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I am looking forward to being your Pine Editor for the next two years. It has been very enjoyable putting this Fall 2016 Pine together. Every email I received was like a new idea that I was privileged to put on the page in a creative form.

As many Pine readers may notice the layout of the Pine is a bit different from the previous few years. I am a fan of a lot of color and I plan to incorporate that into the Pine.

I hope that more and more members choose to send me articles and lots of pictures in the future!

Send all articles in document form as an attachment to:
jackiecrever@gmail.com

Jackie Crever
MN Pine Editor
St. Cloud Branch President



Pine deadline dates on back cover.....



Dear AAUW MN,

AAUW MN is off to a great start in 2016. We have a great Board and each committee is hard at work on projects for the 2016-2017 year. Here are a few examples.

1. The 2016-2017 State Directory is complete. This is a valuable resource for each Branch and Branch committee chairs. Please inform Mary Harlander-Locke of any changes at mhlocke@csbsju.edu.
2. Christina Royale has been in contact with the College/University representatives on file. AAUW has much to offer students at these college and universities, and they are prime recruiting pools for AAUW as we learn how to engage the young women there.
3. The annual Financial Review has been completed. Thanks to the members of that committee.
4. Veronica Johnson has begun work on communicating the workings of AAUW Funds.
5. Jackie Crever has taken over as the Pine Editor and welcomes news from every Branch. It's easy to put Jackie on your distribution list at jackiecrever@gmail.com. The Pine Deadlines are February 1st, and June 1st.
6. Sheila Lind is working with all Branches to get By-Laws and Association documents up to date and filed with AAUW National. This is a tough job, but so important.
7. Gail Glashan in Hastings is working to build the NCCWSL program for 2017.

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work for 2017 Board positions. Our goal is to have a person from every branch participating at some level at the State; on a State committee, task force, or in a Board role. Our organization will be much stronger with more participation by a larger group of members. Please consider volunteering for a State role. We would love to have you.

I look forward to getting to know our AAUW MN members and building a closer relationship between branches and with the State Board.

I welcome your questions and comments at bjjb72@gmail.com.

Thanks for all you do for AAUW.

Sincerely,
Jan Bensen
AAUW MN President
320-260-5462





St. Cloud Branch Launches Successful Membership Campaign

By: Linda MacLeod, Membership VP
MS Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University

For the fiscal year 2016-2017 the St. Cloud Branch increased its membership by about 50 percent. Twenty-five new members have joined including five National Conference of College Women Student Leader (NCCWSL) recipients and dual members, David and Karen Kirkwood, Apple Valley. The Kirkwoods joined the St. Cloud Branch to support the national Tech Savvy Conference which introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers to middle school girls. This AAUW program was the only one offered in Minnesota. The total membership now stands at 69. Our goal is to grow our membership to 100 in the next fiscal year (2017-2018).

A recruiting brainstorming session was held in June, and a flyer was mailed to all current members asking them to recruit just one new person by the first meeting in September. The mailing ignited some excitement and helped to get everyone thinking about prospective new members within their sphere of influence. A midsummer "make-your-own" ice cream sundae social for members and guests was held as well. Two new members were recruited at that event and it was a lot of fun.

Communications packets were organized and included: the national brochure, "Join Us" flyers briefly detailing the national mission and history; names of the St. Cloud Branch founders (1922); membership applications; as well as information on local meetings, activities, and community service projects. Another flyer was drafted with bullet points detailing the reasons and benefits of joining AAUW. This flyer along with other information was mailed to accomplished women in the area. Since most women are busy juggling family, friends and work, why would they want to add one more organization to their schedules?

We said that new members don't have to fit AAUW into their lives, instead, AAUW can easily and conveniently accommodate their schedules and prior commitments. Come to a meeting when it's convenient, choose a community service or outreach activity that you have an interest in or time for, enjoy the networking, socializing, and inspiration of others who believe in our mission; empowering women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research!

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Our new members include working mothers, retired educators and professionals, professors and staff from our partner colleges and universities, business professionals, and semi-retired educators.

Some of our new members include:

Dr. Whitney Court, a political science professor from the College of Saint Benedict.

Stephanie Peterson, Social Studies and Fine Arts Coordinator for the St. Cloud School District, who attended the September 13th meeting, and brought a guest.

Dr. Ellyn Bartges, the Equity and Access Director, Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator from St. Cloud State University. Dr. Bartges was the April 2016 speaker and she accepted Mary Anne Kieser's (previous Membership VP) invitation to join.

Joyce Hummel (current Social position) recruited three new members and won a gift card to Byerly's/Lunds. She said recruiting new members is easy. All you have to do is tell people about the organization and what it stands for. All of the new members, guests, recruiters, and hard-working committee members received blue carnations for recognition and gratitude for supporting AAUW St. Cloud at the September meeting.

AAUW National has developed an ongoing membership campaign with recruiting incentives to help branches sign-up new members. Increasing membership ensures future viability, has the potential to increase community services and new members enrich the organization which benefits everyone. AAUW's "Shape the Future Campaign" provides a step-by-step approach to increase membership through community and university partnership outreach, special events, and communications. Specifically, this AAUW recruiting program offers a 50% discount on national dues (\$24.50) for prospective members who join at a monthly meeting, program or tabling event open to the public. Additionally, for every two new members recruited, one **complimentary** national membership (maximum of five) is awarded to the branch. The "**free**" national memberships must be used by the end of September. "STF" must appear on the membership form submitted to national along with the recruiter's identification number. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/shape-the-future-membership-campaign> for more information.



Dr. Whitney Court



Stephanie Peterson



Dr. Ellyn L. Bartges

Are We Meeting Our Branch Needs?

NCCWSL [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders] is great for future leaders but we desperately need help with educating our internal leaders for our branches. Members with less than a decade of AAUW experience have not been given the opportunity to develop their skills which is not only causing them to fail but the branches they are trying to lead fail. Please, please, please help us. I am shocked at the little guidance provided branch leaders compared to what I had 20 years ago. It's no wonder our branch is losing its long term members. Quote from the 2016 AAUW MN State Convention evaluation on Survey Monkey.

Based on my observation and experience, sometimes the training model in AAUW has been “The Passing of the Boxes.” The boxes may contain some current material, but also old and outdated information. There is limited, if any, current process or procedural information. Often newly elected branch officers struggle with and are frustrated with local, state, or national information, or procedures that are part of their responsibilities. On the state level we have not provided training for “like branch positions” (ex. new branch treasurer, each new branch president etc.) for a number of years. In the past, the State Convention offered one way that training was done either before, after or during the convention. As program chair, I have to ask, “Are we meeting our branch needs?”

What do you think of the evaluation quote received at the 2016 state convention? Do you agree or disagree with the evaluation? If you do not have these concerns, identify what you are doing to provide training. If you agree or have similar concerns, what do you recommend? I would like to hear from you! Phone (cell) 218-348-0505 or (home) 218-525-5040 or leave a message, e-mail maryannhoux@gmail.com, or drop a note-Mary Ann Lucas Houx, 1126 Mesaba Avenue, Unit 111, Duluth, MN 55811. (You do not need to sign your name if you wish to remain anonymous.)

Mary Ann Lucas Houx-MN AAUW VP Program



Ann Vanvick, AAUW Minneapolis
Sharon Bigot, AAUW Minneapolis
Dave Kirkwood, AAUW St. Cloud Area
Karen Kirkwood, AAUW St. Paul and
AAUW St. Cloud Area
Dallas Lindgren, AAUW St. Paul

We Won A Trophy!

The five-member AAUW “Change Makers” team won 3rd Place at the annual “Trivial Pursuit” of Women’s History sponsored by the MN Women’s Consortium in August. This FUNdraiser was held in connection with Women’s Equality Day. Teams were from various member organizations of the Consortium. AAUW team members were Sharon Bigot, captain, and Ann Vanvick, Minneapolis Branch members, Dallas Lindgren and Karen Kirkwood are from the St. Paul Branch and Dave Kirkwood, St. Cloud Branch.



Branch Programs

Mary Ann Lucas Houx, VP Program

I am in my second year as State VP for Program. The past year was a very busy one as I was the Duluth Branch chair for programs, the Duluth Branch general chair for the AAUW MN State Convention as well as the State Program Chair assisting with the state convention. The focus on the convention identified a need for guidelines for branches hosting the state convention. I

have completed a draft copy of a state convention planning guide with the help of limited past information and with the input of many others, especially the Duluth Branch committee chairs. Willmar, the branch hosting the 2017 convention, will provide valuable feedback in completing the guide. My main goal for this coming year is to examine the training needs of our branch and state officers and identify ways to meet those needs. I am also doing research on generational needs so we can identify how to incorporate the needs in our future programming. Generational needs, especially the millennium (also identified as the Y) generation, may not only affect our programming but will influence how leadership roles will change. I hope members who have been utilizing generational data in programming will share information. I have been a member of the Duluth Branch for over 25 years and served 4 years as co-president and as program chair for many years. I did program planning for the Duluth Public Schools and did post graduate work at Harvard University in administration, planning and social policy. I enjoy planning and seeing the positive results of good planning and training.

St. Cloud Tech Savvy

The St. Cloud Area Branch is happy to announce that they will be putting on their second annual Tech Savvy Event. The event will take place on the St. Cloud State University campus on **January 28th 2017**. Tech Savvy was a great success this year in April of 2016 with many eager volunteers ranging from college students, to AAUW members, to community members. Parents and their daughters had a fun and educational experience learning about all of the options in STEM careers. This year once again the branch will need donations along with more eager volunteers to help and become involved throughout the day. Volunteers are encouraged throughout the day to participate in the workshops and experience the excitement along with the girls and their parents. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this upcoming Tech Savvy event please contact Fran Hill-Rowen by email at: the_rowens@charter.net

Written By: Jackie Crever

Northfield Branch Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On February 4, 1916, thirty women in Northfield met at Gridley Hall on the Carleton campus and voted themselves charter members of Carleton Branch of AAUW – the fourth branch to organize in the State. World War I was raging in Europe and many local activities of the branch dealt with the role of women in war time with admonitions



of “girls should not rush into the war neglecting their education” and “young women should consider pre-nursing training.” Program topics during the early years were child labor, censorship, fighting vice, night schools, and women’s suffrage.



In 1916 the Branch created a small loan fund for women attending St. Olaf and Carleton. Students could borrow up to \$100 and pay it back the year after they graduated. Over the many decades, the Northfield Branch has contributed to the creation of a cooperative nursery school, received a LEAP Award for addressing issues of service access, inclusion of resident Latinos, shipped books and school materials to the Ukraine, and won a grant to fund scholarships for girls to attend STEM camp. We are a small, proud and vibrant group of women who have lifelong commitment to education. Who knows what our next 100 years will bring!

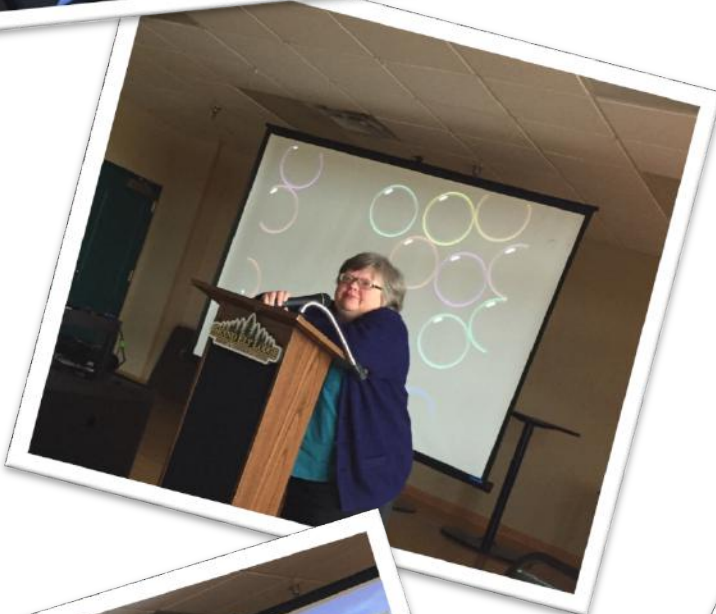
Gina G. Franklin, Program VP



Northland Gathering

“Working to Change the Future and Celebrate the Past” was the theme of this year’s joint meeting of the northern Minnesota AAUW branches. The gathering took place on September 10th at the Grand Ely Lodge, and included 56 women from Virginia, Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Brainerd, Duluth and Ely, who hosted the meeting.

After a welcome by Pam Brunfelt, Ely Branch President, all branches shared current and past experiences, opportunities, and accomplishments. What an amazing accounting by these active branches! It’s clear there are many dedicated women working hard to further the mission of AAUW.

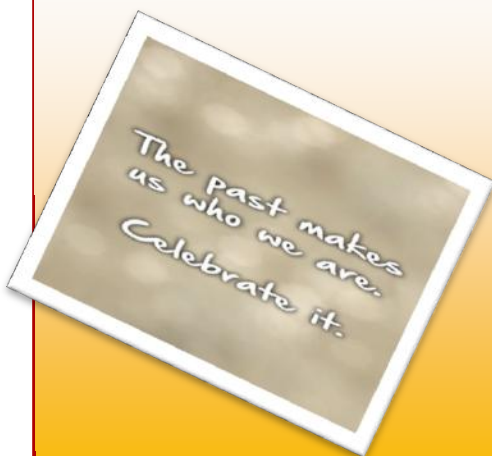


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Sarah Guy Levar, Executive Director of the Dorothy Molter Museum and an Ely branch member, presented an informative and entertaining slide presentation entitled “Root Beer Lady – The Story of Dorothy Molter.”

After lunch, keynote speaker Dr. Sara Evans, Emeritus history professor from the University of Minnesota, gave an enlightening presentation entitled “Dorothy Molter and Changes in Women’s Lives in the 20th Century.” Dr. Evans is a renowned scholar of women’s history and the author of *Born for Liberty: A History of American Women*.

Everyone enjoyed socializing with new and old acquaintances, learning more about women and their changing roles in society, and gaining inspiration for future AAUW mission based projects and activities.



AAUW Northeast Metro - - the Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy

Northeast Metro was enriched for many years through the membership and friendship of Nancy Jo Hendrickson. Nancy not only shared her talents and gifts through our branch, but also through volunteer involvement with countless local agencies and organizations. Our local communities find many bits of Nancy remaining even though she passed away suddenly in November 2015.

A month after her death, we learned Nancy left our branch a financial legacy to be used for scholarships at Century College, a local community institution. Nancy always supported our unique branch scholarship to a woman graduating from Century and going on to pursue a degree at a four-year institution. Northeast Metro has provided an annual scholarship through the Century College Foundation for nearly 40 years.

In January 2016, we learned that the legacy exceeded \$53,000.00 and Nancy had no written will. The funds came through Nancy's former employer and bequeathed to us. We sought guidance from many people and this is what we learned:

- In consultation with Nancy's husband, we confirmed her wishes that the funds be used for scholarships at Century College.
- In consultation with several AAUW-MN leaders, we learned probably no branch in Minnesota that is under a 501(c)3 tax standing has ever experienced such a legacy.
- In consultation with Catherine Gibson, Senior Manager for Major Planned Giving, AAUW, we affirmed that the donor's wishes are the ultimate goal. Gibson recommended that, for branch protection, we attain a written note from Nancy's husband validating Nancy's legacy wishes.
- In consultation with Century College Foundation and personal tax accountants, our branch treasurer was guided to a CPA firm that assists non-profits in handling legacies.

That firm was able to research questions like: Would there be tax implications eroding the gift? Would we incur excessive fees from CPA or attorneys? The answers, for our branch circumstances, were "no".

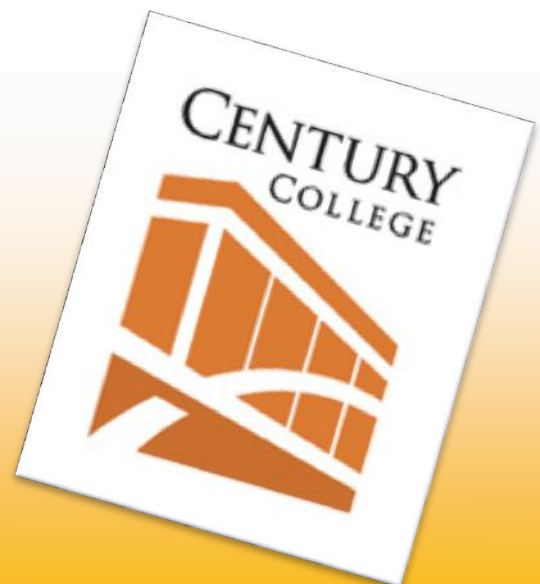
- The CPA's findings were forwarded by our branch treasurer to the AAUW in anticipation of tax documents that AAUW will handle on behalf of our branch.
- We also learned an important lesson for each of us. As a branch member, if you are leaving a legacy to your branch, do put your intentions in writing with your documents, or at the very least, tell a branch friend of your intentions.

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Working with Century College Foundation in determining how best to provide a significant educational difference for a student, our branch voted by written mail ballot with several options and decided to transfer the entire legacy to the Century College Foundation for an endowment funding an annual scholarship of \$2,000.00. Named the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship, to a graduating woman continuing on to a four-year institution. We were able to present our first scholarship in 2016 as applications had already been screened for our own branch scholarship.

Ruth Meza is the first recipient of the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship. She is a second-generation immigrant and a single mother who also has custody of a nephew. She is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college. While at Century she was involved in “Movimiento Latino”, the Multicultural Center, and was a member of the National Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa. Ruth is a youth pastor at her church with a special emphasis on young mothers as well as being employed part time. Ruth is currently attending the University of Minnesota, School of Psychology, planning to complete an undergraduate degree and continue on for advanced degrees.

Our branch continues to be grateful for Nancy’s gift, and her generosity and thoughtfulness in enabling a woman to continue her education. We are glad to be working with Century College Foundation in this way. We also introduce women to the goals and value of AAUW by providing a one-year membership in AAUW to each of our scholarship recipients. We know Nancy would be proud of us for fulfilling her wishes.



AAUW FUND UPDATE

One AAUW, One Mission, One Fund



I am very pleased to start out with really great news. The “Dr. Jane Skinner American Fellowship” reached the magic number of \$100,000, actually \$100,025! This fund was started by the Northfield Branch in 2001. Congratulations to the Northfield Branch, and everyone who helped meet this goal. As Tremayne Parquet, National AAUW Sr. Manager, Individual Giving said, “That means that the Dr. Jane Skinner American Fellowship is fully endowed and will have awardees in perpetuity moving forward.”

We have one more American Fellowship in our state, the “Minnesota Past Presidents Fellowship”, that has not yet made it to being endowed. There is approximately \$33,000 remaining to fully fund this fellowship. It would be great if we could finish this Fellowship this year. Just put AAUW Fund #4326 on your donation and we will be on our way to getting it to being endowed and start having awardees.

There are multiple programs that the AAUW Fund supports. Donating to the General AAUW Fund (unrestricted funds) allows our expert National AAUW professionals to be sure each program has the necessary funds to fulfill our mission. There is a video at www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/ that best describes how this process works.

You have received emails about the “Charting the Course” campaign, 1/1/15 to 12/31/16, designed to raise money to bolster the AAUW Fund to provide AAUW with dexterity to act and meet the challenges that face women and girls. I just thought about the “money” word. We use the word “donation” and “support”, but we know it takes money to support our very important mission in our branches and at a national level. Once you go out to www.AAUW.org and see the work that AAUW does to make an impact on women, children, and families, giving money to make all this happen makes sense. There is a goal to meet by year end with “Charting the Course”, so check it out at AAUW.org and consider a contribution by year end.

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Members ask me what is the job of the Minnesota AAUW Fund VP. First I will introduce myself. I have been an AAUW member over 30 years in 7 branches, over 6 states. I have held AAUW positions at Branch, State and National levels. I really enjoy supporting our AAUW mission, and am very happy to be back in Minnesota to stay. In this position, I keep track of the generous contributions from our members to support our many mission driven programs, to be sure your branch receives the credit and recognition. Process Named Gift Honorees and reports and I am one of the resources for any information you would like to have about a specific program fund. I may not have all the answers; however, I will find them for you. I will highlight some of the specific programs your dollars support in each issue of the Pine. I am the contact for the AAUW Branch Boards on the AAUW Fund and will be communicating with them directly. We will have a fund training at the April AAUW State Convention in Willmar, open to all members.

All donations to the AAUW Fund, for a specific fund or unrestricted, are tax deductible. Your branch will be credited with the donation. Thank you.

Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support

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**STUDENT
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**START
SMART**
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Second Annual NCCWSL Fundraiser St. Cloud Branch

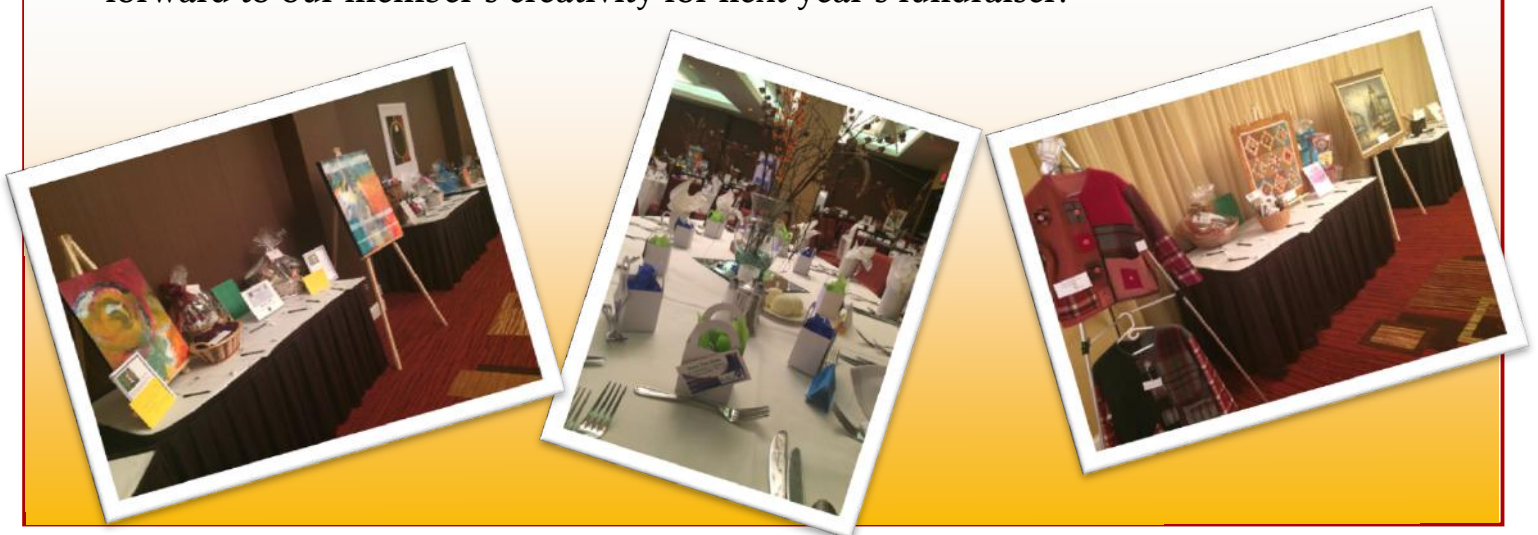
An Evening of Inspiration and Empowerment

By: Jackie Crever



This year for our NCCWSL Fundraiser our branch sought out Lindsay Walz the Founder of Courageous heArts. She not only shared with our guests the amazing venture of starting up a non profit, but the life changing story that lead up to starting Courageous heArts. Lindsay Walz is also a survivor of the 35W Bridge Collapse, where her VW Passat teetered on the gusset that broke sending her nose first into the Mississippi River. Her empowering story of how she survived the day, along with the months and years to come was more than inspirational. Her insight on PTSD and how the condition can be a daily struggle was eye opening and heart warming. Over time she was able to take positive pieces from the experience and mold her life into a leadership role. Our guests enjoyed her story and the courage it took to tell it.

Sipping on refreshing drinks, listening to our violinist and pianist and having interesting conversation, our Fundraiser was a great success. The Silent Auction helped to supply the funds to send more young women to the NCCWSL conference in 2017. This fundraiser has become an event to look forward to for our members and their friends and family. We sold 95 dinner tickets and had over 60 Silent Auction items ranging from art work to beer and wine baskets to gift certificates to weekend getaways and more, for guests to bid on throughout the evening. We look forward to our member's creativity for next year's fundraiser!



Nominations for State Board Positions

The Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the following positions on the AAUW MN board, for terms beginning July 1, 2017:

President Elect: During this one-year term, the President Elect becomes acquainted with the responsibilities of the state President and AAUW MN, and assists the President as requested. On July 1, 2018 the President Elect begins a two year term as President.

Vice President Program: Assists branches in developing AAUW programs; chairs the program development committee; chairs the state convention program committee; serves on the finance, public policy and membership committees. Two year term

Vice President Public Policy: Assists branches with public policy; chairs the public policy committee; serves on the program and convention resolutions committees. Two year term

Treasurer: Deposits dues and other receipts, and disburses funds for approved expenses; prepares financial reports; serves on the finance committee. Two year term

Nominating Committee: 3 members and 1 alternate. One year term

For more detailed position descriptions, read AAUW MN's Standing Rules (beginning on page 6) on the AAUW MN website in the "About Us" drop down menu <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>.

We encourage every AAUW member in Minnesota to consider a position on the state board or on a board committee. The primary requirements are a belief in AAUW's mission and a willingness to serve. As many current and past board members will attest, the benefits are many. Please provide the information at the end of this article, or complete the VITA Form on <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>. Attach two letters of recommendation, one from a branch board member and one from a person of the candidate's choice. **Send to Caroline Owens, 1300 Trygg Road, Ely MN 55731 or scan and email to cjtowens@aol.com by November 15, 2016.**

Questions? Contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Caroline Owens, Ely Branch cjtowens@aol.com (218) 365-2522

Beth Nienow, Rochester Branch bethnienow@charter.net

Jan Paulsen, Minneapolis Branch jlpaulsen@aol.com

Jan Bensen, St. Cloud Branch jan.bensen@rbs.com

Lisa West, Hastings Branch lisa.west@co.dakota.mn.us

Minnesota AAUW Leadership VITA Form

Name: _____ **Branch:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Office applying for: _____

Skills and talents you would bring to this office: _____

Education/Professional Certifications: _____

AAUW experience: _____

Community experience: _____

Professional experience: _____

I understand the responsibilities of the position I am seeking.

Signature and Date



2017 MN Branch Projects Grant Information

AAUW Minnesota awards grants up to \$500 to AAUW branches in Minnesota to support branch projects that further the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls. The Branch Project Grant Committee will consider the following criteria:

1. How does the project align with the AAUW mission
2. The extent to which the project fulfills a community or branch needs
3. Collaboration with community, collegiate, or partners
4. The extent to which the funds will provide a difference in the success of a project and how that success is measured

A total of \$2,000 is available for Branch Projects Grants this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2017. Applications are due by February 15, 2017. Recipients will be announced and presented a check at the State Convention April 28-29, 2017. AAUW MN anticipates that branch projects will be completed by June, 2018.

Each branch that is awarded a grant is expected to write an article for the Pine newsletter and or AAUW MN website, describing the purpose, outcomes, and lessons learned from its project.

Please provide the following information in your application

Branch Name

Contact Person including name, address, phone number and E-mail

Amount Requested

A description of the project, including how the project will advance AAUW's mission; the need you are addressing and how you identified the need; your target audience(s) and how you plan to reach them effectively; your project partners, if any; a project timeline; and criteria for success.

A brief summary of your project in 50 words or less that can be used for describing the projects that are funded.

A proposed budget including any other sources of funding.

Send the completed application to: Mary Ann Lucas Houx, 1126 Mesaba Avenue, Unit 111, Duluth MN 55811 Questions Maryannhoux@gmail.com or 218-525-5040

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Local Brainerd AAUW Branch Fall Programs Include Business Owner Speaker and Get Out the Vote Efforts

Sarah Fogderud, co-owner and controller of A.W. Research Laboratories in Brainerd will speak about challenges and joys of being a woman in a non-traditional workforce role on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:30 pm. at the Brainerd Regional Library. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

The program is a kick-off to the AAUW Brainerd Lakes Area Branch's fall activities all of which are open to the public.

On Wednesday, October 12, the Branch will participate in Central Lakes Colleges's Community Day from 9 am – 3pm. Members will provide information about AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

In addition, the Branch will co-sponsor with Central Lakes College two free screenings of the movie, "Iron Jawed Angels" on Tuesday, October 25, as part of their "Get Out the Vote" efforts. One showing will be 12-2:30 pm and one from 6-8:30 pm. Both will be shown in Chalberg Theater at CLC.

The movie tells the true story of Alice Paul, (Hilary Swank) and Lucy Burns, (Frances O'Connor), putting their lives at risk during the women's suffrage movement to help American women win the right to vote. After seeing this film, viewers will most probably reassess taking the right to vote for granted.

Other fall programs include book discussion gatherings on October 10th and Monday, November 14th meeting from 5:30 – 8:00 pm in member's homes.

For more information about any of the programs or activities of AAUW, whose Brainerd Lakes Area Branch includes members from Little Falls to Emily, contact Deb Griffith, President, at [218-828-4841](tel:218-828-4841) or debrange@brainerd.net

Save the dates----April 28 and 29----for the 2017 Sate AAUW convention in the “heart of Minnesota”---WILLMAR. We’ll gather in the large Convention Center, with accommodations under the same roof at the Best Western.

With the National AAUW emphasis on women’s leadership, our theme is the pertinent:

ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER. From the rap of the opening gavel to the wrap-up of the Silent Auction, the Willmar branch has something planned to “engage you, educate you, and empower you”!

For those who register early on Friday afternoon, we invite you to the “early bird” event, a visit to Willmar’s downtown community theatre, The Barn, that has seen a complete makeover recently. You will enjoy an art exhibit, a visit with the renowned sculptor Fred Cogelow explaining his grandiose wood sculpture, and a complimentary reception.

Then it’s back to the Convention Center for an update from our National AAUW Ambassador before we all come together for a social hour and cash bar. This is followed by the evening banquet , awards ceremony, and entertainment by “Special Delivery”, a women’s quartet.

Breakfast on Saturday morning comes bright and early and gives you a chance to mingle with counterparts on the state board. An hour of networking together (i.e., state president with branch presidents) before the Willmar mayor’s welcome and keynote that sets the stage for a great day ahead.

The business session will be followed by the noon luncheon and our LAF speaker. You will have ample opportunities to browse the LAF Silent Auction and extensive branch displays (we’re bringing these back again). We’ll offer frequent breaks with beverages and cookies, for sure! Here are the five outstanding workshops (repeated a second time):

1. How to Market AAUW to Millennials
2. A panel of women leaders
3. A look at the DREAM technical STEM academy
4. A visit with the “Willmar 8” – 40 years after the historic bank strike
5. Dave Kirkwood’s “Non-Restricted Funds” report

Then it’s time to collect your precious Silent Auction items, fill out your evaluation, and say “good-bye” to AAUW friends until next year!

We’ll look for YOU in Willmar!

Save the dates

Pine Article deadlines

February 1st 2017– March 1st Pine will go out

June 1st 2017– July 1st Pine will go out

October 1st 2017 - November 1st Pine will go out

Send all articles in document form as an attachment to:
jackiecrever@gmail.com

Send LOTS of pictures!!
(Send each picture as a separate attachment)



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