



Hastings Branch

October 2016



President's Message

Lisa West

Our 46th programming year got off to a fantastic start with a great group of members and guests, a delicious salad supper, and a terrific first speaker of the year. On a night that coincided with the first televised Presidential Debate, we had a great turnout, and people stayed through the program presentation. Barbara Battiste presented her program, "You've Come a Long Way Baby," asking the actual question if we really have come very far? Barbara delivered this presentation at the April AAUW State Convention in Duluth; and it was a treat to have her with our Hastings branch to kick off our program year.

Barbara talked about many topics, from women entrepreneurs and which college degrees women tend to gravitate toward, to the gender pay gap, livable wage, Minnesota women's changing roles as they age, and the effect women's lifelong choices in these areas have as they retire. The information was interesting and engaging, which is likely why so many members didn't leave early to head home and watch the debate. As we learned, or were reminded during Barbara's presentation, Wyoming was the first state (territory) to give women the right to vote in 1869. I won't tell you how I knew the answer to that question... But regardless of how you feel about the upcoming election, we need to honor that important first step in women's history and get out and vote in November. As Barbara reminded us, we have a lot of power to effect change – now let's use it.

We had another sale of sales! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Grande Garage Sale another massive success. The new venue was so much easier to move around in and parking was 100 times better. A special thanks to sale leaders, Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman, and to the volunteers we depend on to help our sale customers. To those of you who filled in volunteer gaps and worked several shifts, thank you very much.

In my September Twig message, I mentioned that we have vacant positions on the Hastings Board that need to be filled as quickly as possible. Well, I have good news, as some of you heard at the September general meeting – we filled the vacant Hospitality Chair position with three Co-Chairs. And more recently, we are closer to beginning the transition for a new Historian Chair. We are still looking for someone with an interest in diversity to fill that appointed position. If you have an interest in diversity topics and are willing to write brief articles on this topic for the Twig, please consider this position and let me or any Board member know of your interest. This and all appointments to the Board can be filled by Co-Chairs, so no one need serve alone in any capacity. The Board needs engaged, enthusiastic members willing to help serve with a great group of people! And the Board meeting treats aren't too shabby either...

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

Program

Peggy Horsch & Pam Sullivan

October 24

Our guest speaker, Vicki Sandberg, the owner operator of Sandberg Consulting Services with over 24 years of professional experience in the organized construction industry, will present "Bringing Women into the Trades".

Ms. Sandberg's expertise lies in marketing, building collaborative partnerships and bringing labor, management and community together for the advancement of equal employment, training and career opportunities in the construction industry. She has worked with construction and manufacturing clients including PRO-10, Building MN Apprenticeship Program, Construction Careers Foundation and the MN Mechanical Contractors Association. Past clients include Muska, St. Paul/Mpls Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the St. Paul/Mpls local unions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Vicki has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in Communications and Sociology. She is a member of multiple organizations of women in trades.

Upcoming Events

- October 10.....Book Club
- October 24General Meeting
- December 2.....Gad-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

Pam Pontzer

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2016

PRESIDENT - Lisa West. Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. after asking the membership for a show of hands to start the business meeting prior to 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidential Debates being broadcast that evening. There were 52 members and guests present. Lisa introduced herself as the incoming President of the Hastings Branch. She noted that because she is also the Secretary of the AAUW Minnesota State Board, she would be happy to act as a conduit between the state and our Branch should there be issues that the Hastings Branch would like to pursue. Lisa introduced the Board members of the Hasting Branch. She noted that we are still looking for someone to take over the Board roles of Historian and Diversity. She also asked for anyone with Web Page talent to consider joining the Board.

SECRETARY - Pam Pontzer. Pam submitted meeting minutes from the May 26, 2016 general meeting that were published in the Twig. A motion was made by Peggy Horsch and seconded by Betty Hoeschen to approve the May 23, 2016 general meeting minutes as printed in the Twig. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER - Nancy Techam, Nancy summarized the recent revenues and expenses. The garage sale total was \$3,168. Nancy received an additional \$50 garage sale donation at the general meeting. There were no expenses in September and the checking account balance is \$7,169. A motion was made by Shirley Tammen and seconded by Jan Junkman to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP- Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson, 7 guests and 3 new members were introduced. Camille and Ruth asked that members make any needed corrections to the branch directory.

PROGRAMS- Pam Sullivan and Peggy Horsch, Pam and Peggy thanked the program committee for their work in organizing this year's programs.

PUBLIC POLICY - Pat Powers, Pat informed the group that Title IX also covers middle and high school age women and that we should determine who is in charge of Title IX programming in District 200. Pat also noted that Pay Equity will be coming up for a vote in Congress. At this point, white women make 80 cents, black women 63 cents and Hispanic women 54 cents for every dollar that a man makes.

GAD-ABOUTS - Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse, Sue reminded the members of the October 5th tour of Sibley House. The cost is \$6.00, payable to Sue Cruse, with a meal at Axel's following the tour. Cindy noted that they are organizing an outing to the Landmark Center on Friday, December 2, 2016 for the annual Holiday Bazaar.

HOSPITALITY- Barb Jorenby, Kathy Stockman, Patty Todnem, A clipboard was circulated for members to sign up to bring refreshments to upcoming meetings

BOOK CLUB - Shirley Tammen, Shirley reminded the group that book club will be held on October 10th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ramona McCullough. The book being discussed is The Color of Water by James Baldwin. Shirley also noted that the Hastings Reads adult book selection is Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Hastings Reads is supported by AAUW through funds raised at the AAUW Book Sale.

COMMUNITY - Margaret Goderstad, Margaret noted that on Saturday, October 1, artists would be painting scenes all around Hastings. At 5:00 p.m. that evening, the artists will display their work at a reception held at Andy Evanso's studio in downtown Hastings. Tickets for the HPAAC Annual Gala are on sale now. The Gala will be held at SEAS on November 4, 2016. The Annual LeDuc Art show will also be occurring in November.

GARAGE SALE - Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman, Kathy noted that we made \$58 dollars more this year than last. She was pleased that all donated items came in priced this year.

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

NEW BUSINESS - Lisa West noted that both the State and National level of AAUW are looking for people to serve in Board Positions. Lisa has been acting as Secretary for AAUW Minnesota and informed the board that the time commitment is minimal (4 meetings per year) and the experience has been both enjoyable and informative. AAUW Minnesota is currently looking for a President Elect, VP of Programs, a Public Policy Chair and a Treasurer. There are also positions on the State Nominating Committee.

Glenda Schnirring will alert the membership as to the date and time of the city council candidate forums.

Mary Ellen Fox informed the group that a new Steinway Piano would be dedicated at the Guardian Angels Music Center on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gail Glashan and seconded by Ramona McCullough. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Pat Powers introduced the evening's speaker, Barbara Battiste, Director of the Legislative Office on the Economic Status of Women. Barbara's talk, entitled "You've Come a Long Way, Baby!" focused on the reality of women's progress and the impediments they still face.

**Minutes submitted by:
Pam Pontzer, Secretary**

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

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 meeting will be held at the home of Ramona McCullough.

Hastings Reads

"Searching for Acceptance: The Japanese American Experience" is the Hastings Reads 2017 theme. The three books chosen for discussion are as follows: The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford is the main selection for high school students and adults. Jamie Ford, the author, will be in Hastings on Tuesday, February 21 to present to Hastings High School students during the day and to the public at the Hastings Art Center in the evening. The middle school novel is Dust of Eden by Mariko Nagel and the elementary choice is A Place Where the Sunflowers Grow by Amy Lee Tai. Complete details of the other events related to the theme will be printed in a later newsletter.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

THE LeDUC HISTORIC ESTATE

- Bourbon Tasting - Friday, October 7, 7 p.m. Come enjoy 5 samples of bourbon, 4 courses of food, good Appalachian music by the house band, and a history of bourbon production. Only a few spots remain open. Call for reservations today - [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

- Harvest Haunting - Saturday, October 15, 5-9 p.m. \$6 per person of any age. This is a family-oriented event. Children are invited to wear Halloween costumes. There will be a scary walk in the LeDuc woods as the story of Ichabod Crane is reenacted. S'mores will be made at an open fire. There will also be samples of freshly squeezed apple juice, a gristmill, and the cracking of black walnuts. Spooky stories will be read and told throughout the evening. For large groups of over 5 people, reservations should be made by calling [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

- Candlelit Tours - Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30, 7, 8, & 9 p.m. Enjoy the haunting splendor of a perfectly restored Gothic Revival house during this event that is geared to adults. Bright lights will be turned off for effect and a number of interpretive items will be set out for discussion. Learn how LeDuc became involved in Spiritualism during the 19th Century, and how Mary LeDuc became a personal friend of Edgar Allan Poe. Please call for reservations to indicate the time you would like to attend. [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

HPAAC

- "Water Colors Our Community!" is the theme of this year's HPAAC Gala which will be held on Friday, November 4, 6-9:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall. Celebrate with delicious food, music, meet local artists, learn about exciting new projects, help support the arts, and meet this year's Art Heroes. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased through HPAAC board members or through www.HPAAC.org.

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

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

Save the date for **Friday, December 2** for our next Gadabouts outing. For over 25 years, the Landmark Center has hosted a wonderful Holiday Bazaar with artists and craftspeople of all types - jewelry, clothes, artwork, decorations, they have it all. We've heard you could spend the whole day there! However, we plan to leave Hastings at 9, and begin shopping by around 10.

At 1:00, we will have lunch at the St. Paul Hotel.

Individual cars can then decide whether to go home after lunch, or continue to shop.

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

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

Questions? Call Cindy Toppin (437-7753) or Susan Cruse (437-1767)

Treasurers Report

Nancy Techam

Deposits in September included \$1050 from membership dues and \$3265 from the garage sale. Expenses for September: AAUW brochures and bookmarks, vests for garage sale workers to wear, dues payments to National AAUW and Minnesota AAUW. The checking account balance is \$6625.50. Nancy Techam, Treasurer

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

We had an awesome turnout of ten guests at our September meeting! We welcome new members Alicia Plevell and Jackie Rigelman, and returning to our membership ranks Deb Saunders and Suzanne Schweich. We look forward to you--our branch members, to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, and colleagues to any meeting to check out our organization! As you can see, we have outstanding programming again this year. Or you can just forward a name of someone to us who you think may be interested in our Hastings Branch. FYI-- our dues of \$80 consists of \$49 to national dues, \$9 to state, and \$22 for local. Programming and various funds are supported through these resources.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Thank you to those who checked over our old directory for any personal changes. We still need members to let us know of anything that may have changed in the past year. Once we feel we have all of the updates we will provide you with a new directory.

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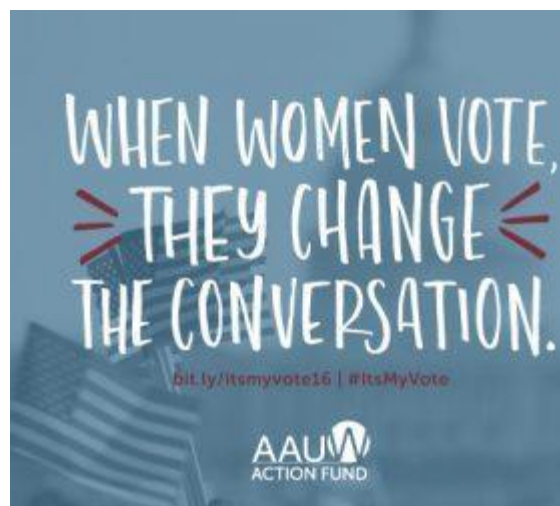


WORTH REPEATING:

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 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.

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>