



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

~ December 2023 ~



Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Happy holiday season to all of you.

Hopefully many of you will make it to our Christmas brunch on December 18 at 12:30 at the Cathedral. It will be fun trying something new this year. Thank you, Pauline, for the reminder about the brunch. Don't forget your jar of peanut butter for the community cafe. Thanks to all of you for the very successful silent auction that we had at our November meeting.

Enjoy your preparations for the holidays.

Mary Niermann and Carmen Tripp, your co-presidents

Our December Program



"God bless us, everyone - you, me, and all our chums."

Traditions are good, but so is change. Come celebrate the joy of the holiday season with your AAUW Sisters at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 in the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior's Guild House dining room. A brunch of quiche, salad and bars will be served by the Women of the Cathedral.

The **tradition** of fellowship will remain, but instead of having to bring food to share as in past parties, we will be served a holiday brunch. The cost of the brunch is \$12. At the November meeting, 25 members signed up and most paid that evening.

Signup deadline is 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Call Pauline at 507-602-0876, if you haven't signed up but would like to go.

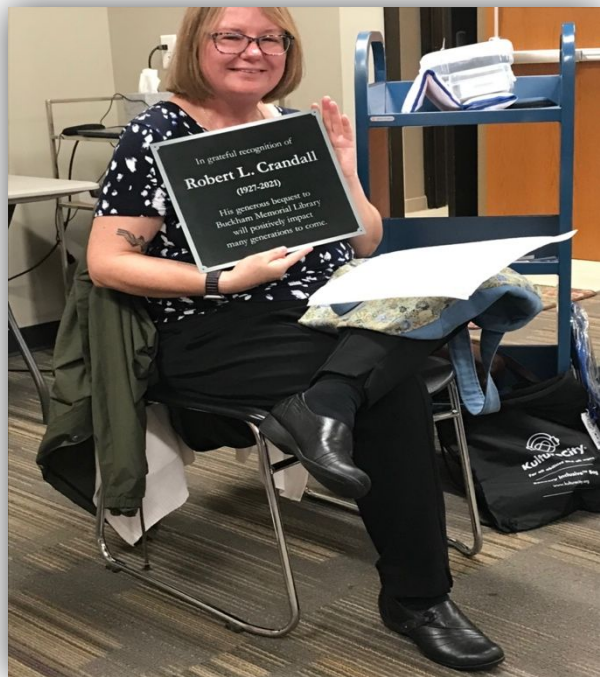
The Program Committee has planned a short program after we eat brunch.



We will continue the **tradition** of bringing peanut butter to be given out to attendees of the Community Café at the Cathedral.

Merry Christmas

Our **tradition** of presenting wonderful programs continued with our September, October, and November speakers!



Delane James, Buckham Library Director



Barb Dubbels introduces Joel Olson, Faribault High School Principal



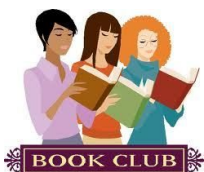
Member, Emily Nesvold on her recent trip to Occupied Palestine.

Treasurer's Report

November 30 ending balance was \$15,942.75. The silent auction was an example of the generosity of our members. We had generous donations for the bidders; in addition to extremely generous bidders. That event added \$341 to our funds. Thanks to all for the help organizing and supporting.



JoEllen Schulz, Treasurer

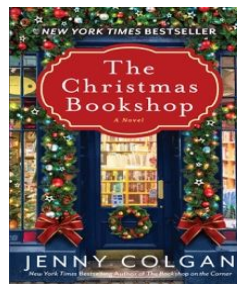


BOOK CLUB NEWS

November's book was *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The discussion was lively and included lots of laughter and everyone liked the book!

We will gather on *December 21 at 11:30* at Real Life for our annual book club luncheon. JoEllen has reserved the community room for our gathering. Our book is *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan.

Barb Dubbels



annual soup for our gan.



Social Time

Our December coffee and treats will be 10:30 at Janna's on *Saturday, December 16th*.

Thanks, Sue Olson



Secretary's Report

Minutes for Nov. 27, 2023 Faribault AAUW Meeting

The Faribault Branch met at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2023 in the Carlander Program Room at the Rice County Historical Society. Junior AAUW Co-President Mary Niermann convened the meeting with Sr. Co-President Carmen Tripp in the audience. Niermann began by asking if there were any additions and corrections to the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports that were printed in the emailed November newsletter. Hearing, none they were accepted as printed.

Membership

Membership VP Kathy Larson introduced new member, Bailey Grubish. She is member Judy Graham's niece. Bailey's contact information is: Address, 6249 437th Ave., Janesville, MN, 56048; phone, 1-507-390-0870; email, baileymgrubish@gmail.com .

Halloween Breakfast

Halloween Breakfast Committee Co-Chair Karen Rasmussen gave a report on the success of the Oct. 29th fundraiser. In the November newsletter, she had thanked her Halloween Breakfast Co-Chair Kathy Larson and the many other AAUW members who worked to make the event the great success it turned out to be. Gross proceeds were \$5,867. The net after expenses was \$3,459, about \$200 more dollars than raised from last year's breakfast. Thus, it was the most successful breakfast so far.

Tri-Branch Luncheon

Tri-Branch Luncheon Chair Barb Dubbels asked if any member of Faribault AAUW belongs to Faribault Golf Club. If a member of Faribault AAUW is a member of the golf club, AAUW would get a discount on the cost of using the Faribault Golf Club for the luncheon which Faribault hosts in 2024. It will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Faribault Golf Club.

Programs

Program VP Pauline Schreiber reported that the Christmas Party this year will be 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at the Cathedral in the dining room. The women of the Cathedral will be providing a brunch for members. The cost is \$12. A signup sheet was passed around. There were 25 signed up by the end of the meeting and all but one had paid.

May Bottke's Birthday

Larson passed around a copy of the Happy 99th Birthday card for member May Bottke that was published in the weekend edition of the Faribault Daily News. A birthday card was passed around for members to sign that will be given to her.

Niermann asked if there was any more business, new or old, and hearing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Schreiber made the motion to adjourn; Tripp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Speaker

The program for the afternoon was Emily Nesvold, a Faribault AAUW member who had traveled to Palestine and Israel earlier this year. When asked in August if she was willing to give a program on her trip, she had no idea Hamas and Israel would be at war in the fall. Her presentation included a quick history of the area to give a better understanding of the conflict. Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber

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