



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



~ February 2020 ~

"Pauline's Presidential Pen"

While there is no State AAUW Convention this year, there is a 13-state Regional Convention in East Moline in the Quad Cities in Illinois. Karen Rasmussen and I are interested in attending. We hope there are a few more.

It is June 18-20. The registration fee is \$175. Rooms are \$129, or a total of \$149 a night with all fees added. They have two queen sized beds and will add a sleeper, if there is a fifth person. The hotel for the convention, The Bend/Hyatt House, is new and on the Mississippi. The theme for the convention is "Remembering the Past: Building for the Future."

Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, will be a speaker, as well as Kendra's Davis, a senior VP, who was a speaker at Faribault State AAUW convention.

Keep it in mind for a mini vacation with a purpose. There is an optional cruise on the Mississippi on Friday night for \$50. Registration deadline is May 15.

President Pauline

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February Meeting



Monday, February 24

Rice County Historical Society

6:15 PM Business meeting

Important Discussion item: *May book sale!*

7:00 PM Program: Diversity

Half a year ago I asked Claudia Garcia if she would speak to our local AAUW about diversity, her life and her work in Faribault at the Diversity Coalition. She agreed and said she looked forward to meeting with such an open-minded group as AAUW. Since then she has been appointed one of two directors of the organization with additional responsibilities

Claudia has an interesting background. She was born in the USA and grew up in Faribault and graduated from Mankato State. Her mother has had many difficulties; she was pregnant with Claudia when she made her way across the Mexican border.

Join us on Feb.24 to learn more and ask questions.

Diversity Vice President
Diane Hagen



Membership

February is the month of " Friendship" so if you need an idea for a dear friend or family member - consider giving a great gift of a year membership to our Faribault AAUW Branch.

What better way to encourage more women to have positive experiences while working for "equity for women"? The **membership for a new member is a special amount of only \$43.50.** If you **sign someone up after March 16 - the membership will last for 2020-2021**

year. What a bargain to gain knowledge on women's' issues, enjoy entertaining projects, make new friendships and help establish scholarships for women.

Thank You:)

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Treasurer's Report

No big news this month. Our financial balances have changed very little: savings \$7,539.40, checking \$423.11. We are planning a short winter escape in late February, but will be sharing the snow and chill most of the rest of the time with our fellow Minnesotans. Stay warm!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

We met in the afternoon on a cold January day to discuss *1918* by Curt Brown. Several of the group had a personal connection to the flu epidemic which took more lives than WWI. Most of us had been unaware of the devastation caused by the fires in northeastern Minnesota.

We decided to meet a bit earlier next month. The group will meet at 4:30pm on Tuesday, February 18 at Perkins. February's book is *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Barb Dubbels

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January Social Saturday

On our January 18, "Social Saturday", about 11 women gathered at Glass Garden Beads to make some lovely bracelets. Apparently, they were camera shy, as there are no pictures of the group only picture of bracelets.



These smiling ladies are proudly displaying their finished snowmen pictures at the Upper Eastside .



After a busy afternoon of beading and painting the ladies regrouped at the Gran Plaza for a January meeting and dinner .



Here is a picture taken recently at the Cancun Grill to honor members who have birthdays in January, February and March. Birthday gals celebrating that night were Gloria Carter (Feb. 1) and JoEllen Schulz (Jan. 20). Noting the two “out to eat” pictures, our members seem to have a penchant for margaritas and Mexican food.

A Saturday morning coffee at Crack of Dawn was held just before the newsletter came out. People continue to enjoy these social outings, where they have the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

Thanks, Sue Olson

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Secretary's Report

AAUW Branch Meeting January 18, 2020
Gran Plaza

After President Pauline Schreiber praised 14 brave women for coming to the meeting on a very cold night, and after a toast all around, the meeting was called to order at the Gran Plaza for supper. Pat Rice moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting seconded by Liz Hartman.

Kathy Speulda, Coordinator of the Women in History Month, has scheduled a meeting at 11:30 on January 23 at Bernies to discuss topics. Anyone interested can attend.

A social hour this month will be held at the Crack of Dawn Saturday January 25 at 9:00. Those wishing to go to meditation can meet at First English at 10:00.

A date for the program committee to plan the 95th Anniversary celebration and ideas for the 2020-21 program year will be figured out at the February meeting. Interest was also shown in having a float to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Right to Vote. (AAUW celebrated the 90th anniversary with a float. See the February newsletter for more information.)

President Schreiber passed out copies of the MN AAUW Resource Directories to board members.

The Tri Branch Luncheon will be held on April 18 at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna at 11:30. The speaker's topic is Social Justice. See coming email for more details. The Book Sale will be held in May.

Instead of a state convention this year an 11-state regional convention is planned from June 18-20 in East Moline, IL. Registration is \$175. The price for four people rooming together in the new Hotel Hyatt is \$145. More details will be coming in the February newsletter.

Meeting adjourned, Carol Quail Secretary for January

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