



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Brandi Schembri was one of the MN college students who attended the June leadership conference in Maryland. She received a scholarship for this through St. Croix Valley Branch and MN State AAUW.

NCCWSL: An Unforgettable Experience

By Brandi Schembri

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was an amazing, empowering and influential event. As a first time attendee, I arrived with high hopes and left with even higher aspirations. As a nurse in a women-dominated career, NCCWSL has explored new avenues of leadership and demonstrated how I can strive to change negative, unequal views of women in the healthcare field.



Brandi Schembri from St. Croix Valley Branch and Hillary Hartleben from Ely Branch

Mount Carmel House

During the pre-conference activities, I chose to volunteer at Mount Carmel House, a transitional housing available to 20 women 25 years and older, recovering from substance abuse, who are allowed to stay for up to two years. They are not allowed to be in the house from 9am to 4pm; rather, they should be completing daily chores, job searching, resume building, skill building, and looking for permanent housing. We did gardening and other general housekeeping duties. Overall, this experience gave me knowledge and awareness of women in need. The

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AAUW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED

Evening at the Gale Mansion- -With a South American Flair

Friday, October 29, 2010 5:30 PM
2115 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis

The event will feature a South American theme with music, dinner, wine, silent and live auctions.

Proceeds will benefit renovations to the historic Gale Mansion, home to AAUW Minneapolis.

Tickets are \$75, with \$35 tax-deductible.

To learn more, visit www.aauwmpls.org.

Make a reservation by contacting Sheila Lind at lind@visi.com, or call the AAUW Minneapolis office at 612-870-1661.

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women at Mt. Carmel House may need help now, but in the future they will accomplish great tasks for themselves, for their families and for other women in need.

Opening Session

The opening session “Finding Your Voice” and the following session “Group Networking: Sharing Your Voice,” discussed various questions and our views on subjects like the possibility of a woman president in our lifetime, viewing the world as a pessimist or an optimist, and feminism. The group networking session allowed us to further explore our views within small groups, get to know each other on a more personal level and to respectfully debate our opinions. Consequently, by having a concrete opinion, you develop your own individualized thoughts to fight for what you believe in.

Women of Distinction

On the first day we were all invited to attend The Women of Distinction Awards. The ceremony recognized women leaders who have countless accomplishments in their lives. Christina Lagdameo, Marie Tillman, Dorothy Height, Patti Solis Doyle, and Nomfundo Walaza are the 2010 Women of Distinction awardees. They all have attained numerous achievements through political, social and economic paths in their lives. The stories and experiences they shared brought new meaning to my world and appreciation for my life and all of the things in it.

Keynote Speaker

Laurie Westley discussed her experience of leadership and advocacy through Girl Scouts. Laurie talked about her accomplishments and how she achieved them through consistency, confidence and never forgetting what she was fighting for. After listening to Laurie, I realized that even though we all start small we are making a difference. Small steps lead to giant ones. You just have to stay on the path of fighting for what you believe in.

Workshop Sessions

On Friday afternoon, I attended a variety of workshop sessions that focused on women’s body image, leadership, graduate school, education, self love, sexual violence, advocacy, community, etc. My favorite workshop was “Work-Life Balance Is Not a Balanced Issue.” The workshop was led by Jennifer Velez, an extremely accomplished woman, mother, wife, and student. Jennifer’s workshop primarily discussed work/life balance, justification of focus, current state of affairs, planning for challenges, and supporting each other. The goals of the workshop were to bring awareness to issues, understanding options, being supportive, and creating a plan to move forward. One of the most inspirational parts was rule number one: “You must be equally engaged and satisfied in all of the commitments that you are involved in.” We should enjoy our lives and realize the special things we have. Even if you have three jobs to support your family, are exhausted from lack of sleep, and attend night school, you are blessed to have the opportunities available to you. However, if you are not equally satisfied and engaged in your life, you need to examine your choices. Change what you are not happy with and be satisfied and engaged in your family, career, and education.

What I Took Home

The NCCWSL was a success. I will never forget the amazing students, staff, awardees, workshop leaders, and all other people that made the conference possible. NCCWSL was a great experience on so many levels. It not only emphasizes the importance of women continuing their education and careers, it promotes leadership, advocacy, and confidence in women. NCCWSL understands the busy lives of leaders and strives to help and guide us on our path of leadership for the equality of women.

Thank you to the AAUW St. Croix Valley Branch for sponsoring me to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. It was such a spectacular event to attend and it was an honor to have such wonderful people believe in me.

A Word From Your President

Dear Members,

I have been thinking, for days, about this first president's letter. My mind is in a whirl as I try to learn all the details of this new job – and there are many- and to write something that might be helpful to branch members across the state.

I am very honored to serve as your state president. I've been a member for more than 20 years and have watched a number of worthy presidents lead this great organization through the years. What do they all have in common? Love of this organization comes to mind first. And I know that there are many different reasons for that love – people come to AAUW for more than one reason! We may have our individual ways of expressing our belief in our mission of education and equality for women and girls, and over the years I have come to realize that's what I truly love about AAUW. Many opinions many personalities, many ways to go about a task. This can be frustrating at times, but always stimulating, interesting and even exciting.

In this past year or two, we've faced the reality of necessary change in our organization. And we are still learning to understand, appreciate and facilitate the changes as we go along. This past year our state bylaws committee, under the chairmanship of Carol James, not only brought our state bylaws up to date, but helped and encouraged all 30 branches to update branch bylaws in order to bring our whole statewide organization into compliance. We are most grateful to the committee and to all of you in the branches who completed this work. A major state board goal is to assist everyone in understanding the changes in structure at the national level and how it has affected us all.

On a personal level, I look forward to meeting you, visiting some branches and communicating regularly with you as we proceed. Feel free to ask questions any time as we plunge into another year of programs, projects and friendships. I encourage you to check out the new AAUW Minnesota Facebook page and Facebook Group and add your voice to the comments. I'd love to see hundreds of followers there as we enter further into the electronic world.

And on a final note, you may want to mark the 2011 dates for the State Convention in Winona April 29 – May 1 and the Association Convention June 17 – 19 in Washington D.C. I highly encourage attendance at both. They'll be highlights of your year, I am sure!

In equity, Carol Sheggeby, MN State President



*Carol Sheggeby
MN State President*

BOARD TO BRANCH CONNECTIONS (BBC)

by Carol Sheggeby

One goal of the State Board is to be available to answer questions branches and members may have as you journey through the year. For a number of years, the formal structure to facilitate this has been the BBC. Each state board member is assigned 2 or 3 branches as their connections for the program year. There will be two formal calls, the first to be made in September. The board member will call or email a branch president and set up a time to talk. She'll have several starter questions and hopefully your branch will also have some questions for her.

This formal program is the beginning of our communication and informal questions are welcome any time. If you have any questions about the BBC program, contact Carol Sheggeby, 651-454-7448 or csheggeby@msn.com

Share Your Talents and Expertise with Minnesota AAUW



Rewards for state service include leadership development, camaraderie and teamwork with other leaders. There is the opportunity to enjoy friendships and activities that benefit the state membership.

Mail completed and signed vitae by November 15, 2010 to:

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DATE: August 10, 2010

TO: All AAUW Minnesota Branch Members

FROM: AAUW MN State Nominating Committee

Opportunities abound for you to share your talents with Minnesota AAUW. Qualified and enthusiastic candidates are being sought to serve on the 2011-2013 state board of directors.

The following positions are open:

-President-elect 2011-2012

-Vice President for AAUW Funds 2011-2012*

-Vice President for Program 2011-2013*

-Vice President Public Policy 2011-2013*

-Treasurer 2011-2013

-Nominating Committee, 2011 for 2012 elections (3members and 1 alternate)

*These could be shared positions

A strong belief in the mission of AAUW, active branch involvement and willingness to learn and grow are important attributes for these positions. Rewards for state service include leadership development, camaraderie and teamwork with other leaders. There is the opportunity to enjoy friendships and activities that benefit the state membership. An applicant may be self-nominated or nominated by your branch, board of directors, or any individual. Consider it an honor to serve. Please say "yes" when asked or just volunteer.

Brief descriptions of the positions can be found on the website. The current Board members serving in these positions would welcome any questions relative to these positions. Nominations are open for the period of September 15 to November 15 and may be received at any time up to the closing date, mailed to the address below. Please note that the signature of the nominee is required on the vita sheet. This is an outstanding way to represent your branch and bring back fresh ideas for your branch.

The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to the membership at the 2011 state convention in Winona. Please give serious consideration to applying for a state board position. These leadership positions provide a great opportunity for you to share your talents with AAUW Minnesota State. Thank you.

A Short Guide to Tax Exemptions as They Pertain to AAUW Organizations

By Mary Brugger

Last year, the association restructured as a primarily charitable organization or 501 (C) (3). The portion of our dues that goes toward the operations of that organization is deductible. They did maintain a small group for political action and lobbying, which is tax exempt under the 501 (C) (4) section of IRS code. Payments to 501 (C) (4) organizations such as ours are not deductible.

Thoroughly confused? The 501 (C) (3) designation is for charitable organizations which must maintain and publish strong records on the sources and uses of funds and their activities. To be tax-exempt under this section of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes normally recognized as charitable in the legal sense. The AAUW funds are one example of a 501 (C) (3). To maintain deductibility for our members, donations to AAUW Funds need to be made out to those funds and not processed through branch operating accounts.

Within AAUW, branches and the state organization are income tax exempt under the 501 (C) (4) sections of the tax code. They are classified as “social welfare” organizations and as such are not subject to the federal corporate income tax. Donations to social welfare organizations are normally not deductible. Charities can engage in only a very limited amount of “lobbying” (trying to affect what the laws are); social welfare organizations can lobby without limit. It is not unusual for a charity and a social welfare organization to be commonly controlled as AAUW is.

In this election year, it is important to remember that while we as branches operate within the social welfare category and can lobby on behalf of our mission, we should not support individual candidates or contribute to political races directly.

The legal definition has a lot more components and requirements for our operation under the IRS code. We will work to communicate more detail to branch board members later this year.

I ask no favors for my sex... All I ask my brethren is that they will take their feet from our necks, and permit us to stand upright on that ground which God designed us to occupy.

*—Sarah Gimke in
“Letters on Equality of Sexes and the Condition of Women.” 1838*

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Sue Grove
VP for Membership

Membership Resources and Ideas for Branches

By Sue Grove, VP for Membership

As a new membership year begins, we are all searching for ways to increase our membership and to find interesting programs. The Member Center of aauw.org has a wealth of information and practical help. Be sure that your branch president has gone into the Member Services Database and listed all your current officers so that you receive important information from the national office.

Membership Vice Presidents of each branch should have received their AAUW Annual Starter Kit for 2010 – 2011. It is filled with brochures and essential information and DVD's that will help everyone. If you have not received one, contact them at (800) 326-2289 and they will get one sent out.

Be sure to check out current membership campaigns and the Program in a Box section for potential branch program ideas. Strong programming remains our strongest attraction for many busy women.

One thing to consider if you live in a community near one of the colleges listed below is partnering with them to work with college students. Each of the listed colleges is a current College University Partner. Students enrolled in their colleges can become E-Affiliate members at no cost to anyone! They then receive information directly from the national organizations.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Augsburg College | Community College |
| Carleton College | St Cloud State University |
| Century College | St. Olaf College |
| Gustavus Adolphus College | University of Minnesota-Duluth |
| Minnesota State University Moorhead | University of Minnesota Twin Cities |
| Minnesota State University, Mankato | Vermilion Community College |
| Ridgewater College Riverland | Winona State University |

You may want to encourage students to become Student Affiliate Branch Members. These members pay reduced fees to the national and state organization. The fee schedule is in the Annual Starter Kit as well as on the AAUW website. Then, when they graduate, you can give them a national membership as a gift. If you have questions, please email me at: sgrove@riverland.edu.

*To keep our faces toward
change and behave like free
spirits in the presence of fate
is strength undefeatable.*

– Helen Keller (1880-1968)

SAVE THE DATES

Minnesota AAUW State Convention AAUW: Bridging the Gap for Women and Girls

April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011, Riverport Inn and Suites Winona

Please join your fellow AAUW members for a weekend of information, learning and fun! The convention begins with a Friday night welcoming with hors d'oeuvres and wine at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum on the beautiful Mississippi River. The museum opened in 2006 and features four galleries of world class marine art and artifacts, Impressionism and Hudson River School artists, traveling exhibitions and regional folk art. A permanent exhibition features art by French Impressionists Van Gogh, Corot, Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Signac, Sisley, Boudin as well as works of American painters Homer, Hassam, Bellows and more. Saturday will be a busy day at the convention site, Riverport Inn and Suites, with a business meeting, breakout sessions and more. There will also be time for relaxation and networking with other AAUW members throughout the convention.

Please visit the Minnesota Marine Art Museum website for further information about the changing exhibits at www.minnestoamarineare.org and the accommodations at River Port Inn and Suites at www.riverportinn.com

All Branches will receive a convention packet of information in January with registration forms, etc.



**RENAISSANCE HOTEL
JUNE 16-19, 2011
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Remember always that you not only have the right to be an individual, you have an obligation to be one.

Eleanor Roosevelt

One Member, One Vote Education Process Begins

Adopted at the 2009 AAUW National Convention, the concept of One Member, One Vote moved AAUW national elections beyond a delegate-only process to an every-member opportunity. Under One Member, One Vote, members can now propose and discuss bylaw changes, resolutions, and Public Policy Program amendments online and “meet” the candidates through biographies, video, and candidate links, according to a recent email from Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director.

An all-member notification was sent by e-mail on Thursday, August 5, but many members do not have or use e-mail, or limit their use, so there are other ways to get this information. In addition to frequent website and other online updates, key information

will be available to all members in the Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer issues of AAUW Outlook. We will also give updates in the Minnesota Pine when appropriate. Please log in, explore the One Member, One Vote online system, and familiarize yourself with the process. A Frequently Asked Questions document (FAQ) is available to assist you. To access the online system from the AAUW home page, click on Member Center (in the top right corner), log in with your member ID, and then select One Member, One Vote.

As a reminder, members can find their member ID on the AAUW Outlook mailing label or by using the Member ID Lookup link, which is also available from the log-in page of the Member Center.



AAUW Members Can Give Directions

By Char Kahler

“...Policy Corps could do a lot more for AAUW. Could we set up a meeting with members who have an interest or work on AAUW’s policy initiatives?”

There would be a benefit to bringing in a larger circle of folks to think and talk about how to best serve your policy and advocacy needs.”

*Willow Kreibich,
Director of Policy Corps for Grasstops, Inc*

**To accept this invitation,
Contact Char Kahler:
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MN PINE TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL TOO

LouAnn Hoppe, MN Pine Editor

As a result of two member surveys, it is clear that 75% to 80% of our members would prefer to get the MN Pine by email. This resulted in lively discussion at the summer AAUW Board meeting and a decision was reached. The MN Pine will be distributed to branch officers via email, as well as being postal mailed to all members. It is expected that each branch newsletter editor or other branch-designated officer will then forward it to all their branch members who have email addresses listed. The email copy will be in full color and may be in a more compact form than the gray-tone paper copy that must be in multiples of four pages. The color copy will also be available on our state website.

Will you accept this invitation and be a part of giving directions for advocacy at our state legislature? Do so by contacting me ASAP.

For the past two years AAUW MN has contracted with Grasstops. Grasstops, Inc. is a multi-service advocacy organization providing lobbying, consulting, training and research services. Their mission is “Ensuring All Voices Are Heard” and their goal is to increase the ability of nonprofit and community groups to impact public policy, allowing these and AAUW to be proactive in the political process.

During our legislative session, Grasstops sends an electronic newsletter weekly that I forward to branch Public Policy leaders or Presidents. AAUW members can also participate in their conference calls every Tuesday directly from the capitol. Through these, we receive notification and tracking of bills of interest, timely updates of committee hearings the results of which directly impact AAUW’s missions and a presence at the capitol to share information and keep everyone up to speed on our concerns.

A sampling of legislation that was covered, some of which still needs to be addressed, is: a Constitutional Amendment for Equality, Education & its funding, Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Pregnant Women-mandatory reporting for chemical use, Birthing Center licensures, Ladder Out of Poverty, Workforce Development in Science & Technology, Women in Apprenticeships, Paid Sick Days, etc.

The MN Legislature will reconvene on January 4, 2011. Twenty-two legislators have retired, a new governor will be in place, and the newly formed leadership of our state will have a lot of work to do.

Please be a part of giving them directions.

France’s Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment said: “When women are called to action in times of turbulence, it is often on account of their composure, sense of responsibility and great pragmatism in delicate situations.”

AAUW Funds Report

by Janet Wettergren and Julie Ollila

Our goal as interim Minnesota co-vice presidents for AAUW Funds is to bring as much information as possible to members concerning our expanded giving opportunities. We are available to visit branches in order to share the new information and to answer questions.



*Janet Wettergren and Julie Ollila
interim MN Co-Vice Presidents*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Letters and certificates from Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, have been received to congratulate AAUW Minnesota members for outstanding achievements in fundraising in 2009.

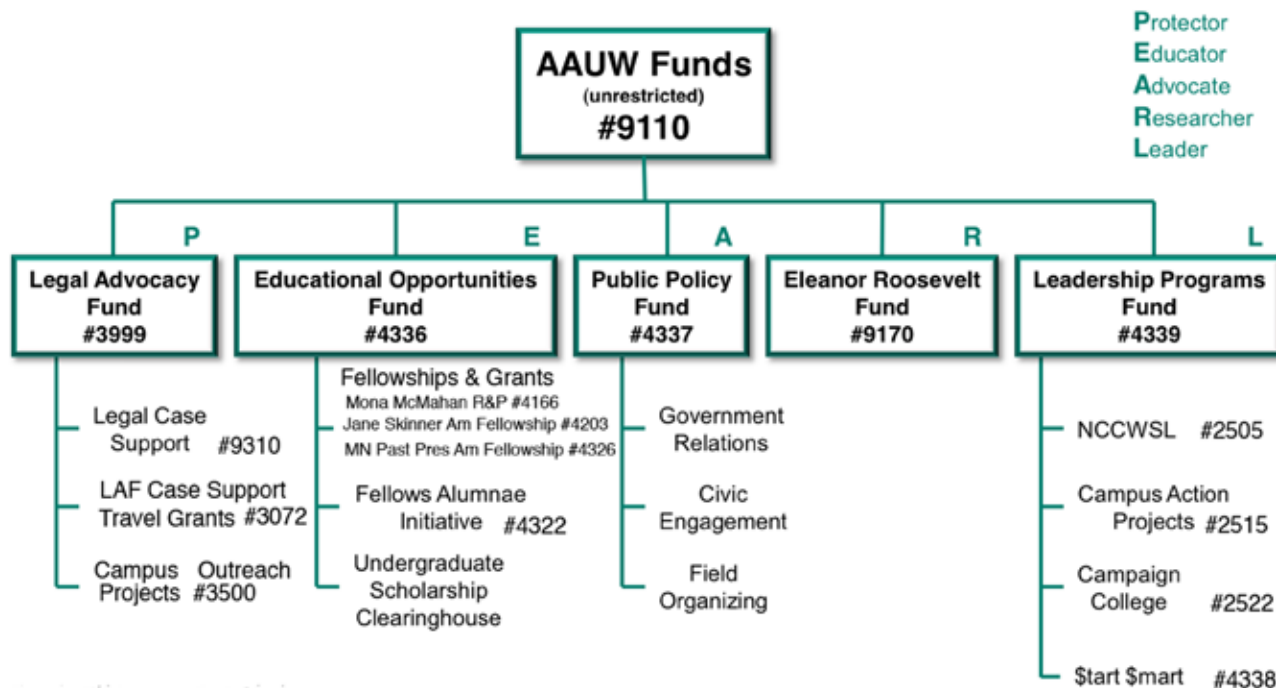
As of this writing, we have been notified of four Top Ten State awards (think PEARL).

- * Ninth place in total state giving -- all categories combined
- * P (Protector) Seventh Place in total state giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund
- * R (Researcher) Fourth Place in total state giving to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
- * L (Leader) Seventh Place in total state giving to the Leadership Programs Fund

We may still receive Top Ten State Awards in the E (Educator) and A (Advocate) categories, as well. Stay tuned, we'll let you know. To quote the congratulatory letters we've received from Linda Hallman, "Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising awards are among AAUW's highest branch and state honors. We know that it is only because of the ongoing support and commitment of our members and donors that AAUW can continue to be a leading champion for women and girls."

THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!!

AAUW FUND RELATIONSHIPS



Shelter Voting Help

By Sara Kuether



Sue Kuether

When the St. Paul Branch considered how to apply the National AAUW *Program In A Box* called “Woman to Woman Voter Turnout,” they thought of their neighborhood women’s shelter. By contacting the community relations employee at the shelter, it was learned

that no woman in residence at the shelter had ever

explored her option to vote. The staff member was happy to have St Paul AAUW investigate the voting protocol for its clients.

With the help of the League of Women Voters, answers were found that could be useful to others. The following steps apply to people living in residential settings such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, battered women’s shelters and other licensed facilities.

- 1. A valid list of employees must be registered in advance of Election Day with the proper authority for the county where the resident will be voting. In some counties this will be an election department, others may use the county auditor office. If you need clarification on where to send this record, check with the Secretary of State office at 651-215-1440.**
- 2. On Election Day, the client votes at the neighborhood polling place of the facility. Since the voter is a temporary resident of this location and therefore does not have proof of her temporary address, she will need to be accompanied by one of the registered employees from her facility who will vouch for the voter. The facility employee must provide proof of employment such as an ID badge.**

Opportunity to Voice Your Opinion

Barb Link, AAUW Minnesota Bylaws Chair

Until November 1, you have the opportunity to submit a new bylaws amendment or comment on those that have already been submitted. The Governance Committee submitted nine, and members will be commenting on them as the months go by. The Governance Committee’s recommendations range from deleting references to IFUW, to using “national member” rather than “member-at-large”, to requiring a contact for recorder of minutes. I don’t believe any of their proposed amendments are controversial.

All members may now propose bylaws amendments, resolutions or Public Policy Program revisions or additions. You can do this online by logging onto the AAUW website at www.aauw.org Once you are there, choose Member Center at the top of the page. Type in your member number. (Found on the label of your Outlook magazine or use the Member ID Lookup tool available on the log-in page of the Member Center.) Then choose One Member, One Vote section. Once the candidates are announced, you will be able to view their biographies at this site. You will also find frequently asked questions/answers in this area.

Once someone has submitted a proposed change to bylaws, resolutions or Public Policy, you may comment on those changes. It is hoped that if there are several changes on the same topic, the members will be able to chat about the wording online and come up with a wording that is agreeable to all. If you plan to make an amendment, I strongly suggest you read the “User Guide” before you begin your amendment.

I urge you to check out this opportunity whether or not you are interested in proposing a change. The final changes will be available in the three Outlook magazines that will come out before the summer 2011 convention in Washington.

Minnesota State Membership Data

Processed as of 8/31/2010

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | Memberships Submitted to Date | Difference from Prior Year |
| Albert Lea | 54 | 50 | 37 | 34 | 32 | -2 |
| Alexandria | 12 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 10 | -2 |
| Austin | 65 | 60 | 54 | 52 | 40 | -12 |
| Blooming Prairie | 19 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 18 | -3 |
| Brainerd | 34 | 35 | 28 | 28 | 0 | -28 |
| Duluth | 90 | 91 | 79 | 71 | 0 | -71 |
| Ely | 32 | 41 | 41 | 42 | 40 | -2 |
| Fairmont | 47 | 45 | 46 | 38 | 37 | -1 |
| Faribault | 54 | 48 | 48 | 46 | 38 | -8 |
| Fergus Falls | 53 | 48 | 44 | 51 | 31 | -20 |
| Grand Rapids | 102 | 108 | 102 | 103 | 74 | -29 |
| Hastings | 95 | 93 | 85 | 88 | 65 | -23 |
| Hibbing | 65 | 68 | 63 | 59 | 48 | -11 |
| Hutchinson | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 2 |
| Mankato | 30 | 37 | 23 | 29 | 22 | -7 |
| Metro West | 61 | 62 | 55 | 61 | 42 | -19 |
| Minneapolis | 434 | 429 | 422 | 415 | 385 | -30 |
| Moorhead | 18 | 17 | 15 | 8 | 6 | -2 |
| NE Metro | 48 | 43 | 39 | 35 | 29 | -6 |
| Northfield | 54 | 44 | 39 | 39 | 31 | -8 |
| Owatonna | 59 | 60 | 53 | 53 | 55 | 2 |
| Red Wing Area | 52 | 49 | 54 | 48 | 32 | -16 |
| Rochester | 153 | 145 | 144 | 151 | 129 | -22 |
| St. Cloud Area | 82 | 71 | 75 | 78 | 56 | -22 |
| St. Croix Valley | 50 | 48 | 38 | 40 | 0 | -40 |
| St. Paul | 303 | 328 | 337 | 319 | 272 | -47 |
| Thief River Falls | 28 | 29 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 1 |
| Virginia | 17 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 2 |
| Wabasha Area | 28 | 29 | 28 | 20 | 0 | -20 |
| Willmar | 40 | 44 | 40 | 42 | 40 | -2 |
| Winona | 85 | 75 | 76 | 59 | 39 | -20 |
| Members at Large | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | -2 |
| Totals | 2275 | 2255 | 2148 | 2089 | 1621 | -468 |

BRAINERD ACTIVITIES

by Doris Anderson

At our first meeting of the fall, Sept. 25, the Brainerd Branch will honor the three charter members of the branch who are still active. The branch was founded in 1967, and Becky Hansen, Evelyn Matthies, and Ruth Wig are still active members.

On Sept. 11 four members of the Brainerd Branch will attend a joint meeting of branches in Northeast MN. Members of the Ely Branch have arranged to host a luncheon and meeting featuring a talk by Pam Brunfelt, historian and author who teaches at Vermilion Community College.

OWATONNA BRANCH CELEBRATES

by Maren DeLaitsch

Owatonna Branch had a very successful “Happy New Year Party” on August 23rd. It was designed as a way to kick-off the new year, reconnect with members, and introduce potential members to the AAUW mission. The social included everything silver and glittery, with sparkling beverages, and we had everyone tooting on those crazy little horns as new board members were introduced.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from the four junior high scholarship winners who attended math and science camps this summer. Several related that they still feel negative pressure from peers, being labeled “weird” etc. because they like these subjects so much.

They related feeling empowered to associate with others who loved these subjects while at camp. Camps chosen this year were University of Minnesota’s UMTYMP youth mathematics program, the Minnesota Zoo, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, and River Bend Nature Center Teen Camp.

We were inspired by these girls and their stories, and wish everyone else a “happy new AAUW year” - enabling more girls around our state to feel empowered because of AAUW support.

AAUW OF MINNESOTA CALENDAR 2010–2011

September

- 1-31 Board-to-Branch Calls
- 15 Opening of Nominations for State Board Offices

October 2010

- 9 State Board Meeting

November 2010

- 1 Deadline for Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Applications
- 15 Deadline for Nominations for State Board Offices

December 2010

- 31 Deadline for AAUW Funds Contributions to Julie Ollila/Janet Wettergren

January 2011

- 1 Half-Year Dues accepted for New Members
- 8 State Board Meeting
- 15 Pine Deadline
- 15 Deadline for Convention Resolutions Submission

February 2011

- 15 Convention Mailing to Branch Presidents, State Past Presidents, C/U Reps, Committee Chairs & State Board
- 15 Credentials Chair notifies Branches of number of eligible delegates
- 15 Presidents' Mailing to Branches

March 2011

- 1-31 Board to Branch Calls
- 15 15-Month Dues accepted for new members
- 15 Deadline for all Awards to be announced at the convention

April 2011

- 29 State Board Meeting in Winona
- 29–30 State Convention in Winona

May 2011

- 1 State Convention in Winona
- 1 Pine Deadline
- 19 NCCWSL registration deadline

June 2011

- 2–4 NCCWSL Conference
- 17–19 AAUW National Convention, Wash. D.C.



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