



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ November 2019



President's Pauline's Pen

A big thanks to all for making our Halloween breakfast a big success. (Look for Julie Olson's treasurer's report for dollars raised.) Thanks to all who worked that day. A special thanks to Kathy Larson, Karen Rasmussen and Karen Kitlesen who served as the committee and put it all together. People seemed to enjoy their food and many stayed to socialize with friends. It was a fun morn-

ing.

Now it is November and the "cold" has come early. Hopefully our November meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Monday the 23rd will be "heartwarming", with a presentation on Graise Farm by Tiffany Tripp. The program is at 7 p.m. However, I hope members attend the business meeting which begins at 6:15 p.m. But, please come a few minutes before that, since the night of Nov. 23 is also our annual silent auction to raise dollars for AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund.

Please consider bringing an item or two. Silent auction items could be baked goods, wine, chocolates, holiday decorations and other goodies, or any item you think someone will bid on. Items can be re-gifted to someone who may want them, or given as a Christmas gift

Our meeting is at the Rice County Historical Society, located at 1814 Second Ave. NW and we meet in the Carlander Family Room. *Submitted by Pauline Schreiber*



Bio - Tiffany Tripp – November Presenter

Before finding her passion for farming and local foods, Tiffany led a career in international business where she traveled frequently across Latin America. She returned to Faribault, in 2012, after living twenty years in cities in the US and

Spain. Today Tiffany is a farmer, homesteader, and local food advocate, working to connect people to local food options. She takes pride in being part of the 27% of Americans that cooks at home every day.

Tiffany and her husband Andy operate Graise Farm in Faribault that offers real food options from humanely raised animals including ducks, pigs, and chickens. She is founder of the [Faribault Winter Farmers' Market](#) and co-founder of [Cannon Valley Grown](#), an initiative to promote locally produced foods and farm goods in the Cannon River Valley region of Minnesota. Tiffany will share her story of starting to farm at 40; her passion for local foods; and highlights of the upcoming Faribault Winter Farmers' Market. You can learn more about Graise Farm on their website www.graisefarm.com, or by following [Graise Farm on Facebook](#) or Instagram [@graisefarm](#).



Social Time

Let's meet at The Crack of Dawn for coffee and treats at 10:30 on Saturday, November 16th. *Sue Olson*

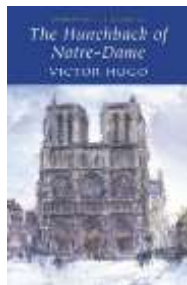
The Educational Equity Committee met January 3 to discuss topics for this year's newspaper articles during Women's month in March.

We chose present day peace activists as our theme. The people we chose to write about are as follows:

1. Emma Gonzalez- Parkland survivor and advocate of safety for students.
2. Carolyn Treadway- Local school board member and diversity advocate in Faribault.
3. Kristen Dooley- director of WAMM (Women Against Military Madness) in Minneapolis.
4. The McDonald Sisters- Sisters of Peace in Minneapolis.

Now we need members willing to write a 600 word article for the local newspaper. Please email me at kspeulda@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Book Club



The Hunchback of Notre Dame was the book club's choice for October. Although a classic, most of us felt it was a difficult book to plow through. Complete with run-on sentences, difficult French names, and ranks, incredible scenarios of brutality, it presented a vivid picture of 15th century life in France. We made the experience better by having a delicious pot luck dinner of French cuisine!

November's Book Club is Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30. Our book is *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* by Abbi Waxman. Submitted by Barb Dubbels

Treasurer's Report



Here are the bank numbers for October 31: Savings \$10,240.39 and Checking \$1389.78.

I know you are curious about the success of our Halloween breakfast. We are having difficulty finalizing the totals, since Bob Johnson from the Legion, our expense guru, is having health problems. Here is what we know: our total ticket and other (donation) income is \$3292.00. This compares to \$3355.54 last year, a small difference. If anyone is hiding ticket income somewhere, or it's in another purse, please let me know! Our expenses last year were \$1435.47, and I assume that the expense will be almost the same this year, giving us a net of \$1800-\$1900. We had a very good deal on muffins this year, which should help our bottom line. Thanks, everyone, for funding one very healthy scholarship with this one fun day of work!! Should we giving costume prizes?? *Submitted by Julie Olson, Treasurer*



Membership

We are happy to report at the present there are 48 members in our Faribault Branch. Please invite any friend to our meetings to encourage new members. Remember the first year membership dues are only \$48.00. If you do know if anyone is interested in becoming a member, please let us know.



Just reminiscing that only 5 years ago we welcomed Cyndy Harrison, Sue Willcutt and Mary Osborne!! They have all enriched our lives with their dedication to our mission of equity for women and girls. How fortunate we are to have formed friendships, worked together and enjoyed their personalities!

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Halloween Breakfast



Our Halloween Benefit Breakfast was a successful, fun event!

Thanks to all the great volunteers who helped in the kitchen, on the floor and with ticket sales! Pre-sale tickets did help increase our overall money contributions. Hurrah!!

Thanks for all your efforts! We received many compliments from the guests on the quality of food, service and decorations which were most appreciated. Being visible to the community as a working organization does help our AAUW mission to educate others and encourage equity for women.

THANKS TO ALL,



Halloween Breakfast Chairwomen: Karen Kittlesen, Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen



A Very Special Birthday notice

May Bottke turns 95 on NOVEMBER 28!

Let's shower her with 95 or more birthday cards to help her celebrate!

MAY ALWAYS REMEMBERS EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY!

Now we can show her how SPECIAL we think she is.

May Bottke is now living at:
41 Brand Ave., # 106
Pleasant View Estates
Faribault, MN 55021
submitted by Kathy Larson



Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES October 28, 2019, 6 pm, Rice County Historical Society

The meeting was called to order by Pauline Schreiber, president. Pauline shared that our speaker would arrive after 6:30.

Treasurer's and Halloween Breakfast reports were given by Julie Olson and Kathy Larson. Kathy Larson shared that approximately 300 meals were served, approximately the same as last year. Julie Olson, treasurer, reported that we took in \$3,350 last year, and that we probably took in more this year. Approximately \$59 was taken in as donations. The breakfast ran smoothly in all respects. It is felt that omelets are a good choice. We had no complaints. A guest suggested that we might change our hours from 8 to 12 to 9 to 1 in order to serve those who get out of church at noon. The Sons of the Legion did an excellent job, including in ordering an appropriate amount of food. Two of our members, Pat Rice and Carol Quail, received gifts from Thrivent to pay for muffins. Hy-Vee gave us a very good price for the muffins. Karen Rasmussen asked if anyone still has tickets to return. We had a presale of approximately 230 tickets. Some purchased tickets but did not attend. We need an accurate count so that the Legion can bill us appropriately. It'll take a week or more to finalize the count.

Pauline Schreiber stated that next month's program will be on supporting local producers, with Tiffany Trip, Graise Farm, as presenter. We will also have our annual LAF Silent Auction, so bring items to sell.

Liz Hartman discussed environmental issues. She, Emily Nesvold, and Anne Wieber attended the Nobel Conference at Gustavus this fall. They and others are gathering a petition to ask that the city of Faribault set up a commission to address climate change. The petition was routed at tonight's meeting. The petition and request will be made tomorrow night. Anne Wieber suggested measures such as composting garbage could be implemented by the city. Sayaka Yamazaki shared that it is possible to view the Nobel Conference by streaming through the Gustavus site.

Meeting adjourned. *Submitted by Gloria Carter*

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.