



## **NORTHWOODS NEWS: November, 2016**

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### **Message from Branch President, Pam Brunfelt**

Oh, what a lovely 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we had at the Grand Ely Lodge on October 11, 2016. Phyllis Olson and Katherine Scheuer did a marvelous job coordinating the evening's program. As a relatively new member, I especially enjoyed hearing from our members who have been working towards a better future for women in our area. Thank you so much for sharing your history with us.

Our next branch meeting is a week earlier than normal because of Election Day. State law prohibits any meetings from being held in the evening at a state institution. We will be meeting on November 1, 2016 in CL 128. The program will be focused on First Ladies so choose one and come prepared to discuss her life and contributions. I will facilitate the discussion.

Don't forget to attend the Ely City Council Candidate Forum on October 26 at 7:00 p.m. and the School Board Candidate Forum on November 3 at 7:00. We are hosting the forums along with the Rotary Club. Mary Setterholm is coordinating the forums. Please thank her when you see her.



### **Why Vote on November 8?**

Susan B. Anthony

- Suffrage=right to vote
- Arrested for voting in the 1872 Presidential Election
- Refused to pay \$100 fine for voting
- Women's suffrage granted with passage of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920. (only 6 years before the Ely

Branch was  
founded)

"Your vote is your voice. Don't  
be silenced."  
AAUW

"My vote is my voice...and  
the voice of all who  
struggled so that I may  
have my voice."  
Lyida C. Obasi

"Whenever I meet someone  
who vacillates on whether  
or not to vote because  
there isn't a perfect  
candidate, I tell them the  
voting booth is the one  
place on earth where the  
least powerful and the  
most powerful are equal.  
Who could pass that up?"  
Gloria Steinem

"Those that stay away from  
the election think that one  
vote will do no good. 'Tis  
but one step more to think  
one vote will do no harm."  
Ralph Waldo  
Emerson

"I am eternally grateful to  
the women before me who  
fought for my rights."  
Anonymous

"Too many of my friends  
gave their lives for our  
right to vote. I think about  
them every time I step into  
the voting booth. I  
remember their faces, the  
sounds of their voices. I  
wonder what could have  
been, had we not been  
cheated of their light – of  
their lives. We must never,  
ever forget their sacrifice.  
We must honor it and  
cherish it. Tell your friends:  
We must vote."  
John Lewis,  
congressman  
for Georgia's Fifth  
District

"Women, we might as well

## Upcoming Events

**Book/Article Review - First Ladies**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 6:45 pm Social, 7:00**  
**pm Meeting, VCC CL 128**  
Hostesses: Jean Green, Pam Webster, Emily  
Brown, Betsy Flaten

Choose your favorite first lady or one you are  
interested in. If you don't have a chance to read a  
full book, read a chapter, an article, or search the  
internet. Any information on one of our first ladies  
will contribute to the discussion. Pam Brunfelt will  
moderate the discussion.

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**STEM Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 - 6:45 pm,**  
**VCC CL 128**

Thanks to those of you who responded to my  
inquiry about the best possible meeting time for our  
STEM committee during that first week of  
November. Looks like the top choice is just before  
our Branch meeting on November 1 - so we'll meet  
at 6 PM at VCC in room 128. Hope to see you all  
there.

Jeanne Tomlinson

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## Candidate Forums and Get Out the Vote

### Ely City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 26th at 7 pm  
VCC Theater

### School Board Candidate Forum

Thursday, November 3rd at 7pm  
VCC Theater

If interested in volunteering for the Forums  
(especially the School Board Forum), contact Mary  
at [mary.setterholm@gmail.com](mailto:mary.setterholm@gmail.com)

### Place "VOTE" signs in storefronts on November 7th

Meet us at the Front Porch at 9:30 am for coffee,  
and we will head out to place the signs. We will  
meet again on the 9th at 9:30 to pick up the signs.

**Remember to vote on November 8th** and bring a  
few friends or neighbors that may need a ride.

be dogs baying the moon  
as petitioners without the  
right to vote!"

Susan B. Anthony

"It's a man's world...unless  
women vote!"

Anonymous

"When women vote, the  
conversation changes!"

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER  
8!!!**

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**AAUW Mission:** AAUW  
Advances equity for  
women and girls through  
advocacy, education,  
philanthropy, and  
research.

**Value Promise:** By joining  
AAUW, we belong to a  
community that breaks  
through educational and  
economic barriers to that  
all women have a fair  
chance.

When women vote, the discussion changes. Let  
your voice be heard.

Mary Setterholm  
Ely Branch VP Public Policy

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### **Herberger's Fundraising**

THANK YOU to all for supporting our Herberger's  
booklet sales.  
We have sold 110 booklets so far, with 40 to go to  
reach our goal of 150 booklets sold!

We have presale days on:  
Friday, November 4 from 10-noon North door  
Friday, November 4 from 4-6 pm North door  
Saturday November 5 from 10-noon West door

PLEASE sign up to help. So far we have 4 people  
(Teresa, Lucy, Ruth, Cecilia) for Friday 10-12, 2  
signed up for Friday 4-6 (Caroline, Betsy) and 1  
signed up for Saturday 10-12 (Jeanne). We could  
use more help on Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Call or email Marge for booklets or to help with  
presale times.  
Only 40 booklets to go. We can do this! All the  
money goes directly into our treasury for  
scholarships and to further education for girls and  
women.

Thank you!  
Marge 218-235-3851 or [ttlmarge@yahoo.com](mailto:ttlmarge@yahoo.com)

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### **One Voice Mixed Chorus: Hand in Hand Fall Tour Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm VCC Fine Arts Theater**

The program is open to the general public, and  
admission is free. There will be a potluck prior to  
the Friday concert. Laura is asking for volunteers  
for the potluck (provide a dish to share). To  
volunteer or for more information, contact Laura  
Moberly at [mmoberly@frontiernet.net](mailto:mmoberly@frontiernet.net).

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### **Other Branch News**

#### **Office on the Economic Status of Women Listening Session**

AAUW Ely coordinated marketing, childcare, and a  
larger venue for a Listening Session sponsored by  
Barbara Battiste, Director of the Office on the  
Economic Status of Women. Six listening sessions  
were scheduled throughout Minnesota. While  
listening sessions in other parts of the state bring 8  
to 10 attendees, attendance at the Ely session on  
October 18th was the highest Ever attending these  
session. Thirty-six community members attended

the session.

AAUW volunteers Pam Brunfelt, Teresa Sagen, and Nancy Leba provided childcare for 4 children while the parent or grandparent attended and provided input to the session.

Barbara opened the session describing the laws passed in the 2016 session. Many new programs were funded to help women and girls of color and their families achieve economic security. Some of these are priorities for AAUW Public Policy including job training and placement for women of color in high wage skilled trades and STEM, financial assistance for childcare and transportation, expansion of the Safe Harbor Law to age 24, and making revenge porn a crime.

As Barbara introduced the format of the listening session, she shared the current status of women in Minnesota, including a gender wage gap of 83% for white females and up to 49% for Hispanic females. While the Minnesota minimum wage is now \$9.50 per hour, a livable wage in St. Louis County for a single mother with 1 child is \$19.52 per hour. With that as a background, she asked what is working in Ely and what are the challenges in Ely. She ended the evening of discussion asking each participant to name the single major challenge for them. While the need for broadband was cited frequently, so also was affordable, flexible childcare, and a livable wage with benefits.

Representative Rob Ecklund was in the audience. He stated he is committed to equal pay for equal work and extending parental leave for maternity to 12 weeks.

Mary Setterholm, VP Public Policy

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### **90th Anniversary Celebration a Success**

Thank you to all branch members that attended the dinner and helped to make our 90th Anniversary celebration so special. Special thanks to the 50-year members for being so influential to our branch over the years. Those of you that gave oral history, Teresa, who typed and ran off the booklets, and Katherine, who organized and set up the displays (with husband Bob's help) I say a huge thanks!! I hope you had fun with the fundraiser-- our Educational Opportunities fund gained \$78.10. Contact me for a copy of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet with branch highlights for 1926-2016.

Phyllis

(The Branch also thanks Phyllis for all her work to

make this night a success and her research to complete the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history booklet!).

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### **Fall 2016 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup**

We had 6 branch members who met for breakfast at 9 am at the Taste of Ely, and then 4 members went on to take care up picking up all the litter on our two mile stretch of Highway 169. It started cloudy and a little cool, but then turned out to be a beautiful day. Even with the smaller crew, we were still done by 11:30 am. Thanks bunches to Cecelia Mahl, Teresa Sagen, Mary Setterholm and Jeanne Tomlinson for participating in the cleanup, and to Lucy Diesslin and Heide Buettner who were able to join us for breakfast.

Jeanne Tomlinson

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### **Program Booklet Additions/Corrections**

#### **AAUW Board Additions:**

Publicity: Laura Moberly

#### **New Member:**

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#### **Corrections:**

Sarah Levar's email is [guyle001@umn.edu](mailto:guyle001@umn.edu) (not mnu)

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### **AAUW Dates to Remember**

#### **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

Ely Branch Meeting  
VCC CL128

#### **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

Ely Branch Dinner Meeting  
Grand Ely Lodge

#### **April 28-29, 2017**

AAUW Minnesota State Convention  
Willmar, MN

#### **June 15-18, 2017**

AAUW Convention  
Washington D.C.

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