



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ November 2021

Happy Birthday to us! November 28 is AAUW's 140th. Birthday!

We have many reasons to celebrate how our organization has given women a voice in society. At our next meeting, be ready to share what AAUW means to you and what a strong AAUW means to our future generations of women.

Just as we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we reflect on all we have in our lives to be thankful for: our families, our friends, our country and our freedoms. Remember the men and women in the military who have served our country and whom we honored on November 11 - Veterans Day.

Hurrah! Our Halloween Scholarship Benefit Breakfast was a huge success!! We served 370 people to date. We are waiting for the final bill yet to determine our actual monetary figures.

Thanks to all the great volunteers who helped in the kitchen, on the floor and with ticket sales! A special thanks to the spouses and members' families who so generously donated their time to make this benefit a great one. Presales did help increase our overall contributions. Thanks to all your efforts! We received many compliments from the guests on the quality of food, ser-

vice and decorations. Being visible to the community as a working organization does help our AAUW mission to educate others and encourage equity for women. The Halloween outfits were very fun this year. Isabell was selected as having the cutest, creative costume:)



Our November Program will feature Becky Ford explaining the AmeriCorps Project that she is currently conducting at this time.

She contacted us and asked to speak to our group: Gloria Olson, our AAUW member, felt comfortable presenting her program, "Art or Science Museum " , at a later meeting. Thank you, Gloria, for being so gracious:)

Remember our "Silent Auction for Scholarships" will also be held at our November Meeting! It's always a fun way to find special items. White Elephant - Useful Items - Baked Goods are all super ideas:)

"Make It-Bake It - Forsake It- Bid It Up = Take It Sale "

Other interesting news:

Our dear member May Bottke's son, Bill, a Faribault Graduate, is a planetary scientist and was a contributor in the USA Space Program in the recent "Lucy Launch"! Mary Osbourne, May's daughter & our AAUW member, was fortunate to be present in Florida for that historical unmanned launch. "Lucy" will proceed to the frozen asteroids of Jupiter. Congratulations to Bill's dedication to the scientific exploration research programs!

Looking Ahead:

Book Sale News: The Buckham Library can now contribute books to us , as we are a non-profit organization. It was approved by the Faribault City Council.

The Tri-Branch Luncheon will be held *April 23, 2022* in Owatonna

State Convention:

St. Cloud will hold our AAUW State Convention this Year- *Friday April,29, 2022- Saturday, April 30, 2022*. Information will be given each month in our newsletter.

Submitted by Co-Presidents Kathy Larson & Pat Rice

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This letter to the editor , in the November 6 edition of the Faribault Daily News, is from Kathy and Karen expressing thanks for a successful Halloween breakfast.

To the editor: The American Association of University Women – AAUW had a Halloween breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 31. We have so much to be thankful for: We would like to thank the community for coming. We were thrilled to see such a marvelous turnout! The Sons of the American Legion did a super job of cooking the omelets and their help was greatly appreciated. We thank the Legion for the use of their building to make it possible. Hy-Vee made over 30 dozen jumbo muffins, and we have received numerous compliments on how fresh and tasty they were, especially the pumpkin ones. We appreciated the generous discount they gave us so the Thrivent impact card could be stretched as far as possible. We would like to thank the more than 30 members who had a part in the breakfast, whether they donated napkins, placemats, and candy, and/or pitched in to help make this breakfast one for the record books as well as fun for all. We plan to offer more local scholarship opportunities for female students with the success of this fundraiser. Tentatively, we hope to have our annual Book Sale back in May, 2022.

With heartfelt appreciation, Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen AAUW Halloween Breakfast co-chairs

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November Program

A program on AmeriCorps and its value to Rice County will be Faribault AAUW's November program, presented by Becky Ford, director of Faribault Youth Investment.

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state and national service programs the connect over 70,000 Americans each year to service programs in education, public safety, health and homeland security.

Those who serve receive a stipend for monthly living expenses and earn money to help towards college tuition or to pay student loan debt.



November Meeting

Monday, November 22

Carlander Program Room

Rice County Historical society

6:15 Business Meeting

7:00 Program

“AmeriCorps”

Speaker: Becky Ford

Silent Auction for Local

Scholarships

AmeriCorps has a program for senior citizen volunteers who work alongside the younger AmeriCorps volunteers.

We are excited to have Ford talk to us about this valuable federal program. The program will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 in the Carlander Program Room at the Rice County Historical Society, 1814 Second Ave. NW.

Ford was the Faribault Daily News' 2021 Citizen of the Year. She helped get the new Faribault Community Action Center Food Shelf off the ground when the Faribault Food Shelf closed its doors.

From Pauline Schreiber, program committee member
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We will have our silent auction at the November 22 meeting, to raise money for scholarships. Please bring any item that you think someone would be interested in bidding on to the meeting. I'm planning to bring some of my pickled beets and maybe some children's books. It's always fun to see what you creative people come up with.

Mary Niermann-program committee member
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Membership

We welcome back **Pat Kangas** to our Faribault AAUW Branch. We are happy to have you participate in our events and share our friendship together!!

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Treasurer's Report

The Halloween breakfast deposit was \$4,962.25. Expenses have not been finalized so that is before costs. Our October “basket” income was \$78.00 and it really was a basket. Hope to have more information at our November meeting about profit from the breakfast

JoEllen Schulz, Treasurer
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Book Club NEWS

Our October book was *All Hell Broke Loose* by William Hull. The book was a compilation of stories from the 1940 Armistice Day blizzard in Minnesota. Although we agreed the repetition was tedious, we shared some thoughts on what caught our attention such as the number of hunters that died due in part to being unprepared and no warnings.

November's book is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Note: The movie does a great job of telling the story.

We will meet the third Thursday, November 18 at 2pm....

Barb Dubbels

AAUW Social Time



Let's meet for coffee and treats at 10:30, Crack of Dawn, on Saturday, November 20th (3rd Saturday of the month). Hope to see you!

On Wednesday, November 3rd, we held our first birthday celebration since Covid. Several "birthday" gals and well-wishers met at 5:30 at Bashers. We celebrated October birthdays for Anne Wieber=1, Isabell O'Connor=4, Sayaka Yamazaki=25 and Pat Rice=29, November birthdays for Ruth Ann Marsh=13, Carol Quail=24 and May Bottke=28 and December birthdays for Karen Kittlesen=5, Mary Niermann=8, Judy Graham=23 and Karen Rasmussen=27.

Sue Olson

Yearbook Addition

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State Convention News

**The St Cloud branch is already hard at work on the State Convention, and we will feature information about it in upcoming newsletters.*

An Invitation to the AAUW Minnesota State Convention

The convention will be held in St. Cloud, April 29-30, 2022. We hope the Central Minnesota location will make it convenient for many to attend this two-day event. Our members are pouring their hearts into this convention to make it fun, interesting, innovative, and memorable! Opening ceremonies on Friday will feature dramatic readings depicting each decade from 1922-2022, to commemorate the centennial of the Saint Cloud Area Branch.

The overall theme is unity and the tagline, is WE ARE ONE! Many AAUW Minnesota branches also have a long history. What better time to unite harmoniously, share ideas, and come together? Each branch will be asked to write a paragraph describing the most outstanding program offered in the last two years and the most successful fundraiser to benefit the community or AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund. It will be included in the convention program. If you want to include a newsworthy branch history fact or anecdote that would be great. Please email your responses to: Linda MacLeod (lmariemac1949@gmail.com) by March 15, 2022.

Finally, after a year or more of isolation, the convention offers a perfect opportunity to celebrate AAUW and all of our Minnesota members! Please save the dates and plan a short road trip to Central Minnesota. We will welcome you with open arms!

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Secretary's Report

Faribault AAUW Oct. 25, 2021 Meeting

Co-president Kathy Larson called the October meeting of the Faribault Branch of AAUW to order at 6:15 p.m. at the RCHS Museum.

Reports and announcements:

- Treasurer JoEllen Schulz reported that our current balance is \$4,865.41.
- Sue Olson reported that the first Social Saturday meeting was held on Oct. 23rd at the Crack of Dawn. She passed around a birthday sign-up sheet for members to check and add or correct information. Our birthday celebration dinners will resume on Wed. , Nov. 3rd at Basher's at 5:30 p.m.
- Pat Rice and Judy Graham will repeat their Iceland presentation at 2:00 p.m. on Thurs. Oct. 28th at First English Lutheran Church in Faribault. Members who missed the program last month are invited to attend.
- Mary Osborne (and her mother, May Bottke) reported on the successful launch of the NASA spacecraft, Lucy, on Oct. 16th. Mary and other family members attended the event to celebrate with her brother, Bill Bottke, planetary scientist, who worked on the mission to explore the Jupiter asteroids.

- Pat Rice announced that the District One Hospital Auxiliary will host the annual Deck the Halls Fundraiser at Shattuck-St. Mary's on Nov. 6, 2021 from 10:00 – 2:00 to benefit the Cancer Center. Tickets are available at the hospital gift shop.
- Kathy Larson introduced visitor Marilyn Sandquist and welcomed her to the meeting.

Business item: Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

- Karen Kittlesen reported that 196 presale tickets have been sold.
- Karen Rasmussen distributed the work schedule so members who missed the last meeting could sign-up.
- Kathy Larson reported that
 - Muffins have been ordered from HyVee. Mary Osborne will pick them up at 7:00 Sunday morning.
 - Set up of the black tablecloths, orange placemats, napkins and decorations from Kathy's collection will take place Sunday morning.
 - Signs will be distributed early Sunday morning.
- Publication:
 - Karen R. submitted photos and articles to the Daily News.
 - Kathy, Karen R and Pat Rice will be interviewed on KDHL at 9:30 on Thursday.

The program which followed was a presentation by Judge Kari Anderson from Minnesota's Third District who spoke on the role of the judge in the criminal justice system.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

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