



# Hastings Branch

May 2017



## President's Message

Lisa West

April and May are always exciting months in the realm of AAUW. We gather to celebrate another productive year during the Spring Social; we elect new officers to the Board at the annual meeting; we award our High School scholarship; and we start looking ahead the next AAUW year.

As we move toward our final meeting for this 2016-2017 AAUW year, I want to thank all of you for a terrific first year as your President. You welcomed me when I joined AAUW the fall of 2012. You elected me your Board Secretary the spring of 2013. And you supported and elected me your President the spring of 2016. I am so very pleased and honored to serve on the AAUW Hastings Board, with a fantastic group of dedicated women, serving on behalf of a fantastic group of AAUW Hastings members.

As many of you know, I served as AAUW Minnesota Board Secretary/Historian for the past three years. And on April 29 at the State Convention in Willmar, I was elected President Elect of AAUW Minnesota. I'll serve in that capacity, shadowing the current State President for one year, and will then be President of the State Board for the next two years. I'm welcoming this new challenge and looking forward to completely giving up my Secretary pen! And, I hope you'll welcome and take advantage of continuing to have a direct line to the AAUW MN Board through me.

You hear me encourage you at almost every meeting to consider serving on the Hastings Board and/or the State Board. And, I'm going to do it again. Each board position, elected or appointed, is extremely important, and simply needs someone to step forward and say, "Yes, I can do that!" So, think about saying "yes," and lending your talents and skills to our local branch and/or State boards. Join me and the other terrific women and men who serve our AAUW members on these boards.

**May quote: "In a gentle way, you can shake the world." Mahatma Gandhi**

## Program

Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan

### May 22 BOOK SALE—Before and After the Meeting

Our Book Sale to raise funds for Hastings Reads will be open for business at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22. The general meeting will begin at 7:00, followed by our guest speaker at 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Farhio Khalif, Executive Director of VEAW, Voice of East African Women, Inc. VEAW is a non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Farhio to offer shelter, support, advocacy, prevention, and education services to survivors of violence as well as to help create a community to overcome abuse and succeed in renewed lives. Farhio will share the experiences of Somali women in Minnesota.

(See Page 3 for more information on our speaker.)

## Upcoming Events

- May 8.....Book Club
- May 18.....Gad-Abouts
- May 22.....General Meeting**
- September 16.....Garage Sale

## 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 - April 24, 2017

**PRESIDENT** - Lisa West called the meeting to order at 7:12. Lisa welcomed members to the Hastings Branch Annual Meeting and Spring Social. Members of the current board were asked to stand and be recognized. Nominations and elections will be held tonight. Lisa asked the membership to consider serving on the board.

**SECRETARY - Pam Pontzer** - Pam submitted meeting minutes from the March 27, 2017 general meeting that were published in the Twig. A motion was made by Betty Hoeschen and seconded by Pat Powers to approve the March 27, 2017 general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER - Nancy Techam** - Nancy stated that there were no deposits or expenses during the month of April. The checking account balance is \$1946.66. A motion was made by Lisa Hedin and seconded Gail Glashan to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nancy then presented the proposed 2017-2018 budget to the membership. Some of the highlights of the budget are that membership projections have been reduced from 90 to 85 members at \$80.00 per member or \$6,800. Income from the Garage Sale is budgeted at \$3000.00. Income from the Book Sale held in May is budgeted at \$150.00. There is \$105.00 NCCWSL funds remaining and \$33.26 in CD interest income. The projected income with checkbook carryover is \$11,279.26. Expenses have been raised from \$275.00 to \$375 for the Garage Sale. All other expenses have been budgeted as they were in the 2016-2017 budget. Total projected expenses are \$11,820.00. \$540.74 deficit spending is forecast in this budget. We do have a CD valued at \$5197.38, should extra funds be needed. A motion was made by Kathy O'Keefe and seconded by Jane Driscoll to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP- Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson** - Camille asked members to please pay the 2017-2018 AAUW dues. The amount is \$80.00. On July 1, 2017, a \$10.00 late fee is added to the dues.

**PROGRAMS- Pam Sullivan and Peggy Horsch**- Peggy noted that a new microphone had been purchased for our group. A compilation of program ideas for the 2017-2018 year has been distributed to each table. Peggy requested that each member choose their top five preferences. Peggy also noted that she and Pam Sullivan will be stepping down as the Program Co-Chairs. Peggy will still coordinate one program next year in partnership with the Hastings High School Feminism Club. This program will address sexual assault and harassment on college campuses. The upcoming May program is titled "Somali Women's Experience in Minnesota."

**PUBLIC POLICY - Pat Powers** - Pat noted that The Earth Day/Science March was held on Saturday, April 22 at the Minnesota State Capital. The signs were excellent and over 10,000 people attended. Pat is still collecting items to be placed in the Made in Hastings Basket that our branch is donating to the State Convention. The State Convention will be held in Wilmar on April 28-29, 2017.

**GAD-ABOUTS - Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse** - On Thursday, May 18, the group will travel to the History Theater to see the play "Sweetland." Lunch will be at La Grolla restaurant. Another possible event would be a tour of the newly refurbished State Capital Building.

**HOSPITALITY- Barb Jorenby, Kathy Stockman, Patty Todnem** - Nothing to report.

**BOOK CLUB - Shirley Tammen** - The May book club selection is "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George. The group will meet on May 8, 2017 at the home of Linda Bindman. Those who wish to carpool to Linda's house should meet at the Methodist Church at 6:40 that evening. Shirley reminded the group of the upcoming Book Sale to be held at the May General Meeting. Books can be dropped off at St. Phillip's Church or at Shirley's house.

**TWIG NEWSLETTER - Lois Twedt** - No news items.

**AAUW FUNDS - Glenda Schnirring** - Nothing to report.

**NCCWSL - Gail Glashan**- Nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY - Margaret Goderstad** - Margaret told the membership to check the websites of the many arts venues in Hastings.

**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 she wants all hands on deck for this year's garage sale. Linda is sending around a sign-up sheet at tonight's meeting. Kathy also stressed the popularity of the bake sale. The garage sale will be held at The River of Life Church on September 16, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Lisa West thanked the members of the Nominating Committee. The members were Lois Twedt, Nancy Techam, Rosalee Cavis and Deb Saunders. The positions that were up for election were those of Program Co-Chairs and Treasurer.

The names of Rosalee Cavis and Deb Saunders were placed in nomination for Program Co-Chairs. There were no other nominations. Lisa asked for a vote by the membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nominees. Lisa congratulated our new Program Co-Chairs.

The name of Mary Charlson was placed in nomination for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Lisa asked for a vote by the membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nominee. Lisa congratulated our new Treasurer.

Lisa also stated that Nancy Ahn has agreed to serve on the Hospitality Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

### ADJOURN

62 members were in attendance. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Marcia Pletcher and seconded by Danna Schultz. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Peggy Horsch introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Daniel Cariveau, an Entomologist from the University of Minnesota. The program is titled "Protecting Bees in Minnesota's Prairies/Gardens."

Minutes submitted by: Pam Pontzer, Secretary

**Program information from page 1 continued:**

Farhio was born in Jilib in southern Somalia. At 14, Farhio's mother sent her to Italy to live with her sister who had a trading business between Italy and Somalia. After her sister left, Farhio was raised by a Catholic priest who encouraged her to love humanity and work hard to make people smile.

Farhio made stops along the way in Italy, Alabama, Florida, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach, Virginia. About 7 years ago, she and her two sons arrived in Minneapolis where she decided to stay in order to join its vibrant Somali community. Farhio is a well-known leader in the East African and Somali communities. She is particularly known for her leadership role in representing and advocating for East African women and children.

In March 2017, VEAW opened Farhio House shelter for domestic abuse for East African women, children, and all women; Farhio House includes a healing and wellness center for women, a domestic abuse advocacy program that navigates the many complicated systems that impact victims, and regular Circle of Mothers meetings where East African women explore issues and concerns. Farhio has made VEAW a strong, viable organization for East African women and children.

**Community**

*Margaret Goderstad*

**THE LeDUC HISTORIC ESTATE**

Mother's Day Tea – May 13, 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call 651-438-8480.

Tour Season Begins – May 25. Open Thursday through Sunday.

**MINNESOTA BOYS CHOIR CONCERT** – May 20, 7 p.m. \$10.00 person. At St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 1401 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Hastings.

**FOR SUMMER EVENTS** – Check Black Dirt Theater, Hastings Arts Center, Break Away Arts, Orange Dragon Art Gallery, and City of Hastings for River Pavillion events.

**Gad-Abouts**

*Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin*

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

Gadabouts activities are open to all members. We meet in the Sterling parking lot (NW corner) and car pool to the venue. Lunch is usually involved. You can sign up at the meeting or call Cindy Toppin (437-7753) or Susan Cruse (437-1767) to reserve your place.

**Thursday, May 18 - THIS EVENT IS FULL.**

**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 in St. Paul at La Grolla.

**Meet at 8:45 a.m. at Sterling.**

**We leave at 9:00 a.m.**

If you have ideas for next year, contact Cindy or Susan.

**Treasurer's Report**

*Nancy Techam*

The checking account balance as of April 30, 2017 was \$1,406.42. On May 1, we received the NCCWSL reimbursement check from MN AAUW for \$555. Our present checking account balance is \$1,961.42.

Now is a great time to renew your membership for 2017-18. Membership dues remain at \$80. A huge thank you to the 47 members who have already renewed.

Nancy Techam, Treasurer

**Book Club**

*Shirley Tammen*

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George was selected for our Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 at 6:30p.m. before 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 6<sup>th</sup> St. W.

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

**Membership**

*Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw*

Over 43 members have already renewed! Thank you!

Remember to bring your checkbook to the May meeting so you can renew your membership. Dues will remain at \$80 until the beginning of summer. If you miss the deadline there will be a late fee attached. So be sure to catch Nancy Techam or one of us to renew!

Please be thinking about who might like to join our organization --friends, neighbors, church members, colleagues. Feel free to give us their contact information, and we will connect with them in the fall. Thanks for your support!

**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>

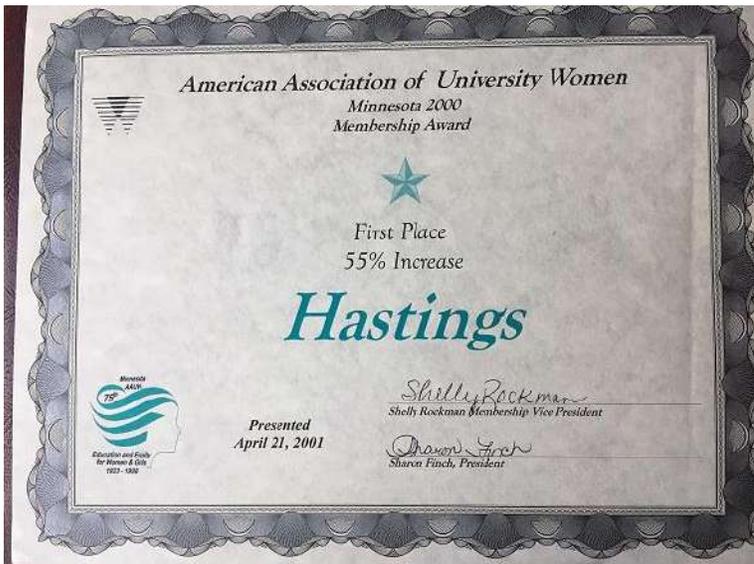
A Page from the Scrapbook



1985 AAUW Scholarship Recipient Dawn Kalin  
With Kay Leadholm, EF Chairperson

**Hastings AAUW Board Members**

President .....	Lisa West
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Co-Vice Presidents Programs.....	Peggy Horsch Pam Sullivan
Secretary .....	Pam Pontzer
Treasurer .....	Nancy Techam
AAUW Funds.....	Glenda Schnirring
Book Club.....	Shirley Tammen
Community.....	Margaret Goderstad
Diversity .....	Marlys Schmitt
Gad-Abouts.....	Susan Cruse Cindy Toppin
Historian.....	Lisa Hedin
Hospitality.....	Barb Jorenby Kathy Stockman Patty Todnem
NCCWSL.....	Gail Glashan
Newsletter.....	Lois Twedt
Public Policy.....	Pat Powers
Garage Sale .....	Linda Bindman Kathy O'Keefe
School Supply Drive .....	Mary Ellen Olson Cathy Sery



2000 State Convention Award