



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

March 2020



“Pauline’s Presidential Pen



Life would be dull without stories. Icelanders, especially, like their sagas. Two of our own members will tell us their story (maybe it could be made into a saga) of a Book Trip to Iceland where they met with Icelandic authors of books they read prior to their trip. Judy Graham and Pat Rice will be telling their story at the March 23 meeting of Faribault AAUW at the Rice County Historical Society, 1814 Second Ave. NW.

AAUW's book club is currently reading "Burial Rites" by Hannah Kent, set in Iceland in the 1700s. It is a great story, too.

The March 23 meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. with our business meeting; the program will be at 7 p.m. The "big business" will be signing up to work at our 2020 book sale and sort books the week prior to it. The book sale is set for April 29 to May 5.

The book sale committee is meeting 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Buckham West senior center. There is a need for someone to coordinate scheduling for the sale, plus many ways you can help. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tri-Branch Luncheon

The Owatonna Branch of AAUW has invited us to an 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18 luncheon at the Owatonna Art Center, 435 Garden View Lane. The cost will be \$20. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our March 23 meeting. The speaker will be Kelly Lyn Mitchell, who leads the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Institute at the University of Minnesota Law School and is chair of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our

March meeting. Guests are welcome, but a final count is needed by April 1. Call Pauline at 334-9598, if you aren't going to be at the March meeting, but want to attend or are bringing a guest.

June 18-20 Regional Convention

Pat Fuchs, Mary Lillquist, Pat Rice and Pauline Schreiber are interested in attending the June 18-20 Regional AAUW Convention in East Moline, Ill., this summer. Anyone else interested, please contact Pauline.

Hope to see a good crowd at the March meeting.
Your President,
Pauline

Secretary's Report

AAUW Branch Meeting **February** 24, 2020
Rice County Historical Society



President Pauline Schreiber called the meeting to order at 6:20 on AAUW's 95th birthday. Kathy Speulda moved to approve the secretary's minutes of February's meeting seconded by Pat Rice. Pat Fuchs moved to approve the treasurer's report seconded by Mary Lillquist.

The Book Sale is scheduled for April 29 through May 3 including Monday and Tuesday evenings. Since the hardest work is setting up, Monday and Tuesday are needed to reduce books to be moved. Five people on a committee met to brainstorm other fund raising events and how to make the Book Sale easier. Gloria Olson reviewed their ideas but the book sale as we know it is the best way we have to earn money for a budget we support. Both the Book Sale and the Halloween breakfast are needed. To make it easier on the few who exert the most effort, the committee suggested writing a newspaper article to encourage outside help to lift, transport and sort books; (Those who help can select a book of their choice); Weed out more romance and non-appealing books; make 'deals' by placing similar types in baskets; tie books together; set books on a book bag or raffle off. Other ideas: sell items such as arts and crafts by members and/or community artists. The last word is 'Do what you can and take care of yourself.'

A sign-up sheet for scheduling work times will be coming.

President Schreiber reviewed the Regional Convention in East Moline, IL, from June 18-20. Heritage Days falls at the same time. Those who would like AAUW to be in the parade could make plans.

Friday March 13 at 9:30 at the Crack of Dawn the Book Sale committee will make organization plans.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53.
Carol Quail, Secretary for February



Diane Hagen introduced Claudia Garcia, speaker and native of Faribault. Claudia loves this city and is thrilled to have been chosen Program co-director of the Faribault Diversity Coalition. Claudia described her trials and challenges growing up in school maneuvering between being American and yet Mexican. Adapting to and overcoming changes in her family, studying, working, and being a mom to three children made her who she is today. Afterwards, Diane Hagen gave a very appreciative Claudia a scholarship to become an AAUW member.

Membership



MARCH is a perfect membership month. Remember that membership **for a new member is a special amount of only \$43.50 if she signs up after March 16!** That membership will last for the 2020-2021 year!

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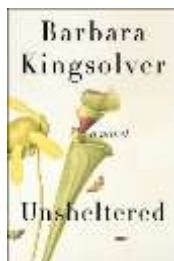
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Treasurer's Report



No big news from me this month: Savings account \$7540.90, Checking \$423.11. Home from a delightful Florida visit with Barb and Kenn Dubbels, so I think we can now manage the rest of the winter!! *Submitted by Julie Olson*

Book Club



The AAUW book group read and discussed "Unsheltered" by award winning author, Barbara Kingsolver. *Submitted by Gloria Olson*



Social Time

Coffee and treats at *Crack of Dawn*, Saturday, March 21st at 10:30. Submitted by Sue Olson

Note: Board Meeting at 9:30 am March 21, followed by **Social Time**, 10:30 am at *Crack of Dawn*

Calendar



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