



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



### AAUW Presidents' Message ~ November 2020

#### President's Pauline's Pen



"I have learned to live each day as it comes and not to borrow trouble by dreading tomorrow. It is the dark menace of the future that makes cowards of us."

Dorothy Dix, 1926, "Dorothy Dix: Her Book"

Hello branch members! We have endured eight months of this COVID-19 pandemic, and still must endure through the future month when it hopefully ends. Stay safe all of you.

We had close to two dozen members who came on Nov. 2 to the historical society's parking lot for our drive-by goodbye to Cyndy Harrison. She and her husband have sold their rural Faribault home and are moving back to Houston, Texas where they have a townhome. She will continue to work for her St. Paul tech/education firm virtually.

Cyndy will also continue to be on the State AAUW board for the next two years as Pine editor and WEB consultant. She will be Faribault AAUW's first virtual member, and will join our meetings via Zoom. We wish her well and thank her for helping us these past seven years. Cyndy has been a co-president, co-chair of Faribault AAUW 2018 State Convention Committee, conducted our first Zoom candidate forums this fall and supported the branch in many other ways.

#### November LAF Fundraiser

Because we are not meeting in person and cannot hold a silent auction to raise money for the Legal Advocacy Fund, we are collecting donations. Send donations to Julie Olson, 2815 Village Dr., Faribault, MN. Checks should be made out to AAUW, marked for L.A.F. AAUW's L.A.F. is used to financially help support those who file discrimination lawsuits.

## November Program

At 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, we will have a Zoom meeting. The first half hour will allow members to join the meeting and socialize a bit. The program begins at 7 p.m. Richard Huston of rural Faribault, who participated in a Rotary International trip to Pakistan to help vaccinate children for polio will give the presentation. Rotary International began a program in 1988 to vaccinate children around the world against polio. In 2020, there were only 120 cases of polio reported, and those cases were in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

*Submitted by President Pauline*

## Treasurer's Report



Not a lot of action in October. Our bank accounts show \$283.12 in checking and \$6017.44 in savings. Our Zoom investment is paying off well! The book club enjoyed the first meeting, and we have another couple of events on the schedule. I am almost starting to enjoy this method of meeting, although a “real” gathering would be so very nice. Stay well. *Submitted by Julie O*

## Membership



I just received this news about our A.A.U.W. dues increase for the next 3 years, starting in 2022.

It will not affect our 2021 dues.

*Kathy Larson Membership Vice-President*

Dear Katherine,

At its October 16, 2020, meeting, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase Individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, \$5 for FY 2023 and \$5 for FY 2024, making the total dues amount for those years \$62, \$67 and \$72, respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible.

This decision wasn't made lightly. The board members couldn't be more grateful for our members — or prouder of the work you've done this year. We also recognize that all of us are navigating numerous challenges in these uncertain times. However, in order to preserve the viability of this organization we all love, the board needed to take action. Simply put, this measure is essential for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity.

Most nonprofits adjust their dues annually or every other year to keep pace with inflation and rising expenses. However, due to prudent budgetary management, AAUW has been able to keep its dues flat since July 2018. That means that, by the time the first scheduled increase takes effect, we will have maintained three years of dues stability.

Moreover, in recognition of the difficult economy we're in, the board planned for the initial adjustment to be the most modest. Over the course of the year, it works out to be only an additional 25 cents per month — what we hope is a small price to pay for maintaining our important work and community.

Current life members will not be affected by this change. New life memberships acquired after July 1, 2021, will reflect the higher dues' amounts. College and university membership fees will remain unchanged.

Please [reach out to us](#) with any feedback or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to AAUW and our mission. On behalf of the AAUW Board, we are grateful for your understanding and look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

### **Mary Anderson Update**

Our dear friend Mary Anderson has been transferred out of Abbott Hospital to a Rehab place. Mary has been making daily progress & was moved on Friday - Oct. 30. She will be in isolation because of Covid for 13 days.

Mary is now at:

Mary Anderson  
Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington  
9889 Penn Ave. South  
Bloomington, MN 55431

She would be happy to hear from you; so cards can be sent!  
*Submitted by Kathy Larson, Membership Vice President*



## Book Club



Our ZOOM meeting was great! 14 members participated and we were even fortunate to have Kathy Kasten join us. So good to see her plus she looks so good.

We are indebted to Liz and JoEllen who executed our meeting with amazing technology skills.



Most of us enjoyed *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* but much agreed TMI regarding beer making. It was fun reading something about and taking place in Minnesota.

We chose *Quiet Until the Thaw* by Alexandra Fuller for November. We will meet again via ZOOM on the third Tuesday of November 17 at 2 pm. If this time is not convenient for anyone please let us know.

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](mailto:enesvold@gmail.com) or Liz [ethartmanariz@gmail.com](mailto:ethartmanariz@gmail.com) on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.