



### Adopted AAUW Action Priorities for 2017-2019

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates:

- Funding for quality public education
- Opposition to using public funds for private education

### NORTHWOODS NEWS: September, 2017

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#### Message from Branch President, Pam Brunfelt

Welcome to the 91<sup>st</sup> year of AAUW in Ely. I hope we have as good a year as the last one. The program committee has put together a very interesting set of speakers for our chapter meetings. Make sure to check out the dates and topics listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

On Wednesday, September 6 from 10:30 to 1:00 Vermilion Community College hosted a community connection day. It was an opportunity to introduce students to AAUW and our mission. We had a table by the cafeteria and talked to interested students.

Our first meeting is September 12 at 6:45. The meeting has been moved from CL 128 where we met last year to CL 124 (two doors down—to the west) because of scheduling conflict for the room. Ruby Walsberg, our NCCWSL representative, will tell us all about her trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. The board voted to do away with hostesses for the meetings so no treats will be served unless someone chooses to bring something. I have a feeling Barb Rom is smiling down on us since she thought hostesses were not necessary. As has been the case over the last year, the business meeting will be short.

Marge Forsberg has the 2017 booklets for the Herberger's Community Days sale on November 8-11 in Virginia. If you haven't been "buying" books recently, please do so this year. The money from our local book sales fills our bank account and allows us to give out scholarships for NCCWSL, the STEM project, and our VCC non-traditional student scholarship. Without your support of the booklet sale, we have less money available to help our VCC and Ely area students. Once it was explained to me that the money raised here stays here, I began donating a larger sum for the project. I hope you will, too. The books are \$5. We have to sell 76 books to qualify for the sale at the doors in Virginia. If you cannot make it to the branch meetings, you can send a check made out to AAUW with scholarship funds written in the subject line to Marge Forsberg, 629 Kawishiwi Trl, Ely 55731. She will record your donation and the number of books

- Protection of programs for women & girls throughout the educational system
- Increased support for STEM programs
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Increased support for higher education for women & disadvantaged populations

**To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women,** AAUW advocates:

- Pay equity
- Equitable advancement opportunities
- Policies that promote work-life balance including dependent care
- Programs to promote workplace advancement for women
- Strengthening retirement benefits

**and To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society,** AAUW advocates:

- Vigorous enforcement of civil & constitutional rights
- Self-determination of reproductive rights
- Freedom from violence & fear of violence
- Support for UN Human Rights programs
- Freedom in the definition of self & family

you “bought.”

A number of us attended Barb Rom’s memorial service in late July. It was a lovely celebration of her life. It was apparent that she loved AAUW and was proud to be a 50-plus year member. This is my first letter as president of the Ely Branch, and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you for the next two years. I know we will continue to provide important leadership on the issues that matter to women.

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## 2017-2018 Ely AAUW Program

**Ely Branch September Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 6:45 pm Social, 7:00 pm Meeting**  
**VCC, CL 124.**



Ruby Walsberg, VCC student and our NCCWSL Scholarship recipient, will share her experiences at AAUW’s National Conference for Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in June.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming AAUW Ely Branch meetings. Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month from September through April, beginning at 6:45 p.m. for social time and a business meeting/program from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Vermilion CC, Room 124, unless otherwise indicated. The two dinners will begin with social at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Check your membership booklet (distributed via email) and the monthly Northwoods News for details.

- **October 10** - Entrepreneur Sarah Guy Levar’s foray into art
  - **November 14** – Increasing Rural Family Physicians and Vietnam War Veteran’s Understanding of Agent Orange Exposure and Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 - Linda Olson Bergum, M.D., Kirsten Larson, MS4 and Kayla Schenheit, MS4, University of Minnesota Medical School
  - **December 12** - Dinner at Grand Ely Lodge, Holiday Family Feud
  - **January 9** - “Hidden Figures” review/discussion (movie or book)
  - **February 13** - Tai Ji Quan – Moving for Better Balance, Chris Fredrickson, Candy Schindele
  - **March 13** – Title IX, Lucy Diesslin, Judy Klun
  - **April 10** – Annual Meeting
  - **May 7 (Monday)** - Dinner at Grand Ely Lodge, Donna Kari, Ely Speech Team
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- Passage & ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

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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.

## Upcoming Events

### Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-Up and Breakfast Friday, September 29, 9:00am, Taste of Ely

We had 7 branch members who met on Tuesday, May 9 at 9 am for an enjoyable breakfast at Insula Restaurant, and then 6 members went on to take care up picking up litter on our two mile "adopted" stretch of Highway 169. We were especially happy to have one of our newest members, Linda Bergum, join us! Don't you agree, Linda, that it's a great way to get to know other branch members? Jeanne Tomlinson did pickup the morning before since she had to leave right after breakfast, but Linda B, Cecelia Mahl, Caroline Owens, Teresa Sagen, Mary Setterholm and Barb Soderberg took care of the rest. Thanks to all!

Our Fall litter pickup will be on **Friday, September 29**. We'll meet back at the Taste of Ely for breakfast starting at 9 am since that has now reopened.

Submitted by Jeanne Tomlinson

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### Herberger's Community Days Wednesday, November 8 - Saturday, November 11

OUR ONE AND ONLY FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT IS NOVEMBER 8-11. We have received our booklets to sell and purchase for the sale days, November 8-11. Our goal is to raise enough money to fund all of our scholarships and educational programs for this year.

The booklets are \$5 each **with all of the \$5 going directly to our branch**. We need to sell more than 75 booklets to be asked to sell at the doors on the event days, November 8-11. During these sales days we continue to sell booklets and each \$5 goes directly to our branch. AND, in addition, a portion of the event days' sales is sent directly to our branch.

Consider:

- ~ purchasing at a minimum 2 booklets-\$10
- ~ selling at least 2 booklets to others
- ~ making a donation if you don't or can't use the booklets
- ~ making a donation directly to our scholarship funds
- ~ signing up to sell booklets on pre-sale and sale days.

Booklets can be purchased:

- at the AAUW branch meetings
- by emailing Marge at [tllmarge@yahoo.com](mailto:tllmarge@yahoo.com)
- by calling Marge at 235-3851
- by contacting Treasurer Jeanne Tomlinson

VCC SCHOLARSHIP ~ STEM EVENT ~ STEM CAMP ~ NCCWSL ~ EQUAL PAY DAY

Submitted by Marge Forsberg, VP AAUW Funds

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### Women Supporting Women Adventurous Elyites: Canoeing Conversations Saturday, September 9, 2017 7 p.m., Ely Folk School

Join Lisa Pugh as she tells the story of her journey through the 4th Largest river system in the WORLD. The first two women to take on the challenge of 4,000 miles a 200 day paddle. Lisa and Alyce Kuenzli canoed and created the Source of Confidence, teaching and inspiring others. Philosophy behind Source of Confidence - taking positive risks, in order to build confidence, no matter the

outcome, and learning from failure, celebrating success, or a combination of both. \$10 admission fee

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## Recent Events

### A Thank You from STEM Camp Scholarship Recipient, Sidney Marshall



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Thank you so much for the scholarship to go to the STEM camp at Itasca College. I had such a wonderful time there and I am definitely going back next summer, with or without a scholarship!

Thank you so much!  
- Sidney Marshall

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## Membership

If you have not renewed your membership, contact Jeanne Tomlinson ASAP. The AAUW membership year is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Membership dues are \$65.00. (National \$49, State \$9, Branch \$7). (Honorary Life Time members pay \$7, and Paid Life Time members pay \$16.). Tax information: \$46 of the national dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund.

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## Public Policy

Earlier this year, AAUW completed the Public Policy Biennial Action Priorities. These priorities underscore AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls across the lifespan. The basis for the priorities are principles that provide direction for AAUW Member's actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. The adopted Action Priorities for 2017-2019 are listed on the side article.\*

AAUW advocates public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions. With these Public Policy articles in our Ely Branch newsletter, my hope is to stimulate that public discussion within our branch. The articles will focus on 7 aspects of these action priorities. The intent is to inform our discussion and determine what our branch may find useful within our local community and our state, to drive the AAUW mission forward. Reviewing the AAUW Action priorities and the position statements together with looking at our community, we may identify opportunities for our branch to impact – and have fun doing so!

Submitted by Mary Setterholm, VP Public Policy

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## Dates to Remember

**Saturday, September 19, 2017**

AAUW Northland Get Together  
Hibbing, MN

**April 27-28, 2018**

AAUW MN State Convention  
Faribault, MN



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