



Hastings Branch

November 2016



President's Message

Lisa West

Regardless of your feelings about the two main presidential candidates, I hope all of you were able to get out and vote, if possible.

About a week ago, I caught a conversation among radio personalities who were trying to convince a female, millennial colleague to get out and vote. This young woman was not planning to vote because she didn't like either main presidential candidate. They talked to her, and had listeners weigh-in, about voting because women fought so hard, so long ago, to gain the right to vote. They talked to her about all the other elected offices and issues on the ballot that would be important, even if she didn't vote for a presidential candidate. They even talked to her about the fact that by not voting, she was not using her voice to try to effect change. Still she was resistant to the idea of going to the polls. Frankly, I initially thought, shame on her, and how ungrateful she was, when there are countries where women, and all people for that matter, sometimes risk their lives just to cast their votes. And even in this country, there are people who want to vote, but for whatever reason, can't. But then again, squandering our freedoms is something we are free to do in this country; and if some people choose not to participate, I understand that's their right.

At any rate, regardless of the outcome of this election, AAUW is about empowering women and girls and the issues that surround that mission. AAUW is an organization of endless variety, and that includes republicans and democrats. Please be respectful of each other now and into the future. Keep your verbal comments about this election and future elections respectful. Don't assume that everyone in the room voted for the candidates you did. We can continue to work well together when we focus on AAUW's mission. Although political action is strongly embedding in the AAUW organization and mission, political views are personal, and I would encourage all of us to continue to function within our local Hastings branch in a manner that welcomes all points of view. You know the old adage, "If you don't have anything nice to say, make sure you're aware of who can overhear what you're saying... or something like that... I don't think any of us wants to intentionally or unintentionally offend fellow members by opening expressing our personal political viewpoints about one candidate or another. Yes, we have the right to speak our minds, but we must respect the right of every member in our Hastings branch to think what each of us thinks, and choose who to support in an election.

We can still focus on AAUW's mission as one, united branch of terrific individuals – let's do that.

November quote: "None of us can know what we are capable of until we are tested." – Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States.

See you at the end of the month for another great program!

Program

Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan

November 28

Our November program speaker will be Hastings native Craig Helmstetter, who grew up across the street from Glenda!

His presentation is titled: "Opportunities & Challenges facing our region: from poverty and homelessness to diversity and growth"

Minnesota and the Twin Cities are going through rapid demographic change; the population is getting older and more diverse. In addition, the economy continues to evolve. Who is benefitting? Who is left behind? We'll take a look at the latest data from the Minnesota Compass project (www.MNCompass.org) to help discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the region. (PROGRAM-CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

Upcoming Events

November 14.....Book Club
November 28.....General Meeting
December 2.....Gad-Abouts
December 19.....Holiday Social

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

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As Senior Research Manager at the Wilder Foundation, Craig oversees a research unit focusing on data driven projects, which provide information on an array of topics relating to community well-being - including things like homelessness, poverty and the aging population.

Craig joined Wilder Research in 2001 after working as a program evaluator for Minnesota's Office of the Legislative Auditor. Prior to that Craig worked as a project director for a survey research center, and in the social services with children, developmentally disabled adults, and people experiencing homelessness.

Craig is a Minnesota native but his post-secondary education took place in Iowa (Luther College) and the University of Oregon (master's in Community and Regional Planning; doctorate in Sociology). He has taught university-level seminars on quantitative research methods and homelessness, has spoken at several local and national conferences, and currently serves on the board of the Community Indicators Consortium.

This should be a timely topic considering our post-election state!

Secretary

Pam Pontzer

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 24, 2016

PRESIDENT - Lisa West. Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She mentioned that she had been "Up North" closing her family cabin. This activity got her thinking about time, specifically, the passing of it. That the AAUW General Meeting is taking place on October 24th elicited more memories. Twenty six years ago today, Lisa began working for Dakota County. Twenty five years ago, also on this date, Lisa's daughter Mariah was born. Lisa recalled being nervous about informing her manager about the pregnancy. The department she worked in was thinly staffed and some huge projects were underway. Lisa was happy to report that her manager had been very supportive, both of the pregnancy of and the need for work life balance. Lisa has such a sense of gratitude for the support that she has received and suggested that the membership reflect on the many things we each have to be grateful for. Lisa then introduced Pat Giddings who was celebrating her 93rd birthday. Pat noted that the really big news of the day was that she was able to renew her driver's license! Lisa then introduced Lew Linde. Lew noted that he had skin cancer lesions removed and was the proud owner of a brand new hip.

SECRETARY - Pam Pontzer. Pam submitted meeting minutes from the September 26, 2016 general meeting that were published in the Twig. A motion was made by Pat Schultz and seconded by Trudy Cragg to approve the September 26, 2016 general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER - Nancy Techam. Nancy summarized the recent revenues and expenses and noted that October had been a quiet month. Three new members have joined bringing membership up to 80 for the branch. Residual garage sale expenses were paid. The checking account balance at the end of October is \$6,520.50. A motion was made by Shirley Tammen and seconded by Mary Ellen Fox to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP- Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson. Camille stated that two new members joined at this meeting. There was one guest in attendance.

PROGRAMS- Pam Sullivan and Peggy Horsch. Peggy stated that the November program will feature Craig Helmstetter of the Wilder Foundation. Helmstetter will discuss poverty and homelessness in regards to the aging demographic in the state of Minnesota. Peggy noted that the Holiday Social will be held at the Hastings Art Center on December 19, 2016. Members will be asked to bring an appetizer, a dessert or contribute \$10.00. Finally Peggy noted that an article concerning sexual assault was featured in the October 23, 2016 Sunday Star Tribune. The article was horrifying, and women still have a long way to go in this arena.

PUBLIC POLICY - Pat Power. Pat noted that early voting is having an impact on voter participation. She also told the group that Amy Anderson, the Executive Director of Minnesota Civic Youth had recruited Hastings Elementary and Middle Schools to participate in a voting experience at each of the schools. AAUW is looking to provide volunteers to staff the voting areas in the various schools. Pat passed a clipboard for members to volunteer for this event.

GAD-ABOUTS - Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse. Sue informed the members that on Friday, December 02, 2016, the Gad-Abouts would leave Hastings at 9:00 A.M. to attend the Annual Holiday Bazaar held at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. The sale opens at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will follow at 1:15 P.M. at the St. Paul Hotel.

HOSPITALITY- Barb Jorenby, Kathy Stockman, Patty Todnem. No news items

BOOK CLUB - Shirley Tammen. Shirley reminded the group that the book club will be held on November 14, 2016 at the home of Ann Johnson. The book being discussed is Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. The author, Jamie Ford, will be speaking at the Hastings Reads event in February. Hastings Reads is supported by AAUW through funds raised at the AAUW Book Sale.

TWIG NEWSLETTER - Lois Twedt. Lois stated that she had forwarded a notice to the membership concerning volunteer opportunities at Hastings Area Schools for the Kids Vote effort sponsored by Minnesota Civic Youth.

AAUW FUNDS - Glenda Schnirring. Glenda informed the membership that the board will decide what funds our branch will contribute to at the upcoming board meeting. Glenda will report back to the membership at the November General Meeting. Glenda noted that 230 women were able to attend higher education through AAUW funding.

NCCWSL - Gail Glashan, Pat Powers, Ann Skoglund, Jan Junkman. Gail presented a NCCWSL video to the group. Registration for the event opens in January. The conference will take place May 31 to June 3, 2017. Membership should be on the lookout for possible candidates for the NCCWSL event. AAUW Minnesota provides 11 scholarships. The AAUW State portion is \$500, and our branch contributes \$350. These funds cover room, board, flight and registration for the candidate.

COMMUNITY - Margaret Goderstad. Margaret noted that on October 29th and 30th, candle lit tours would be offered at the LeDuc Mansion. On November 4, the HPAAC Gala will be held at SEAS gathering space from 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.. Finally, on November 6, the Hastings Artists Show will open at the LeDuc. Verna Fuller informed the group that the Regina Auxiliary will hold it Fall Fundraising sale on Sunday, October 30th from 11A.M. to 4 P.M. Funds raised at the event support a myriad of activities and acquisitions that benefit the local hospital and senior living facility. Also, on November 4, the movie "Chosen" will be shown at the United Methodist Church. The film highlights human trafficking.

GARAGE SALE - Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman - Kathy noted that the garage sale is now in a state of hibernation.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT - Cathy Sery and Mary Ellen Olson. Cathy noted that 301 students were supplied by this year's drive. Hastings Family Service thanked all who donated and volunteered.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nancy Techam and seconded by Pat Powers. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Pam Pontzer, Secretary

AAUW Funds

Glenda Schnirring

AAUW Board Approves AAUW Funds Designation

AAUW Funds is the name of the national organization's funding instrument to which the Hastings Branch donates every November. The amount of \$1000 is budgeted every year for this purpose. It was moved and approved that the \$1000 be divided evenly between two Funds. The Minnesota Past Presidents American Fellowship Fund and the unrestricted AAUW Fund will both receive \$500 for their respective objectives. The latter fund supports research, graduate education, and launches programs which help women break through barriers in education and the workplace. .

When members individually respond to AAUW mailings requesting donations, those donations are tax-deductible and are used for AAUW's all-encompassing mission. Last year our members gave a total of \$750 individually which was credited to the Hastings Branch. Greeting cards and other offers from AAUW are all fund-raising efforts to support its programs. It is very advantageous to the Hastings Branch and the AAUW mission when you respond to such requests.

NCCWSL

Gail Glashan

AAUW Hastings Branch Offers National Conference Scholarship



AAUW Hastings Branch announces an exciting opportunity for a Hastings area sophomore or junior female college student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference will be at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 31–June 3, 2017. The scholarship recipient will receive an \$850 scholarship to fund the conference, workshops, room/board, and travel expenses. Our Hastings branch board has once again approved \$350 from our budget to fund this scholarship and will apply for a \$500 scholarship from AAUW of Minnesota. This conference is a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders.

The conference program includes keynote speakers, career and graduate school fairs, leadership building workshops, and Women of Distinction awards. Representatives from over 100 graduate schools and employers will be at the convention. The selected scholarship recipient will have the chance to meet and network with approximately 1000 student attendees and speakers. Do you know someone who would qualify for this scholarship? Encourage them to apply!

The deadline for completed applications is Saturday, January 14, 2017! Email Gail at AAUW Hastings Branch to obtain an application form: AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com

For more information, visit the AAUW of Minnesota and the NCCWSL websites:

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

<https://www.nccwsl.org>

NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want.

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND?

We know you have friends! We're actively encouraging all members to think about friends, relatives, colleagues, neighbors who may be interested in our organization. Please bring them to our next meeting, or feel free to shoot us an email or call with prospective members that you may have in mind. You know how great we are! Share our mission with others you know!

LAST CALL for changes to your information--new degree, address, email, etc. We're finishing up info for directory and need to make it complete. Thanks!

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

The book club will be held on November 14, 2016 at the home of Ann Johnson. The book being discussed is Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. The author, Jamie Ford, will be speaking at the Hastings Reads event in February.

Hastings' own J. Ryan Stradal's Kitchens of the Great Midwest will be discussed at the Monday, December 12 meeting. Elaine Wilbur will be hosting this meeting.

Books at the Bierstube continue with mystery author Sheyna Galyan presenting. Her second novel also has Rabbi David Cohan as the protagonist who becomes involved in an anti-Jewish stalker mystery. Join the group at 7pm or come earlier and dine with them.

Treasurers Report

Nancy Techam

October deposits totaled \$380. October bills totaled \$422.54. Checking account balance as of October 31, 2016 was \$6582.96.

Nancy Techam, Treasurer

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>

Community

Margaret Goderstad

The LeDuc Historic Estate

Hastings Artists Show continues through Sunday November 13. Daily hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and admission is free. Come enjoy the work of several artists in various media. It's a perfect time for getting a head-start on Holiday shopping.

Holiday Teas & Dinner

The first Victorian Holiday Tea will take place on Saturday, November 26, 3:30 p.m. with teas following on Saturday, December 3 & Sunday, December 4, also at 3:30 p.m. There will also be a Victorian Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 10. Come enjoy the splendor of this magically decorated holiday house. Reservations are necessary (by calling [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480)) and should be made quickly as spaces are filling.

Thanksgiving Generosity

It is time to give thanks for all the blessings we receive daily and to share with others who may be less fortunate than we are. Many of our churches offer opportunities to participate in programs that benefit Hastings Family Service. Give to the Max Day is November 17. The event is a 24-hour fundraiser that supports thousands of Minnesota nonprofits, including several in Hastings. For more information and a list of nonprofits, go to www.givmn.org.

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

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

Friday, December 2 is our next Gadabouts outing. For over 25 years, the Landmark Center has hosted a wonderful Holiday Bazaar with artists and craftspeople of all types - jewelry, clothes, artwork, decorations, they have it all. We've heard you could spend the whole day there! We have openings for 3 more people to join us, as 17 have already signed up.

Meet at the Northwest corner of the Sterling Drug Parking Lot at 8:45. At 1:00 we will have lunch at the St. Paul Hotel. Individual cars can then decide whether to go home after lunch, or continue to shop.

After the first of the year, tentative plans include the History Theater in St. Paul, the Russian Museum of Art, and possibly Art in Bloom. Watch the TWIG for further news and announcements.

For new members - any AAUW member can attend Gadabouts. Watch for info at the meetings (the clipboard!!) and the newsletter for more info, such as what time we leave, where we meet, and how much it will cost. Outings are generally on weekdays during the day.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

December 19th at 7 p.m.

*Guardian Angels Art
Center*

*Food, Music, and
Celebration*

Special Guest Ryan Stradal, Author of
"Kitchens of the Upper Midwest"

Sign up at the next meeting
or call Peggy Horsch—651-437-4926



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A Page From the Scrapbook—2015



ELECTION 2015
Voters go to the polls Tuesday to decide school board seats

AAUW
 ing women since 1881

Vince O'Brien

Lisa Hedin

Russ Rohlf

Andy Bertam

Joe Bel

[Biographical text for Lisa Hedin follows, partially obscured]

