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## AAUW OF MINNESOTA 2016 STATE CONVENTION

### Lighting the Way with AAUW

*By Mary Ann Houx-Lucas, AAUW Duluth*



Fantastic beginning, great middle and wonderful ending is the description of the 2016 AAUW of Minnesota State Convention held April 29—May 1, in Duluth, Minnesota. Mayor Emily Larson welcomed the group to Duluth and provided a warm, personal, thought provoking, and humorous keynote address entitled, *Bored Games, Board Games: Breaking the Mold of Expectations*. Her presentation reflected our mission and the AAUW Value Promise of equity, opportunity, education and diversity.

Sharon Bigot, our state president, opened our convention with a warm welcome to the 142 registered attendees. The Girl Scout flag ceremony, the Ojibway welcome by Linda LeGarde Grover, and the Duluth Branch welcome by co-president, Wendy Williamson, began the 2016 AAUW of Minnesota State Convention. There were a variety of workshops which included: Criminal to Victim; Shedding Light on Gun Safety Reform; Duluth: Beacon of the North; Reproduction Freedom; Historical and Contemporary Female Leadership of American Indian Women; How Cosmetics Impact Your Health and the Environment; “You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby”; and Big Blue Frog: Reducing Unconscious Racial Bias. Our AAUW featured speaker, Eileen Hartmann, shared information on a program called Charting the Course and talked about the importance of unrestricted funds to support new programs such as Tech Savvy and Elect Her. Aileen Rizo, our LAF speaker, described her struggle and legal efforts to gain pay equity when she discovered her colleague, with less experience and fewer educational qualifications, was paid more than she was paid. Our LAF contributions help women like Aileen Rizo get support and legal assistance to fight discrimination.

The AAUW Funds awards recognized the branch support of programs and projects. Ten NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) \$500 scholarship awards, three project grants, and membership awards were also given to branches. The Young Women for Equity Award was given to Kirsie Ane Kuutti who was nominated by the Duluth Branch. The outgoing state board officers were thanked and the new board was presented. The beautifully displayed silent auction, raised \$3913.00 for LAF. The evening ended with music, a wonderful performance by Strikepoint, a handbell ensemble.

Over one hundred early convention goers had the opportunity to attend a delightful social at the Kitchi Gammi Club. Many people enjoyed the interesting tour of the club that was built in 1911 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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# Lighting the Way with AAUW



Kitchi Gammi Club



Nancy Aldridge, Kathy Antila  
Mary Ann Houck-Lucas



AAUW Duluth Branch Hostesses



Carrie D'Andrea & Sharon Bigot



Eileen Hartman



Emily Larson, Duluth Mayor



Convention Voting



AAUW Duluth Branch Hostesses



LAF Speaker  
Aileen Rizo



Silent Auction



AAUW of Minnesota Past Presidents



Kirsi Ane Kuutti  
Young Women for Equity Award



Jan Bensen & Mary Harlander-Locke



AAUW of Minnesota Board



AAUW  
Moorhead Branch  
First Place  
Total Giving per Capita



Strikepoint Handbell Ensemble

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*Thank you, AAUW Duluth!*



## Charting the Course

### AAUW OF MINNESOTA STATE BOARD LEADS THE WAY

By Karen Kirkwood, Charting the Course Committee Member



Special thanks to the AAUW of Minnesota Board for stepping up and making a \$5000 contribution to the national *Charting the Course* campaign. The money was available from the excess over the required state reserves. The *Charting the Course* project has two purposes. First, it is a two-year effort to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds. Second, it raises awareness of the need for unrestricted funds to support the various projects AAUW has instituted to fulfill our mission. NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), Tech Trek, Tech Savvy, Start Smart, Work Smart, Elect Her, and our groundbreaking research are some of the projects supported with unrestricted funds. These programs have benefitted thousands of women and girls and continue to grow to reach even more. Individual Minnesota members have already contributed over \$45,000 to *Charting the Course*. The generous support of our state board signals the importance of unrestricted funds. Perhaps your branch would like to join this effort. Gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Traditionally, members have generously supported fellowships and grants named after individuals. There is a great deal of money in those funds that can be used only for that specified purpose. Dues money covers only about 1/3 of other expenses. In order for AAUW to continue to be a leader in addressing women's issues, we must have funds that are readily available and without restrictions on their use.

As a member of the *Charting the Course* national volunteer committee, I have been contacting members throughout Minnesota and the Upper Midwest to inform them of the need for unrestricted funds. I am available to come to branches to further explain this project. If you have questions or would like to contribute to the *Charting the Course* effort, please contact me about a visit. Checks should be made out to AAUW Funds with the memo line designating "Charting the Course."

Thank you for your on-going dedication to AAUW.

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### AAUW FUNDS

By Janice Paulsen, VP AAUW MN Funds

I would like to thank all of the branches and individuals who supported AAUW Funds this past year. A grand total of \$85,513.11 was raised in 2015. At the State Convention this past April, the

Silent Auction raised \$3913 for the Legal Advocacy Fund. A big thank you goes to everyone who gave items and purchased items with their highest bid. What a fun way to raise money for a good cause! Our LAF convention speaker, Aileen Rizo, told us about her wage discrimination case. A man was hired at Step 9 in salary who had less education and experience than Rizo. Aileen was at Step 4 after four years of work! She sued and LAF helped her. She is an AAUW member now. We do have clout! Keep up the good work. Remember, all checks should be made out to AAUW Funds. Please use the memo line to designate your funds. You may send the checks to Veronica Johnson— 351 Jolly Lane, Columbia Heights, 55421, and she'll do the paperwork for you. We will continue the Named Gift Honoree program for each \$750 a branch gives to either the Jane Skinner American Fellowship #4203, or the Minnesota Past Presidents American Fellowship #4326. We are getting closer to completion of these funds. It has been a pleasure to be your MN AAUW Funds VP the past five years. Have a great summer!

### 2016 Silent Auction Donation Results

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Albert Lea   | \$40.00  |
| Austin       | \$35.00  |
| Brainerd     | \$95.00  |
| Duluth       | \$847.00 |
| Ely          | \$118.00 |
| Faribault    | \$208.00 |
| Fergus Falls | \$91.00  |
| Hastings     | \$140.00 |
| Hibbing      | \$48.00  |
| Metro West   | \$210.00 |
| Minneapolis  | \$930.00 |
| NE Metro     | \$220.00 |
| Northfield   | \$82.00  |
| Owatonna     | \$80.00  |
| Rochester    | \$154.00 |
| St. Cloud    | \$101.00 |
| St. Paul     | \$90.00  |
| Willmar      | \$185.00 |
| Winona       | \$197.00 |

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|----------------|------------------|
| Cash Donations | \$42.00          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$3913.00</b> |



## LET'S REVIEW OUR 2015-2016 YEAR!

By Sharon Bigot, AAUW of Minnesota President

We have held our 2016 AAUW of Minnesota State Convention, so now is a good time to look over the past year's decisions and accomplishments.

Let's begin with the awards. Peg Lonquist, State VP Membership, recognized six branches with a membership increase of 10% or more: Alexandria Area, Faribault, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Moorhead/Fargo, and St Cloud Area. There were four branches with an amazing 25% increase in membership over three years (2013-2016): Alexandria Area, Faribault, Fergus Falls and St. Paul. Thirteen branches had membership increases of five or more new members this past year: Alexandria Area, Austin, Brainerd, Duluth, Faribault, Fergus Falls, Grand Rapids, Hastings, Minneapolis, Rochester, St. Cloud Area, St. Paul and Winona. Jan Paulsen, State VP AAUW Funds, recognized the Top Ten Branches in Total Gifts: Minneapolis (1), Saint Paul (2), Rochester (3), Moorhead/Fargo (4), St. Croix Valley (5), Faribault (6), Northfield (7), Red Wing Area (8), Hibbing (9) and Duluth (10), and the Top Ten Branches in Per Capita Giving: Moorhead/Fargo (1), St. Croix Valley (2), Fairmont (3), Minneapolis (4), Faribault (5), Willmar (6), Northfield (7), Rochester (8), Red Wing Area (9), and Ely (10). *Congratulations to all of you!*

The following branches received NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) \$500 scholarships from AAUW of Minnesota, one scholarship per branch: Duluth, Ely, Hastings, Minneapolis, Northeast Metro, Owatonna, Red Wing Area, Rochester, Saint Cloud Area and Saint Paul. This was the second year for our AAUW Minnesota Branch Project Grants. The total money for this second year was \$2000. This money was available because *The Minnesota Pine* was sent to all but 300 members by email instead of by U.S. mail. The winners of the AAUW of Minnesota Branch Project Grants were: Ely (\$265), Duluth (\$500) and Northfield (\$500). *Congratulations to all of you!* Please check out the articles in this *Pine* from each of these branches for the details of their projects.

During the convention business meeting, the 2016-2017 budget was approved. This budget includes \$5,500 for NCCWSL scholarships, which breaks down to eleven \$500 NCCSWL scholarships for the coming year. The total monies for Branch Grant Projects for the coming year is again \$2000.

The AAUW of Minnesota Board holds an election at convention every year because our bylaws provide for staggered terms: President-elect, VP Program and Public Policy and Treasurer in odd-numbered years; VP Membership, AAUW Funds and Secretary/Historian in even-numbered years. The results of this even-year election were: Peg Lonquist, VP Membership, Minneapolis, for 2016-18; Veronica Johnson, Minneapolis Branch, VP AAUW Funds for 2016-18; and Lisa West, Secretary/Historian for 2016-18. The 2016-2017 Nominating Committee will be Beth Nienow, Rochester Branch; Caroline Owens, Ely Branch; Jan Paulsen, Minneapolis Branch; plus Sharon Bigot, Minneapolis Branch, Alternate.



The only resolution passed at this convention was a courtesy resolution, which thanked the host branch, Duluth, and the convention speakers and workshop presenters for their time and expertise. Appreciation was warmly extended to outgoing board members: Sharon Bigot, who has completed her two-year term as State President, Sharon's Administrative Assistant, Carrie D'Andrea, who has completed her two year term; Jan Paulsen, VP AAUW Funds, who has completed two full two-year terms plus a partial term to complete a vacancy; Mary Jo

Dickinson, Finance Chair, who has completed two full two-year terms and Gail Glashan, Pine Editor, who has completed two full two-year terms.

Newly appointed to the 2016–2018 AAUW of Minnesota State Board are David Kirkwood, MAL (Member at Large), as Finance Chair; Jackie Crever, St. Cloud Area, as Pine Editor; Mary Harlander-Locke, St. Cloud Area, as Administrative Assistant; and Christina Royal, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs for Inver Hills Community College, as College/University Representative.

Our incoming AAUW of Minnesota President, Jan Bensen, has served on the state board for the past year as President-Elect. Jan is a member of the St. Cloud Area Branch and has chaired the AAUW of Minnesota Financial Review Committee. This past year, she worked very closely with her branch as they held AAUW Minnesota's first Tech Savvy. She can be reached through a combination of two emails: her work email ([jan.bensen@abc.com](mailto:jan.bensen@abc.com)) and her home email ([bjb72@gmail.com](mailto:bjb72@gmail.com)). Do use both of her emails. Please join me in giving Jan a warm welcome!

The 2016 state convention ended with an invitation from the AAUW Willmar Branch for the 2017 State Convention to be held April 28–29, 2017, in Willmar. This will be the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Minnesota Convention! *Save the dates!*



## **AREA COLLEGE WOMEN ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, COURTESY OF AAUW ST. CLOUD BRANCH (Press Release)**

*By Linda MacLeod*

American Association of University Women, (AAUW) St. Cloud Branch, awarded five scholarships to undergraduate students from the College of Saint Benedict (CSB) and St. Cloud State University (SCSU) to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held at the University of Maryland, College Park, just outside of Washington, D.C., June 2-4, 2016.

The 2016 recipients were Annie Noel, Courtney Miller, and Isabel Tompkins, representing CSB, and Sruthi Shankar and Oluwatobi Oluwagbemi from SCSU. All of these students are members of AAUW St. Cloud.

At monthly AAUW dinner meetings, students have the opportunity to interact with many local professionals, which reinforces the networking skills they learn at NCCWSL. Inspiring and informative community leaders, business owners, doctors, educators and many more address the membership on the second Tuesday of each month at the Courtyard Marriot, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Saint Germaine at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact: Linda MacLeod, [lmariemac@yahoo.com](mailto:lmariemac@yahoo.com) or 320-281-3155.

As America's premier conference for college women, NCCWSL provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. AAUW has been hosting this leadership conference, career fair, and networking event for the past 30 years. Nearly 1000 college women from across the country converge at the University of Maryland where they meet other successful student leaders and professional women. The conference offers more than 50 workshops, dynamic keynote speakers, Women of Distinction Awards, and a career fair representing 80 graduate schools and 25 employers.

Oluwatobi Oluwagbemi (NCCWSL 2016) commented that her favorite session was the opportunity to give a presentation about Michelle Obama and how she was the pillar behind her husband. She opined that Mrs. Obama is intellectual, sophisticated and calm under pressure even though she has been confronted with a lot of criticism. Oluwagbemi believes that the First Lady is always diplomatic and relaxed, ignoring haters and focusing on what is important in life. Oluwagbemi concludes that women truly are the pillars of society and society should appreciate them more.

Sruthi Shankar explained that when she applied to NCCWSL 2016 through AAUW St. Cloud, she was surprised at how many organizations there are dedicated to helping young women discover themselves in the world. Through this experience, she hopes to advocate for more moral and emotional support for women on-campus at SCSU, particularly for women of color. When Shankar discovered AAUW and its strong historical foundation in supporting women and advancing women's rights, she said she was just thrilled.

Shankar was also pleasantly surprised to see males at this conference, which is generally marketed to females. She said this reminded her that feminism is not a "word" intended just for females. "Feminism is the concept of equality and human rights for all marginalized groups."

Her favorite event was the Women of Distinction Awards that highlighted six women for their achievements in the global community. She related that women of all ages, ethnic heritages and sexual identities were represented on stage and said it was very encouraging to see that AAUW and NCCWSL are champions for ALL women. Shankar said she is grateful to AAUW St. Cloud for financially supporting her journey to NCCWSL and to her professors who encouraged her to apply. She hopes that SCSU will continue encouraging its women student leaders to attend this conference in the future.

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At NCCWSL, another local attendee, Isabel Tompkins, CSB, networked with many different women who shared the same passions. Together they discussed the importance of finding their individual voices in all the areas of their lives. Through these communications they shared solutions that encourage women to take positive actions in the workplace to promote equality. The conference gave Tompkins an insight into the current challenges that many women are facing. She also liked that women of all ages participated in the conference and were able to come together.

Courtney Miller, a CBS pre-law student, said she enjoyed being "able to meet and network with so many bright, talented, and motivated women from all around the country" and that the conference exceeded her expectations.

Brikken Jensen, an Information Systems major at SCSU and past attendee, explains how the May 2015 NCCWSL benefited her, "I know that my experience at NCCWSL will have an impact on me for the rest of my life. It will be one of the fondest memories I have from college. And I am so excited that other young women leaders will have the same opportunity that I had. By helping AAUW you're altering young women's lives and setting them up for success."



## A NCCWSL THANK YOU AAUW ELY BRANCH AND AAUW OF MINNESOTA



*Dear AAUW of Minnesota,*

I would like to thank AAUW Ely and AAUW of Minnesota for the scholarship to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. This scholarship meant a great deal to me and I wouldn't have been able to attend this conference had it not been for you. This conference allowed me to meet girls around the country and make several meaningful connections throughout my time there.

I want to tell you a little bit about my time at the conference as it was something I am overjoyed to have taken part in. I was able to attend a pre-conference workshop that included a trip to the Newseum and focused on photojournalism ethics and the multi-faceted First Amendment rights. The Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony and Reception was one of my favorite parts of the conference and was very inspiring. We were able to listen to four amazingly influential women speak about their accomplishments and receive advice from them. One of the keynote speakers, Hilary Corna, stressed the importance of taking chances and daring yourself to step outside your comfort zone to chase your dreams. Part of the conference allowed us to attend a graduate and career fair, allowing us to consider what our future holds and how we are planning on making a change. Different optional workshops allowed me to discover how to handle stress, find new ways to empower women in the STEM fields, study unknown female heroes in history, and learn how to articulate my strengths. Overall the conference had several different components that allowed for a full-on immersion into learning several facets to leadership and how we can become effective leaders.

In the fall I will be a junior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. I am pursuing a bachelor of science in microbiology with a minor in history. For future plans I am considering either attending medical school or graduate school with a focus on cancer biology research. This conference has really helped 'strengthen my leadership toolbox,' with varying tools, tips, and methods for not only becoming a leader, but also for being an effective leader. I cannot stress enough how important and amazing this conference was. It is incredible that I was able to go and I wish all girls would be able to attend this conference because it was one of the best experiences that I have had. Thank you so much again for the scholarship, I greatly appreciate it.

*Thank you so much,  
Megan Olson*



## AAUW ELY BRANCH STEM WORKSHOPS

By Jeanne Tomlinson, AAUW Ely STEM Committee Chair

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, twenty-three fifth through seventh grade girls from our area participated in a free one-day event at the Vermilion Community College (VCC), our affiliate college. For the fifth year, AAUW Ely coordinated a series of hands-on workshops in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields to help girls get excited about these areas as possible careers. We received grant funds from Lake Country Power's Operation Round-Up program, AAUW MN Branch Project Grant program and a generous community supporter to cover the costs of the event. Prior year workshops have included a wide variety of subjects, such as Glass Blowing, Geology, Neutrinos & Dark Matter, Chemistry, Architecture, Computer Programming, Astronomy, Physics, Biology and Environmental Science.

This year we had presenters from Cliffs Natural Resources (*Transforming Rocks Into Steel*), Itasca Community College Engineering Department (*Making Squishy Circuits*), and Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District employees (*Alien Actors*).

In *Transforming Rocks Into Steel*, the girls learned about the process of converting iron ore to taconite pellets from a short pictorial talk and then experimented a bit with magnetism and extracted iron ore from a sand mixture using large magnets. This was a favorite for many of the girls because it was quite messy and they all had to trek to the washroom afterward to clean up very dirty hands (and some faces).



In *Squishy Circuits*, the girls learned about electricity and electric circuits from the ICC engineering department. They made insulating and conducting dough material to complete electrical circuits with batteries, wire and light bulbs.

In *Alien Actors*, the girls learned about invasive aquatic species in our area. After listening to a short talk and watching a skit that dramatized what they were learning, they divided into smaller groups and each created and presented their own skit.



In the final hour, we tried something new by hosting a panel of VCC instructors and students (all women). We gathered the girls in the lecture hall and the panel responded to some questions that had been submitted earlier, and then also answered direct questions from the floor. All of the questions related to attending college and possibly pursuing a career in a STEM field.

We were very pleased to read the rave reviews about the workshops from the girls' evaluations and to see how engaged the girls remained throughout the special panel discussion. Since many of our participants are "repeat attenders" we feel our annual workshops are succeeding in exposing girls to many different STEM areas and could easily be a factor in helping these girls decide to go on to college and possibly pursue a career in a STEM field.

### AAUW Ely STEM Workshops 2016 Income and Expenses

#### Income

Lake Country Power Operation Round-up Grant.....\$800  
AAUW of Minnesota Project Grant.....\$265

Total Income.....\$1,065

#### Expenses

Advertising/Promotions.....\$100  
Presenter cost reimbursements.....\$265  
Participant workbooks and activity mementos.....\$354  
Lunch for all participants and helpers.....\$335  
Total Expenses.....\$1,054

## AAUW NORTHFIELD BRANCH BRANCH PROJECT GRANT PRELIMINARY SUMMARY

*By Gina Washburn, AAUW Northfield*

The Northfield Branch of AAUW was the recipient of a \$500 grant for our Branch Project to fund scholarships for elementary and middle school aged girls, grades three to six, to attend Super Science Saturday Club for Girls – a five week series of classes exposing girls to the fields within the STEM branches.

The club was the creation of several female science majors who, for their senior year at St. Olaf, wanted to live together in an Honors House. To do so, they had to have a theme of community service. They already were volunteers with the College's Science Alliance, a STEM educational outreach program bringing science materials into the classrooms. They decided to form the Club by revising a previous program using the Girls Excelling in Math & Science (GEMS) curriculum.

The platform for advertising and enrolling the girls was Northfield Public Schools Community Services, which offers bi-annual youth enrichment classes through a mailing to all residents in the school district. Last spring, the classes were held on Saturdays and a student could sign up for one, three or five week sessions at \$12.00, \$36.00 or \$49.00 respectively. There were typically 8 to 10 girls in a class, so our scholarship goal was to fund 10 girls for five weeks = \$490 (with some change!).

The project grant award monies received at the AAUW of Minnesota state convention have been turned over to Niki Kolb, Enrichment & Project ABLE Coordinator for Northfield Public Schools Community Services. Ms. Kolb, along with Gina Franklin, Northfield Branch AAUW and the Club founder, Anna Landskroener, co-signed and sent a letter explaining the grant award to the eleven girls who attended the Super Science Saturday Girls Club, along with a check in the amount of their fees. A picture will be in the Northfield News of the award check being handed to Ms. Kolb and Ms. Landskroener.



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## 2017 AAUW STATE CONVENTION

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29



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*"Come to the Heart of Minnesota!"*

## AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

*By Mary Petron, VP AAUW MN Public Policy*



I am currently working on a new state brochure including updates from AAUW National and AAUW of Minnesota Public Policy. I welcome input from AAUW of Minnesota Public Policy Chairs as well. When we work together we can accomplish great things.

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## TECH SAVVY

### HOSTED BY THE AAUW ST. CLOUD BRANCH AND OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

*By Linda Marie MacLeod*

In support of our mission, AAUW National developed *Tech Savvy*, a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) event for sixth to ninth grade girls and their parents. This year AAUW will pilot *Tech Savvy* across the country as part of a national initiative to ensure that school girls get the encouragement and opportunity they need to learn about STEM careers and how to prepare for college. In 2016, there are 22 *Tech Savvy* events planned with St. Cloud being the only grant recipient and event sponsor in Minnesota.

The St. Cloud Branch teamed up with St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and the College of Saint Benedict (CSB) to offer a daylong event on April 9, 2016, made possible in part by a competitive grant from AAUW National and donations by AAUW Minnesota, local members, and businesses. SCSU generously provided STEM student volunteers, faculty, staff and facilities. The College of Saint Benedict also sent STEM undergraduate student-volunteers and made other contributions. The event took place at the Integrated Science and Engineering Laboratory Facility (ISELF) and other science buildings on the SCSU campus.

#### MORE ABOUT TECH SAVVY

The *Tech Savvy* event was designed to develop girls' interest and self-confidence in STEM careers. The program encourages girls to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists. The *Tech Savvy* program, the only one of its kind specifically for girls, includes: imaginative and inspiring interactive workshops facilitated by STEM professional women and *Savvy Skills* workshops which focus on intellectual development like critical thinking and verbal skills.

The schoolgirls interacted with women who modeled expertise in STEM fields. It's important for them to interact with role models who inspire, encourage, and empower them. While girls enjoyed interactive workshops, there was a simultaneous program for parents. Parents learned about STEM education and careers as well as financial and academic preparedness in order to support their daughters.

#### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Shed a Light on Solar Energy —Jennifer Duffy, Blattner Energy
- Wondrous Web Page Design — Jenna Schneider, Shravya Tachakonda and Tirthankar Ghosh, SCSU
- Help Us Solve the Robbery at Maeve's Diner (forensic investigation) —Alicia Peterson, CSB/SJU
- What's the Buzz About Mosquitos and Evolution? — Katherine Furniss, Barb May and Demelza Koehn, CSB/SJU
- Stars in Our Eyes: A Journey Through the Northern Night Sky — Elisha Polomski, SCSU
- 3D Printing and Virtual Reality —Brikken Jensen, NCCWSL recipient and Mark Gill, SCSU
- Have Fun with Data — Nadeesha Lihnikadu Arachchige, SCSU
- How Big is Space? —Maria Rossman, Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines
- Experimentation in Action! — Kayla Kosciolk, Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines

#### THE TECH SAVVY COMMITTEE

- Jan J. Bensen, AAUW St. Cloud and AAUW Minnesota President Elect, chaired the *Tech Savvy* Committee.
- Dr. Melissa Hanzsek-Brill, SCSU, Mathematics and Statistics, coordinated efforts securing facilities, recruiting workshop presenters, approving curriculum and other logistics that made the event possible.
- David and Karen Kirkwood, active AAUW national, state, and branch members worked tirelessly on fundraising, securing promotional items, registration and ongoing technical assistance throughout the months of preparation.
- Jackie Crever, AAUW St. Cloud President-Elect
- Mary Harlander-Locke, Associate Director Career Services, CSB
- Kaelyn Friese, SCSU Student Relations Coordinator
- Linda Marie Macleod, AAUW St. Cloud, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator



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## WELCOME JACKIE CREVER AAUW OF MINNESOTA PINE EDITOR

*By Jackie Crever*

Jackie Crever lives outside the small town of St. Stephen, which is located just north of the St. Cloud area. She attended the Sartell Schools and graduated from Sartell High School. After high school she decided to spread her wings and move to Bozeman, Montana, where she received her B.A. in liberal studies and a minor in women's studies at Montana State University. She returned to central Minnesota after graduation to be closer to family. Her educational endeavors continued on through the College of St. Scholastica where she obtained a double master; a master of business administration in healthcare and a master of arts in management in change leadership. She currently works with a local non-profit, Central Minnesota Women Shine, providing women opportunities to create sustainable lifestyles for themselves and their families.

Not long after finishing her master's degrees, a member of the St. Cloud AAUW Branch approached Jackie to attend a meeting and see what their branch was all about. She quickly became very involved with the branch and soon took on the role of web master, picking up a seat on the board. She has thoroughly enjoyed becoming an active member of the board, as well as volunteering at the NCCWSL fundraiser and being a part of the Tech Savvy planning committee.

Jackie has been very honored in the past year by being asked to be president of the St. Cloud Branch. She will take over the responsibilities as of July 1, 2016. With such a dedicated and enthusiastic branch to support her, she is very much looking forward to the coming years to see what they can all accomplish together. She has also taken on the role at the state level of the Pine editor under President Jan Bensen. Jackie understands that she has very accomplished shoes to fill by taking Gail Glashan's position as Pine editor, but she has also felt the warm welcome and support the state board has to offer. She looks forward to seeing the articles come in over the next couple years, and having the opportunity to highlight how great the Minnesota AAUW branches are.

Jackie Crever  
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## FAREWELL FROM AAUW OF MINNESOTA PINE EDITOR

*By Gail Glashan, AAUW Hastings Branch*

Thank you, AAUW of Minnesota members, for the privilege of serving on your state board as the Pine editor. I've been inspired reading about your branch projects, scholarships, and programming with the mission of making the world better for women and girls. I'm grateful for new friendships across the state, and the opportunity to celebrate accomplishments applauding women. Our AAUW ground breaking research influences the national discussion targeting policy makers. AAUW matters! Your membership matters! Locally, nationally and globally, AAUW is making an impact!

**Thank you, Jennifer Johnson, AAUW Minneapolis, for sharing your invaluable and brilliant editing skills proofing our AAUW of Minnesota Pine! You're the best!**

The change to distributing our AAUW of Minnesota Pine newsletter electronically has saved money. This has enabled the state board to award more AAUW of Minnesota NCCWSL scholarships, as well as Minnesota branch project grants, and to support Charting the Course. Thank you for your support with this transition!

Jackie Crever, our new Pine editor, looks forward to keeping us all connected! Minnesota branches are invited to share their stories in the Pine. Send your branch news to Jackie at:  
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## AAUW MINNESOTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

### July 2016

- 1 Start of New Officer Terms and Fiscal Year
- 9 State Board Meeting

### August 2016

- 1 Criteria, Applications, and Deadlines for Fellowships and Grants Available Online
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 29 State Financial Records Review
- 30 Pine Deadline

### September 2016

- 8 President's Mailing to Branches
- 15 Nominations Open for State Board Offices

### October 2016

- 11 Eleanor Roosevelt's Birthday
- 21 Deadline for Board to Branch Contacts (October 1 – October 21)
- TBD State Board Meeting

### November 2016

- 15 Deadline for Nominations for State Board Offices

### December 2016

- 15 Deadline for AAUW Funds to Jan Paulsen

### January 2017

- 1 Half-Year Dues Accepted for New Members
- 15 Pine Deadline
- 15 Deadline for Convention Resolutions Submissions
- TBD State Board Meeting

### February 2017

- 1 Deadline for NCCWSL Applications to State
- 15 Deadline for Young Women for Equity Applications to State
- 15 Deadline for AAUW MN Branch Project Grants Applications
- 15 Convention Mailing to Branch Presidents, Past State Presidents, College/University Reps, Committee Chairs, and State Board
- 15 Credentials Chair Notifies Branches of Number of Delegates
- 15 President's Mailing to Branches

### March 2017

- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 15-Month Dues Accepted for New Members

### April 2017

- 8 Equal Pay Day
- 15 NCCWSL Early Registration Deadline
- TBD State Board Meeting
- 28-29 State Convention in Willmar

### May 2017

- 30 Pine Deadline

### June 2017

- TBD NCCWSL 2017
- 30 Deadline to Submit Branch Officers' Names to State and National
- 30 Deadline for 2017-2018 Dues

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