



Hastings Branch

April 2017



President's Message

Lisa West

I'm sorry I missed you all at the last general meeting; I hope you found the speaker interesting and engaging.

On behalf of the Board and entire membership, I want to thank those who contributed funds to send a second NCCWSL applicant to the upcoming Conference this summer; and also let you know that the AAUW MN Board voted to distribute the "unclaimed" 2017 NCCWSL scholarship amongst the nine branches that were awarded State scholarships. So, we'll have a small amount of extra State scholarship funding to put toward our recipients' expenses.

There are only two, perhaps three Hastings Branch members planning to attend the State Convention in Willmar at the end of this month. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so I can get you added to our delegate list. I encourage all members to consider attending the State Convention – it's a great way to connect with fellow AAUW members from across the State and expand your knowledge of the impact AAUW has on the world around us.

Lastly, you'll recall that in February, I challenged you to think outside the box regarding how we can make a greater impact in our community. I received one possible initiative from a Board member regarding a North Carolina AAUW Branch that launched the "Laundromat Project" in 2013. The branch supplied a basket of books, a little seating area, and signage encouraging customers to read to their children to better occupy their time spent at the laundromat and to take books home with them. This initiative was designed to enhance literacy. In the first few months, 400 books went home with laundromat patrons. Obviously, this was done with the cooperation and support of the laundromat owners, but is an excellent example of an AAUW branch making an impact in its community, aligned with AAUW's mission. Laundromat owners stated that kids are asking to stop by specifically now so they can pick up a book! If this is the kind of project you'd be interested in partnering with other members to explore and possibly implement, or you have other ideas, please bring them forward. This is the kind of initiative that could qualify for a Branch Project Grant from AAUW MN, and it just needs a few helping hands to get it started.

April quote: "With innovation and initiative, we have the potential to change the world for the better." ~ Sameh Elsayed

Program

Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan

April 24

BEE SOCIAL

Our April meeting is our Spring Social and will take place at the Onion Grille in downtown Hastings on Monday the 24th at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy an Italian buffet, cake, and coffee, all for the price of \$21.00. The speaker for the evening is Dr. Daniel Cariveau, an Entomologist with the University of Minnesota. He will address Protecting Bees In Minnesota's Prairies and Gardens. This is a timely subject and one that can help you decide what bee friendly plants you want to add to your garden this spring! Dr. Cariveau will address how we can protect our bees and the profound consequences of not our protecting bees. If you are planning to attend the Social, you must get your \$21 to Peggy Horsch by **April 10th**. If paying by check please make payable to Hastings AAUW. Peggy's address is 1490 Tierney Court.

Upcoming Events

- April 12.....Gad-Abouts
- April 24.....Spring Social
- May 8.....Book Club
- May 18.....Gad-Abouts

Hastings Branch--2016-2017 PROGRAMS

September 26, 6:00 pm SALAD SUPPER
Broken Barriers, Income and Job Equity for Women

Barbara Battiste, Office on the Economic Status of Women
Pat Powers, Coordinator

October 24, 7:00 pm
Bringing Women Into The Building Trades
Vicki Sandberg and Panel, Women Building MN
Pam Sullivan, Coordinator

November 28, 7:00 pm
Opportunities & Challenges Facing Our Region: from Poverty and Homelessness to Diversity and Growth
Craig Helmstetter, Wilder Foundation
Cindy Toppin, Coordinator

December 19, 7:00 pm HOLIDAY SOCIAL
Food, Music and Celebration
Coordinated and Hosted by Jolly Volunteers of AAUW

January 23, 6:00 pm CHILI SUPPER
Seafood From Slaves
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, Robin McDowell
Lisa Hedin, Coordinator

February 27, 7:00 pm
Overcoming Sleeplessness
Sponsored by Regina Foundation/Allina Health and AAUW
Lynn Moratzka and Gail Glashan, Coordinators

March 27, 7:00 pm
Changing Demographics & Consumer Protection for Seniors
Laurie Thrush, Hastings Sr. Center and Marit Anne Peterson, Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Lew Linde, Coordinator

April 24, 6:00 pm SPRING SOCIAL
Protecting Bees in Minnesota's Prairies/Gardens
Dr. Daniel Cariveau, Entomologist, U of M
Peggy Horsch, Coordinator

May 22, 7:00 pm BOOK SALE
Somali Women's Experience in Minnesota
Farhio Khalif, Voice of East African Women, Inc.
Karen Moore, Coordinator

Meetings are on Mondays at...
St. Philip's Lutheran Church
1401 15th Street West,
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

Secretary

Pam Pontzer

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—March 27, 2017

PRESIDENT - Lisa West was not in attendance. Past President Glenda Schnirring called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Glenda welcomed members and relayed her experience of attending a meeting in River Falls, Wisconsin where Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy, spoke. Glenda said that listening to Lisa Maatz reminded her that AAUW is policy, not partisan driven. AAUW is already having an effect on Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. DeVos has softened some positions after sitting down with AAUW members in Washington. Glenda asked that members be aware of threats to Title IX. We should be vocal with our representatives about strengthening its' protections. Finally, Glenda mentioned the "Fearless Girl" statue that now sits on Wall Street in front of the charging bull. The statue was only supposed to be in place for a month. It has proven to be so popular however, that the "Fearless Girl" will be kept in place for at least the next year!

SECRETARY - Pam Pontzer - Pam submitted meeting minutes from the February 27, 2017 general meeting that were published in the Twig. A motion was made by Cindy Toppin and seconded by Gail Glashan to approve the February 27, 2017 general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER - Nancy Techam - Nancy stated the dues for one new member were deposited and that charges related to NCCWSL have been paid. The current checking account balance is \$1,731.60. A motion was made by Pat Powers and seconded by Kathy O'Keefe to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP- Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson - Camille welcomed the guests attending tonight's meeting.

PROGRAMS- Pam Sullivan and Peggy Horsch- Peggy stated that the speakers at tonight's meeting would address consumer protection for seniors and the changing demographics of Hastings. Peggy will introduce Marit Peterson who is with the Minnesota Elder Justice Center and Lew Linde will introduce Laurie Thrush, the director of the Hastings Senior Center. The Spring Social will be held on April 24, 2017 at the Onion Grille. The speaker at the social will be Dr. Daniel Cariveau, an Entomologist at the University of Minnesota. He will talk about protecting bees in Minnesota's prairies and gardens. Peggy requested that she receive payments for the banquet in the next two weeks. The cost is \$21.00 and checks should be made out to Hastings AAUW.

PUBLIC POLICY - Pat Powers - Pat said Equal Pay Day will occur on April 4, 2017. This is the day when women's wages catch up to what men make by December 31 of the prior year. Pat mentioned the importance of being a two minute activist on issues that are important to women, such as Title IX. Finally, the Hastings Branch will contribute a "Made In Hastings" basket to the silent auction held at the State Convention. Items such as Gumby, Alexis Bailey Wine, Pottery, etc. were some ideas for the basket. Pat will collect donations at the April 24th meeting. The State Convention will be held in Wilmar on April 28-29, 2017.

GAD-ABOUTS - Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse - On Wednesday, April 12, at 1:00 P.M., the group will see the play "Rise Up Oh Men" at the Plymouth Playhouse. The cost is \$39.00 and includes lunch at the Playhouse. Member should meet at the Sterling parking lot at 10:15. On Thursday, May 18, the group will travel to the History Theater to see the play "Sweetland. Lunch will be at La Grolla Restaurant. The cost for this event is \$25.50 and payment will be accepted through April 16, 2017. A clipboard will be passed at tonight's meeting.

HOSPITALITY- Barb Jorenby, Kathy Stockman, Patty Todnem - Barb thanked the membership for assisting with tonight's refreshments. She also mentioned that as the election of officers draws near, the Hospitality position is one that requires a minimum of work.

BOOK CLUB - Shirley Tammen - Shirley was absent. On April 3rd, 2017, the group will meet at the home of Verna Fuller. The book selection is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hanah.

TWIG NEWSLETTER - Lois Twedt - No news items.

AAUW FUNDS - Glenda Schnirring - Glenda noted that the 2017 AAUW Hasting High School Scholarship Award recipient has been chosen. The winner's name will be announced at the May meeting.

NCCWSL - Gail Glashan- Gail informed the group that both Loren Bushyhead and Rosemary Pechous will attend the NCCWSL conference to be held in College Park, Maryland from May 31 to June 3, 2017. To date, \$575.00 in donations have been received for the second scholarship. Gail is looking for another \$185 to complete the costs of this second scholarship. Anyone wishing to donate should send contributions to Nancy Techam.

COMMUNITY - Margaret Goderstad - Margaret stated that there will be a cocktail party at the Le Duc on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Five different cocktails from the 1940's will be featured. Models wearing period clothing will also be in attendance. On April 1, 2017, Fleming Fold, a bluegrass family group will be at the Hastings Art Center. Other events at the Hastings Art Center include Night at the Jazz Club on April 8, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM., a virtuoso pianist, also on April 9 and the Luther College Choir on April 22, 2017. The Orange Dragon in Prescott opens for the season on April 1 with an opening show entitled "Ordinary to Extraordinary." Many events are also happening at Breakaway Arts. Please go the web sites for further information. Lisa Hedin mentioned that Mark Zuzek will continue the discussion "Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity at the Tilden Community Center on Thursday, March 30 from 7:00 PM -8:30 PM.

DIVERSITY- Marlys Schmitt- No news items.

HISTORIAN - Lisa Hedin - No news items.

GARAGE SALE - Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman - Kathy told the group that the garage sale will be held at The River of Life Church on September 16, 2017. This is our only fundraiser so begin collecting items now.

OLD BUSINESS - Glenda mentioned that anyone wishing to go to the State Convention in Wilmar on April 28-29, 2017, should register by April 15. The Hastings Branch will reimburse \$50 of the registration fee for up to 6 attendees. Lisa West has been nominated to be the new State AAUW President. Cindy Toppin noted that the keynote speaker at the State Convention is Kabo Yang, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Women's Consortium.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURN

61 members were in attendance. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nancy Techam and seconded by Darla Kimmes. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Peggy Horsch introduced the evening's first speaker, Marit Petterson, Director of Minnesota Elder Justice Center. Lew Linde then introduced Laurie Thrush, Director of the Hastings Senior Center. The program addresses consumer protection for seniors and the changing demographics of Hastings, Minnesota.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Pontzer, Secretary

Community

Margaret Goderstad

THE LeDUC HISTORIC ESTATE

Back to the Forties Cocktail Party - Featuring 5 popular cocktails of the period, food, music, fashion show, interpretation of the times - April 21, 7 p.m. Reservations required for this \$40 event. Call [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480)

HASTINGS ARTS CENTER

The Flemming Fold - High energy, toe-tapping family group performing Bluegrass, Country, Old Time. & Gospel. Father Troy is known as the "yodelmeister." Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m. \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

"A Night at the Jazz Club" featuring HHS vocal & jazz band ensembles. Saturday, April 9, 6 & 8:30 p.m. Get tickets at HHS. Limited tickets at the door as this event sells out.

Virtuoso pianist Scot Cuellar plays Hayden, Chopin, Schumann & Prokofiev and comes with rave reviews. April 9, 3 p.m. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Luther College Choir, world renowned a cappella choir performs on the stage at Hastings Arts Center, April 22, 7 p.m. Please call the Arts Center to reserve tickets.

ORANGE DRAGON ART GALLERY - PRESCOTT, WI

The Orange Dragon Art Gallery opens for the season on April 1 with the first show opening April 7 and running through May 21 - "Ordinary to Extraordinary" - Check the website for hours of the gallery.

BREAKAWAY ARTS

"And Let Sound Contribute Toward Me" is a multi-disciplinary art exhibit featuring contemporary textile art & live music inspired by the poems of Walt Whitman. The opening reception is April 6, 2-4 p.m. and the closing reception April 29. Check the website for further details.

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

Susan Cruse (651-437-1767) & Cindy Toppin (651-437-7753)

Wed April 12 - "Rise up oh Men" at Plymouth Playhouse. We will meet at the Sterling parking lot at 10:15, and leave at 10:30.

Thursday, May 18 - History Theater - Sweet Land, the Musical. 10:00 a.m. production.

1920: Inge Altenberg journeys to America to marry a bachelor farmer, sight unseen. In the wake of WWI, her German heritage turns her new neighbors against the match. Lunch will be at the La Grolla Restaurant. The cost for this event is \$25.50 and will be accepted through April 16, 2017.

[AAUW Mission Statement](#)

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

[AAUW Vision Statement](#)

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

[Minnesota State Website](#)

<http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Techam

March deposits included 2 new memberships and NCCWSL donations of \$810. March expenses included dues payments to AAUW National and Minnesota, program expenses and NCCWSL expenses for our 2 recipients. Checking account balance as of March 31 is \$1,948.66.

The 2017-18 Proposed Budget will be presented to the membership at the Spring Social on April 24th. The April Social is also a wonderful time to renew your membership for next year. Membership dues will remain at \$80.

Nancy Techam, Treasurer

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George was selected for our Monday, May 8th meeting. Who can resist floating on a barge through France surrounded by books, wine, love and great conversation! Linda Bindman will host in May. Those wishing to carpool to Linda's home should meet at the Methodist Church at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, May 8.

**Dig out those winter reads you've saved for our Mini Used Book Sale held during our Monday, May 22 general meeting. It is always exciting to share those favorites with our members. We will sell books before and after the meeting, the revenue of which will be given to the annual Hastings Reads program. Try to bring those books during the day on the 22, if possible, as early donations can be sorted and categorized before the sale. If you will not be attending the meeting, members can drop books at the home of Shirley Tammen anytime during May. Her address is 725 6th Street W.

ALSO, AROUND THE MIDDLE OF MAY, SHIRLEY WILL AGAIN SEND HER ANNUAL BOOK LIST FOR AAUW MEMBERS TO PRINT.

Books at the Bierstube--Author Greg Gardner will be discussing his first novel, In Plain Sight, at the Bierstube on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. He draws his plot from his experience in the tech field as a government consultant.

NCCWSL

Gail Glashan

The AAUW MN Board approved redistributing the unclaimed scholarship funds and as a result our branch will receive an additional \$55.

Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity: Community Dialogue, Open invitation—A message from Principal Mark Zuzek

Dear Citizens, Colleagues, and Students,

On Thursday evening, April 20, 2017 a community dialogue about Diversity, Inclusion and Equity will take place at the Tilden Community Education Center at 310 River Street. The dialogue will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Diversity can be identified based on ethnic, racial, sexual, religious, language competence, socioeconomic, mental health, physical health, disability, age and/or gender identification status. Any of these may limit inclusion and access for disaffected persons.

Last week we hosted the first Community Dialogue. It was informing, engaging, and inspiring. We want to continue with this effort and want to grow it. We found that the dialogue process allowed us to hear many important and diverse perspectives. We want to expand and amplify the voices. We hope that you will be able to join us to hear from others and share your perspective.

The format for this dialogue will be “table talks” with several participants at each table. Guiding questions will be asked to allow each person the opportunity to share their experiences and perspective. The goal of this meeting is to more broadly and deeply understand the issues related to diversity and the capacity of the Hastings community to serve all of our citizens.

Guiding questions for this dialogue will be...

1. What are the most burdensome barriers to access to members of our community?
2. What would need to happen to eliminate or diminish those barriers?

We hope to see you there. I encourage you to bring a friend!

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