



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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



October 2024 President's Message

Yay Fall. These cool mornings and sunny days are putting a big smile on my face. So are all of you for the great work you have been doing for our organization.

This month the committees for the forums and the Halloween breakfast have been working extra hard. Please thank them and do your part by attending and selling those breakfast tickets.

Please note that our October meeting will be on Thursday October 10 at 5:30 at City Hall. Enjoy reading this month's newsletter. You can find some good information in here.

Happy October.

Mary Niermann -President

Faribault Branch (Affiliate) Budget

The 24-25 budget was gone over, adjusted slightly and voted on at our September meeting.

* You can view the budget in an attachment submitted by Treasurer Karen Rasmussen.

Bylaws: * Attached the mandated Bylaws. These are mandated and to be implemented by the Board without a vote of the membership. It's going to take a while (if ever) to get used to calling us an 'Affiliate' rather than a Branch. *Editor's note: Agree, Karen. Just couldn't make myself change the heading of our newsletter, yet!!*

Karen Rasmussen, Bylaws chair



State Representative
District 19A Candidates: Republican Keith Allen and DFL Jessica Navarro



Candidates for Faribault School Board



Faribault AAUW forums offer the public an excellent opportunity, before casting their votes, to learn more about the candidates and their stands on important issues. Thanks to members Pauline Schreiber and Sue Willcut for organizing this year's forums!

AAUW member Pat Rice (pictured left) moderated the first very informative forum.

The second forum on *Thursday, Oct. 10* will feature Faribault mayoral candidates from - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Faribault City Council candidates from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Member Cheryl Freund will be our moderator. We will need volunteers for timekeepers and to gather questions from the audience.

Note: The October AAUW Business Meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room.

If you can't attend in person, be sure to watch on FCTV YouTube AAUW Candidates Forum 2024.

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~Our Halloween Breakfast Scholarship Benefit~

Sunday Oct. 27, 2024 - 8:00am-12:00pm

American Legion Club

Prepared by the Sons of the American legion



Sell! Sell! Sell Those Tickets!!

Gail Kaderlik has graciously offered to avail her office at 1st United Bank for picking up tickets and returning the money for presales to her. She also has the work schedule and flyers plus the sheet to sign up for where the flyers will be posted. Feel free to text or call her at 507-210-1909 to make sure she'll be there. *Please look at*

the work schedule attachment in this newsletter.

- The date to give your total **presale number** to Karen Rasmussen is **Sunday, Oct. 20th**. If at all possible, please text me at: 507-412-1011 or email me at kadras1217@gmail.com. (e.g., Pat U - 10). I have to turn the total number on Monday, Oct. 21st to the Legion. (Name and #--quick and easy-peasy).
- The last date to turn in the **presale ticket money** to Gail is **noon, Wednesday, October 23rd**. Please, please do your best to get it turned in by the deadline as both Gail and I will be out of town Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last year's breakfast was so much smoother without taking in presale money that morning.
- If you sell a child's ticket, could you please mark it with a "C" (preferably with a marker) and fold it in half?
- PS ~ Halloween Breakfast: We'll need donated candy, except we don't want to have bags leftover either. Could you email (kadras1217@gmail.com) or text (507-412-1011) me if you buy candy, including whether chocolate or non-chocolate and how many pieces? I'd like to obtain about 350.

Step out of your comfort zone to invite people. Sept. 29th was World Heart Day and so on the 30th, six gals from the American Legion Auxiliary, including Mary Lillquist and I, delivered the same jumbo muffins that we'll have to thank the First Responders for what they do every day. I told them if you like these muffins, come to our (AAUW) omelet breakfast and I gave them quarter page flyers to pass out. Just maybe someone from the ED, Ambulance, Fire, Police, or Sheriff's Office will come. Those guys claimed they could have the 2 dozen muffins gone in less than 24 hours, and that was debating if the night shift would even get any. My financial consultant's family can't make it, but if I emailed him a flyer, the company would send a \$100 donation! (Done)

Thank you.

Karen Rasmussen

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Membership Memos for October

October is always a busy time for our AAUW members!! This year we sponsor the Candidate Forums besides promoting our BIG and ONLY Fundraiser (Halloween Breakfast) for Scholarships for women and girls!! Thanks to all members donating their time and effort to make these important Community Events successful!!

We always have the opportunity to encourage family and friends to join our Faribault AAUW Branch! Right now, is an especially good time, since we are going to celebrate 100th years of our Faribault AAUW Branch - February 25, 2025!! Our organization has done many services for the women and girls of our Faribault Community!!

Remember our Membership Dues:

Regular membership: \$91.00

New - First Year membership: \$55.00

Remember we can accomplish so much together!

Please let me know if anyone wants information on becoming a member.

Kathy Larson - Membership Vice-President

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Legacy Letters Workshop

Margie O'Loughlin of Northfield was to have been our September speaker but tested positive for COVID and couldn't come. She was going to give a presentation on what Legacy Letters are, and then members would have taken 20 minutes to write a letter on why they have stayed in AAUW and the importance of AAUW in their lives.

Members interested in attending a "Legacy Letters" workshop at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 should contact Pauline Schreiber, Program V.P., by texting or calling 507-602-0876, or emailing, stpaul-ine818@gmail.com.

Pauline hopes there will be 6 to 12 members interested in having such a workshop. Please contact her by Oct. 14 or sooner if interested.

"Legacy writing is a way to distill our life experiences, values, and beliefs. The final product can be a gift to family and friends; legacy letters are sometimes used to accompany a legal will and/or an

advanced healthcare directive. No matter how they are distributed, legacy letters are a way to link generations by putting our life lessons down on paper.

Margie O'Loughlin worked for several Minneapolis and St. Paul community newspapers as a freelance writer and photographer (800+articles published). In addition, she offered creative writing classes to groups of older adults across the Twin Cities for years. Classes include memoir writing, writing from prompts, writing through the decades, and writing through the lens of gratitude."

*Be sure to read the Attachment, from Margie O'Loughlin, for an outline of her presentation for the AAUW Workshop.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasury Notes: As of Sept.30th, the balance was: \$12,751.58. Some dues payments are still outstanding.

Karen Rasmussen, Treasurer

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

The AAUW book club met in September to discuss *Murder on the Red River* by Marcie R. Rendon a native American and Minnesota author. Several of us questioned the ending but discovered there are presently 2 follow-up books with the same protagonist. 5 members of the book club heard Rendon speak at Content in Northfield and she said she has at least 2 more to be added in this series.

We will meet on Thursday, October 17 at 2pm at Kathy Kasten's home in Northfield. October's book is *The Women* by Kristen Hannah.

Barb Dubbels

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Social Time

Our October coffee and treats will be 10:30, Saturday the 19th, at Janna's Market Grill.

Hope you can make it, Sue Olson

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Yearbook and Directory Updates

Add Pat Fuchs to Membership Vice President

Add Kathryn Speulda to Diversity Vice President

Spring picnic at Pat Umbreit's home

Jeanne Brown-Krruesel. 2024 Bard Court

Add Karen Kittleson to membership
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Thanks, Pat U

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Minutes for the Sept. 23, 2024 Faribault AAUW Business Meeting

The Faribault AAUW Branch met, Sept. 23, 2024, at the Rice County Historical Society in the Carlander Program Room at 1:30 p.m. for its organizational meeting for the 2024-2025 Program Year. Mary Niermann, president, called the meeting to order. Pauline Schreiber, secretary, read the minutes for the May meeting. One correction was pointed out. The local scholarships were \$1,500 rather than \$1,000. With that correction, Niermann announced minutes approved as read.

Karen Rasmussen, acting treasurer, gave a report. The Faribault AAUW Branch has \$12,757.30 in checking and savings as of Aug. 31. The Faribault AAUW Board had met prior to the branch's business meeting to finalize a 2024-2025 Program Year budget. Rasmussen, Niermann and Carmen Tripp, past president, went through the budget the board recommended, explaining changes to it from last year. The three answered questions about the changes. After that, Niermann announced the treasurer's report and budget approved as read.

Pauline Schreiber and Sue Willcutt organized AAUW's local candidates' forums that will be held at Faribault City Hall. They are: Thursday, Oct. 3 District 19A State Representative candidates from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Faribault School Board candidates from 7:30 to 9:00; and Thursday, Oct. 10, Faribault mayor candidates from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; city council candidates from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

AAUW members Pat Rice and Cheryl Freund will be the moderators for the forums.

A branch business meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at City Hall, prior to the candidates' forums that evening.

Halloween Breakfast Plans: This year's Halloween Breakfast to raise dollars for scholarships will be 8 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Oct. 27 at the American Legion. Made-to-order omelets with breakfast potatoes, muffins and beverages will be served. Rasmussen and Kathy Larson are again co-chairs of the event. Rasmussen and Judy Graham applied for \$250 grant cards from Thrivent and were awarded them. They will be used to pay for muffins, napkins, placemats, creamers and candy. Tripp received a \$50 gift card from Kwik Trip. Rasmussen passed around a sign-up sheet to members to volunteer to help at the event. Rasmussen had, also, prepared flyers for members to put up in businesses and buildings around town. Tickets this year will be \$18 for adult pre-sale tickets and \$20 at the door. Tickets for 9 and under will be \$6. The number of pre-sale tickets will need to be reported to Rasmussen by Oct. 21 to determine the amount of food to buy. Barb Dubbels will be making the tickets and will distribute them to members just prior to the Oct. 3 candidates' forum, and at the Oct. 10 business meeting at City Hall, prior to the candidates' forums that evening.

Pat Umbreit, Yearbook editor, passed out the 2024-2025 edition and asked members attending to take the books of members not at the meeting, if they would be seeing them.

Pauline Schreiber, Program V.P., announced that the scheduled speaker, Margie O'Loughlin of Northfield, had called and said she has COVID and could not come Monday. She would be willing, however, to give a workshop on "Legacy Letters" to those members interested at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at the RCHS Museum. Anyone interested can contact Schreiber. She, also, reviewed the programs for the year that are listed in the Yearbook. The candidates' forums are the October program. The November program will be co-celebration of May Bottke's 100th birthday with Delta Kappa Gamma at Pleasant View Estates. The 100th Anniversary of AAUW will be celebrated at the Christmas Party that will be 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16 at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior. The Cathedral Women will prepare a meal for members for \$15 a plate. The program will be a review of the past 10 decades of Faribault AAUW history.

A vote was taken as to when the branch's silent auction fundraiser would be, December or

February. December won the most votes.

Membership V.P. Kathy Larson is doing well recovering from a hip replacement, Rasmussen reported. The budget passed earlier in the meeting is based on 38 paid members. Listed in the Yearbook are 43 members. She is working on contacting some members who still need to pay.

President Niermann read a “thank you” card that Hailey Reuvers, the 2024 AAUW Sportswoman of the Year award winner, sent to her. Hailey felt honored to receive the award from AAUW.

Liz Hartman, AAUW Funds V.P., reported Faribault AAUW will be eligible to honor two Named Honorees this program year. The \$1,500 contribution in the budget from Faribault AAUW could go to more funds than just the Greatest Needs Fund this year. She listed a number. It was decided that the issue of what fund Faribault’s contribution will go to will be discussed and decided at an upcoming Faribault AAUW Board meeting.

Rasmussen, who is by-laws chair, as well as treasurer, reported on a number of by- law changes mandated from National AAUW.

Old Business: Electing new officers had been delayed from May until September. Niermann introduced the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Program Year. They are: President, Mary Niermann; Treasurer, Karen Rasmussen; Secretary/Program V.P., Pauline Schreiber; Co-Membership V.P.s, Kathy Larson and Pat Fuchs; AAUW Funds V.P., Liz Hartman; Co-Public Policy V.P.s, Sue Willcutt and Sue Stout; Diversity V.P., Diane Hagen. After a discussion and asking for nominations from the floor, Niermann asked for a motion to accept the slate. Dubbels made a motion to approve the officers; Gail Kielmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emily Nesvold made a motion to adjourn the business meeting; Pat Fuchs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber

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.