



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

September 2024



President,s Message

Welcome to the 2024-2025 session of our Faribault Chapter of AAUW. The program committee has been working hard to get our monthly meetings organized. Looks like we are going to have an educational and fun year together. Check out the year in their section of this newsletter.

I'm excited about the two 100 year celebrations we will be having.

Please note: THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL START AT 1:30.
Our speaker is scheduled for 2:00.

Please be thinking of the upcoming forums on October 3 and 10. And our famous Halloween breakfast on the 27th.

Some of our board members met in August to organize this year. We still need to look at our budget together. I'm asking you, board members, to meet at 1:00 on September 23 before the meeting.

Hope to see many of you on September 23.

Submitted by Mary Niermann and????? Your co-presidents



Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May meeting will be read by Secretary Pauline Schreiber at our September 23, 2:00 business meeting. If you want a copy of them, please contact Pauline at 507-602-0876.



Treasurer's Report

Treasury Notes: Our bank balance at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, was \$15,186.26. I am collecting dues for those in their "grace" period and will be doing a couple of administrative tasks for membership. We were the beneficiary of the Eclectic Alliance non-profit corner for the month of May. We netted a \$616.59 donation!! ~ Submitted by *Karen Rasmussen, Acting Treasurer*



Membership

WELCOME BACK LADIES :)

Please think of inviting someone, maybe a former A.A.U.W. member or a friend or relative, to our September 23rd, Monday meeting at the Rice County Historical Society-Museum at 2:00, with program at 2:30. It'll be great to visit each other after the summer break, to work on projects together and have enjoyable programs.

This is a SPECIAL YEAR because we will be celebrating our 100th. ANNIVERSARY of the organization of our FARIBAULT BRANCH of A.A.U.W. We made history on our actual date of **February 25, 1925** ! Just think of all those years that women right here in Faribault accomplished many community programs, projects and provided scholarships for women and girls!! **From past members to present members we have worked hard and made a difference in many women's' and girls' lives. We should be so PROUD of our history of 100 years!**

Thanks to all our A.A.U.W. members for already paying your dues for 2024-25. If you haven't sent in your dues- just a reminder - pay them at our first meeting or send them to:

Karen Rasmussen 1217 Mitchell Drive Faribault, MN 55021

DUES, like everything else has gone up **but are still a bargain:**

Regular membership: \$91.00

New- First Year membership \$55.00

REMEMBER we can accomplish so much together!

Let me know if anyone wants information on becoming a member.

Kathy Larson- Membership Vice-President

(1-507-332-2525) kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com

Thanks again for your cooperation:)



September Social Time, Coffee Break, Luncheon

Hi Members, Lets meet at Janna's, 10:30 on Saturday, September 21st for treats and talk time. Hope you can join us!

Thanks! *Sue Olson*

S2024 AAUW Scholarship Recipients

Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen recently presented two Faribault scholars with \$1500 checks to pursue their education from the Faribault Branch of the American Association of University Women.



Kennedy Tutak, a BA alum and upcoming senior at Hamline University, is studying neuroscience and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She has helped conduct several research studies, such as a certain algae and cancer cells, how metformin doesn't break down in wastewater, and the possible genetic link and Alzheimer's. She aspires to be a college professor.

Kathy Larson,

Kennedy Tutak,

Karen Rasmussen

Hannah Wetzel, a Faribault High School graduate, is studying Agricultural Business and Accounting at Iowa State University in Ames. She takes a heavy class load so is classified as a senior though this will be her junior year. She is also with the American Shorthorn Association on the national level.



Karen Rasmussen

Hannah Wetzel

Kathy Larson

The above press report was submitted by Karen Rasmussen



Program

September Program: Margie O'Loughlin of Northfield will speak to us about Legacy Letters at 2:30 p.m. Monday, September 23 as our program for our first meeting of the 2024-2025 program year - the Faribault Branch 's 100th

Anniversary Year.

The business meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Come to the Rice County Historical Society at that time. There is a lot of business to discuss. Stay for the program and learn how Legacy Letters can pass on your values as well as the story of your life. Be prepared to do a short writing

exercise as to why you have stayed a member of AAUW as long as you have.
Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

A Message from Mary Niermann

These are the dates of our 2:00 meetings at the historical society

Sept.23

November 25

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

October will be candidate forum and Halloween breakfast.

December 16 Christmas party

May 19 picnic

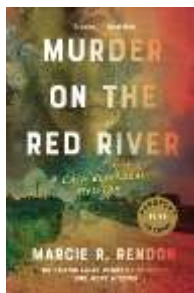
A message from Pat Umbreit

Please let Pat Umbreit know if there are any changes for the yearbook. Addresses, phone numbers, etc. as soon as possible. The old book will be passed around at the next meeting. I need any changes NOW so I can publish in a timely manner. We want to make the information as up to date as possible.

Thanks,

Pat Umbreit

patriciaumbreit@email.com



Book Club

The AAUW Book Club met throughout the summer. We read *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff in June, *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng in July, and *Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah in August.

September's book is *Murder on the Red River* by Marcie Rendon. Our meeting date is Thursday, September 19 at 2pm.

Submitted by Barb Dubbels

From Renee Perrance Owatonna Branch Meetings:

Hi,

Ann Godwin and I met Linda and another Owatonna Branch member at another event.

Both commented on how much they enjoyed Faribault's Tri-branch luncheon event.

I asked her to share the Owatonna's Branch program schedule for 24-25.

She did.

Hello ladies! I have attached the branch booklet for the year with program descriptions.

Faribault Branch members are always welcome to join us. You can also find info on what we are up to on our website: owatonna-mn.aauw.net

I hope to see you again soon - Linda Hoffman

Note: Rather than attaching the whole booklet, I opted to only include the Owatonna Branch Website address above. Emily



Candidate Forums

Sue Willcutt and Pauline Schreiber have organized local candidate forums for AAUW. The city is letting us use the city council chambers on Thursdays Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. The

technology has been updated. Heather Slechta, city clerk, has volunteered to be the technology person for the two nights. She operates the system for city council meetings. The forums will not be able to be live on FCTV, but will be recorded and **played later on FCTV.**

Planned for the nights are:

Oct. 3 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. State Rep. 19A candidates Keith Allen (R) and Jesse Navarro (DFL);

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faribault School Board.

Oct. 10 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Faribault Mayor candidates Tom Spooner and Jonathan Wood;

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faribault City Council candidates.

The moderator for the Oct. 3 forums will be Pat Rice; the moderator for the Oct. 10 forums will be Cheryl Freund

We need timekeepers and people to collect written questions at each forum. We hope lots of members help out at the forums and attend them. The forums is our program for October and attending them is a great way to learn about the candidates so you can decide who to vote for. There will be an AAUW business meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 10 at City Hall before the second night of forums.

