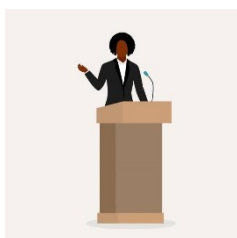




Faribault Branch Communiqué

AAUW advances equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

January 2025



President's Message

Happy New Year to all of you. How are the resolutions coming along for everyone? The trend is to break them before January 14th. Good luck with that.

The December Holiday party and celebration of our 100 years was very entertaining and enlightening. I did not know of many of the community happenings that were instigated by our AAUW group. Way to go. A big thank you to those of you who researched and presented to us. Great job.

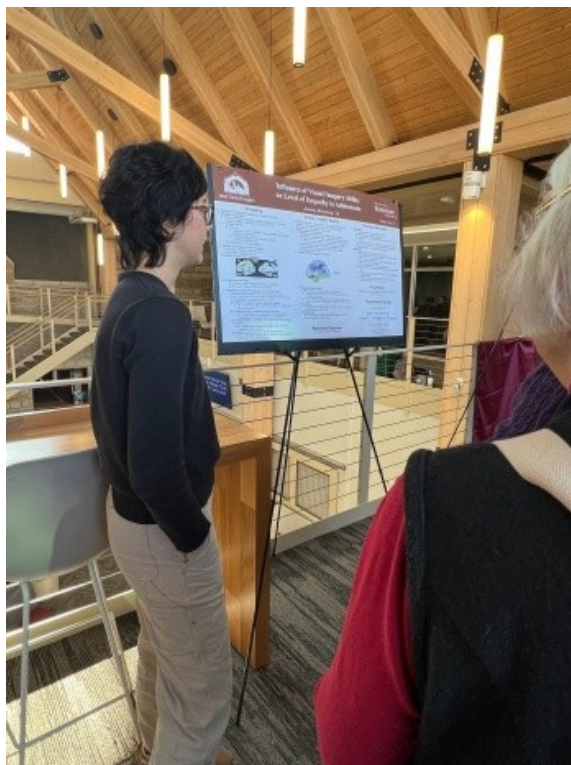
This month looks to be another interesting program.

Thanks to those who were able to attend the Shattuck event this week. I'd like to hear about it.

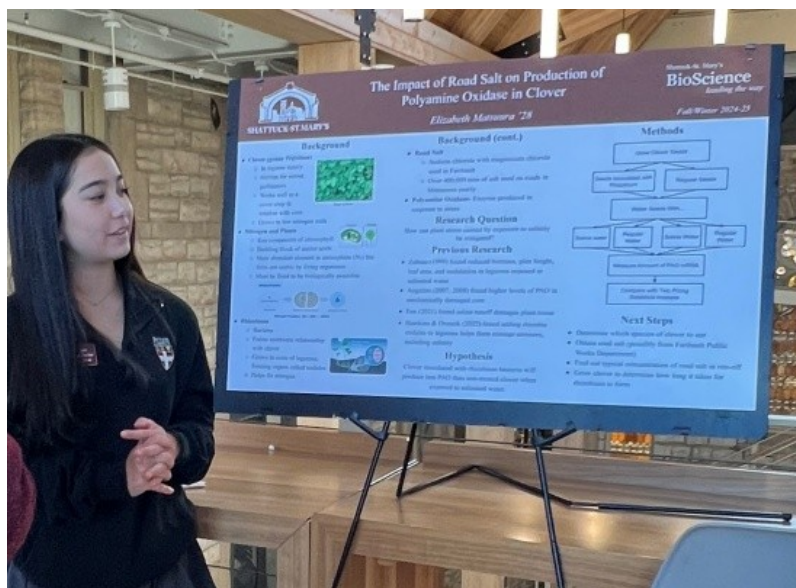
I hope that you were able to read and respond to the email from Shannon Wolfe on dues increases and Governance Proposals.

Submitted by Mary Niermann - President

Mary Lillquist and I had an interesting hour and a half meeting with the 18 Shattuck students on Jan. 8th and discussing their research projects. We hope to go again in May and learn the conclusions of their projects. *Submitted by Karen Rasmussen and Pat Umbreit*



"Influence of Visual Imagery Ability on Level of Empathy in Adolescents."



This poster describes "The Impact of Road Salt on Production of a Polyamide Oxidase

Legacy workshop



*"Your legacy is every
life you've touched."*

-Maya Angelou

In our November newsletter I described the Legacy workshop, that four of us attended, set up to have us reflect upon the 100th anniversary of our branch. Our presenter, Margie O'Loughlin, offered these questions, that day, to help us write personal letters to the Faribault Branch.

How do you see the AAUW making a difference in the lives of women and girls in Faribault?

- How long have you been an AAUW member, and why do you continue?
- Why is it important that this is a women's organization, as opposed to an open community organization?
- What kind of relationships have you formed here?
- How would you describe the Faribault AAUW to a person of a younger generation?
- What contribution would you most like to be remembered for?
- Is there one word you can think of that summarizes the way you feel about your AAUW experiences over the years?

Pauline's letter will be the first, hopefully of many, to be featured in our newsletter in the coming months.

Our 100-year history lesson at the Christmas Luncheon provided a sampling of the many contributions our branch has made for women and girls and our community.

Get your creative writing juices flowing and let me know if we can count on you for a paragraph or two about your experiences in AAUW. *Submitted by Liz Hartman*

Your legacy with Faribault AAUW matters. Those of use who attended Marjorie O'Loughlin's workshop in late October thought, since this is our 100th Anniversary Year, that members who wished could write and submit a Legacy Letter to the newsletter, as to why they have been a member of AAUW, or on a special memory from their years as members.

A Legacy Letter is written to a relative on a subject you would like to pass on to them such as your life story, values, what you have learned in your life, or reflection on some other aspect of your experiences. Below is Pauline Schreiber's reflection as to why she has stayed a member of the Faribault AAUW Branch for close to 50 years. She joined in 1976. This was written during the October workshop.

"AAUW in one word, 'connectedness'.

As women, we have faced challenges for being born female. AAUW connects women locally, statewide and nationally to work together to make a difference such as working to pass Title IX and other legislation to benefit women and girls.

I have stayed a member of AAUW because of the close friendships I have made with my fellow

members. Through the years we have worked together to make a difference. We raised money for local scholarships as well as national AAUW fellowships the Legal Advocacy Fund. At one time, we put on a "Connecting Girls to Work" event during spring break that linked girls to women in different professions in town.

I've attended many state AAUW conventions in different cities around Minnesota in my years in AAUW. Those events have connected me with other AAUW members from around the state. I have learned that the concerns women have are universal. We want young people to thrive, boys as well as girls, and we want discrimination against not just women and girls, but minorities and others to end so everyone lives in a more equal and peaceful society."

Submitted by Pauline Schreiber



Secretary's Report

There are no minutes from our *December meeting*. We were busy celebrating.



Finance Report

Our current bank balance is \$14,139.74.

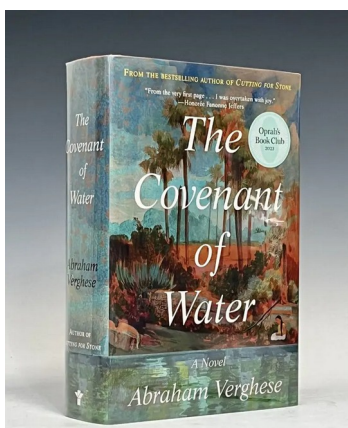
Our contribution for AAUW Funds for 2024 was sent prior to the mid-Dec deadline: \$1500 for the Greatest Needs Funds.

The liability insurance of \$200 has been paid.

The Silent Auction netted \$213 which includes \$186 for bids and \$27 donated.

23 attended the Christmas Luncheon and paid \$15 ea, the Cathedral Guild received \$345.

Submitted by Karen Rasmussen, Finance Officer



Book Club

In December, the AAUW Book Club was hosted by JoEllen in the community room at Realife for our annual Christmas luncheon. We discussed *Tis the Season* by Lorna Landvik. Altogether a very seasonal, comfortable environment!

January's book is *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. During the winter months, we will be meeting at **Nook and Cranny, 725 2nd Ave. NW, on Thursday, January 16 at 2pm**. Coffee and treats will be available for purchase. *Submitted by Barb Dubbels*

Program



Date: Monday, Jan. 27

Time: 2 p.m. Meeting followed by Program

Program: Jessica Kinser, Faribault City Administrator

Kinser will speak on the "Challenges of Local Leadership" and her experiences in leading the City of Faribault since April 1, 2024.

She is the city's first woman city administrator.

Kinser studied English and political science at Iowa State University, as well as public administration in graduate school. She, then, worked as a management and financial analyst at the county level for three years.

Kinser got her start in city administration in a small city of 1,000, Griswold, Iowa, which is 20 miles south of the city she grew up in, Walnut, an even smaller city. A few years later, she took the job of finance director for Clinton, Iowa, a town of 26,000.

She was hired in April to replace former city administrator Tim Murray who retired.



Membership

January 2025 is the start of a NEW YEAR for our Faribault A.A.U.W. Branch!! It will be our 100th. YEAR to continue our Mission: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy."

At our December Christmas Party we had an opportunity to review how our Faribault AAUW Branch has done many beneficial projects, programs, fundraisers, workshops, and scholarships for women and girls for our community, state, and nation! **The 100th. Anniversary program by five of our members, informed and reflected on many issues through summaries of each decade.** Utilizing hats and other props about our accomplishments gave a visual program of our Faribault history. **Let's continue our tradition of promoting our AAUW positive influence in the community - especially to help fulfill our MISSION STATEMENT! Please encourage and invite any family member or friend to join us as a Faribault AAUW member.** We need to continue to promote women's rights. Our AAUW group is a great way to meet new people with common goals and develop camaraderie. We have fun times at our events, too! **Please contact : Kathy Larson - Membership Vice-President at- 1 - 507 - 332 - 2525 or email- kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com**
Thank you, Kathy Larson :)

December Holiday Party

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