



# Hastings Branch

May 2016



## President's Message

*Pam Pontzer*

The Spring Banquet at The Onion Grill was wonderful. A big thank you to Peggy Horsch for pulling it all together and making it look easy. The speaker, Barbara Tako, gave us many methods with which to clear out our clutter. Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman, our garage sale chairs, WANT that clutter for the Grand Garage Sale in September!!

Pat Hanson and Janet Grove have done a marvelous job as Membership Co-chairs. As a matter of fact, our branch was awarded a certificate at the State Convention recognizing that five new members have joined the Hastings Branch. Nice job ladies! Our newly elected Membership Co-chairs are Camille Nelson and Ruth Versaw. Thank you both for stepping up. I am thrilled that Lisa West is our newly elected President. Lisa's experience as an AAUW Minnesota State Officer will provide our branch valuable insights and opportunities.

Volunteering to serve on the Board is a great way to deepen your relationship with AAUW. A few of the current Board members have served for multiple years and would like to offer others the opportunity to volunteer. For those who have never served, please consider it. I've enjoyed the Board so much that I've volunteered to hose up the minutes for the next two year just so that I could continue attending the Board Meetings!

Glenda Schnirring, Pat Powers and I attended the AAUW State Convention in Duluth. The speakers were amazing. Emily Larson, the newly elected mayor of Duluth is an up and coming political force. The Legal Advocacy Fund Speaker was Aileen Rizo. Her fight for equal pay led her to AAUW and an interview with Maria Shriver! Her lawsuit is currently in being heard in California State Court. Updates concerning this case will be available on AAUW.com.

Our last meeting and book sale is May 23. Be sure to drop off all of the books that you read last summer and stock up on new ones for the upcoming summer break. I am leaving on Saturday to pick up Britta! Her freshman year was an incredible success on so many levels. Now Graham is graduating and my head is spinning!

## Program

*Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan*

### May 23 - Culture of Poverty

BOOK SALE—Before and After the Meeting

Cathy Rucci will talk about the Culture of Poverty at AAUW's meeting on May 23. She will bring both a personal perspective as well as academic background to provide a greater understanding of what it means to be poor in Minnesota.

Cathy is the Executive Director of MORE, an organization in St. Paul serving refugees and immigrants. She has worked in the local nonprofit community for more than twenty years. During the early 1990s, Cathy developed a deep commitment to making a difference while she served in a National Volunteer Service Program, VISTA, in Austin, Texas. This experience intensified her drive to impact the world by providing leadership to a strong, healthy, human services-oriented nonprofit organization. For ten years, she worked in the hunger-relief field managing programs in both local and statewide capacities.

In 2011, she received a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The following year, she completed a Master's of Liberal Studies at the U of MN in which she analyzed the practice of Nonprofit Management through the disciplines/lenses of Business, Public Affairs and Social Work. As the Executive Director at MORE for the past five years, Cathy practices a leadership style that maintains a healthy balance between the people-centered values of Social Work and the business-minded practices of Management.

## Upcoming Events

- May 9.....Book Club
- May 10.....Gad-Abouts
- May 23.....General Meeting/Book Sale

## Hastings Branch 2015-2016 PROGRAMS

September 28, 6:00 p.m. SALAD SUPPER  
*Hmong-American Farm Cooperative in MN*  
Yao Yang, Alternative Markets Organizer, HAFA  
Pam Sullivan, Coordinator

October 26, 7:00 p.m.  
*School Board Candidates Forum*  
*AAUW Hastings NCCWSL Scholarship Awardees*  
Peggy Horsch and Gail Glashan, Coordinators

November 23, 7:00 p.m.  
*Little Falls to Uganda*  
Bonnie Bzdok, *Resilient Uganda*  
Nancy Techam, Coordinator

December 14, 7:00 p.m. HOLIDAY SOCIAL  
*Holiday Food, Music and Celebration*  
Evening at the Hastings Arts Center

January 25, 6:00 p.m. CHILI SUPPER  
*Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics*  
*In the Hastings School District*  
J. Reichel, B. Seleski, K. Wald, E. Dietz, C. Benson  
Lisa Hedin, Coordinator

February 22, 7:00 p.m.  
*Autism Affects Us All*  
Panel Discussion moderated by Kathy O'Keefe

March 28, 7:00 p.m.  
*Breaking Free from Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking*  
Joy Friedman, *Sisters Helping Sisters*  
Lew Linde, Coordinator

April 25, 6:00 p.m. SPRING SOCIAL  
*Clutter Clearing Choices*  
Barbara Tako, Author and Consultant  
Sue Wagner, Coordinator

May 23, 7:00 p.m. BOOK SALE  
*Culture of Poverty*  
Cathy Rucci, Executive Director, MORE  
Karen Moore, Coordinator

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

## Garage Sale

Linda Bindman & Kathy O'Keefe

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This year our Annual AAUW Garage Sale will be on Saturday, September 17th from **7 am to 2 pm** at the **River of Life Church** on Vermillion Street (note change of venue and time). This is our major fundraising event and source of money for educational opportunities for women and girls including a scholarship for a top female student graduating from Hastings High School. **This year our goal is to make at least \$3000!** This goal will be achieved if every member donates garage sale items and works at the garage sale. This is a great money maker as well as a wonderful opportunity to meet, talk and work alongside other AAUW members!

### Each member is asked to do several things:

1. Bring sale items (marked with a price on masking tape) on Thursday, September 15th from 5-7:30 pm or Friday, September 16th from 12:30-6:00 pm. (a price list is available). Feel free to ask neighbors, friends and family if they have any items for our garage sale. **This year we will have a section that will feature more expensive items (including clothes).** Please note! Receipts will be available for your donations!
2. Bring a wrapped bake sale item on Friday between 12-6pm or Saturday morning before 9 am.
3. Work one or two shifts between Thursday and Saturday.
4. If unable to participate, **contribute at least \$30.00** to AAUW for the garage sale.
5. If you have a large item, feel free to take a picture of it, and make a small sign with your phone # on it.

**Workers will be needed for Thursday night, Friday, and Saturday. You will be able to sign up at the May meeting or by e-mail or phone. For more info, contact: Kathy O'Keefe at [kokeefe@hastings.k12.mn.us](mailto:kokeefe@hastings.k12.mn.us) or 651-336-9954 or Linda Bindman at [lbindman@gmail.com](mailto:lbindman@gmail.com) or 651-480-1330.**

### These items will be appreciated:

Children and adult clothing  
Jewelry  
Furniture (indoor and outdoor)  
Household items—kitchenware, bed and bath linens, decorative items, lamps  
Electronics and small appliances—working, with necessary equipment included  
Collectibles and antiques  
Toys, games, DVDs, CDs—No videos  
Books  
Sports equipment  
Tools, lawn and garden equipment

### No Thank you!

Mattresses, baby cribs, infant car seats  
Text books, encyclopedias, condensed books  
Fitness equipment, skis and ski equipment  
Large appliances  
Black and white TVs, or TVs with knobs  
Metal office desks  
Typewriters, humidifiers, dehumidifiers  
Electronics that do not work

## Treasurer

Nancy Techam

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The checking account balance as of April 30, 2016 was \$2,405.18. The membership approved the 2016-17 budget at the Spring Social on April 25, 2016. Thank you to the 40 members who have already renewed their membership for 2016-17. If you have not renewed as yet, please feel free to do so at the May 23rd general meeting or mail your renewal to me at 14641 Embassy Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124. Renewal for next year remains at \$80.

Nancy Techam,  
Treasurer

## Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

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

Our final adventure is this Tuesday May 10th to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, followed by lunch. Meet at 9:15 in the Sterling parking lot (far southwest corner) for departure at 9:30.

Hope you enjoyed our trips this year. If you have ideas for next year, contact Cindy Toppin or Susan Cruse.

## Book Club

Shirley Tammen

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We will meet for the last discussion of AAUW's Book Group at the home of Barb Jorenby on Monday, May 9, 7 p.m. Our selection is [A Man Called Ove](#) by Fredrik Backman. We will resume our meetings on September 12.

This is another reminder about our mini book sale before and after the Monday, May 23 meeting. Hopefully, members have set aside some favorites to bring to the sale, the proceeds of which will be given to Hastings Reads. I will be at St. Philips most of the day, so if possible, bring your books early so we can set up before-hand. Everyone is always cooperative and willing to part with books they love. Thank you!

I will send my new fiction and non-fiction list of 30+ titles and authors through a separate mailing by Lois in a week or two. Members should be able to print it.

Book Stube at the Bierstube continues on Thursday, May 19, when authors Joe Kimball and Julie Kramer will discuss their novels.

**Directory Change—Jan Junkman's phone number is now 651-336-2264.**

## AAUW Funds

Jan Junkman

The high school Awards Night celebration will be held on Monday night, May 23rd this year. This is the same evening as our last AAUW general meeting for the season. I will plan to attend the Awards Night event and present our selected young woman with her scholarship award. Then I hope to attend the last portion of our general meeting and inform the membership of the name of the scholarship recipient. This is an exciting time of the year for our high school graduates and for us in AAUW as we continue to present scholarship awards for deserving young woman. The scholarship award for 2016 represents the **45th consecutive year** that the Hastings Branch of AAUW has provided high school scholarships to top ranking graduating women.

The board discussed the wording of advertising for the garage sale in terms of compliance with the National AAUW policy of Fundraising. It was felt that because we utilize the profits of the garage sale for scholarships and program expenses, it would be more appropriate to advertise that proceeds of the garage sale will fund "Educational opportunities for women and girls including a high school scholarship". This statement will then encompass most of our usual expenses and give us more flexibility.

Thank you for your continued participation in the annual garage sale. Without your help we would not be able to provide the great scholarships and programming that our branch enjoys. Just to see and hear the joy and enthusiasm of the young girls who receive the scholarships is truly amazing. We provide a great service to the community, and our lives are enriched as well.

## Community

Margaret Goderstad

### THE LEDUC HISTORIC ESTATE

Season Opening - Thursday, May 26 - Tours at 10 & 11:30 a.m. & 1, 2:30 & 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Rhubarb Festival - Saturday, June 4 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission to the grounds

Needleworkers' Day - Saturday, June 25 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Demonstrations, Lectures & Exhibits of Needleworking entries

### SUMMER FUN IN OUR CITY

*Lemonade for the Lawnboy* - June 1-6 - A musical based on the book by David Cook & Janet Martin at Hastings Art Center - Order tickets at <http://lawnboy.brownpapertickets.com>.

Levee Park on the Riverwalk - Rotary Pavillion - Be sure to check the spring issue of *Rivertown News* for the listing of events. The Grand Re-Opening takes place on May 26, 4-8 p.m. There will be entertainment, food & fun for the whole family at this special exciting event.

August Concerts in the LeDuc Apple Orchard. These free concerts will take place each Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket and come early to enjoy a guided tour (regular rates apply) of the historic LeDuc house. Pie and ice cream, at a minimal cost, will be served at each of the concerts.

## Hastings AAUW Board Members

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### 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>



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enjoy  
an  
autumn  
day  
along Lake Pepin  
Oct. 2012

