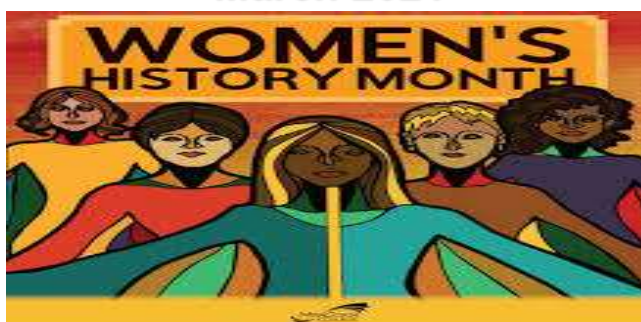




Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

March 2021



"Pauline's Presidential Pen"

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good.

Luckily, that is not difficult."

Charlotte Whitton, in Canada Month, 1963

Happy Women in History Month! We all have a story or two to tell about our experiences growing up in the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, etc., as women or young girls. Keep those stories in mind for next year's Women in History articles. This year's are on Women Making History, local women's experiences working in the pandemic. Kathryn Speulda is coordinating that project.

I thank all who gave donations to the National WASP World War II Museum in Sweetwater, Texas, in honor of Liz (Betty Wall) Strohfus. We collected \$300 in donations. Karen Rasmussen also sent a 10 by 14 collage of pictures of Liz. It is a collage of pictures that AAUW, through Karen's efforts, made and gave to the Faribault Airport when it was dedicated and named in her honor. The collage did not survive the tornado so Karen actually has three re-made - one for the Faribault Airport, one for the Sweetwater Museum and one for the Rice County Historical Society Museum for its display on Liz. Thanks so much to Karen for all her work, and to Pat Rice who suggested collecting donations to honor Liz for Women in History Month.

Leadership: We do need a new leader for Faribault AAUW. I will even offer, reluctantly, to be a co-president next year if someone steps up to be co-president. The terms of secretary

and treasurer are also up, and membership co-VPs were just elected for one-year last year. The Vice Presidents for public policy, diversity and AAUW Funds are two-year terms and are not up this spring. **Please consider being a presidential co-chair.**

Thank you all for supporting AAUW.
Pauline

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March Program



The March Branch meeting will feature a brief program with Lisa Simons, representing the Faribault Diversity Coalition. We'll learn about their new book club which seeks to better understand racism and it's longstanding effects on Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

Program Committee

2 p.m. Monday, March 22.
This will be a Zoom meeting. Liz will send an email link.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 16	Book Club	2:00 p.m.	Zoom	Barb D
Monday, March 22	Monthly Mtg	2:00 p.m.	Zoom	Liz H

Delegates for AAUW MN Virtual Annual Meeting

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The **Faribault Branch** is entitled to **4 voting delegates** for the AAUW MN Virtual Annual Meeting on May 1, 2021. On March 31, 2021, all members will receive pre annual meeting materials. **A ballot will be included for delegates to vote online by April 15, 2021.**

Two delegates from each branch in the state with the additional representation of one delegate for every twenty-five members or major fraction thereof, not to exceed 15 total delegates, as of February 1 of the current fiscal year. The president, a designee or an alternate selected by the branch, shall be one of the branch delegates. – **Article XVIII. Meetings of Minnesota AAUW, Section 2(c)**

Using the form below, please send me the names of your branch delegates and alternates **no later than March 26, 2021**. You may send your list of delegates to my email (tkswagen@gmail.com) or mail your delegates to 13667 Deer Rd., Ely, MN 55731. I apologize for not allowing more time to return the names of your delegates, but we are working on a short timeline because of voting electronically prior to the meeting.

Note: Do not count or list as branch delegates current state board members, past state presidents, or college/university representatives since they are already eligible to vote.

BE SURE THAT YOUR BRANCH DELEGATES ARE WILLING TO VOTE ELECTRONICALLY SINCE A QUORUM OF BRANCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES IS REQUIRED. ONLY THE DELEGATES' (OR ALTERNATES') NAMES YOU LIST WILL HAVE THEIR VOTES COUNTED.

To: Teresa Sagen
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The _____ Branch has selected the following delegates and alternates to vote electronically prior to the Minnesota State Annual Meeting, May 1, 2021.

Name the Delegate Chair (President, designee or other alternate):

OTHER DELEGATES' NAMES	ALTERNATES' NAMES
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Membership Memos:

March has come in like a "Lamb", with sunshine and hope for a healthier, happier time for all of us. Let's celebrate together by achieving our **GOAL of 50 members this year of 2021!** Our AAUW Faribault Branch is still strong at **46** members. We only need **4 new members** to reach our goal of **50!**

By just inviting someone to a meeting or event can be a way for someone to want to join us. Being asked is sometimes all that you need to do to encourage a new member.

For any information about Membership please contact Membership Vice-Presidents:
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Thank You for your continued support.



Treasurer's Report

Financial info for February: savings \$5362.96, checking \$514.07. And once again our generous members have come through. Karen Rasmussen sent a check to the Sweetwater Museum in Texas, donations from our members, in the amount of \$300.00. What a great tribute to Liz Strohfus! Karen also sent the reconstructed collage prepared originally for our celebration in 2019. And along with donations to the museum, some members added to our scholarship funds. Many, many thanks!

Julie Olson, Treasurer



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club read *The Nickel Boys* by Colin Whitehead in February. The novel is based on a real-life reform school for boys that operated in Florida for 111 yrs. Our discussion centered around the particular harsh treatment of the boys of color. Most of us were surprised by the twist in the plot.

March's book is *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Our Zoom meeting is Tuesday, March 16 at 2pm.

Barb Dubbels



Members Matter

From Pat Rice: We are saddened to hear of the death of Mary Lillquist's sister who lived in Idaho. Mary is there now and hopes to be back in Faribault in time for book club.

Diane Hagen's husband, John, is recovering from hip replacement surgery at North Memorial.

Secretary's Report

February's AAUW Zoom meeting was held on February 22, 2021 at 2:00pm. President Pauline Schreiber called the meeting to order.

Pat Rice gave a summary of the status of The National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas that is honoring Liz Strohfus in March. Liz trained at Avenger Field and supported the museum. Donations in honor of Liz Strohfus can still be sent to Treasurer Julie Olson until the end of February. Karen Rasmussen has put together a collage of Liz to send to the Museum and the Faribault airport.

Faribault AAUW is giving two \$750 scholarships to South Central College and \$250 scholarship to the AAUW Sportswomen of the year.

We have donated \$1000 and \$445 to National Legal Advocacy Fund. A discussion followed about giving more to National. Carmen Tripp made a motion not to send anymore this year because of the situation with COVID. Sue Willcutt seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Kathy Larson has penciled in October 31, 2021 with the American Legion for our Halloween Breakfast.

AAUW member Emily Nesvold is a member of the Environmental Quality Commission which is an advisory commission to the Faribault City Council. Emily gave an eye-opening report of what they are discussing to make us more environmentally sustainable by using Minnesota Green Steps as one of their guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned.

Pat Umbreit, secretary of the month

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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.