



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ May 2020

President Pauline's Pen



"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."
Anne Bradstreet in "Meditations, Divine and Moral."

I hope all Faribault branch members are healthy and COVID-19 free and in as good spirits as one can be in this time of pandemic adversity.

This is not how I expected our branch to finish the 2019-2020 year. No spring picnic; no spring used book sale; a lot of uncertainty in the year ahead. Until there is a vaccine for the virus, meeting in groups will be risky.

Hopefully, we can start the next program year with an August picnic on the last Monday of that month. Cyndy Harrison is willing to host it outside on her back patio. We can all space out to social distance and wear masks. We will see what summer brings.

As far as the book sale is concerned, I'm in favor of postponing it until the spring of 2021 when hopefully there is a vaccine. Otherwise both members and customers would be at risk.

The board decided not to give out the two local scholarships in our budget because it was unlikely we would have a book sale this program year. We are committed to two \$750 scholarships to South Central College. We are not in too bad of shape financially due to our successful Halloween breakfast. But whether or not holding one in October is an option, is another uncertainty.

We do have a slate of officers for the 2020-2021 program year. I will list them below and we can vote on them in August.

Two-year terms up for election:

* AAUW Funds - Pat Rice (agreed to continue on)

* Public Policy - Jo Ellen Schultz (new)

* Diversity - Diane Hagen (agreed to continue on)

One year

* Membership co-chairs Karhy Larson and Kathryn Speulda (they have done the Job 2 yrs., but will do it for a third)

Julie Olson was reelected to a two-year term last spring as treasurer.

Secretary trio of Pat Umbreit, Ruth Hildebrandt and Carol Quail continue another year.

Programs will continue to be done by committee.

Pauline Schreiber has another year in her two-year term as president, but would love to have either a co-president or president-training, someone ready to take over the leadership of the branch in the 2021-2022 program year.

I thank all members for supporting Faribault AAUW. You are all special. Stay healthy, keep up your spirits. The spring weather has helped me. I hike almost daily in some woods in Rice County or River Bend Nature Center. The spring wildflowers have been especially beautiful this spring. Saw Karen Kitlesten and Gloria Carter at the nature center on one of my walks. It was good to talk to them at a safe distance. Hopefully we can safely meet together again.

Take care, *Pauline*

Social Time



Wish we could have celebrated our April, May and June birthdays together as planned at Joe's on Wednesday, May 6. We'll just add these birthdays to our next group: Ruth Hildebrandt April 2, Carmen Tripp April 8, Pat Fuchs April 10, Shirley Norgaard April 19 and Barb Dubbels May 21 (I have no June birthdays but only have 34 on record). Looking forward to our coffee and treats at Crack of Dawn but for now stay safe and hang in there!

Thanks, *Sue Olson*

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.

Treasurer's Report



A final report for this fiscal year: savings, \$7542.50, checking \$423.11. Alas, yet another month without AAUW friends. This too will pass....

Meanwhile, a few comments about this year's wrap up. We have a couple of bills yet to pay for this year, including our scholarships through South Central College. Because we will have to abandon book sale plans for this year, funding the additional \$2,000 optional scholarships will make more sense next year, particularly with Covid-19 future disasters not out of the question. No one, at this point, is even positive that schools/colleges will be opening on time.

Kathy Larson has info, later, about dues. It would be so nice to have everyone send them to me before June 30! Just a thought!!! Stay well. *Julie*

Membership



Here it is May - 2020 already and we only thought that our 95th Anniversary of our Faribault AAUW Branch would be the big news for all of us! We hope everyone has been staying at home and being safe during these trying times of the Corona-virus! Since our fun social May Picnic meeting will be delayed until a later date (maybe even in the Fall) - I'm asking each one of you to **PLEASE send your yearly dues of \$78.00 to Julie Olson by June 20, 2020.** **We do have 1 free membership dues award to be given out this year. If your dues are in by June 20 you will be eligible for the free**

dues drawing: All the names will be put into a basket & our President Pauline will draw the winner!! The winner will receive her \$78.00 BACK:)

Please consider all the wonderful activities our Faribault AAUW Branch has accomplished during all those 95 years we have been established!! Our commitment to our mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy and research is such a worthwhile goal!

**Please send your AAUW dues of \$78.00 to:
Julie Olson 2815 Village Drive Faribault, MN 55021
By June 20, 2020 Thank You:)**

Membership Vice Presidents:
Kathy Larson & Kathryn Speulda

Book Club



AAUW Book Club members have been sharing thoughts via email for the last couple of months. Our March book was *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent recommended by Judy Graham and Pat Rice as it took place in Iceland.

April is Poetry Month and several members shared poems and limericks written by Carl Sandburg, Ogden Nash, Bill Holm, and others, even some Haikus. Liz Hartman was brave enough to enter a covid-19 limerick contest at the Minneapolis Star Tribune with the winners promised a special roll of toilet paper! An example of her amazing

creativity:

With Facetime and newcomer Zoom,
We invite family and friends to our room.
These days we don't care
About make-up and hair.
Sometimes we're in jammies past noon.



May's selection is *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo which is a One Book/One Minnesota choice.

Barb Dubbels

Claudia Garcia, Co-director of the Faribault Diversity Coalition



95th Anniversary



A Message from Mary Osborne

I have been working with Keith Badger, Activities Director at FHS to select the AAUW Sportswoman of the Year Award. I won't have the final decision until next week. I think it will have to go in the next Newsletter

The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Items should be sent by the 10th of the month to either Emily enesvold@gmail.com or Liz ethartmanariz@gmail.com on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.