



President's Message

Lisa West

Dear Members, on behalf of the entire Board, "Hello," as we begin our 47th programming year. The Board already met twice, and preparations for this year and the annual Grande Garage Sale are well underway. There are some fun and interesting outings scheduled for this fall too, so check them out.

As we move into another year of membership, I encourage you to do a couple of things: 1) reflect on and feel good about that we accomplished together last year; and 2) keep yourself as informed as possible about what's happening in the realm of AAUW throughout the coming year. Read your Outlook publication; read the Minnesota Pine; take action when you believe it's appropriate, based on messages you receive from AAUW; and read this Newsletter. I find myself putting off some of these things until I can sit a moment and read or respond uninterrupted. Well, if you're like me, those times can be few and far between; and eventually, what I want to get through, becomes overwhelming. I'm trying to do a better job of not putting things off; so if you are like me, I encourage you to do the same. But if you're a woman who's on top of everything going on in your life – please offer to teach the rest of us how you do it!

I look forward to seeing you this September and throughout the coming year.

September Quote:

"Any goal, no matter what size, can be achieved if it is tackled with courage, initiative, perseverance, and integrity." ~ Angie Morgan, Author

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

September 25

September Meeting and Salad Supper

6:00 p.m.—Salad Supper--Our NCCWSL Scholarship winners will share a short report on their NCCWSL Conference experience during this time.

7:00 p.m.—September General Meeting

7:30 p.m.—Meet the School Board Candidates and Report from Tim Collins

Please bring a salad to share. The board will provide bread, refreshments and dessert. Please make every effort to be there, with your salad, before 6:00 p.m., as we have a very full evening planned.

Tim Collins will be introduced for comment on the levy referendum.

The Candidates for the November 7th election: Peter Blissenback (running for 1-year position) and Kim Christensen, Scott Gergen, Dave Pemble, Kelsey Waits, and Stacy Wilson-Rudd will each get 2 minutes to introduce themselves and state their reason for wanting to serve on the School Board. Each will be asked a question and given 2 minutes to respond.

The School Board has a great responsibility in the financing of our public school, and it is a common interest for all of us to maintain an educated society. Please come and hear our candidates.

Coordinated by Pat Powers

Upcoming Events

September 11.....Book Club
September 16.....GRANDE GARAGE SALE
September 25.....General Meeting
October 26.....Gad-Abouts

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays at...

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

1401 15th Street West, Hastings, Minnesota 55033

2017-2018 PROGRAMS

September 25, 6:00 pm SALAD SUPPER
Hastings School Board Candidates and Superintendent Tim Collins

2017 NCCWSL Takeaway, Scholarship Recipients
Rosemary Pechous and Loren Bushyhead

October 23, 6:00 pm AT HHS
Sexual Assault on High School and College Campuses--St. Olaf College Sexual Assault Resource Network Speakers

Co-presentation with Hastings High School
Feminism Club and Counseling Office

November 27, 7:00 pm
Poverty in our Midst: Facts, Figures and Action to Address Poverty in Dakota County
Kelly Harder, Dir., Dakota County Community Services

December 18, 7:00 pm HOLIDAY SOCIAL
Food, Music and Celebration

January 22, 6:00 pm CHILI SUPPER
Her Story – Some Hastings Women Who Made a Difference
Heidi Langenfeld, Local Historian

February 26, 7:00 pm
History of African Americans in Minnesota
Bill Green

March 26, 7:00 pm
What's Next for State Health Care Policy: Cost and Coverage
Lynn A. Blewett, U of M School of Public Health

April 23, 6:00 pm SPRING SOCIAL
Meditation and Mindfulness
Dr. Mona Roach

May 21, 7:00 pm
"Katie's Kids" Program
Joan Demeules, St Catherine's University Access and Success Director

Secretary

Pam Pontzer

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – May 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lisa West.

It is the last meeting of the year and we have had great speakers all year and another slated for tonight. Thank you goes out to all who were part of the planning.

Thank you to the nominating committee for filling all the vacant positions for next year. Rosalie Cavis and Deb Saunders will lead the Program Committee and Mary Charleson will be the new Treasurer. Thank you to the outgoing leaders Pam Sullivan and Peggy Horsch for program and Nancy Techam, Treasurer.

The Secretary's report was approved and motion to accept was by Kathy O'Keefe with second by Pat Hanson. The motion carried. Treasurer's report was approved and a motion to accept was by Betty Hoeschen and second by Trudy Cragg. Balance of \$1511.42 is in the checking account.

Membership report by Camille Nelson. 59 members have renewed at \$80. On July 1st, it will be \$90.

Public Policy report. Pam Pontzer sent out an alert that the State of MN department on the Economic Status of Women was being eliminated by the legislature. Many called or contacted our legislators to stop that action. There was a guest from the Minneapolis branch attending our meeting with this evening's speaker, and she reported that the Minneapolis branch got the email from Pam and many of them called their legislators. Pat Powers announced the news that Lisa Maatz, public policy chair at the AAUW national level has given notice of resignation.

Gadabouts, Sue Cruse thanked everyone for a good year and noted that in October they will be scheduling a tour of the renovated State Capital.

Book Club will read America's First Daughter for the September meeting.

Newsletter and Hospitality--no report this evening.

AAUW Funds, Glenda Schnirring is at the awards ceremony giving out the scholarship during this meeting.

Program and NCCWSL-No report tonight.

Community, Margaret Goderstad reported that tours open this Thursday at the LeDuc Mansion and run through October. June 3rd is the Rhubarb Festival. The St Philp's garage sale and plant sale is June 10th .

Diversity reminded us of the "Community Dialogue" that is happening at Tilden Community Center on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. They are discussing "What does diversity look like in Hastings?" Everyone is welcome.

HPAAC is sponsoring a free summer art program in the parks and it is open to all. Art educator, Elizabeth Carroll will manage the program.

No historian report for this meeting.

Garage Sale: Kathy O'Keefe remarked that this is our "One Day Fundraiser". There will be a price list coming via email but you can mark items for whatever you think it is worth. The sign up sheet for working time slots will be circulated at this meeting. Members can sign up for more than one timeframe, and Friday was a day that could have used more people last year. Lois will post again in the Twig newsletter. Remember that big items can be sold here. The space at River of Life church is great for large furniture or you can bring a picture of what items you have to sell and it will be posted for all to see.

No old business at this meeting.

New business: The Hastings Feminism Club has T-shirts for sale. "Nevertheless She Persisted".

Guests: Lisa Hedin brought a friend.

Motion to adjourn by Marcia Pletcher and seconded by Jan Junkman. Motion carried

Minutes submitted by: Pat Powers, Acting Secretary

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

ONE THING ABOUT AN ENGRASSING BOOK--YOU CAN DEVOUR IT FROM COVER TO COVER AND NOT GAIN A POUND OF WEIGHT, BUT A TON OF KNOWLEDGE!

The AAUW Book Club will begin their 48th year with the discussion of America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie This historical novel, based on letters and other sources, features the private and public life of Patsy Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson's first daughter who became Jefferson's " First Lady" at social and political events. The Monday, September 11th meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Tammen at 7 p.m.

On Monday, October 9, the group will be discussing Hidden Figures by Margaret Shetterly. This biography features the black women mathematicians who worked at, the then segregated, NASA and helped launch the first space shuttle. Ann Johnson will host at this meeting.

ALL AAUW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR GROUP---ONCE OR MONTHLY.

Thursday, September 21 is the next Mystery/Author Night at the Bierstube, It will feature Doug Dorow, a Mpls. crime/thriller writer whose first novel is entitled The Ninth District. Dorow is working on the 2nd book in a series featuring FBI Agent, Jack Miller. He will speak at 7 pm, but will be at the Bierstube earlier. Join him for conversation and food earlier in the evening.

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-

Civil War Weekend - September 9 & 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Reenactors, Music, Presentations, Tours of the LeDuc House, Demonstrations - Family Friendly

ARTober Events - Sponsored by HPAAC in collaboration with artists and art venues -September 30-October 31. Please check websites for further details. You'll want to attend as many of these events as possible.

EN PLEIN AIRE ART INVITATIONAL-

Hosted by internationally known water colorist, Andy Evansen on September 30. Artists will paint landscapes and points of interest throughout the day. Locations are listed on www.artoberhpaac.com. Works of the day will be displayed at a reception being held at Evansen's new River Lofts Gallery in the ArtSpace Building.

HASTINGS ART CENTER-

Starting September 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. free coffee will be served so people can enjoy and visit the art that is on display. At 10:30 a.m. a free concert will be offered.

There will be a free kick-off concert that deals with dance & jazz to open the season on September 10, 3 p.m. with Sarah Lockwood & Friends.

Enjoy the beauty of Hastings Arts Center and Mike Hazard's multimedia exhibit *Seed of Change: A Portrait of the Hmong American Farmers Association*. The exhibit opens with a reception (free and open to the public) from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6 and runs through October 31.

Looking to October 8, illusionist Jett Lynner-Skrien will be doing a 3 p.m. show. This young man who is 16 years old will share the latest magic he has learned. He has performed at venues all over the country, at places like Branson, and also shares his talent with schools and business organizations throughout the Midwest. Jett is the son of Drs. Gary & Lori Lynner-Skrien of Marshall, MN and an honor student and band member at Marshall High School. His sister, Lisi will serve as his assistant during the show.

BREAKAWAY ARTS-

HPAAC Writer's Group will meet on September 12, 6:30 p.m. Our talented leader is our own Diane Saed. All are invited to attend.

Regular Events taking place at BreakAway Arts are normally scheduled for 7 p.m. They are:

- First Fridays - Improv with Black Dirt Theater Zingers
- Second Thursday - Open Mic - Poetry
- Third Thursday - Open Mic - Music
- Fourth Thursday - Author Events

ORANGE DRAGON ART GALLERY (Prescott)-

September 6 - October 29 - "From Heaven to Earth" Exhibit. Please check for open hours.

HUB'S LANDING-

Check this out after visiting the En Plein Air exhibits on September 30 at 3 p.m. A free event, there will be food and music by Ryan James and Imaginary Friends.

LEVEE PARK EVENTS-

See City of Hastings website for the listings of these many opportunities.

Announcing - Annual HPAAC Gala - November 3 at SEAS. Save the date!!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Hastings Prescott Area Arts Council and the Minnesota Museum of American Art are proud to sponsor Mike Hazard's multimedia exhibit *Seed of Change: A Portrait of the Hmong American Farmers Association* at the Hastings Art Center. In order to keep the exhibit open on weekends, volunteers are needed on Saturdays & Sundays in October. The shifts run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and 12 noon-2 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. DATES: October 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29. Please let Margaret Goderstad know when you are available to volunteer. Call [651-437-3365](tel:651-437-3365) or email bgoderstad@aol.com. Thank you in advance for being a part of the community's ARTtober.

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

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

We have two events planned for the rest of this calendar year:

1. **Tour of newly renovated State Capitol**

Date: Thursday, Oct 26 - tour is at 10 a.m.
Lunch after at the Louisiana Café.

Meet: Sterling parking lot, NW corner.

Meet at 8:50 a.m.

Cost: \$5 suggested donation for the tour. You will order off the menu for lunch.

I have been on the tour and it is fabulous! This will be a good one!!!

2. **History Theater - "Coco's Diary"**

The story is about Co Co Irvine, a precocious young woman in St. Paul who receives a diary for Christmas. *Coco's Diary* follows her ups and downs of a roller coaster year featuring the greatest songs of the 1920's.

Date: Thursday, November 30 play is at 10 a.m.
Cost is approximately \$25.

We will have more details in the October newsletter.

We have only 15 tickets - so call soon if you want to go. We may be able to get more tickets if there is demand.

For more info, contact Susan Cruse (437-1767) or Cindy Toppin (437-7753).

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The annual book sale in May brought in \$149.00. At the end of 2016 - 2017 fiscal year, with all bills paid, our carryover balance into the new fiscal year 2017 - 18 was \$1,660.42.

Deposits for July and August of 2017 include the new and renewal dues for 79 members. Expenses during these two months include payments of AAUW National and AAUW State membership dues. The checking account balance as of August 31, 2017, including carryover money from fiscal year 2016 - 17, is \$3,217.19.

Mary Charlson, Treasurer

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 would love to have you with us whichever months fit into your schedule. Continue to be part of our great group by turning in your check today.

Please send check of \$90 to:

Mary Charlson
2371 Glacier Way
Hastings, MN 55033

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, husbands that you could invite to join us? Salad supper on Sept. 25 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. If you have a name of someone you think may be interested, you could also forward the name on to us. We can contact them and provide them with information.

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 can update our 2018 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. 25!

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AAUW Funds

Glenda Schnirring

Thank You Note from 2017 Scholarship Winner Marinna Smallidge:

"Thank you for this scholarship! I greatly appreciate your kindness and benevolence. Your thoughtful gift will be of great assistance as I pursue my biomechanical engineering degree. Each time I begin a new course I will be reminded of your generous contribution to my ongoing education. Please know that your investment in me will allow me to achieve my goal of making a difference in the lives of others."

Marinna Smallidge, May, 2017



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