



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

April 2024



Presidents' Message



April: means to open. This is what we hope to see as the trees and flower buds begin to open into Spring.

We will be budding out with many events in April. Our Tri-Branch Luncheon April 20 at 11:30, a time to share with the AAUW branch members from Northfield and Owatonna.

Four or five of us are attending the AAUW State Convention in Hastings April 27.

Mark your calendars for our May events; May 17, 18, 19 is our last book sale for our AAUW group and on May 20 our end of the year picnic will be at Pat Umbriet's. Hope to see you all at these events.

Co Presidents: Carmen Tripp and Mary Niermann
Submitted by Carmen Trip



Social Time Announcement

We are not having our monthly coffee and treats at Janna's on Saturday, April 20th due to our Tri-branch luncheon being held on the same day. *Sue Olson*

Secretary's Report May Minutes



The Faribault AAUW Branch met at 2 p.m. in the Rice County Historical Society Museum's Carlander Program Room on March 25.

Co-president Carmen Tripp convened the meeting. She first asked if there were any corrections to the Secretary and Treasurers' reports printed in the emailed newsletter. Barb Dubbels had spotted a typo in the minutes. With that correction, Tripp deemed the Secretary and Treasurer's reports approved as printed in the newsletter.

Tripp's first item of business was the Minnesota AAUW State Convention which will be April 26 and 27 in Hastings at the Confluence Hotel. Faribault can have up to four delegates. Tripp, Liz Hartman and Karen Rasmussen signed up to attend the event and be delegates. Tripp will be talking to members who did not attend the March meeting to see if there is a fourth member willing to be a delegate. She reported there is money in the budget to pay for the \$130 cost of registration for each of the four delegates.

Old Business:

Tri-Branch Luncheon; Preparations have been made for the Tri-Branch Luncheon that Faribault is hosting this year. It will be Saturday, April 20 at the Faribault Country Club. A signup sheet for the event was passed around with an envelope to place \$25 in check or cash for tickets for the luncheon. Julie Olson said members have until April 10 to contact her, if they plan to attend the event. Tripp stressed that the Tri-Branch Luncheon is Faribault AAUW's program for April. There is no other meeting during April.

Spring Picnic; Pauline Schreiber reported that the Spring Picnic will be Monday, May 20 (date is wrong in Yearbook). Pat Umbreit has agreed to host it at her house on Roberds Lake. Arna Farmer will be catering it again. Schreiber asked if members were happy with the food from last year. Members made good comments about it. Pat Rice said that if the cost would be \$17 a plate instead of \$15 like last year, for similar food, a hike in price should be considered. Tripp said there will be an Executive Committee meeting sometime after the Tri-Branch Luncheon to consider the food, pricing and other details about the Spring Picnic.

Book Sale; Pat Rice reported that the branch's final book sale will be May 17, 18 and 19 at the West Mall. The sale will sell those books that were stored at the Congregational Parish House basement after last year's sale. Additional books will be collected the week of the sale at the mall. Other details of the event will be worked out by the book sale committee.

Women in History Articles; Tripp said the Faribault Daily News has published three of the articles and the final one should be published in the coming week. Pauline Schreiber wrote about Carol Bly; Renee Perrance on Kate DiCamillo; Pat Rice on Louise Erdrich; and Gloria Olson wrote a compilation on five other Minnesota women authors. Kathryn Speulda served as the editor and liaison between AAUW and the newspaper. Tripp thanked them for their work.

Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Speaker; Sandro and Pisa Hagen gave a presentation about the Republic of Georgia. They are the grandson and daughter-in-law of Faribault AAUW member Diane Hagen. The family moved last year from the Republic of Georgia to Minnesota because of the changing political and economic climate in that Western European country. Pisa is taking the steps to get a permanent visa and a Green Card so that she will be able to work. It is not an easy process.
Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber



Sandro giving his presentation



Sandro with Grandmother Diane, his Sister and his Mom, Pisa



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reports March 31, 2024 balance of \$13,735.58
Submitted by JoEllen Schulz



Membership

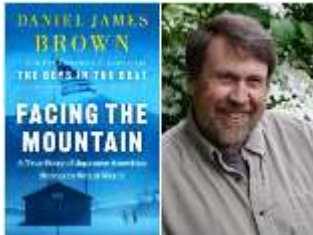
Just 2 years ago history was made (April 6, 2022) when Justice Jackson became the first Black woman inducted into the Supreme Court! **Let's keep promoting and supporting women to set high goals in government offices by continuing to give women opportunities through our A.A.U.W. commitment.**

With the excitement of the recent womens' basketball tournaments, just remember it was our work as A.A.U.W. members to promote Title Nine and achieve the right for girls to play sports! We have made tremendous advances for our girls and women!

Our A.A.U.W. mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. **Tell your friends how A.A.U.W. has strived to help women obtain success and recognition in their jobs.** We can accomplish so much more for women if we work together. It's only \$55.00 for a first year A.A.U.W. membership. **Encourage others to join us.**

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Submitted by Kathy Larson



Bookclub

In March the club read *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown. It was heartbreaking learning more about the young Japanese men who fought in WWII while their families lived in internment camps. We all found it difficult to read about the battles they were involved in.

April is Poetry Month. We will meet Thursday, April 18 at 2pm at Barb Dubbels' to share poems of our choice.

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words". Robert Frost
Submitted by Barb Dubbels

Important announcement from Barb Dubbels: Reminder: The Tri-Branch Luncheon is Saturday, April 20th at the Faribault Golf Club. We will begin to gather at 11:30 am followed by a salad lunch served at 12:00. The program with Pat Bauer and Dave Geister will follow.

The Faribault Golf Club manager said that there would be a golf cart available to take those who have difficulty with stairs. There's very limited parking on the east side.

State Convention



We will be taking this basket to the AAUW Convention in Hastings on Saturday, April 27, for the AAUW Funds Silent Auction. Barb Dubbels and I made some initial contributions and would love other members to help fill up the basket with items to tempt the silent auction participants! Thank you.

AAUW Funds Vice President Liz Hartman

End of Year Picnic



The picnic will be May 20 at Pat Umbreit's home, 3593 Chappuis Trail.

Take 7th street (Joe's and Burger King) west also known as County Road 11.

Stay on County Road 11 also known as Roberds Lake Blvd. Go about 4 miles.

Turn left onto Chappuis Trail, (Wells Township Hall)

DO NOT TURN AT THE SMILEY FACE 😊, GO One More Block.

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