



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



September 2019

Program

The Rice County Historical Society and the Faribault Branch of the American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring a program that brings Rochester artist Al Smith to Faribault to present "WOW: Women of War."

The program is at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23 at the Rice County Historical Society, 1814 NW Second Ave., in the Carlander Family Room. Since there is limited seating, those who plan to attend must call the RCHS Museum at 332-2121 to reserve a space. For AAUW and RCHS members the program is free; for non-members, a \$3 fee.

Smith, using only pencil, set out a number of years ago to recreate photographed scenes from the horrific truth of the Vietnam War. He found a spiritual connection to each soldier he drew for what he titled "The Vietnam Experience."

After he completed that project, he used his artistic talents to create a "War Heroes" journey, creating portraits of soldiers from stories of war. But the women who came to his "War Heroes" programs would always ask, "Where are the women?" So, he learned about how women contributed to war efforts and created "Women of War" portraits that include WASP's (Women Airforce Service Pilots), nurses and other women served in World War II.

Note: Please make your reservation for the September 23 meeting by calling 332-2121 ASAP



President's Message

"Everyone has inside of her a piece of good news. The good news is that you know how great you can be, how much you can love, what you can accomplish and what your potential is."

Anne Frank

I thought I would start the year with a quote. All of you (members) are great and have accomplished much in life. A new program year for Faribault AAUW brings us close to celebrating our 95th anniversary (it's in February). Likely the founding women of Faribault AAUW never thought of what life would be 95 years later. The Internet has revolutionized communication, and women have made great strides. But more work needs to be done.

I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. We begin the year partnering with the Rice County Historical Society on a program. Because the RCHS Carlander Room can only hold 70 people, even AAUW members will need to call the RCHS Museum at 332-2121, if they plan to attend the 7 p.m. Sept. 23 program.

Business Meeting:

Our September meeting will be at the Gran Plaza Restaurant on Central Avenue. We will meet at 5 p.m. First we will order dinner and socialize, and then have a meeting. We need to leave the restaurant by 6:30 p.m. to go to the RCHS Museum for the program. Future meetings will be at 6:15 p.m., prior to programs at the RCHS.

Each of you are important to the success of Faribault AAUW. See you on Sept. 23,

Your President

Pauline Schreiber

Secretary's Report



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m., May 21, 2019

Tonight was our annual year end picnic meeting, at the home of Cyndy Harrison. A potluck supper was shared. Scholarship winners and guests were introduced.

The meeting was called to order by president, Colleen Rolling. There was no secretary's report because there was no April business meeting. Julie Olson gave the treasurer's report. As of last night, we have taken in \$4,520 at our annual book sale. We also (accidentally) made a profit of \$362 on the Tri-Branch Luncheon. This was partly because we were only charged \$550 by Arna Farmer, caterer, and because Isabelle O'Connor did not accept a fee for her presentation. Julie asked if we would like to spend the excess on something. Pauline Schreiber made a motion that we split the profits equally between our scholarship fund and Buckham West building fund in honor of Isabelle O'Connor. The motion was seconded by Kathy Kasten. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Pauline Schreiber shared that several other groups are giving to Project Star to provide free books to children entering kindergarten. Bonnie Becker suggested we no longer give to Project Star. We could perhaps use that money for a second \$1,000 scholarship. Although this is

not included in our budget, we do have the money and could choose to do so. Karen Rasmussen made a motion that we give the \$1000 to this year's alternate winner, Morgan Hannegraff. Morgan is a grad student at Bemidji. Carmen Tripp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Pauline Schreiber and others gave an update on the State AAUW Convention, Grand Rapids. Our branch received two awards. We were third in per capita contributions to Funds, and seventh in overall contributions. Pat Rice was recognized as a donor to the Legacy Circle. Mary Lillquist and Rene' Perrance are also Legacy Circle contributors, having signed up in previous years. Branch members attending the convention were Colleen Rolling, Pauline Schreiber, Mary Lillquist, and Rene' Perrance. We earned \$170 for four silent auction baskets that were put together by Pat Rice. Pat encourages members to provide small items for the baskets in the future. This year's silent auction theme was "Gardening". It is likely that a theme will be used each year. Pauline shared that the banquet speaker is involved with the Red Lake Reservation High School. The speaker emphasized that hope is needed before you can get positive change. Although inadvertently not mentioned at state, Pauline and Cyndy Harrison are our branch's named honorees for their hard work in organizing the state convention we hosted last year. Cyndy stated that it could not have been carried off had it not been for 70% of our members working before and during the convention. Pauline stated that our success showed that one not need a convention center to host. Having said that, this year's convention was convenient, having been held in Grand Rapids Convention Center. Pat Rice stated that while she supports our local scholarships, she would also like to see contributions to the national scholarship fund, which goes to students seeking advanced degrees.

Kathy Larson reminded us that we will be packing up and discarding leftover books at the sale on Wednesday. Kathy Kasten stated that more volunteers are needed. Pat Fuchs has again secured Dick's Sanitation to recycle our discarded books at a cost of \$400. Pat Rice stated that the MCF-Faribault minimum security inmates will be hauling saved books back to the Congregational Parish House. Greg and Bonnie Becker will again provide their truck for transport.

A drawing for two free memberships was held, with the winners being Barb Dubbels and Pat Umbreit. Congratulations!

Colleen Rolling presented our slate of officers:

President: Pauline Schreiber

Treasurer: Julie Olson

Secretary: first 3 months: Pat Umbreit

Membership: Kathy Larson and Kathy Speulda

Funds: Pat Rice

Public Policy: Rene Perrance

Diversity: Diane Hagen

Programs: Liz Hartman, Sue Wilcutt, Diane Hagen, Gloria Olson, and Mary Nierman. President, Pauline Schreiber will also assist.

Pauline Schreiber has been president three times. She would very much appreciate it if someone would step forward to be her co-president, and then become president the following year.

It was suggested that up to 3 people could share secretary responsibilities. Pat Umbreit graciously volunteered to take the first 3 months.

Julie Olson made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Carmen Tripp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

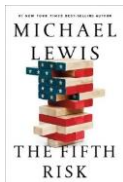
Barb Dubbels shared that Pat Rice was featured in a recent publication for her volunteer work. The publication can be purchased for \$1 at the Faribault Daily News, or may be found at various places around town. A round of applause was given to Pat.

Pat Rice stated that the West Mall daycare children will be coming to our book sale to pick out a free book.

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

Book Club

"We read to know we are not alone". -C.S Lewis



Our choices for June, July, and August turned out to be far from beach reads! We read thought-provoking books which, in some cases, seemed to be too gloomy for a sunny, warm, summer day. We read *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis, the risk that is posed with incompetent government leaders.



Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte some of us felt was loaded with unlovable characters. We then "plowed" through *Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire* by Kurt Anderson.

September's book is *The Song Poet* by Kao Kalia Yang. Our meeting date is Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 at Barb Dubbels'. Submitted by Barb Dubbels



Membership

We wish a warm welcome to all our members for the new 2019-2020 year of our Faribault AAUW Branch, This we will celebrate the 95th. Anniversary for our organization!! Just remember all the great programs and events our Faribault Branch has accomplished!!

Consider inviting a friend to our September Meeting to encourage new members.

We also thank the members for sending in their yearly dues of \$78.00. Our National AAUW group is encouraging us to turn in all our dues earlier this year. Please send your dues to Julie Olson. Thank you,

*Membership Vice Presidents
Kathy Larson and Kathryn Speulda*



HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

**Sunday, October 27, 2019 - 8:00 am to - 12:00 pm
At the American Legion**

Made-to-Order Omelet, Breakfast, Potatoes, Cheese Sauce, Muffins with Milk, Juice, Coffee

Advanced tickets - Adults \$9.00 Children (under 10) - \$6.00

At the Door - Adults \$10.00 Children (under 10) - \$6.00

(Served by the Sons of the American Legion)

Please start now & promote our event (*Advanced sales tickets really help*).

Call - Kathy Larson (332-2525) for more tickets to sell.

If you can help for 3 hours on Sunday, please sign up to work on the sheet at our September meeting.

Wear some kind of Halloween costume or hat.

This breakfast is a great way to let the community know what we are doing for our present and future Faribault citizens!!

It has been a fun activity; a good time for camaraderie and laughs

Let's make our 6th. Annual AAUW Halloween

Scholarship Benefit the "BEST ONE EVER".

Committee: Karen Kittlesen, Kathy Larson & Karen Rasmussen



Treasurer's Report

Welcome back, ladies! Hope you all had a great summer. We just returned from a beautiful trip to California, so we are refreshed and ready for a great AAUW year.

We have healthy balances in our bank accounts at the moment: checking \$573.28, savings \$8,110.91. The board has met to provide ideas and guidance for the coming year. At our September meeting a preliminary budget will be discussed, modified and approved. Bring your ideas and priorities.

Here is a thought for some of you. Do you know exactly how long you have been an AAUW member? We have nine members who are 50-year veterans! Once you meet that milestone, your dues-paying days are over. The AAUW National records give some guidance on who might be in that category, but I have found that those records are not entirely accurate. If you know that you are close to or at that goal, let me know.

See you on the 23rd! Julie Olson, treasurer

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.

