



## Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

**March 2023**

**Women's History Month**



### **Presidents' Message**

Think Green this month and Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all our members. Spring has to be around the corner I hope, even though we have inches of snow on the ground that has to melt before we see flowers.

Here is an update about our Tri- Branch Luncheon hosted by Northfield. It will be April 22, at Ruth's on Stanford, 410 Stanford Lane, Dundas, Minnesota. The speaker is from Carlton College. Her presentation will be "Title Nine- Where we stand". The cost of the Luncheon is \$20. Please send payment by April 10 to Lois Statmoen, 400 Ivanhoe Drive, Northfield Mn. 55057. I hope many members can attend to show our support to our neighboring branch. It will be a time to meet new people and share ideas.

I hope to see everyone at the March 27, meeting at the Rice County Historical Museum. The board will meet at 6:00 pm, the Business meeting will be at 6:15. Our Program will begin at 7:00.

See you then.

*Submitted by Presidents Pat Rice and Carmen Tripp*



"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go."



## Secretary's Report – February Minutes

The Faribault Branch of AAUW met at 6:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 in the Rice County Historical Society Museum's Carlander Program Room. Co-president Pat Rice convened the meeting. The idea of participating in Faribault's International Festival this summer was brought up. Diane Hagen, AAUW Diversity V.P., will research the date for this year's festival and more discussion of participating in the event will be brought up at a future meeting.

Pat Rice had brochures on the National/MN AAUW Public Policy Priorities for 2022-2024. The three top priorities are: 1. Economic Security for All Women; 2. Equal Access to Quality Public Education; and, 3. Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society.

The Tri-Branch Luncheon this year is hosted by the Northfield Branch and will be on Saturday, April 22 at "Ruth's On Stafford," 410 Stafford Lane. S., Dundas. Pat Rice said more information on the program and cost of lunch should be coming. Hopefully this will be in the March newsletter.

Holding a book sale in May was discussed. Pat Rice will set a date sometime in March for the Book Sale Committee to meet. She invited all members interested in planning for the book sale to the meeting, and not just those listed on the Book Sale Committee in the Branch Yearbook.

Kathy Larson, Branch Membership V.P., unfortunately, was sick and unable to make the meeting. She sent her greetings and hopes that those attending celebrated the 98th Anniversary of the Branch with gusto. There were eight members who made it to the meeting and celebrated with coffee and mini-cupcakes. In two years, the Branch will celebrate the Century Mark.

After adjournment, members gathered around a table and speaker, Carolyn Treadway, joined the members. She spoke about her experience running for MN House District 19A Representative last fall against Brian Daniels and her loss. However, she now belongs to a group trying to keep issues important to residents of District 19 in the forefront and to write letters to Daniels and District 19 State Senator John Jasinski about them. She is, also, writing a monthly column in the Faribault Daily News relating to those issues.

*Submitted by Secretary Pauline*



## Program

From the program committee:

Here's a reminder: For Women's History Month, the program is "Women of the Mayo." It will be presented by Irene Eiler and Kathy Ogle, both of whom have close personal connections to the topic.

*Submitted by Mary Niermann*



## Membership

We are looking for more members to share our AAUW Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Please consider asking a friend to join us who would like to help us to achieve these goals. The ad said " We've come a long way!", but there is still a lot in our society that needs to be changed for women!

March is Women's History Month.

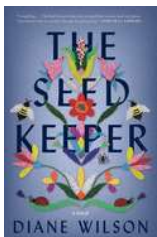
As we read the inspiring articles about outstanding women in our Faribault Daily News, let's spread the word about working together to achieve our mission statement goals. Please thank our wonderful AAUW members who composed those March History articles!

**Please contact Kathy Larson for more information 332-2525.**

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**Thank You,**

*Submitted by Kathy Larson- Membership Vice President*



## Book Club

For February's meeting, we met via Zoom to discuss *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Only a few members had read the whole novel, which is a Pulitzer Prize Winner. Everyone found the book challenging and at times, disturbing. A few members shared some research they had done which was enlightening.

**Our next meeting is March 16 at 2:00 at Barb Dubbels' home.** We will discuss *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson.

*Submitted by Gloria Olson*



## Treasurer's Report

Checking balance as of 2/28/2023 is \$12,238.47.

*Submitted by JoEllen Schulz*



## Social Time

Join us for coffee and treats at Janna's Market Grill on Saturday, March 18th at 10:30.

*Submitted by Sue Olson*

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