

# WILLMAR BRANCH AAUW

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.  
SEPTEMBER 2014

*PLEASE JOIN US!*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**6:45 P.M.**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (use south door)**

**“Forward in ’15: An AAUW Overview”**

Our first meeting for the new year will have an outstanding program with guests from the Twin Cities, DAVE and KAREN KIRKWOOD. Dave is a member of the national AAUW board of directors, and Karen is a Minnesota state past president. To quote Co-President Beverly Crute, “It will be a way to get a better idea of who we are as AAUW and our basic mission.” Dave has a national AAUW DVD that was shown at the state convention last April.

Along with this, we will welcome Ridgewater College graduate MOLLY LOU PINTOK, who will give a brief report about her experience in June at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland.

It will be a great evening to begin the year. Don't miss it....and bring a friend!!

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**\*\*MEET PAUL MYERS\*\***

Paul has the distinction of being the first male member of the Willmar AAUW branch. He grew up in Kent, Washington where he met his wife-to-be, Mary (who just happens to be our college rep at Ridgewater College). After graduating from Kent-Meridian High School in 1975, he attended DePauw University in Indiana and later transferred to the University of Washington where he earned his BS degree in Zoology in 1979. His Ph.D was earned at the University of Oregon Institute of Neuroscience in 1985. Paul did a post-doc at the University of Utah and was hired as an assistant professor at Temple University. In 2000, he moved to the University of Minnesota Morris where he teaches cell, genetics, and developmental biology. He is also the PI on a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant that is funding the student summer research program and other regional science outreach programs.

Welcome, Paul!!

**\*\*MEET KADY BUSCHETTE\*\***

*Kady is our 2014 \$500 scholarship recipient at Ridgewater College and lives in Sauk Centre. A recent graduate, she says: "I love working with people and organizing projects. After graduating with an Agronomy Tech degree, AgriBusiness AAS, and a Liberal Arts and Sciences AA, I plan on going to St. Cloud State and graduating with a degree in biology. In the future, I hope to be working either in an agricultural office job or in a biology lab."*

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**Proposed Budget 2014-15**

**Income:**

Dues (40 Members @ \$12.00)	\$480.00	
Lunch Dish	100.00	
Transfer from Reserves	<u>300.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$880.00

**Expense:**

Ridgewater Staff Packets (STEM Reports)	\$ 40.00	
Program	100.00	
Membership	50.00	
Newsletter/Program Booklet/Brochures	40.00	
NCCWSL Student	200.00	
Bethel Church College Scholarship Fund*	50.00	
State Convention	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$880.00

\*In Appreciation for Providing Our Meeting Place

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**BITS AND PIECES.....**

From Molly Lou Pintok, our NCCWSL student: "Hoping all the kindness you give to others always comes back to you. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity I was given! It was such a wonderful experience! Much gratitude!"

*Branch Historian Marion Nordin reports that she met her final goal of reading 1,000 books with her granddaughter, Stella, before Stella started Kindergarten. This was a joint program with the public library and Bremer Bank. It took two years, but she did it!*

Our Ridgewater College rep, Mary Myers, arranged to have 400 AAUW "Why So Few? Women in STEM" reports added to staff/faculty packets distributed at the fall workshop. This included a sticker with Dee's contact information and that of the president of the Hutchinson branch since Ridgewater has a campus in that community. Mary also headed an effort to put up our tabletop display for students who will be signing up for extracurricular activities....we may have a student AAUW club on campus! If you would like to help with an AAUW grant application for gender equity programs on campus, contact Mary ASAP at [Mary.Myers@ridgewater.edu](mailto:Mary.Myers@ridgewater.edu).