

Northwoods News

February, 2017



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Message from Branch President, Pam Brunfelt

The year is rushing by. We only have three more meetings and our dinner at the GEL in May. We have accomplished much this year with more to come.

Ruby Walsburg has been chosen by the scholarship committee to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) this summer. She is so excited that she has already registered. We adopted a blind application process this year, and it appears to have worked beautifully. Thanks to all who volunteered to help pick our candidate.

At our February meeting Annikka Mattson told us about her experiences at STEM camp at Itasca Community College last summer. She carried the banner for the three girls who received AAUW and Empower scholarships. Her fellow campers could not be at the meeting so Annikka bravely did a solo act. She was a very impressive young woman who deftly handled all of the questions posed to her by branch members. She would love to go again this year.

Annette Horvat will talk about the TRIO-SSS program at VCC at our meeting in February. She is the director of the TRIO program for all of the NHED colleges.

highly recommended that you find a way to see it and bring your family.....it's rated PG. It ranks up there as one of the best movies I've seen EVER! It is cinematic nourishment for the soul. As described by Rotten Tomatoes, **HIDDEN FIGURES** is the incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe)-brilliant

The program is designed to ensure student success throughout their college careers.

Marge Forsberg will have Herbergers booklets at the meeting. Be sure to bring some money with you so you can help support our scholarship efforts. Remember all of the money from the sale of the booklets goes right into our scholarship fund.

The board meetings will now be held at noon on the fourth Monday of the month at the GEL.

Stay warm. Spring is not far away!

Upcoming Events

Ely Branch Meeting and Program

Tuesday, February 14, 6:45 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program

VCC, CL 128

Planning Committee: Mary Setterholm, Kay Vandervort,, Nancy Leba



We hope you will join us and we look forward to seeing you there! The Northeast Higher Education District (NHED) TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant was refunded by the U.S. Department of Education for a 5-year

grant cycle beginning 9/1/2016 through 8/31/2021. Known as TRIO SSS, the program has served 1,000 students across the colleges of Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River, and Vermillion Community College for over 27 years. Currently funded at \$1,428,869, the goal of TRIO SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants to help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Come to the February AAUW-Ely branch meeting to learn about how TRIO SSS contributes to the five community college missions of the District and is committed to fostering a campus climate supportive of student success and academic achievement through outreach, advocacy, and collaboration. **Project Supervisor and AAUW member Annette Horvat** will present information on how TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty with three programs and has grown to nine college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree.

African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

STEM 2017 Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 6 p.m., VCC,

The AAUW-Ely STEM Committee will meet **February 14**, at 6 p.m. prior to the branch meeting. If questions, please contact Jeanne Tomlinson at tomlinson.jeanne@yahoo.com or [\(218\) 235-8470](tel:2182358470).

Jeanne Tomlinson

Herberber's Booklet Sales Event

Our February Sales Event is in process!

Booklets are still \$5 per booklet full of coupons, including the \$10 coupon.

We have three **pre sale times**: Friday, February 17th 10:00-12:00 North door, Saturday, February 18th 10:00-12:00 North door, and Saturday, February 18th 12:00-2:00. The **sale dates** are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 23,24,25 with times to be determined.

We again have 150 booklets to sell. I will have booklets for sale at our next meeting, February 14th and you can get booklets by contacting me at ttlmenge@yahoo.com, texting or calling [218-235-3851](tel:2182353851).

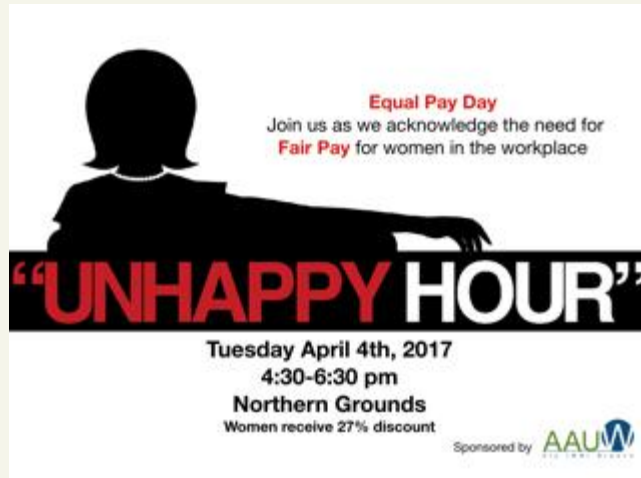
Since we need to sell at least 76 booklets before our next meeting, please let me know how many you want! Also please contact me with times you can sell booklets at Herberbers.

THANKS A BUNCH! Marge

Your fundraising source for all the great scholarships and learning experiences we offer.

Equal Pay Day

Prefer reading about these women? You might enjoy reading the following: Hidden Human Computers : The Black Women of NASA (Hidden Heroes) by Sue Bradford Edwards and Duchess Harris (Essential Library Publishers, 2016) Hidden Human Computers discusses how African American women made critical contributions to NASA in



Equal Pay Day is **April 4th 2017**, the day designated to represent the day when women finally 'catch up' to men's 2016 pay. Women, on average, make 20 percent less than men; however, in MN Congressional District 8, women make 27 percent less than men. To bring attention to the disparity, AAUW Ely will have several activities throughout the community. There will be engaging presentations at 2 high school civics classes and at the American Government class at VCC. During the lunch hours at VCC, a table will be outside the cafeteria to draw students in, allowing students and AAUW members to talk about the issue. At all of these events, we will hand out whole cookies to women and cookies with a 'bite' out to men. From 4:30 to 6:30 pm, we will sponsor an 'UnHappy Hour' at Northern Grounds. Women will receive a 27% discount on a limited selection of wines and Espresso. We will advertise in the papers, post flyers in businesses, and ask the membership to hand out small invitational reminder cards. We are looking for additional volunteers to make this community awareness day come off without a hitch:

- 1) We would like our members to participate in the "Unhappy Hour" and SPONSOR a participant by providing a glass of wine to a woman attending.**
- 2) We need at least 6 people to bake cookies (1 dozen with a small "bite" out, and 1 dozen whole).**
- 3) We also need a couple of members to write a letter to the editor for the ECHO and the TIMBERJAY describing Equal Pay Day. A sample letter can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/lte-vs-op-ed/>**
- 4) And, we would like you all to hand out the invites to young working women in our community for the "unhappy hour".**

Please reach out to Mary.setterholm@gmail.com or call [612-741-8761](tel:612-741-8761) if you can help us make this a community awareness campaign a rousing success.

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AAUW Public Policy

On January 21, 2017, at least half a million people descended upon Washington, D.C., to march for gender equality. AAUW members were right there front and center. AAUW staff, members, and supporters marched to make their voices heard in our nation's capital and across the country. All came with the same goal: to proclaim that women's rights are human rights. As a nonpartisan organization, AAUW marched to remind elected officials that women are watching and will make their voices heard on any action (or inaction) on women's issues. Now that the march is over, we need to take the next step. AAUW will join with the Women's March on Washington to complete '10 actions in 100 days'. The first action is to write a postcard to your Senators about **what matters most to you** - and how you're going to continue to fight for it in the days, weeks and months ahead. An example card might read:

Dear Senator:

As a supporter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and part of the #WomensMarch movement, I join with women across the country to demand that women's priorities be America's priorities. As your constituent, I expect you to support and uphold policies that will:

- *Support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity*
- *Achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women*
- *Guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society*

They provide postcards, you make them your own! To go to the AAUW page: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20640&killorg=True

To go to the Women's March page to get additional postcards: <https://www.womensmarch.com/100/>

Mary Setterholm
AAUW Ely VP Public Policy

AAUW Ely's NCCWSL Scholarship Recipient

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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.



AAUW Ely's National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship recipient this year is Ruby Walsberg. Currently a freshman student at Vermilion Community College, Ruby is working to complete her liberal arts degree. While growing up in Two Harbors, Minnesota, Ruby feels she has had a number of great experiences. She became a certified SCUBA

diver in Honduras; has had her artwork on display at Scenic Café, and has completed many extracurricular activities and interesting classes. She is interested in learning new things and finding a career she will love and help her accomplish great things in her future. To Ruby, leadership is much more than being in charge, it is being a good example for other people. By attending NCCWSL, Ruby believes it will help her get out of her comfort zone and explore options that will lead her to find her dream career.

Annette Horvat
AAUW Ely College/University Representative

AAUW Annual 2017 Art Contest

The submission period for the 2017 art contest has passed, but voting for this year's winners opens on Monday, February 4, 2017. Visit our art gallery and vote your favorite artwork. AAUW members can vote for up to 10 entries.



AAUW Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Ely Branch Meeting - TRIO Program, Annette Horvat
VCC, CL 128

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Ely Branch Meeting - Women's Mental Health, Laurie Hall
VCC, CL 128

April 28-29, 2017
AAUW Minnesota State Convention
Willmar, MN

June 15-18, 2017
AAUW Convention
Washington D.C.

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