



Faribault Affiliate Communiqué

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



January 2026 President's Message

Your strength is shared when you are present for others.

Did you set an intention for 2026? Did you make a resolution for 2026?

Is it still your focus or have you started to backslide or forget what it was and how you were going to implement it?

Was it for your self — was it for others? Whatever direction you did or did not take, I'd like to remind you of AAUW's mission.

Education

AAUW has a mission to advance equity for women and girls grounded in the belief that economic empowerment is essential to gender equity - and higher education is a critical pathway to achieving it.

Higher Education supports economic security and upward mobility, helping women thrive personally and professionally. When women have equitable access to education, families, communities, and economics are stronger.

AAUW's work centers on ensuring higher education is inclusive, diverse, and free from harassment and discrimination, so women and girls can fully realize their potential.

Education is one of the strongest drivers of gender equity. What can you do?

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We have a busy and interesting year ahead for our local branch starting in January with our member, Sue Stout, speaking about Ruth's House. Our luncheon committee is at work planning for April 18th, book club continues to meet monthly to discuss member's book choices, and members visit and socialize monthly on a Saturday at Janna's

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JoEllen Schulz

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January Affiliate Meeting

Monday, January 26

2:00 PM

Rice County Historical Society

There will be a short business meeting preceding the program.

Sue Stout, outreach coordinator for Ruth's House in Faribault and Sarah's House in Northfield, will be our speaker. Sue is one of our members. She will share how the shelter for women and children has developed over the years. She will also share stories (but not names) of some of the women helped by Ruth's House.

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Membership

AAUW January- 2026 Membership Message

*Happy
New Year
2026*

Happy New Year! January 2026 is the start of a New Year for our AAUW Faribault Affiliate!

We have already existed 100 years and will continue our AAUW Mission: "To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education and advocacy."

Remember this year's AAUW MOTTO is ACTION. Just think of all the various projects, events, scholarships and contributions we have accomplished together for our Faribault Community. **ACTION does promote change and advancement!**

If each one of us would recruit another member, just think of the greater impact we could give to women and girls. The friendships and camaraderie are so valuable as AAUW Sisters. Please encourage and invite any family member or friend to join us as a Faribault

AAUW Affiliate Member. We need to continue to promote women's rights - now more than ever!

Membership Dues:

For a new First-year member or previous member rejoining after 2 years: Dues are only \$55.00

Regular Membership Dues: \$93.00 (Only \$7.75 a month to help Women)

For more information please contact: Kathy Larson -Membership Vice-President

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Be politically involved at the grassroots level!

February 3rd is the date for the Minnesota political caucus.

You will meet with like-minded neighbors who support a political party to discuss political concerns, work on local organization and select candidates.

After January 15th, you can search FIND MY CAUCUS. That will take you to the MN Secretary of State site. By supplying your address, you can find your caucus location.

Submitted by Susan Willcutt.

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our annual December Book Club luncheon was once again a success with our tasty potluck contributions. The book Winter Solstice fit so well both for our Christmas read and the challenging weather we had that afternoon!

Our December book is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis the first of a seven-book series of The Chronicles of Narnia. We will meet at **The Nook and Cranny beginning at 1pm on Thursday, January 15.** Please note the earlier start time.

Barb

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Separated by colors at our book club luncheon. The Red Table!



The other table!



Remembering



Glenda Martin, 91, died peacefully at home in St. Paul on Dec. 19. In her long and Rich life, Glenda was a visionary and a trailblazer Whose work inspired many. At heart, she was always a teacher, whether in her long career as an educator Or, later, as publisher, bookseller, book-group leader, writer.

In education, Glenda's students ranged from public-School 5th graders to U. Of M. graduate students.

She was a leader in Minnesota and nationally in supporting blind and vision-impaired students in The mainstream.

In 1985, she and Mollie Hoben created the Minnesota Women's Press, a feminist newspaper (now magazine) that continues today. Over the years, Glenda created And facilitated 100s of book groups—all dedicated to reading books by women— And in 1996, she and Mollie created the magazine BookWomen, also still publishing.

She will be deeply missed by daughter Corinne Martin White; son Douglas Martin; Beloved friend Mollie Hoben; son-in-law Thomas White; daughter-in-law Julie Martin; grandchildren Avery White, Campbell White, Kate Martin, and Ryan Martin. She was preceded in death by husband Richard, in 2001, and son Jeffrey, in 1986.

Family and friends will celebrate the life and legacy of this remarkable woman Jan. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park branch library, 2345 Como Ave., St. Paul. Friends may honor Glenda's memory by reading books by women and supporting local libraries and independent booksellers. Memorial donations suggested to Minnesota Women's Press.

(Members of our Faribault Affiliate will never forget the wonderful programs on books by women authors that Glenda and Molly presented in Faribault. We marveled at Glenda's ability to effortlessly produce the titles, authors, and plots of so many books in a short meeting time.)

AAUW Socials



Hi Members,

I'll make reservations for us to meet at Janna's Market Grill at 11:00, Saturday, January 17th for conversation along with coffee, breakfast or lunch. Hope to see you there!
Sue Olson

Some pictures taken, by JoEllen, of the fun gift exchange at our December Christmas Lunch at the Cathedral



Anticipation!



We had a little trouble with the rules of the game. Barb's and Betty's reactions say it all!!



It's Diane's turn to swap and she's putting a lot of thought into her decision.

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