



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



~ December 2022~

### Presidents' Message

All through the Holiday we are stirring to get the stockings hung and baking complete to prepare for the Blessed event upon us this month.

We hope all AAUW members can gather on Monday, December 19 at the Cathedral. Happy Holiday to all and see you on December 19.

Your Co-Presidents: Pat Rice and Carmen Tripp

### December Meeting



**“Fun, Food and Fellowship at the Cathedral”**

*Monday, December 19 at 6:00 PM*

**Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Cloister**

**Program:** Barb Dubbels presents her *Night Before Christmas* book collection.

**What to Bring:** 1. an hors d'oeuvres or a sweet treat to share.  
2. a jar of peanut butter for the patrons of the Community Café

Mary Niermann, Program VP

Cheryl Steinberg from Bloom Floral presented a fun November “Holiday Decorating” program!



Our November Silent Auction added \$123 to our Local Scholarships fund.



May Bottke, shown here wearing her beautiful smile, is 98! Her birthday was celebrated at a recent American Legion Auxiliary meeting.



Pictures courtesy of Karen Rasmussen

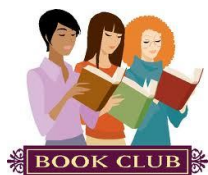
## Treasurer's Report



Thanks to our Halloween Breakfast we have a very strong balance in our account We had approximately 325 ticket sales, sold left over muffins, and generous donations. In addition, Trivent helped out with purchasing a portion of our muffins After expenses, we made \$3,400. Good work Our account balance is \$12,000.

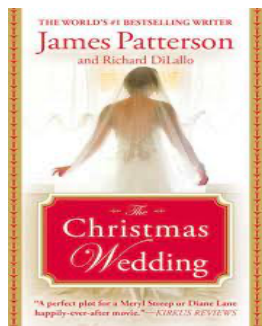
JoEllen Schulz , Treasurer

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club's November book was *French Braid* by Anne Tyler. This book elicited much discussion. It largely dealt with a dysfunctional family over a couple of generations. It was interesting to read the different perceptions from individual family members over events and each other.



December's book is *The Wedding Christmas* by James Paterson and Richard DiLallo. We'll meet on Thursday, December 15, at noon for our Christmas luncheon at Barb Dubbels'.

Barb Dubbels

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## AAUW Socials



Join us for our monthly coffee and treats on Saturday, December 17th, 10:30 at Janna's in the upper back corner.

Merry Christmas, Sue Olson

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## Secretary's Report

Minutes for the Nov. 28, 2022

Faribault AAUW Business Meeting

The branch met at 6:15 p.m. In the Rice Count Historical Society Museum's Carlander Room. Co-president Pat Rice convened the meeting. She asked if there were any additions and corrections to the October secretary minutes included in the branch's November emailed newsletter. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Olson made such a motion; Liz Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

JoEllen Schultz, branch treasurer, gave a report on the Halloween Breakfast's profit versus expenses. Over \$5,000 was taken in from ticket sales and \$309 in donations at the Oct. 30 omelet breakfast, held at the Faribault American Legion. She said that expenses were \$2,216.02 and profit after expenses, \$3,243.97. It as a very successful breakfast and Rice thanks members and co-chairs of the event, Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson, for their hard work and volunteerism. After Schultz' report ended, Julie Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Liz Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rice suggested the pictures from the breakfast be sent to Thrivent Financial. Small-grant gift cards from the company were used to help cover expenses.

Pauline Schreiber gave a brief recap of the October candidate forums hosted by the branch at Faribault City Hall. She reported that attendance at all three forums was good, but especially the night when county commissioner candidates and county sheriff and county attorney candidates faced off. Kymn Anderson was the moderator for two of the forums and Cheryl Freund served as the moderator for the third. Some people noted watching the forums on FCTV and others saw them on YouTube. Schreiber thanked members Freund, Sue Stout and Sue Willcutt for serving on the candidate forums planning committee with her.

AAUW Funds V.P. Liz Hartman asked for help in determining who should be the branch's 2023 Named Honorees. The branch can submit up to four members to honor. Schreiber and Olson volunteered to help her.

Program V.P. Mary Niermann reminded members that the Christmas Party is 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. The program will be presented by Barb Dubbels who has a collection of " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" books.

Rice said the branch officers, together with Scholarship Committee Chair Karen Rasmussen, will need to meet to discuss timelines for soliciting application for local scholarships. The branch will, also, be giving scholarship money to South Central College and a \$250 scholarship for the Faribault High School's Sportswoman of the Year.

With no more business matters by Rice, Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the business meeting; Schultz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl Steinberg from Bloom Floral gave a program on the latest in holiday decorating trends. A silent auction was, also, held with bidding both before and after the program. The funds will be used for local scholarships and miscellaneous expenses.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber

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