



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



Presidents' Message for April 2023



Think **spring**.
and green grass soon.

We hope the rain showers or snow can bring us flowers

As this goes to print many of us are planning to attend the Tri-branch Luncheon on April 22, at 11:30, hosted by the Northfield branch at Ruth's on Stafford, in Dundas, MN.

April also brings us the AAUW State meeting on April 29. We will meet at Liz Hartman's for a Zoom meeting from 10-12. Let Liz Hartman know if you are coming. You also have the option to Zoom the meeting at your own home. I (Carmen Tripp) will have the login code to share but we need to let the state president know so she can let you into the Zoom meeting.

We want to thank Kathryn Speulda for arranging our March Women in History Month articles that appeared in the Faribault Daily News. A big thanks to these members who wrote articles: Diane Haagen, Rene' Perrance, Pauline Schreiber, Ann Godwin, and Kathryn Speulda.

The Book Sale committee is busy with preparations for our book sale on Thursday, May 18-Tuesday, May 23 at the Faribo West Mall. At the April meeting, be ready to sign up and help us have another great sale and fund raiser.

Hope to see everyone at the April 24 AAUW meeting at the Rice County Historical Society. Board meeting at 6:00, Business meeting at 6:15 and Program at 7:00.

Your Co-Presidents' Carmen Tripp and Pat Rice

April Branch Meeting
Monday, April 24
Rice County Historical Society

Board Meeting 6:00

Business Meeting 6:15 (*Book Sale details*)

Program 7:00



April Program – “Teach what? Says Who”

April 24th should be an informative meeting for AAUW members. How is curriculum decided/developed for K-12 students in the Faribault School district? There is national attention on what books students can read and what topics teachers can discuss in schools.

This topic can also be relevant in Faribault. Some new members have been elected to the Faribault School Board and the new board's influence on curriculum will be of interest to us all. Katie Rotvold from the Faribault School District will be our guest. Looking forward to the meeting.

Betty Harmsen, Program Committee



AAUW Book Sale *May 18 – 24 Faribault West Mall*

We are looking forward to another successful book sale in May. To ensure that we have enough help during **sale days** and **set up days**, we ask that our members volunteer to work **at least two** shifts. Sign-up sheets will be available at our April branch meeting and at our Saturday coffee socials. In addition, I will use email to let members know about days and times still needed to be filled. You can get back to me with email, text, or phone.

Reminder emails will be sent out to workers the day before their shifts. I know that unexpected things come up and members sometimes need to cancel but it would really help if each person took responsibility for finding her own replacement. Just let me know of any changes.

Together we can get the job done!! Liz Hartman



Calendar of Events

Saturday April 15 Coffee 10:30 am Janna's Market Grill

Thursday April 20 Book Club 2pm Barb Dubbels

Saturday April 22 Earth Day

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together ... all things connect.”

Chief Seattle

Saturday April 22 Tri-branch Luncheon - Ruth's on Stafford, in Dundas, 11:30

Meet at the Senior Center at 11:00.to car pool

Monday April 24 AAUW Branch Meeting Board mtg 6:00, Business mtg.. 6:15, Program 7:00

Saturday April 29 AAUW State Convention Zoom meeting at Liz Hartman's 10:00 to Noon

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Membership Message

"April Showers bring May Flowers" -as the saying goes:)xo
Let's hope we are finally going to enjoy Spring weather !!

Speaking of May, we should be seeing a **Faribault Hometown Banner** of our own May Bottke by Memorial Day at the end of May. Our Faribault AAUW Branch is the sponsoring organization for this banner. May has been a faithful Faribault AAUW member for **68** years and is the same age **-98-** years, as our Faribault AAUW Branch that was organized 98 years ago.



She has enriched the lives of many Faribault community members. Her "passion for teaching", her life service for many organizations and her "Love" of giving positive comments have touched many lives here-

May's Hometown of 77years! May certainly deserves to be honored as a **Faribault Hometown Hero!**

New Members are always welcomed. Remember to ask someone you know to join our energetic group of A.A.U.W. Ladies. We can accomplish so much more for women if we work together.

Thank You.

Please contact: Kathy Larson - Membership Vice President

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Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$12,111.08. Our expenses have been our monthly payment to rice county historical society for our meeting room usage and \$20.00 to Suzanne Klumb for the beading project.

JoEllen Schulz



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW Book Club met once again via ZOOM due to the weather on March 16. Our March book was *The Seed Keeper* by Dakota writer, Diane Wilson. We all enjoyed the book which generated some discussion regarding indigenous seeds, hybrids, genetically modified seeds, fertilizer and seed companies. The book spanned generations in a Dakota family. April is Poetry Month. We will share poems on Thursday, April 20 at 2 pm at Barb Dubbels' home.

Barb Dubbels

AAUW Socials



Hi Members,

Join us for coffee and treats at Janna's Market Grill on Saturday, April 15th at 10:30. I think spring may even join us!

Sue Olson

International Day in the Park



Our branch has participated in this event in past years. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 8. Think about a possible booth and what AAUW can contribute, and we can have discussions about it at our April and May meetings.

Diane Hagen

This picture and program notes were sent in to the Faribault Daily News by member Karen Rasmussen.



A program of "Women of Mayo Clinic" was presented by Dr. Pat Raftery, Irene Eiler, and Gloria Olson at the March 27th at AAUW's monthly meeting during Women's History Month. Eiler is the great-niece of Maud Headline Mellish Wilson, both raised in the Faribault area. Nurse Maud Mellish was hired by Dr. Will Mayo in 1907 "to organize a library and to do editorial work in connection with the publication of papers." Over the next quarter century, she edited thousands of medical articles by Mayo Clinic physicians and scientists and the Mayo brothers considered her to be a key figure in the development of the clinic's international reputation.

Faribault AAUW Branch Meeting - March 27, 2023

The branch met at 6:15 p.m. Monday, March 27 at the Rice County Historical Society Museum's Carlander Program Room. Co-presidents Pat Rice and Carmen Tripp convened the meeting.

Rice asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes included in the branches emailed newsletter. Hearing none, she asked to a motion to approve the Feb. 27 minutes. Pat Fuches made a motion to approve the minutes; Chrissie Dore seconded the motion.

Treasurer JoElln Schultz included her report in the March newsletter. The branch's balance on its accounts is \$12,938.47. Pauline Schreiber made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Carmen Tripp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rice thanked Kathryn Speulda, head of the Faribault Branches "Women In History Month" articles, for her efforts and thanked the writers of the articles. The article were published in the Faribault Daily News on Tuesdays in March.

Kathy Larson, membership V.P., reported the branch has 48 members. National AAUW dues are increasing, slightly, over the next three years. She will have a report in the April newsletter as to what dues will be for the coming year.

The Spring Picnic, Rice said, will be May 22 at Diane Hagen's. Schreiber, a member of the program committee, said Mary Niermann, chair of the program committee, would be meeting with Arna Farmer, owner of Arna Farmer Catering, to decide on a menu for the Spring Picnic. Like last year, it will be a "catered affair."

Scholarships for the year was brought up. Karen Rasmussen, head of the Scholarship Committee, said the branch is committed to funding two \$750 scholarships to South Central College. Mary Osborn, in charge of the AAUW-sponsored FHS Sportswoman of the Year Award, said there may be a \$250 scholarship to go along with the trophy. Offering local scholarships to women completing their bachelor's degree or doing advanced work, was discussed with various suggestions. Schreiber made a motion to have the branch offer and fund two \$1,500 scholarships this year; Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rasmussen will come up with a deadline for applying for the local scholarships. Most likely it will either be June 1 or June 15. Applications are online making it quicker and easier for applicants to apply. Rasmussen will also be advertising for applicants in various places.

Diversity V.P. Diane Hagen will report in April on the date for the 2023 Faribault International Festival in Central Park. It will be this summer in July or August. The branch will decide at a later meeting whether members will have an activity at the festival or not.

Tripp collected checks for the Tri-Branch Luncheon set for 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at Ruth's on Stafford, 410 Stafford Lane, Dundas, hosted by the Northfield AAUW Branch. The deadline to register is April 10. Tripp will be sending in all the checks she collected at the meeting and recording the names to know who from Faribault are going so carpooling can be arranged. The speaker will be a Carleton College professor speaking on, "Title IX: Where We Stand Today."

Delegates to the online, Zoom, Minnesota AAUW Annual Meeting on April 29 were selected. They are: Liz Hartman, Karen Rasmussen, Carmen Tripp and JoEllen Schultz. Schreiber made the motion to approve the delegates; Speulda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Fuchs second the motion. The motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber

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The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Items should be sent by the 10th of the month to either Emily enesvold@gmail.com or Liz ethartmanariz@gmail.com on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.