



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

January 2021



“Pauline’s Presidential Pen

The January meeting will occur as a **Zoom meeting 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25**. The program will be a presentation by Sue Garwood, executive director of the Rice County Historical Society. Sue will talk about and show parts of a traveling exhibit on the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. The anniversary coincides with the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. The suffrage movement evolved into the League of Women Voters and other organizations which encouraged women to become interested and involved in politics and government.

Happy New Year to all of you. 2021 began on a sour note with the swarming of the U.S. Capitol. Let us hope the rest of the year provides sweeter notes. Let us hope we can meet again in person at least by May for a picnic in North Alexander Park. Until then, we will have to make do with Zoom meetings.

We do need ideas for program or speakers for our Feb., March and April Zoom meetings. Liz Hartman has agreed to conduct a **Zoom AAUW Board and Program Committee meeting at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1**.

Julie Olson and I participated in a Zoom meeting before Christmas with Dave Kirkwood from the Minnesota AAUW Board. The Nation Five Star Branch recognition program was brought up. We can discuss that program at the Feb. 1 meeting. Below are the five "stars."

The five points are:

1. Host two to four programs related to the National AAUW strategic plan such as forums on Economic

- Security, Operation Equity, or a panel on women and leadership. Virtual meetings will also count.
2. Give a \$30 donation per member to AAUW Funds. Retain 90 percent of your membership. Increase the Legacy Circle members in your branch by 10%.
 3. Branch websites include Economic Security Focus and a link to SmartWork.
 4. For Public policy, have an annual meeting with US or State or Local government leaders on issues in AAUW's Strategic Plan. Host one event in which Action Network sign-ups are collected to promote that program
 5. Detail how your branch's website aligns with the AAUW strategic plan. Institute a succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future membership.

Branches can apply to be a 2 to 4 star branch as well as five star. The National AAUW strategic plan can be found on the national website.

Hope to see many of your faces on Jan. 25. My goal for 2021 is to live it one day at a time and hold no expectations. Best wishes to all of you,
Pauline

Secretary's Report



Our AAUW Zoom meeting was held on December 14, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

President Pauline Schrieber called the meeting to order at the Carlander Room at the Rice County Historical Society. She was using their new internet system.

Julie Olson reported that she sent \$445.00 of members' cash contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund. This was the most we have ever donated to LAF.

The Book Sale may be held in May or early fall 2021.

Pauline Schreiber, Julie Olson and Kathy Larson will have a Zoom meeting with David Kirkwood from the State AAUW office to discuss a grant to help the State Board.

Isabell O'Connor and Mary Niermann presented "Relieving Stress" through poetry and meditation. They used the App, Insight Timer for the meditation.

Respectfully submitted, *Pat Umbrteit, Secretary of the month*

Treasurer's Report



No big news this month. Bank balances are \$214.07 checking and \$4997.75 savings. All of our current bills are paid, with scholarships to be discussed in the spring, plus decisions on further contributions to national programs. It all comes down to whether we can do a book sale this year..... Think spring! Submitted by *Julie Olson*

NEWSPAPERS are needed by the Rice County Day Activity Center located at Central & turn right on 9th. going North. There is a large white bin to put newspapers into, right in front of the building. The clients need them to make rolled fire starter logs.
Thank you, *Kathy Larson*



Membership



We welcome the New Year of 2021. Let's have a positive attitude with the coronavirus vaccine doses being delivered to our society. Better days are ahead.

Please keep in mind that our AAUW Faribault Branch is still strong and welcomes new members to join us to continue our **"AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."**

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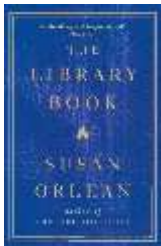
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Thank you for your continued support

Book Club



Comfort and Joy by Kristin Hannah was December's book club read. There was considerable discussion regarding the believability of the ending!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19, at 2pm via ZOOM. We will discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Renee Lowry has consented to be with us for a bit at the beginning to give us her perspective. Submitted by *Barb Dubbels*

A Message from Mary Anderson: Dear members of AAUW thank you for all the beautiful get well cards. I really appreciated them. I am getting stronger each day. I will have a check-up procedure at the end of April for my brain aneurysm repair. Thanks again. Mary Anderson.

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