



**National
Women's History
Project: *Writing
Women Back Into
History***

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Project (NWHP) was

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**Message from Branch President, Pam
Brunfelt**

It is amazing how fast the year has flown by. At the last board meeting we discussed our annual meeting in April. We are determining what offices will be open in 2017-2018. The nominating committee will be contacting some of you to see if you will put your name forward for the election of officers and directors to the board. Please don't say no. Having different people involved in leadership positions is always a good idea to ensure a healthy AAUW-Ely branch. The board makes a lot of the important decisions for the branch so that our monthly program meetings are focused on our guests for the evening rather than on more mundane business matters. Board meetings are a lot of fun and important work is done while we eat a delicious lunch at the GEL.

A prime example of new initiatives designed by a subcommittee of the board is the Pay Equity Day program this spring. Besides our cookie "sale" at VCC where students learn about pay inequity, Laura Moberly is speaking to my American Government class and to classes at the high school. The highlight of the day will be an Unhappy Hour at Northern Grounds. A number of public officials have been invited to attend and information about

founded in Santa Rosa, California by Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett and Bette Morgan to broadcast women's historical achievements.

The NWHP started by leading a coalition that successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women's History Month, now celebrated across the land. Today, the NWHP is known nationally as the only clearinghouse providing information and training in multicultural women's history for educators, community organizations, and parents-for anyone wanting to expand their understanding of women contributions to U.S. history.

Women's History Month - A Time to Celebrate Our Trailblazers and Women We Admire

One of our leading trailblazers died in

pay inequity will be shared during the evening. More information about this unusual event will be forthcoming.

Thanks to Marge Forsberg our fundraising event has once again been a success. The sales of the coupon books to members and at Herbergers means we can send students to STEM camp, NCCWSL, and give a non-traditional woman student at VCC a scholarship. Thanks to everyone who has participated. Remember every dollar of every coupon book that we buy goes right into our scholarship funds. It is an effective tool to help us advance the cause of women's educations in the area.

Upcoming Events

Ely Branch Meeting and Program Tuesday, March 14, 6:45 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program VCC, CL 128

Planning Committee: Lucy Diesslin, Pat Merfeld, Pam Fossum, Regina Johnson

Women's Mental Health - Laurie Hall, Administrator, Essentia Health – Ely Clinic

Laurie Hall will discuss the growing mental health crisis, especially in rural areas and efforts to improve the mental health and wellbeing of our community, especially women and children.

STEM 2017 Workshops

The STEM Committee and our volunteer presenters have all been working hard on the details for our March 18 Workshops. If you are not on the committee but would still like to help in some way, we are having a **"Prep" meeting the day before the event on March 17 at 2 pm at the Ely United Methodist Church (downstairs) and could use some extra hands.** And you are always welcome to just pop in at **VCC on Saturday, March 18 between 9:30 and 2:30** and check out the workshops. If questions, please contact Jeanne Tomlinson at tomlinson.jeanne@yahoo.com or [\(218\) 235-8470](tel:218-235-8470).

Jeanne Tomlinson

Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Opportunities are still available for Ely Branch members to become involved as we acknowledge the need for Fair Pay for women in the workplace:

February 2017. Dr. Millred Dresselhaus was known as the "queen of carbon science", was the first female Institute Professor and professor emeritus of physics and electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Nobel Prize winner. The daughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe, Millie grew up in a low income neighborhood of New York City. With some encouragement, she learned about a city-wide high school for girls with outstanding academic ability. After high school, Dr. Dresselhaus, went to Hunter College with the intention of becoming a teacher. During college, a female physics instructor, encouraged her to pursue a career in physics. After graduate studies at Cambridge, Harvard, and the University of Chicago, Millie accepted a position at MIT and led an illustrious and award laden career. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor in 2014 President Obama.

Who is your "trailblazer"?
During this month of honoring women in our history and their contributions, keep them in your thoughts and share information about them in your conversations.

- 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 contact Mary at Mary.setterholm@gmail.com or one of the other Equal Pay Day Committee members (Caroline, Kay, Laura, Lucy, Teresa) if you can help us make this community awareness campaign a success.

AAUW Minnesota State Convention April 28-29 Willmar Conference Center and Best Western Plus

Please consider attending the AAUW MN State Convention as a delegate representing the AAUW Ely Branch! The convention is not only a wonderful opportunity to meet new AAUW friends and reconnect with old friends, it is also an opportunity to continue to learn about AAUW issues. This year's convention theme is ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

The convention kicks off on Friday afternoon with a trip to The Barn Theatre where you will hear about the history of the theatre, a behind-the-scenes tour, including an art exhibit and opportunity to meet award winning artist in wood, Fred Cogelow. The tour will end with complimentary refreshments before returning to the Conference Center.

During the two day convention, you will hear Keynote Speaker, Yabo Yang, Executive Director of the Minnesota Women's Consortium, AAUW National Board's Vice Chair, Alicia Hetman, and LAF Plaintiff Paul Thein, a native of Rochester, MN and graduate of UMD. While working at Feather River College, Paul reported Title IX violations and allegations of student sexual harassment by a faculty member. He was abruptly placed on leave and informed of nonrenewal of his contract.

Finally, you will surely enjoy the "enrichment sessions" on Saturday: 1) Marketing AAUW to Engage Millennials; 2) DREAM Technical Academy - A STEM School; 3) Leaders in Action - The Willmar 8 (The eight bank employees in Willmar who walked out on strike and picked for two years over being paid less than men for similar work and

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.

other unfair pay labor practices); 4) Empowered for Leadership; 5) Funding AAUW Programs.

For more information and a registration form, see the Winter Pine on the AAUW Minnesota website at <http://http://aauw-mn.aauw.net/> Click on "The Winter Issue of AAUW Minnesota Pine is now available". If you are interested in representing the Ely Branch as a delegate, contact Pam Brunfelt at pam.brunfelt.moh@gmail.com. Branch delegates usually receive assistance with registration and convention costs.

Herbergers Fundraiser

Thank you to all who contributed and helped with the February Herberger's Booklet FUNDRAISER! We sold 176 booklets: 90 to members, 31 at the pre-sale days, and 55 on the sale days, resulting in \$880. If you would still like to contribute toward our scholarship fund you can send a check to Jeanne or give to her at our next meeting. This would help us reach our budgeted fundraising goal.

Again, thanks to all.
Marge Forsberg

AAUW Dates to Remember

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

Saturday, March 18, 2017
STEM Workshops
VCC, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Equal Pay Day "Unhappy Hour", Northern
Grounds, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Ely Branch Annual Meeting
VCC, CL 128

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

Monday, May 8, 2017
AAUW Ely Dinner
Grand Ely Lodge

June 15-18, 2017
AAUW Convention
Washington DC

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