



Hastings Branch

October 2014



President's Message

Pam Pontzer

Both the leaves and time are flying. I want to thank all of you for the gifts of time, materials and/or cash that made our garage sale so successful this year. We can once again afford to give a young woman a very generous scholarship.

Our branch is now the proud owner of an Epsom projector. The research into and acquisition of the projector was handled by Laura Leak and Jan Hertel. This is one piece of equipment that will make presentations so much easier for our monthly speakers. Thank you Laura and Jan.

Please note on your calendars that the 2015 AAUW State Convention will be held in Austin, Minnesota at the historic Hormel House on April 10-11. The theme of the convention is "Full Steam Ahead" as in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. As an added enticement, attending AAUW members will be the audience for what will likely be the last performance of the Spamatettes! Also, registration has opened for the 2015 AAUW National Convention which will be held in San Diego, California on June 18-21.

The AAUW Jeer of the week goes out to the founder of an online advertising company. He explained to the audience at a tech conference that he hires women because they are CHEAPER. We must keep pushing for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

On a more cheerful note, the D.C. Government began offering employees up to eight weeks of paid leave for "the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a family member with a serious health condition." Currently, The United States is the only developed nation that doesn't guarantee paid maternity leave nationwide.

I am excited about our October program - "Financial Advice for Women". This excitement grew as I tried to find an inexpensive 403B plan in which to invest for retirement. I realized, from the choices offered, that very few people understand the costs associated with these types of plans. Suzanne Brown, a respected wealth management advisor will shed light on the sometimes opaque world of personal finance.

See you all on October 27!

Program

Pat Schultz & Ann Skoglund

October 27

"Retirement...A Time of Transition" will be the topic of October's AAUW meeting...

Please join us as we hear how women can not only survive retirement but can prepare for it and reap the benefits of their preparation! Suzann K. Brown is a wealth management advisor for The Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank. Suzann has worked in banking and financial services since 1981. In 2008, Finance and Commerce recognized Suzann as one of the "Top Women in Finance".

Currently, Suzann serves as a non-compensated director of the "Everybody Wins! Minnesota". She also serves on The Minneapolis Foundations Professional Advisors Committee, St. Croix Valley Foundation Finance and Investment Committee, and the Art Reach St. Croix Board. Suzann graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by our guest speaker.

Hospitality

Betty Hoeschen & Sara Strom

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Salad Supper at our September meeting. It was a wonderful meal with delicious food-a great way to begin our year!! A special Thank You to Kay Leadholm for loaning us the pumpkins and gourds we used as decorations. Thanks Again.

Upcoming Events

October 13	Book Club
October 27	General Meeting
October 30	Gad-Abouts
November 10	Book Club

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2014-2015 PROGRAMS

September 22 — Salad Supper

Hastings as a Destination: Looking Back, Moving Forward

Cynthia Messer, U of M Tourism Center
Co-Creator TPT Minnesota Tourism Special

October 27

Financial Advice for Women

Suzann Brown, Wealth Management Advisor

November 24

An Evening with F. Scott Fitzgerald

David Page, Inver Hills Community College

December 15

A Holiday Social

at the LeDuc Mansion

January 26 — Chili Supper

Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences

Sheri Fox, M.A., R.N.

February 23

Children In Child Protection — Why Should I Care?

Cindy Toppin and Theresa Gomez,
Metro Alliance for Healthy Families

March 23

Refugees in Minnesota

Laura Svoboda, Resettlement Director for Arrive
Ministries (formerly World Relief)

April 27 — Spring Social at Bella Vista Restaurant

"I'm New at Being Old!"

Lucy Rose Fischer, Author and Artist

May 18

Cooking Up the Good Life

Jenny Breen, Chef and Author

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

September 22, 2014

PRESIDENT: Pam Pontzer. Pam called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming 70 members and guests. Pam introduced herself as the newly elected President as the Hastings Branch begins its 45th summarized several points/issues of interest from AAUW Minnesota, including upcoming award, sponsorship and grant opportunities. Pam welcomed Past President, Glenda Schnirring, who presented a certificate of appreciation to Kay Leadholm for her years of service in a variety of positions within the Hastings Branch since 1981, including President from 1990 to 1992, and most recently as Public Policy Chair.

SECRETARY: Lisa West. Lisa submitted meeting minutes from the May 19, 2014, general meeting that were published in the Twig. Motion by Barb Moen, and seconded by Glenda Schnirring, to approve the May 19, 2014, general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER: Nancy Techam. Nancy noted there are currently 91 members. She summarized recent revenues and expenses, and noted the checking account balance of \$6,983. Motion by Glenda Schnirring, and seconded by Mary Memelink, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Janet Grove and Pat Hanson. Pat introduced three new members, Lew Linde, Kathy Kies, and Pat Mohrhauser. Guests were introduced and everyone was encouraged to pick up a program bookmark.

PROGRAMS: Pat Schultz and Ann Skoglund. Ann also mentioned the program bookmarks, and thanked the Program Committee for their work to arrange this year's programs.

GAD-ABOUTS: Jane Driscoll and Joann Bergman. Jane and Joann informed members of the next four Gad-Abouts events: October 8 – "Hello Dolly" at the Chanhassen; October 30 – the Treasure Island Cruise; November 25 – the Buddy Holly Story at the Minnesota History Theater; and December 19 – a visit to the Swedish Institute. Sign-up sheets were circulated, with another chance to sign up for events at the October general meeting.

HOSPITALITY: Betty Hoeschen. Betty thanked members for the salads they brought and Board members for the breads and desserts. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to offer to bring refreshments to future general meetings.

BOOK CLUB: Shirley Tamm. Shirley noted the October 13 Book Club discussion will feature "My Beloved World," by Sonja Sotomayor; and the November 10 discussion will be of the book, "Defending Jacob," by William Landay. All members are welcome to participate in Book Club discussions at any time during the year.

PUBLIC POLICY: Pat Powers. Pat raised the issue of having a City Council Forum as part the October general meeting. Members favored the idea of continuing this tradition during election years.

AAUW FUNDS: Jan Junkman. Jan thanked members for all their work with the garage sale, the proceeds of which fund the annual high school student scholarship. Jan noted that if proceeds are sufficient, the Board voted to increase the scholarship from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the 2015 student chosen, payable in 2016.

HISORIAN: Trudy Cragg. Trudy reminded members that she is the "Keeper of the Scrapbook" and encouraged them to forward appropriate pictures and articles with AAUW significance.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT: Cathy Sery and Mary Ellen Olson. Cathy reported that 370 students received assistance through the School Supply Project, which was a 10 percent increase over last year.

GARAGE SALE: Cindy Toppin and Susan Cruse. Cindy and Sue thanked contributors, donators, and garage sale volunteers. They recognized Gail Glashan for her work to prepare the flyer, volunteers who worked more than one shift, members who offered their trucks/vans to haul away leftover items, and Margaret Goderstad for preparing the newspaper announcement. They reminded members for future years to please bring their sale items marked with a price. To date, the garage sale proceeds totaled \$2,608, including \$134 from the bake sale, \$480 in donated cash, and \$176 in pre-sale items sold. After expenses, the net profit from the garage

sale is estimated to be \$2,313. There may be additional revenue trickling in that could increase that net profit total.

Adjourn

Motion by Kay Leadholm, and seconded by Barb Moen to adjourn the business meeting. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by President Pam Pontzer.

Pam Sullivan introduced the evening's speaker, Cynthia Messer, published author and Extension Professor at the University of Minnesota – Tourism Center. Cynthia spoke on the topic, "Hastings as a Destination: Looking Back, Moving Forward," an interactive discussion about community planning and involvement in efforts to increase economic growth and resource development through tourism. She was a member of the development team that produced the popular TPT series, "Tourism in Minnesota: Ideas at Play."

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa West, Secretary

Treasurers Report

Nancy Techam

Deposits into the checking account for the month of September totaled \$3,304.58. The deposits were from membership dues and money taken it at the garage sale. Expenses for the month of September totaled \$675.22. This included: garage sale expenses, visibility/membership expenses and hostess supplies for the general meetings. Checking account balance as of September 30, 2014 was \$7,638.74.

THE GARAGE SALE CONCLUDED WITH A PROFIT OF \$2,350.00.

Membership

Janet Grove and Pat Hanson

We welcome the following new members to our AAUW branch: Lew Linde (our first male member), Kathy Kies, Pat Mohrhauser, and Jan Matula. We are so pleased to have you join us. Our membership now stands at 93, however, we are always interested in new members. If you know someone you think might be interested in AAUW, please invite them as a guest.

At the October meeting we will be updating the directory and asking everyone to make sure their email addresses, phone numbers, and other info is correct. If you have a change in any of these, please contact Janet (437-9985) or Pat (437-1094).

Gad-Abouts

Jane Driscoll & Joann Bergman

Joann Bergman ([651-319-0272](#)) & Jane Driscoll ([651-437-6802](#))

We are excited about the upcoming year with Gad-Abouts and have the fall programs planned.

*Thursday, October 30th we plan to lunch aboard the *Spirit of the Water*, the ship that departs from the Treasure Island marina. We will cruise the river and enjoy the eagles and hopefully a few remaining fall colors. The ship is enclosed, so no matter what the weather, we will be comfortable! We'll leave Clancy's (Sterling) parking lot at 10:30, for boarding at 11:30 with the cruise and buffet lunch 12:00 – 2:30. The cost of this tour and lunch will be \$30.00 (not including tip) payable in advance to Joann. If you didn't sign up at the September meeting, call Joann or Jane.

*Tuesday, November 25th we're headed "Back to the '50's" at the History Theatre to enjoy *Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story*. We will leave the Clancy's (Sterling parking lot at 9 AM with the play starting at 10:00. Reservations need to be made by Monday, November 3rd with tickets costing \$21.00 (checks payable to Jane Driscoll). We plan to lunch at the Downtowner Woodfire Grill following the play.

*Friday, December 19th we are going to the American Swedish Institute for the Holiday Tour and Lunch. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$18.00. We will leave the Sterling (Clancy's) parking lot at 9 a.m. with the tour beginning at 10:30.

Additional outings are in the works for Gad-Abouts 2015!

Diversity

Margaret Cox

Who do you see?

I watched a news report about the first beheading of an American journalist. I saw a man with a family who was kidnapped while doing an important job. Horrifying. Behind him was the ISIS executioner. Horrifying.

While at Gooseberry Falls on the North Shore early in September, I met a man from the middle east. By "met", I mean we spoke for 20 seconds. I was waiting for my photographer husband and he was waiting for his photographer son. The next day, we saw them on the Cascade Park trails--smiles and hellos. Following day, at Temperance River, we talked longer. We told them of the next park we were going to, a new hike we had just learned about. I asked where they were from--Maplewood--and the son is heading to Stanford for his freshman year. We saw them one more time on the new hike. They gave us some trail advice and suggested a photography face book page.

The faces of this dad and son, their last adventure before starting college, pride, interest, innocence. We don't always know who we are looking at. All week, the thoughts of the beheading scene and the Maplewood pair were somehow connected in my mind. There is plenty to be scared about in the world. Recently, I read face book comments about the Texas Ebola patient who just died. I was interested to see this comment by my niece who lives in Uganda: Saddened by all the posts about closing the border to people who have lived or traveled to Africa with the Ebola outbreak. Words (and images) are powerful, and if I were traveling to the US now, I would want to be welcomed, not feared! Yes, people need to be aware and educated about the symptoms of Ebola and the severity of it when they are coming from Africa, but not feared. Just my thoughts..." [Melissa Joy Cox]

So, who do you see? For me, meeting the dad and son on the North Shore reminded me of all the good people in the world.

Garage Sale

Sue Cruse, Cindy Toppin and Patty Todnem

Thanks to all AAUW members for volunteering at the garage sale and for all your donated "treasures" and baked goods. We were so pleased to make \$2350 – thanks also, to all those who made a donation. Every little bit helps! It is a great time of fellowship, as well as a great fundraiser for our scholarship. Special thanks to Margaret Goderstad for helping again with publicity, and to Gail Glashan who designed the flyer template that can be used every year.

We will be retiring from the garage sale leadership next year, but there is a detailed "notebook" that tells you step by step what to do, and we will help consult with you if you need it! Let Pam Pontzer know if you would be interested.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

WE WELCOME any woman interested in joining us, monthly or occasionally. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Contact Shirley Tammen (651-437-9206) with additional questions.

Monday, October 13. My Beloved World by Sonja Sotomayor. A biography of the first Latino Supreme Court Justice in US history, who rose from her early life in a Bronx housing project to the federal bench. Ann Johnson will host this 7 p.m. meeting.

Monday, November 10. Defending Jacob by William Landay. A legal thriller of a family, a crime and a community. Pat Giddings will host this meeting.

Monday, December 8. *A Christmas Blizzard* by Garrison Keillor. This is a whimsical tale about contemporary life in the midwest and the holiday season. James Sparrow dreads the holiday season and wants to travel to Hawaii. His wife loved the snowy season...An unexpected blizzard and a call from a cousin takes them to North Dakota to visit a dying uncle where Sparrow experiences magical redemption. Ramona McCullough will host this meeting.

FYI—The Monday, January 12 selected book is Christina Baker Kline's *Orphan Train*. KLINE WILL BE SPEAKING AT HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, AT 6:30 P.M. FOR THE COMMUNITY, AS PART OF HASTINGS READS, 2015.

Hastings AAUW Board Members

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Community

Margaret Goderstad

THE COMMUNITY

October is a busy month at The LeDuc Historic Estate. Check out the upcoming events:

- "More Grave Truths - Spirits Walk at Lakeside Cemetery" - Saturday, October 11, 2-8 p.m.
Reservations Required - Call [651-437-7055](tel:651-437-7055)
- Scotch Tasting - Friday, October 17, 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Music by Don & Sherry Ladig & Andrew Fox.
Reservations Required - Call [651-437-7055](tel:651-437-7055)
- Third Sunday Series, Sunday, October 19, 5 p.m. - With poet & essayist James Silas Roger & Celtic band "Mischief." Reservations Required - Call [651-437-7055](tel:651-437-7055)
- Harvest Haunting, Saturday, October 25, 2-8 p.m. - Reservations Required - Call [651-437-7055](tel:651-437-7055)
- Special Candlelight Tours, October 30 & 31. 6-9 p.m. - Regular Rates Apply - Tour every hour, Treats

HPAAC

- Gallery Gala, Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. at SEAS - Tickets at www.hpaac.org,
www.brownpapertickets.com, Hastings YMCA or Orange Dragon Gallery in Prescott. A magical evening of music, art, gourmet food, introduction of honorees, and visiting with friends.

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.

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