



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



October 2020

### *"Pauline's Presidential Pen"*

#### October Program

AAUW members are invited to join in an online program sponsored by the Rice County Historical Society. It is *7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22*. Lisa Simons will give a program titled, "Wings and Writing: Using Aviation as a Theme."

The program is in Google Meet format. To reserve a virtual seat and get a link to the program, contact the Museum at 507-332-2121, or email at [rchs@rchistory.org](mailto:rchs@rchistory.org) by 4 p.m. Oct. 21. It is free.

#### Goodbye to Cyndy and Yearbook Pickup

Faribault AAUW will hold a drive-by goodbye event for Cyndy Harrion. She and her husband have a buyer for their home, and they might be gone from town as soon as Nov. 1. They plan to move to their townhome in suburban Houston, Texas, but likely be back in Minnesota for summers.

This drive-by event, at Two Rivers Park shelter, is planned from *3 to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26*. Two Rivers Park is across from the



Rice County Historical Society. There is a parking lot by the shelter and a way for cars to turn around, if members do not want to get out of their cars. Pat Umbreit will have the Year Books available so members can pick up them up at the same time they wave goodbye to Cyndy. Those who wish can park and talk more to Cyndy. Everyone wearing masks, of course.

Pauline, your president, has thanked Cyndy for moderating our Zoom forums. Without her, there would not have been candidate forums this year. A big thanks, too, to Liz Hartman, Pat Rice and JoEllen Schultz who helped Pauline with the candidates invitations to the forums. We all learned a lot from this first Zoom candidates forums.

The good news is that Faribault AAUW has purchased its own Zoom account, and five members have volunteered to be trained by Cyndy as to how to moderate Zoom meetings and programs. Hopefully by November we can have an online Zoom meeting. Programs will be planned more on a monthly basis than for a whole year. Perhaps we may be able to meet in person for meetings by next spring.

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### Candidates' Forums Update



The links to the forums, for now, are for our members use only! These are the unedited versions, so please do not share with others. This is a new venue for our forums and the editing process is taking longer than expected. Hopefully, we will get them on YouTube soon. Once you see them, you will understand why we cannot have these recordings published.

I suggest copying and pasting the password when needing to use it instead of typing it.

School Board [link](#) password 1kycX.n3

City Council [link](#) password 5?+V9Zcc

County Commissioner [link](#) password 5?+V9Zcc

State Senatorial [link](#) password eB\*3HjZ5

Thank you,  
Cyndy

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### Have you already voted or made your plan to vote?

**1. Contact the Government Services Center election office if you haven't requested an absentee ballot and plan to do so. You can vote there in-person up to the election, November 3rd. Call 507-332-6104 for information.**

**Local absentee ballots that are mailed go to the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 3rd Street NW, Faribault. As an alternative you can deposit your completed absentee ballot in the drop box at the Government Services Center, weekdays from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The box and activity around it are being recorded and ballots are taken in several times during the day. You can only deposit your own ballot, but if you are delivering a ballot for someone else you can enter the building to do that.**



2. Early in-person voting will be done in the building with someone to guide you to the correct area.

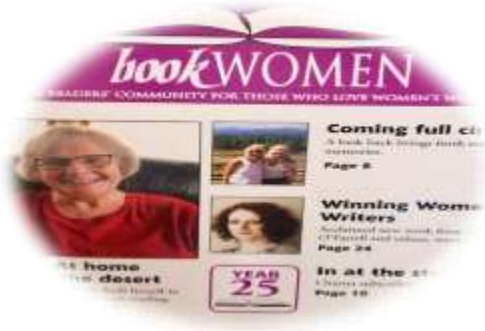
Both of these ballot types will be counted starting 5 days before November 3rd.

3. If you plan to vote in-person, check at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) (Minnesota Secretary of State Office) to be sure your polling place has not been changed.

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### Our September AAUW Program



Thanks to Gloria Olson for inviting Glenda Martin and Molly Hoben, two of our all-time favorite presenters, to talk to us about the books, by women, that women are reading. Thanks also to Cyndy Harrison for helping us get off to a great start with our first Faribault AAUW Zoom program. So that we can all prepare for a winter of reading, Gloria sent us a couple of categories of titles offered by the bookWomen to get us started.

#### 2020 Book Groups:

- The Library Book - Orlean - NF
- Becoming - M.Obama - memoir
- Unsheltered- Kingsolver - F
- City of Girls -Gilbert - F
- This Tender Land - Krueger - F
- Where the Crawdads Sing - Owens - F
- Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine - Honeyman - F

#### 2020 Fall Retreat (Theme - Life Choices Shape Us):

- The Story of More - Jahren-NF
- Olive, Again - Stout - F
- Night Watchman - Erdrich - F
- Little Fires Everywhere - Ng -F

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## Membership Memos for October:

Thanks to all **our Faribault A.A.U.W. Branch members** for renewing your membership for the next year!! **We are 45 strong and can accomplish many goals together!**

Over the years we have contributed many services to our Faribault community and to the overall equity issues through our state and national organizations.

If you know of someone who would like to join us or want to pay for someone to join us- **please contact:**

Kathy Larson -332-2525 ( [kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com))

or

Kathryn Speulda 507- 838-0789 ([kspeulda@yahoo.com](mailto:kspeulda@yahoo.com))

Thank you:)

Membership Vice Presidents

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## Treasurer's Report

October's numbers: checking \$219.12, savings \$6317.17. There is only one bill to note this month. We have purchased a one-year license from Zoom to facilitate our meetings, committees, etc. Good move! Stay well.

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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**"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg**



We had read the biography of Notorious RBG and for our book club discussion 1/15/19 we dressed as the Justice did. Made for a fun evening.

I sent the photo in a letter to her office at the Supreme Court earlier this year, but never heard back. It's unknown whether she ever saw it or not. We hoped it would make her smile.

Thanks!  
Karen Rasmussen



### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Nine of us met on Tuesday, Sept.5 at Judy Graham's home in Waterville at 2:30 in the afternoon. What a great day and setting! We discussed *Olive Again* and observed pontoons and boats float by on the Cannon River. Yes, we were socially distanced!!

We're going to try another outdoor gathering on Tuesday, October 20 at 2:30pm on my patio. We looked at the 30-day forecast, and it just may work!!

Our book is *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal. There are 11 copies in the system, and we have plenty of time to order and share if needed. "A lighthearted generational novel told through the eyes of three women." I think that means I should have beer/la-

ger on hand. Maybe pretzels too.



Stay well everyone.

Barb Dubbels  
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