



Hastings Branch

September 2016



President's Message

Lisa West

Dear Members, on behalf of the entire Board, "Hello," as we begin our 46 th programming year. The Board has already met twice, and preparations for this year and the annual Grande Garage Sale are well underway.

As your new President, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to many of you who don't really know me. I grew up in Robbinsdale, the second of four children. After receiving my B.S. in Geography from U.W. – Eau Claire, I married, moved to the east metro, and had two children – a girl and a boy, who are now 24 and 23! After my divorce, we all moved into Hastings; and I've been a Hastings resident for 11 years now. Yes, I'm an immigrant. And while I still have strong family ties to the west metro, I'm proud and happy to call Hastings home. I've been working for Dakota County for 26 years in the Apple Valley Western Service Center, and have several years left before I'll be able to retire – dang it. But I enjoy my job, working in land conservation/land acquisition for the County; so I'm grateful to be in the position of liking what I do for a living.

I'm still relatively new to AAUW. I joined AAUW Hastings in September 2012, became your Board Secretary in April 2013, and became the AAUW MN Board Secretary in April 2014. And now, at the five-year membership mark, I was re-elected State Board Secretary, and most importantly, elected your President. It's been a bit of a whirlwind for me, to say the least. I'm proud to serve on the Hastings and Minnesota AAUW Boards, and I'm honored by your support for me in these roles.

In thinking about this new year, and my new role as your President, I've thought about how I can be affective in helping ensure that we're once again one of the most successful branches in the State. Our past leadership has been phenomenal, and I hope to be a part of continuing that trend. Being a successful branch doesn't rest solely on the shoulders of the Board members. It requires a membership that's committed to achieving AAUW's mission, to empowering women and girls in our own community, and to participating in the everyday operations of the local branch.

We have vacant positions on the Hastings Board that need to be filled as quickly as possible. Is serving on the Board a commitment? Yes. Is it a huge commitment? No. The Hastings Board is a great group of women who make serving on the Board a lot of fun. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't keep accepting nominations! At our first general meeting, we'll talk briefly about the vacant Board position, and I'll ask you to consider stepping-up to fill those open positions. Please, please give serving on the Board your serious consideration. All the openings can be Co-Chair positions, so no one need serve alone in any capacity. If you're unable to attend the upcoming general meetings, but would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or any Board member to learn what's available. The Board needs you! And I promise – you'll have a great time serving, and you won't regret it!

I'm looking forward to this year, my new role, and the lack of minutes-taking- hand –cramps at each meeting! See you soon!

Program

Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan

September 26

Our 2016-2017 year will begin with a Salad Supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting and then our speaker at 7:30. Please bring a salad to share. The board will provide bread, refreshments and dessert. Come and enjoy this great evening of delicious food, socializing, and enrichment as we kick-off our new program year.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Barbara Battiste, Director of the Minnesota Legislative Office on the Economic Status of Women. Her topic is, "You've Come a Long Way, Baby--Broken Barriers, Income and Job Equity for Women".

Upcoming Events

- September 12.....Book Club
- September 17Grand Garage Sale
- September 26General Meeting
- October 5Gad-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

Lisa West

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2016

PRESIDENT: Pam Pontzer. Past President, Glenda Schnirring called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcoming 29 members and guests to the May general meeting.

SECRETARY: Lisa West. Lisa submitted meeting minutes from the April 25, 2016, general meeting that were not published in the Twig.

Motion: Although a motion was made, seconded and approved, it is not included here, in the absence of the minutes actually being provided and published.

TREASURER: Nancy Techam. Nancy summarized the April Treasurer's Report and reminded members that they can pay their dues for next year, now. The checking account balance was \$2,405, and the membership approved the 2016-17 budget at the Spring Social last month.

Motion by Sallee Jepsen, and seconded by Betty Hoeschen to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Hanson and Janet Grove. Pat and Janet recognized this as their last official meeting as VP Membership Co-Chairs, and were thanked for their four-year commitment to this position. Members were reminded to pay their 2016-17 dues before June 30, and to send dues checks to Nancy Techam. One new member, Christina Royal was introduced. Christina Royal, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for Inver Hills Community College, is the new AAUW Minnesota State Board College/University Representative and will be serving on the AAUW Minnesota State Board on July 1, 2016.

PROGRAMS: Peggy Horsch and Pam Sullivan. Peggy and Pam invited members to serve on the 2016-17, Program Committee. Limited time is needed to serve on the committee, with the first meeting being on May 31 at Pam's home at 6:00 p.m. Peggy summarized the new program ideas highlighted in the survey distributed at the Spring Social in April.

PUBLIC POLICY: Pat Powers. Pat highlighted information in the most recent AAUW Nation Outlook publication and encouraged members to read it.

GAD-ABOUTS: Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse. Sue mentioned that she and Cindy are accepting ideas for next year's outings, and have already been receiving some great ideas. It was mentioned that AAUW Hastings should send Jane Lightbourn, Gazette writer, a thank you card. She's been writing for the Gazette for 40 years and has given AAUW great coverage in newspaper articles.

HOSPITALITY: Betty Hoeschen: Betty thanked members who brought the evening's refreshments and asked for willing members to assist with cleaning up after the meeting.

BOOK CLUB: Shirley Tammen. Shirley mentioned that Lois Twedt prepared a book list attachment that can be printed or she had some copies if members wanted one. September 12, 2016, will be the first Book Club meeting of the year. The book discussed will be "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes. Shirley will host the meeting. Shirley encouraged members to shop the mini book sale, with the remaining books going to the September garage sale and some to St. Philips Church. Members were also reminded of the Beer Stube Authors nights on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for about one to one and half hours.

AAUW FUNDS: Jan Junkman. Jan reported that the 2016 High School scholarship was awarded that evening to Sarah Shingledecker. Sarah plans to attend the University of Minnesota and wants to be an engineer. Jan noted that Sarah was "thrilled" to receive a \$2,500 scholarship from AAUW Hastings.

NCCWSL: Gail Glashan. Gail mentioned that Hastings' NCCWSL scholarship recipient, Salina Sok, spoke very well at the Inver Hills Community College fundraising event.

COMMUNITY: Margaret Goderstad. Margaret noted the following, upcoming events at the LeDuc Historic Estate: on May 26, the LeDuc opens for the season, open Thursdays through Sundays; the upcoming "Lemonade for the Lawnboy" performance; the June 4th Rhubarb Festival, and the Sanctuaries Tour on July 9.

GARAGE SALE: Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman. Kathy distributed the volunteer sign-up sheet for the annual garage sale that will be at the River of Life Church, located at 9th and Vermillion Streets.

NEW BUSINESS

Members were reminded that as soon as the back-to-school sales start, to be thinking of the School Supply Project. Distribution of school supplies begins in early August.

ADJOURN

The business meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Moore introduced the evening's speaker on the "Culture of Poverty," Cathy Rucci. Cathy is the Executive Director of MORE, an organization in St. Paul serving refugees and immigrants. Cathy spoke from her personal experience and from her academic perspective on the topic of poverty.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa West, Secretary

Treasurers Report

Nancy Techam

We earned \$139 from the book sale at the May meeting. After all expenses were paid for the 2015-16 year, we ended up with a carry-over to the 2016-17 fiscal year of \$2,194.18. Deposits for July: membership dues for 55 members for a total of \$4,351. July expenses: dues paid to National AAUW and MN AAUW for 55 members for a total of \$3,141, and a deposit of \$150 to T & S Properties to reserve the Hastings Arts Center for the Christmas social. Checking account balance at the end of July was \$3,254.18. August deposits: membership dues totaling \$1,070. August expenses: \$350 for purchase of 10 new clothing racks for the garage sale. Checking account balance at the end of August was \$3,974.18.

Nancy Techam, Treasurer

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

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

Gadabouts is kicking off its fall season with a trip to the **Sibley House Historic Site in Mendota**. Andrew Fox, son of Mary Ellen Fox, is the Executive Director there, and will be giving us a tour.

The date is **Wednesday, October 5**.

Lunch will follow at Axel's, which is just down the street in Mendota.

Meet in the Sterling parking lot (northwest corner) at 9:15

We will leave at 9:30 and the tour begins at 10:00.

Cost is \$6 for the tour (please bring cash that day)

You will order off the menu at Axel's.

Mark your calendars for our future outing to the Landmark Center Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, December 1. More details will be coming.

Questions—call Susan Cruse—437-1767

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

We DO need your DUES!

Last call for previous members for renewal of dues this year. We know you don't want to miss out on our great year of programming ahead. Can't make all of the meetings? That's okay! We still would love to have you with us whichever months fit into your schedule! Continue to be part of our great group with turning in your check today.

Please send your \$90 to Nancy Techam
14641 Embassy Ave
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Who DO you know?

We'd love to invite someone like YOU to join our Hastings Branch of AAUW! Do you have friends, colleagues, daughters, neighbors, church members that you could invite to join us? Salad supper on Sept. 26 is the perfect time to invite a friend for an evening of getting to know our organization. A guest visit is always welcome. Membership applications will be available for those ready to apply, with \$80 dues for new members. A two-year degree or more is the only requirement for membership for anyone who would like to join. Men are welcome, too!

If you have a name of someone you think may be interested, please feel free to forward them on to us, also, and we can provide information and can contact them as well.

Are YOU still YOU? DIRECTORY UPDATE

Have you had a change in address, email, phone number or added an additional degree? We ask you to let us know of any changes you may have this year so we will be able to update our 2017 Directory. You can simply check out the membership table at the Sept. meeting to look over last year's directory, or email us if that's more convenient for you. Looking forward to seeing all on Sept. 26!

Membership chairs,
Camille Nelson
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Ruth Versaw
ruth.versaw@gmail.com
[218-259-2161](tel:218-259-2161)

Community

Margaret Goderstad

LeDuc Historic Estate

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND - September 10 & 11 - See reenactors, camps, marching, drilling, music, tours of the LeDuc house, all centering around the theme, "Homecoming 1866."

BOURBON TASTING - October 7, 7-9 p.m. Reservations required - call [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480) - Check www.ledduchistoricestate.org.

VERMILLION FALLS GUIDED WALKING TOUR AND CHICKEN COOP STORY HOUR - October 8, 10 a.m. Reservations required.

PAINTING IN THE PARLOR WITH DAVE YOUNGER - October 9, 2-4 p.m. Reservations required.

Hastings Prescott Area Arts Council (HPAAC)

SAVE THE DATE: 5th Annual Gala - Friday, November 4, 6-9:30 p.m. Theme: "Water Colors Our Community". There will be delicious Food, Music, a Chance to Meet Local Artists, & an Opportunity to Visit with Friends. Learn about exciting new HPAAC Projects and Help Support the Arts.

Rivertown News

ROTARY PAVILION CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Be sure to check out all the exciting events happening for 2016 at the new Rotary Pavilion. There is a listing on the back page of the latest *Rivertown News* which we should have received recently in the mail.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

"Book Clubs are the best thing that has happened to the world of publishing." by Adriana Trigiani

Another year, another rewarding season of book discussion for the AAUW Book Group. We are so pleased to have continued our group for over 40 years. A few are founding members, others have joined through the years, and some attend for a specific selection, but we encourage anyone to join our group, once a month or occasionally. Those attending choose the selections. We meet the second Monday of the month, September-May, 7 pm at the home of a book group member.

Just a reminder that our September book group will be meeting at the home of Shirley Tammen on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. We will be discussing Jojo Moyes Me Before You. This novel explores moral issues as well as relationships and whether we have any control over either.

On Monday, October 10, we have chosen James McBride's The Color of Water. This award winning biography, first published in 1998, is a black man's tribute to his white mother, Ruth McBride, who left her Jewish faith and settled in Harlem. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOOK BAG, AND I WILL DISTRIBUTE IT AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THAT MEETING, CALL ME AND I WILL GET A COPY TO YOU.

Meet the author at the Bierstube. Hudson's Chapter2 Book Store continues to sponsor authors on the third Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm. On September 15, Barbara Deese will speak of her experiences as one of thirty-three female air marshals in the U.S. Come for dinner or come to listen and chat.

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>

Garage Sale

Linda Bindman & Kathy O'Keefe

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/or 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. If you have a large item, feel free to take a picture of it, and make a sign with your phone # on it.
4. If unable to participate, **please contribute at least \$30.00** to AAUW for the garage sale.
5. Work one or two shifts between Thursday and Saturday. **The work schedule is attached; we could still use a few more people for the Saturday 10:30-2:00 shift.**

If you have not signed up to work, please contact: Linda Bindman 651-210-8428 (lbindman@gmail.com) or Kathy O'Keefe at 651-336-9954 (kokeefe@hastings.k12.mn.us).

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

Work Schedule—

More people are needed for the 1:30-2:00 shift.

The up-to-date work schedule will be emailed to you in a separate mailing.

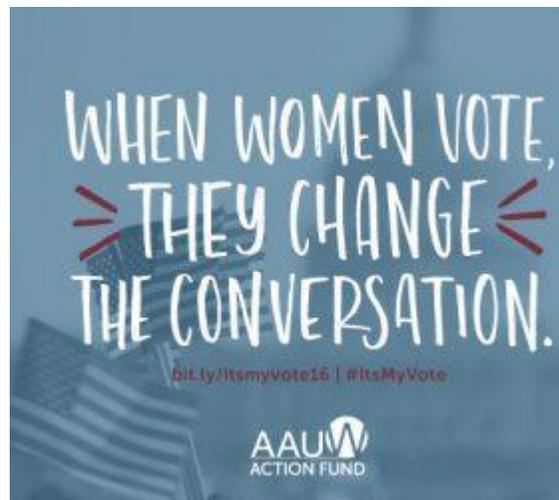
Hastings AAUW Board Members

President	Lisa West
Past-President.....	Pam Pontzer
Co-Vice Presidents Membership.....	Camille Nelson Ruth Versaw
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	Vacant
Gad-Abouts.....	Susan Cruse Cindy Toppin
Historian.....	Vacant
Hospitality.....	Barb Jorenby Vacant
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

Diversity

Pat Powers

AAUW Public Policy September 2016



There are things to do to get out the vote (GOTV). AAUW members will hold voter registration on campuses, at malls and at gatherings where we can make a difference by signing up voters. At the AAUW website we can find Voters Rights and Protections, how and where can you can vote and the voting rules. Since 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. From congressional inaction on the Paycheck Fairness Act to frequent attacks on our reproductive rights, the current political landscape—which increasingly focuses on social issues—seldom includes or responds to women's voices. To create real change, women must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the poll. It's your Vote, you will be heard.

More Community

Margaret Goderstad

Artspace Groundbreaking/HPACCandAAUW's Beautiful Shovel



Secretary

Lisa West

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2016—Note—These minutes were not included in the May TWIG.

PRESIDENT: Pam Pontzer. Pam called the business meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., welcoming 43 members and guests to the Annual Spring Social and April general meeting. Pam noted that the Securities and Exchange Commission rejected Amazon's request to omit a proposal on gender pay equality from its annual ballot. This proposal, submitted by Arjuna Capital, the activist arm of Baldwin Brothers, Inc., calls for an October 2016 deadline to report the difference between male and female pay and plans to close the gap. Arjuna Capital submitted the proposal to Amazon, and eight other tech companies, including eBay and Intel.

Only Amazon sought permission to omit the proposal. It was noted in the press release that although such proposals face long odds, just getting one on the ballot of a high-profile company like Amazon can be a catalyst for change. Natasha Lamb, director of shareholder engagement at Arjuna, noted that the proposal is not simply a social justice issue. Rather, it is an issue that affects performance and the company's ability to attract top talent. Lamb said that Arjuna withdrew proposals at Apple and Intel after the companies took action on the issue. Intel, for example, earmarked \$300 million for diversity and said it found that male and female employees were equally paid.

Many women face hurdles in returning to work after stepping away for an extended period. Nearly 90 percent attempt to resume their careers, but only 40 percent land full-time jobs, according to the Center for Talent Innovations, a nonprofit research organization focused on minority groups in the workplace. About 25 percent of women who attempt to resume their careers take part-time jobs, and roughly 10 percent become self-employed.

Tech companies have finally decided to focus on these women. They are not doing this for altruistic reasons. The tech industry has a shortage of qualified job candidates, and it happens that women who have been out of the workplace are easier to hire, because there is less competition for them; and Pam emphasized, at this point in time. In the last few years, Pam became well acquainted with the gender make-up of colleges. At this point in time, 60 percent female, and 40 percent male seems to be the prevailing make-up. It would seem that women coming into the workforce and re-entering it, are going to enjoy increasingly better odds. Pam mentioned that AAUW Hastings received a thank-you note from Hastings Reads.

And finally, Pam mentioned that Glenda Schnirring spent countless hours wrestling with her computer to update the Bylaws of the Hastings, AAUW Branch. This undertaking was mandated by AAUW National, and was arduous to say the least. Glenda completed the assignment with time to spare, and our branch is again in good standing. Thank you Glenda!

SECRETARY: Lisa West. Lisa submitted meeting minutes from the March 28, 2016, general meeting that were published in the Twig.

MOTION by Pat Powers, and seconded by Betty Hoeschen to approve the general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER: Nancy Techam. Nancy summarized the March Treasurer's Report as well as the budget for 2016-2017. Nancy highlighted the increased amount budgeted for St. Philip's Church, noting that this increase was overdue. The Board recommended the budget at its April 4 meeting. The question was raised and answered regarding what portions of the annual dues stay local with the Hastings Branch, and what portions go to AAUW MN and AAUW National: \$49 goes to AAUW National, \$9 goes to AAUW MN, and \$22 stays with AAUW Hastings. Only the \$49 AAUW National portion is tax deductible.

MOTION by Kathy O'Keefe, and seconded by Cindy Toppin to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Twig and the 2016-2017 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Hanson and Janet Grove.

One guest was introduced; and members were encouraged to pay their membership dues that night or bring their checks to the May general meeting.

PROGRAMS: Peggy Horsch and Pam Sullivan.

Peggy and Pam requested that members review and mark their top five choices on the program survey. They would appreciate member input on programs topics for next year.

PUBLIC POLICY: Pat Powers. Pat encouraged members to watch the upcoming Republican primaries. The NCCWSL Team attended the Inver Hills Community College (IHCC) scholarship fundraiser. The primary speaker was our Hastings Branch, NCCWSL candidate, Salina Sok. Salina made it a point to thank AAUW Hastings for her NCCWSL scholarship.

GAD-ABOUTS: Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse.

Cindy and Sue reminded members of the May 10 event, a tour of the Basilica, with lunch at The Third Bird near Loring Park. A \$2.00 donation is requested for the tour, or whatever members would like to donate. They mentioned that ideas for events next year would be welcome.

BOOK CLUB: Shirley Tammen. Shirley reminded members that the May 9, book discussion will be of "A Man Called Ove," by Frederick Backman. She also reminded members about the mini book sale before and after the May general meeting. Shirley noted that members could bring books to her if they can't make it to the meeting.

AAUW FUNDS: Jan Junkman. Jan reported that the 2016 High School scholarship will be awarded on April 23, the same night as our general meeting. AAUW will be one of the first presenters, because it will be alphabetical this year, so she will be able to attend the general meeting and announce our 2016 recipient. Scholarship Committee members, Betty Hoeschen, Ann Skoglund, Ruth Versaw, and Jan's first choice became our recipient. Jan also mentioned that our NCCWSL scholarship recipient is exceptional, and was the star of the evening at the IHCC scholarship fundraising event.

COMMUNITY: Margaret Goderstad. Margaret noted the following, upcoming events at the LeDuc Historic Estate: on May 26, the LeDuc opens for the season; on April 26, the baby chicks arrive; and on May 8 there will be a Mother's Day Tea at 3:30 p.m., with reservations needed. Karen Moore placed "Lemonade for the Lawnboy" flyers at the tables. Please take one for more information about this musical performance.

HISTORIAN: Trudy Cragg. Trudy mentioned that she brought four AAUW Hastings scrapbooks to the meeting for members to look at. And, she reminded members that she is looking for a replacement to assume the role of Historian. Please let her know if you are interested in taking over her Historian role.

GARAGE SALE: Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman. Kathy announced that the annual garage sale will be at the River of Life Church, where we'll be able to spread out more, display more items, provide better parking, and still have good visibility. River of Life Church is located at 9th and Vermillion Streets. With this new venue, set-up and scheduling is anticipated to be unchanged from previous years.

OLD BUSINESS

Janet Grove and Pay Hanson were recognized and acknowledged for their service as Membership Co-Chairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenda Schnirring announced that the Nominating Committee of two board members (Glenda and Pam Pontzer) and three branch members (Camille Nelson, Chris Erickson, and Kathy Kies) secured the following, accepted nominations: for President, Lisa West (current Secretary); for Secretary, Pam Pontzer (current President), and for Membership Co-Chairs, Camille Nelson and Ruth Versaw. Motion by Gail Glashan, and seconded by Lynn Moratzka to accept the Nominating Committee report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lisa West was nominated for Board President. No other nominations were made for this Board position. Motion by Sue Cruise, and seconded by Ann Skoglund to close the nominations for Board President. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pam Pontzer was nominated for Board Secretary. No other nominations were made for this Board position. Motion by Glenda Schnirring, and seconded by Marcia Fletcher Skoglund to close the nominations for Board Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

Camille Nelson and Ruth Versaw were nominated for Board membership Co-Chairs. Motion by Darla Kimmes, and seconded by Sue Wagner to close the nominations for Board membership Co-Chairs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Nancy Techam, and seconded by Lynn Moratzka for a unanimous ballot. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenda congratulated the newly elected officer of the Hastings AAUW Branch, and thanked all who were continuing on with the many roes that make the Hastings Branch run so efficiently.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sallee Jepsen, and seconded by Janet Grove to adjourn the business meeting. The business meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

Sue Wagner introduced the evening's speaker on Clutter Clearing Choices, Barbara Tako. Barbara is the author of the book, "Clutter Clearing Choices: Clear Clutter, Organize Your Home, and Reclaim Your Life." Copies of Barbara's book were available for purchase.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa West, Secretary

MEMBERS ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION

