



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



~ May 2022 ~

### Spring Picnic - A Catered Affair

Please make your reservation by *noon Thursday, May 19* by calling (and leaving a message with your name) or send an email to [stpauline818@gmail.com](mailto:stpauline818@gmail.com). Her phone number is: 507-334-9598. *A count must be given that day to the cater!*

The cost of the Arna Farmer Catering picnic supper is \$15. It will be collected with your dues at the picnic. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23 at Pat Umbreit's house on Roberd's Lake. Her address is 3593 Chappius Trail, off Roberd's Lake Blvd. There will be a social half hour with wine or lemonade with the supper to follow at 6:30 p.m.

The menu is: chicken salad on croissant, veggie Italian salad, a green salad, fruit, vegetable tray with dip, dessert of lemon bars and something chocolate (a surprise).

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### Presidents' Message for May

Spring has arrived in Minnesota in the form of summer! Ha! Ha!

It's been a whirlwind time in April and May with many of our AAUW events. *Book club*, our regular *April branch meeting* with a Faribault native, Amy Vohs speaking on Climate Change, April 29-30

with 4 delegates, Pat Rice, Mary Lillquist, Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson attending the AAUW *State Convention in St. Cloud*, our *Birthday Social* for those having birthdays in April, May, June met at The Crooked Pint at 5:30 (thanks sue Olson) and our biggest event we are preparing for: *Our annual book sale* – for May 18-24!! Next Week

Of course, all the organizing, sorting books, designing flyers (Karen Rasmussen), printing flyers, doing schedules (Liz Hartman), checking on getting extra “help” to lift and haul our stored books, (Pat Rice) (Sentence to Serve guys from the prison), calling for recycling/garbage pickup (Pat Fuchs) arranging trucks (thanks to Bonnie and Greg Becker and Ken Kangas), anyone putting out the flyers, the people volunteering at the Faribo Mall to sort and organize the delivered books. Also, thanks to everyone who has helped and will be helping in some way! Thank you all!

As most of you know I, Kathy Larson, will be leaving my co-president post with Pat Rice. I had intended to do 2 years with her but in the meantime, my position as American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain was advanced to President the June because of some of the ALAux. Officers moving away. Pat has been a wonderful partner to Co – President with and I want to thank her so much for being such a cooperative, kind and fun Co – President! I will miss our meetings and planning together! If you haven't served a leadership role in our AAUW branch or if you have years ago – please consider being the next Co – President with Pat for the 2022-23 year. Thank you.

I'd like to leave you with this thought: “Each one of us can Make a difference. Together we make change.” Barbara Mikulski

This is what the fellowship of our Faribault AAUW branch means to me.

Love, Kathy Larson

Birthday gals,  
Ruth Hildebrandt and Shirley Norgarrd



Birthday gal, Carmen Tripp



Our speaker, Amy Vohs



## Membership

Our Faribault AAUW Branch has 46 members at the present but soon to be 47! LaVonne Venero is joining our group. Many of you already know LaVonne, as she grew up in Faribault and was a speech teacher in the Faribault School District. **We welcome you LaVonne and we are so happy to have you as an AAUW member. :)**

Remember if you need any information about asking a friend or family member to become an AAUW member, contact me- Kathy Larson.

Phone # 1-507 - 332 - 2525 / email [kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com)

Thank you, Kathy :)

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### AAUW MN STATE CONVENTION

“WE ARE ONE”

April 29-30, 2022

Co-Presidents Kathy Larson and Pat Rice, Mary Lillquist and Karen Rasmussen were delegates to the State Convention held in Waite Park at the new Park Event Center or aka Hilton Garden Inn, St Cloud.

Highlights included:

- Zoom presentation by AAUW CEO, Gloria L Blackwell with lots of technical glitches (suspect Internet bogged down on a Friday at 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central)
- Tribute paid to David L Kirkwood who died earlier this year. He had been very active on the State and National Board. The AAUW MN Board voted to contribute \$5,000 to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund in his honor.
- Dr. Brittney M Williams, an AAUW Fellowship Recipient spoke
- Dr. Joy Plamann, St Cloud Hospital President gave a very interesting talk about how the St. Cloud Hospital has been dealing with the Pandemic.
- o Women, Work and Worth Research shows:
  - 1937 Minimum wage applies to everyone.
  - 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act signed into law (before women couldn't have credit card or bank account in their own name).
  - 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act passed to no longer discriminate against pregnant women on the job
  - 1986 Work hostility includes issues of gender
- o 32% of Professors are women, 65% female students
- o What's next? 56% of women resigned during the pandemic.
- o Socialized students are from fully funded schools.
- Quote: “If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, become more, you are an excellent leader.” ~ Dolly Parton
- Jan Carey was elected President, Beth Nienow is new Treasurer
- The St. Cloud Branch had a very entertaining skit about 100 years of life in America by decade, with music, costumes, and gave a narrative of various historic Branch members detailing the decade they represented.
- Workshops on Saturday included the challenges of keeping up a Branch website, Membership recruitment and retention, Strategic Policy and Rules of Governance, Fun with Fundraising.
- No site chosen or volunteered to host 2023 or 2024 State Convention to be known henceforth as the State Meeting.
- By comparison, we thought we had done an awesome job hosting in 2018!

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## Treasurer's Report

Treasury balance is \$7431.26 as of May 1,2022

JoEllen Schulz,Treasurer

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## Faribault Branch History



I am working on the AAUW history Books and would like to have them ready by the picnic.

I need the following items that I missed or misplaced:

: March 2019, Women's History Month article: "Emma Gonzalez" by Kathy Kasten ( Kathy sent it to me but I misplaced it)  
Copies are fine

: Names of the cities that Dr. Huston went to in Pakistan and/or Afghanistan to help eradicate polio.

: March 2021. Women's History Month Articles:

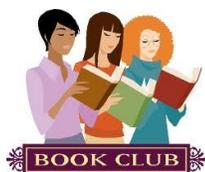
I Have- Medical workers-by Nianna Light

Pastors by Pat Rice

Educators by Pauline Schrieber

I DON'T HAVE. The fourth article, Who am I missing?? International women during the pandemic????

Please help me if you can. Thanks so much.  
Pat Umbreit, Historian



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club met via ZOOM (thank you, Liz!) in April to share poetry readings. It was another amazing gathering as each person shared unique choices. What an awesome group of women!

May's book is *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. We meet on Thursday, May 19 at 2pm at Barb's.

Barb Dubbels

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## AAUW Socials



Hi Members,

Due to the book sale, we won't be scheduling coffee on Saturday, May 21st at Crack of Dawn. See you June 18th at 10:30.  
Thanks, Sue Olson

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### **Faribault AAUW Branch Meeting – April 25, 2022**

Co-president Kathy Larson called the April meeting of the Faribault Branch of AAUW to order at 6:25 p.m. at the Rice County Historical Society Museum.

**Treasurer's Report:** JoEllen Schultz reported that our current balance is \$\$7,494.13.

Her report was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as written.

#### **Announcements:**

- Kathy thanked Liz Hartman and Emily Nesvold for their work on our newsletter. She also thanked Susan Stout for submitting to our newsletter highlights of recent weeks at the State Capitol.
- Sue Olson has reminded members that the April- May birthday celebrants will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at The Crooked Pint. Watch for details on the May Saturday morning coffee gathering at the Crack of Dawn.
- The current officers will be meeting to finalize nominations for our new officers for next year.
- The May picnic will be held May 23 at Pat Umbreit's lake-home. The catered meal will cost \$15.00 and members will also be encouraged to pay their dues for next year.

#### **Book Sale business:**

- The Book Sale will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Faribo West Mall.
- Moving day will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. Vans and trucks have been secured for the move. Boys Golf team members from FSHS will arrive at 4:30 to help with the move. Other youth groups are also being recruited by Pauline Schreiber to help
- Sorting days are May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are need and members were encouraged to sign up on the schedule which was passed around during the meeting.
- The actual book sale begins May 18<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Members were encouraged to sign up for several shifts.
- Flyers were available at the meeting. Members were encouraged to sign up for places they would post (after May 6<sup>th</sup>, please.)
- Recycling/disposal options are being investigated by Pat Fuchs.'

- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, carts will be placed by the Faribo West Mall east doors for donors to drop off donations.
- Kathy reminded members that the community is eager to once again participate in our fundraising sale which raises money for scholarships.

**Correspondence:** Kathy received a note from Mary Osborne of the Faribault Area Retired Educators (F.A.R.E.) thanking our branch for the donation of three themed book baskets to the Southeast Retired Educators Association of Minnesota spring conference which were used as door-prizes,

The meeting adjourned.

After refreshments were served, Gloria Olson introduced our speaker for the evening, Faribault native Amelia (Amy) Vohs who is an attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. She spoke on the climate challenges we face and what we can do about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hildebrandt, secretary

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](mailto:enesvold@gmail.com) or Liz [ethartmanariz@gmail.com](mailto:ethartmanariz@gmail.com) on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.