us, please contact me.

Have a joyful Christmas and New Year's,  
Pauline

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## Membership

**As we come to the end of this chaotic year of 2020 think positive for our 2021 year for our AAUW Faribault Branch and all our members!**

This season of giving could be an opportunity for you to introduce a relative or friend to join our dedicated AAUW gals. **A wonderful gift idea for the coming year 2021 would be to think about giving an AAUW membership to some person this year not until March for a reduced price.**



**STAY SAFE & DO SOCIAL DISTANCING = 2021 will be BETTER!**

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Thank you for your ongoing support



## Members Matter

*Here is a medical update on our AAUW member Mary Anderson submitted by Kathy Larson, a close friend.*

Mary had a brain aneurysm in October & was hospitalized at Abbott for several weeks; Then she spent time in a rehab in Bloomington for some weeks, too.

**Mary has made good progress & is NOW HOME.** She is doing physical therapy for strength & endurance with health aides.

Mary would like to thank all the gals who sent her cards during those very stressful times!!!! Cards are so uplifting & can be viewed several times **-so If you want to let Mary you are thinking of her- PLEASE send a card to:**

**Mary Anderson     329 Tischler Ave. SE Faribault, MN 55021**

(Just a note her husband, Jerry, was also hospitalized at the same time for heart/respiratory problems so he is in need of medical aides, too)

*From Cyndy Anderson.*

Thank you to my Faribault AAUW Sisters!

Thank you for my “going away” drive-by parade at the Rice County Historical Museum! I honestly feel “thank you” is not enough to say to all of you. It was the absolute nicest gesture anyone has ever given me. I am still overwhelmed with all of the notes, cards, gifts, and conversations I had with each one of you as you came through the parking lot. It was just perfect, and I will treasure the memory of it always. Again, thank you all so much, and a special shout-out to Pauline for organizing it.

I was so lucky to have met all of you when I came to my first meeting in January 2014. From the beginning, you made me feel welcome and accepted in the community. It was such an honor to be president the year we hosted the AAUW MN Convention and the amount of work everyone did to make it so successful is another special memory I will always remember fondly.

Just remember, I may be physically in a different location, I am still a part of the AAUW - Faribault Branch. I plan to be back in Minnesota in the summer of 2021 and I do hope we can meet at Central Park or somewhere and connect in person. Please stay safe and warm!

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Merry Christmas, ladies! If nothing else, this one will be remembered for a long time. But we trudge on, wishing and hoping for the best.

Speaking of the best, our GENEROUS members have so far contributed **\$430** to the LAF fund. Wow! This is an all-time record for LAF giving!! I will be sending in the donation by the 12th of December, so if you still want to give, let me know or mail a donation by then. Thank you!!

I have paid half of our budgeted \$2000 to the AAUW scholarship fund, plus a few other bills, so bank accounts are going down. We have \$219.06 in checking, \$5212.64 in savings.

Looking forward to Zooming on the 14th.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS



Our November 17 Zoom meeting was a hit with an in-depth discussion of *Quiet Until the Thaw* by Alexander Fuller. An interesting perspective about the Lakota Oglala Sioux Nation, South Dakota. We decided to read something lighthearted for December so chose Kristin Hannah's *Comfort and Joy*. Our next Zoom book club meeting is Tuesday, December 15 at 2pm.

Barb Dubbels  
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### Historian and Yearbook

Directory update.  
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### Secretary's Report

The AAUW zoom meeting was held on November 23, 2020 at 6:30pm.

After social time the short meeting was called to order by President Pauline Schreiber. There still is time to send donations to Julie Olson for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The December Holiday meeting will be a zoom meditation session lead by Mary Niermann and Isabell O'Connor.

Our program was presented by Dr. Dick Huston, from the Rotary Club of Faribault. He spoke about Polio Eradication in Pakistan.

Thank you to Liz Hartmann for hosting the zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Umbreit, secretary of the month

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