



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

March 2024 Women's History Month



Presidents' Message

Happy March to All

This is an exciting Month as we celebrate Women's History Month, a time set aside to celebrate and uplift women's contributions to history, culture, and society. We are all a part of this in our community, state and beyond. Being a part of this is just a small way we can contribute. This years theme is "Women who advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion" - All the things we have been fighting for, for years. As we go forward in our fight for equality, I think of many great women before us; Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruth Ginsburg, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Melinda Gates and many many more. As Kate Hodges says, "Behind every great woman is another great woman."

We want to thank all the members, who are writing articles for the newspaper for Women's History Month. Each voice can make a difference.

We also want to wish everyone a Happy St. Patty's Day. As you wear green think of hope for all. We also wish everyone Happy Easter in hopes you can be with family and friends on this day.

See you at our March 25 meeting 2:00 pm, Rice County Historical Museum.

The coming months are also busy with dates you should put on your calendars:
April 20, 11:30 Tri-Branch Luncheon. This is in place of our monthly meeting.
April 26-27 AAUW State Convention in Hastings, MN. Registration is due March 31.
Book Sale. May 17,18,19.

Submitted by Co Presidents Carmen Tripp and Mary Niermann



"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness come through your door."

Secretary's Report – February Minutes



The Faribault AAUW Branch met Monday, February 26, 2024 in the Rice County Historical Society's Carlander Program Room. Co-President Mary Niermann convened the meeting. She first asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports printed in the emailed Branch newsletter. Hearing none, she deemed them approved as printed.

Niermann asked Sue Willcutt, Public Policy co-chair, to give a brief summary of "What to Expect at the Caucus." Minnesota Party caucuses are to be held 7 pm. Tuesday, Feb. 27. Faribault caucuses will be at the Faribault Middle School. Willcutt gave an outline of the purposes of the caucuses, and the procedures at them. They are meant to nominate delegates to the county party convention and to propose resolutions to amend or add to the Party's Platform.

Pauline Schreiber gave a short report on the Women in History Month articles to be published in the Faribault Daily News during March. The topics will be Minnesota women authors and meant as a tribute to Faribault AAUW's many decades of holding an annual used book sale as a fundraiser. The Branch will hold one last book sale this spring. Pat Rice, Renee Perrance and Gloria Olson are writing the other three articles. Kathryn Speulda is editing the articles and has contacted the FDN editor to ask that articles be printed in the newspaper. He has agreed.

Niermann said the Tri-Branch Luncheon, being hosted by Faribault AAUW, April 20 at the Faribault Golf Club, will use baskets as part of the centerpieces. Many baskets have been collected. Schreiber suggested the members sign up and pay at the March meeting. The event is "the program" for April. There is no general meeting that month.

Also to be noted, the Yearbook has the wrong date for the spring picnic. It will be Monday, May 20 and Pat Umbriet has agreed to host it. It will be a catered meal by Arna Farmer.

The State AAUW Annual Meeting (or Convention) is April 26 and 27 at the Confluence Hotel, 200 Second St. W., Hastings. Niermann has printed out applications for those interested. She said Faribault may have up to four delegates. The selection of the delegates will need to be made at the March 25 meeting.

Membership Chair Kathy Larson said she has sent out a few applications to women who said they are interested in being members, but so far has not received them back.

Old Business

Book sale: Pat Rice, book sale committee chair, was not at the meeting. She is still working on securing a date at the Faribault West Mall for the two-day sale.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Speaker

Chris Martin of Curbside Composting Coop, Northfield gave a presentation on why food and other organic materials should be kept out of general trash going to the landfill. Organic materials such as food scraps, when covered with dirt at the landfill, break down without oxygen with the result that methane gas is created. His company is six years old and collects household and restaurant food

scraps for composting. Currently his company takes the food scraps it collects to another facility for composting. The hope of the company is that it can eventually compost in Rice County.
Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber



Chris Martin of Curbside Compost

Program



For a Diversity Program this year, we have as our speaker a new immigrant from the Republic of Georgia. Faribault AAUW member Diane Hagen's daughter-in-law, Tamara "Piso" Hagen will talk to us at 2:30 pm. Monday, March 25 in the Carlander Room of the Rice County Historical Society about her family's move last year to Faribault from the Republic of Georgia. She will also speak about her difficulties in obtaining a Green Card so that she could seek employment. Her husband, Mark Hagen, has been working since last summer in a local group for the developmentally disabled.

Come at 2 pm March 25 for the AAUW Branch business meeting and learn the details of the "final" used book sale that will be May 17-19 at the Faribault West Mall.
Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

Membership



March is already here with such Springtime weather. As we read articles about famous women during this celebration of Women in March, consider all our Faribault AAUW Members who have contributed to our Faribault Community! We have given many scholarships to girls and women, conducted events, workshops for equal rights and wages, established the Liz (Betty) Strohfus airport dedication, founded the Friends of the Library and Grows organization and planted trees as memorials to

deceased AAUW members.

We just celebrated 'the 99th Anniversary of our Faribault A.A.U.U. Branch the 25th of February! "We have come a LONG WAY"... like the ad says!! There still is a lot to be aware of in our society that needs to be changed for women. Let's recruit more members for our "100th Anniversary"!

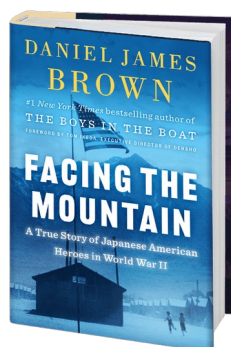
We are looking for more members to share our AAUW Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Please consider a friend or relative who would like to join us to achieve these goals.

It's only \$55.00 for the first time AAUW membership. A bargain for joining our Faribault Branch! For more information please contact Kathy Larson - 332-2525 kathyilgerslarson@gmail.com Submitted by Kathy Larson



Our 99th Birthday

Book Club



The AAUW book club met on February 15 and discussed *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson, an historical novel about the making of Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown. Based on factual information, the book detailed the immense effort to make it perfect. A thumbs up from the group.

March's book is *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War*

Il by Daniel James Brown. We will meet Thursday, March 21 at 2pm at Barb Dubbels'.
Submitted by Barb Dubbels



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reports a balance of \$13,807.65 as of February 29, 2024.
Submitted by JoEllen Schulz

Social Time



Our March coffee and treats date will be Saturday, the 16, at Jana's. Hope to see you there. *Submitted by Sue Olson*

Announcements

The AAUW Tri-Branch Luncheon will be on Saturday, April 20 at the Faribault Golf Club. Arrival time 11:30 with serving at 12. The cost is \$25. Please pay by April 9 making checks out to AAUW. Our presenters are Patricia Bauer and David Geister. They will speak about their book Making Minnesota and each member will receive a free copy. Co-Chairs Barb Dubbels and Julie Olson

Signup for Tri-Branch Luncheon at the March 25 Meeting. Faribault AAUW's April Program is the Tri-Branch Luncheon. Please plan on coming. Come prepared with cash or check for \$25 on March 25 to pay for your ticket and sign up for the Saturday, April 20 event. Pauline Schreiber

Carol Quail has moved into her new apartment at 843 Faribault Road, Apt. 300. She invites you to come and visit after 3:30 p.m. today. (Faribault Senior Living) she has a table with items you might want that she no longer needs. If you can't make it today, call her at 507-334-7113 and tell her when you can stop by. Pauline Schreiber

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