



Faribault Branch Communiqué

"AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



President's Message



The month of February is an important time for our Faribault AAUW Branch ! Our organization was established on February 25,1925, right here in Faribault, with Ellie Hutchinson as our first President. We will be celebrating "97" years from Feb. 25, 1925 - Feb. 25, 2022. HURRAH for all the women who have participated and contributed to our mission statement "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education , philanthropy and research!"

We are looking forward to hearing our February Program -**Speaker: Zack Robie, psychology teacher at Faribault Senior High School.** Zach's presentation is titled "**Check your Biases at the Door.** Remember to feel free to invite a guest for any of our meetings and speakers.

Our January fun social activities at Buckham West with a meditation Session led by Isabell O'Conner & Mary Nierman and an origami lesson on crane- paper folding taught by Sayaka Yamazaki were very enjoyable. A big thank you to our 3 AAUW members for their leadership.

On Wednesday evening, February 2, several of our members gathered to celebrate the January, February and March birthdays of our AAUW members at the Cancun Grill. It's always great to meet and have fun conversations together. Thanks to our Susie Olson for organizing these birthday events during the year.

We appreciate Kathryn Speulda for her work and organization on the March articles of Famous Women for the Faribault Daily News .Each year we look forward to our members writing about women who have positively contributed to our society. Thank you Kathryn for helping our AAUW members to continue that worthwhile tradition remember famous women.

At our February 28 meeting we will be discussing the various AAUW events : our Book Sale, the Tri-Branch Luncheon, and the State AAUW Convention in St. Cloud.

Please come for our "**AAUW Faribault 97th. Anniversary**" celebration on Monday, February 28, 2022 during our 6:15 business meeting. We will have treats, discussions and camaraderie at the Rice County Historical Society Museum.

Your Co-Presidents' Kathy Larson & Pat Rice

Treasurer's Report



Our financial balance as of February 1 is \$8,059.07

Submitted by JoEllen Schultz

Membership

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

Looking for a **Super Valentine gift** for a family member or dear friend? Why not introduce them to our **AAUW Faribault Branch Organization!** For only **\$50 for a first time membership it's a bargain!**

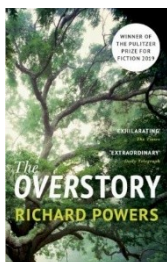
We have formed strong friendships over the years and accomplished a lot together. We have provided numerous scholarships for Faribault girls and women. Due to our work the Faribault Airport has been dedicated to Liz (Betty) Strohfus, military pilot. This major accomplishment honors our women in the military. In addition we, have had many book sales, workshops for girls, and awarded Faribault Senior High School female athletic scholarships.

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Thank You, Submitted by Kathy Larson - Membership Vice President

Book Club



The book *Overstory* by Richard Powers, our Jan. book, made for an animated discussion via ZOOM. The book introduced us to nine characters all involved in some way with trees! Lots of scientific explanations of the wonders of trees plus we learned we share some DNA with trees!

February's meeting will again be via ZOOM on Thursday, February 17 at 2pm. Our book is *Chronicles of a Radical Hag* by Lorna Landvik.

Submitted by Barb Dubbels

Program



Edwardo serving up a hot plate to Diane.



JoEllen and Sue sharing the “lime” light.



Happy to have the food they ordered, all except Mary N. who had to wait longer and was the last to be served

Submitted by Karen Rasmussen, edited by Emily Nesvold. The original is attached. Thanks Karen!

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