



Hastings Branch

October 2017



President's Message

Lisa West

Our 47th programming year got off to a great start, with a fantastic group of members and guests, a delicious salad supper, a visit from our NCCWSL funding recipients, an insightful presentation by Hastings Superintendent Tim Collins, and introductions and perspectives from a panel of School Board Candidates.

And, as many of you already heard, we had a garage sale to top all garage sales, earning \$3,845! Thank you to all who helped make this year's sale another massive success. A special thanks to sale leaders, Kathy O'Keefe and Linda Bindman, and to the many volunteers we depend on to help our sale customers. To those of you who worked multiple shifts, thank you very much. My truck and several other vehicles were packed full of leftovers that were donated to other organizations. And although this is a rewarding thing we can do, we're looking for ideas about how we can sell more, and cart away less. Please let any Board member know if you have thoughts about how we can do that.

Kathy and Linda are looking for new, energetic Co-Chairs for the garage sale fundraiser. They will tell you that the project was handed over to them in excellent shape, and they've taken steps to make it even easier and more streamlined for the next Co-Chairs. It's all laid out for two or more people willing to assume this role for next year. Talk to Kathy and Linda about what it entails. And another reminder that we are always open to those who would like to serve on the Board; in whatever position you're interested in. Please let us know how you'd like to participate.

See you at the end of the month for an informative, joint program with the Hastings High School Feminism Club.

October Quote:

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it." ~ Amelia Earhart

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

We're taking a field trip!

The October meeting and program is hitting the road all the way to Hastings High School. We are partnering with the HHS Feminism Club to cover the topic of **Sexual Assault on Campus Awareness**. This joint presentation will feature speakers from the St. Olaf College Sexual Assault Resource Network and a local speaker to address all aspects of the topic from rights of students to what to look for in a prospective school. This is a topic of local, state and national interest, and we know that we must do better. Our branch received a scholarship from the State to help make this presentation happen, and we need your help to promote it to the community. See the second attachment in this email. For those of you who do social media, please share. Please run off a copy to have in your car to ask a local merchant to post or post at your employment. We are starting the evening at **6:00 p.m.** with our branch meeting in the lecture hall on the 2nd floor just down the hall from the high school gym. Please park on the upper level, and there will be signs and guides as you enter the building. After our meeting, there will be a brief social with Feminism Club members. They are excited to meet you and learn about AAUW! At 7:00 p.m. we will proceed to the gym for the presentation. We hope this partnership with the Club will continue to grow in mutual support for one another and our shared goals.

Coordinated by Peggy Horsch

Upcoming Events

- October 9.....Book Club
- October 23.....General Meeting
- October 26.....Gad-Abouts
- November 30.....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 6:45 by President Lisa West.

Lisa introduced the Hastings AAUW Board to the membership. She noted that she is President Elect of Minnesota AAUW. She is looking for someone who can develop a web page for Hastings AAUW. She asked membership to consider serving on the AAUW Hastings Board.

The Secretary's Report was approved for the May 2017 General Meeting with a motion by Pat Schultz, and seconded by Gail Glashan. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer, Mary Charlson, presented the Treasurer's reports for September, 2017. The Garage Sale netted \$3,650.10. Of that amount, \$372.00 came from the bake sale and \$485.00 from cash donations. This is a new record for our annual garage sale. We now have 80 members and our checking account balance is \$6957.29. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jane Driscoll and seconded by Shirley Tammen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership Co-Chair Ruth Versaw noted that there were brochures and bookmarks on each table. We have 2 new members. Ruth then introduced the guests that were present at the meeting.

Program Past Co-Chair Peggy Horsch informed the membership about our October program. The program will be held at Hastings High School in collaboration with the Hastings High School Feminism Club. The program will address sexual assault on college campuses. Our branch received \$500 from Minnesota AAUW to sponsor this program. The lecture hall will open at 6:00 and the program will begin in the Hastings High School Auditorium at 7:00 PM on October 23, 2017.

Public Policy Chair Pat Powers reminded the group about the 2 minute activist. Some of the issues that AAUW National is following are Economic Security, Fight for Fair Pay, Increase Federal Minimum Wage, tell Congress not to repeal Affordable Care, and urge Congress to pass a budget that supports women and families, supports paid sick days and protects our health care. Please visit www.AAUW.org public policy to review all of the current issues.

Gad-Abouts Co-Chair Cindy Toppin informed the group that the first activity will be a tour of the Minnesota State Capitol on October 26, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. The event is free but a \$5.00 donation would be appreciated. The group will leave Hastings at 9:00 A.M. with lunch to follow the tour at the Louisiana Cafe. The second event will be a presentation of "Coco's Diary" at the Minnesota History Theater on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

Hospitality Co-Chair Patty Todnem and Nancy Ahn passed a signup sheet for members to sign up to provide treats for upcoming meetings.

Book Club Chair Shirley Tammen informed the members that the book group will meet on October 9, 2017 at the home of Ann Johnson. The book is "Hidden Figures".

Twig Editor Lois Twedt had nothing to report

AAUW Funds Chair Glenda Schnirring noted that Marianne Smallidge, was our 2016 AAUW Scholarship winner. We will again award \$2500.00 for the 2017 AAUW Scholarship.

NCCWSL Chair Gail Glashan invited Rosemary Pechous and Lauren Bushyhead, 2017 NCCWSL scholarship recipients, to present at the September 25 General Meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Community Chair Margaret Goderstad introduced Bill Spinelli, a member of our branch. Bill told the group about "Artober" in Hastings. On September 30, Andy Evanson will sponsor Plein Air invitational in and around Hastings for 20+ artists. There will be a reception following at his new studio in the ArtSpace Building. The Hastings Art Center is looking for volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays throughout October to assist with a retrospective of Hmong Farming in Minnesota. Finally, HPAAC will hold its' annual gala on November 3, 2017 at SEAS church. Check the HastingsNow app for other upcoming activities.

Diversity Chair Marlys Schmitt was absent.

Historian Chair Lisa Hedin requested that anyone who had pictures from the garage sale or any gad-about activities please forward them to her.

Garage Sale Co-Chairs Linda Bindman and Kathy O'Keefe told the group that the garage sale had been fantastic and that they were willing to let others experience the fun of chairing this committee.

School Supply Project - Co-chair Cathy Sery read a note of thanks from Hastings Family Service to our branch. 335 children went to school with fully loaded backpacks.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

There were 58 attendees at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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!

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.

Louise Erdrich's LA ROSE was selected as the Monday, November, 7 pm book club selection. When a man accidentally kills his best friend's son in a hunting accident, he offers his own son to replace the son who died. Ramona McCullough is hostess at this meeting.

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

Pleasant Hill Library and Dakota County are inviting any local book club leaders to attend an evening of discussion, sharing titles, authors and ideas on Tuesday, October 17, 6:30-8 pm at Pleasant Hill. No registration is needed, just come and enjoy the evening with fellow bookaholics.

AUTHOR AT BIERSTUBE

Author Marilyn Jax will speak at the Bierstube on Thursday, October 19, 7 pm. Her novels feature the Caswell and Lombard team in a crime series. Her latest book is Cooked to Dead, Tales of Crime & Cookery, a mystery Anthology.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

THE LEDUC HISTORIC ESTATE-

Friday, October 6, 7 p.m. –

Kentucky Whiskey Tasting paired with homemade food from the LeDuc kitchen, plus entertainment - Reservations are required. Call [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

Saturday, October 21, 4-7 p.m. –

Harvest Haunting--a perfect time for little goblins to visit the LeDuc Historic Estate in costume. There will be a scary walk in the woods, freshly pressed apple juice, crafts, spooky stories, and s'mores to enjoy by the open fire. Call for reservations [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

Saturday, October 21, 7-10 p.m. –

Candlelit Tours, geared for adults - Enjoy the haunting splendor of a perfectly restored Gothic Revival house. The rooms of the house will have a different set-up than for regular tours. Bright lights will be turned off for effect and a number of interpretive items will be set out for discussion on the tour. Visitors will be amazed to learn about the Spiritualism that LeDuc was involved in during the 19th Century, and how the Vermillion River caves enter into the history of the house, and how Mrs. LeDuc became a personal friend of Edgar Allan Poe. Reservations should be made by calling [651-438-8480](tel:651-438-8480).

ARTober Events -

HASTINGS ART CENTER-

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 performing a family friendly show at 3 p.m. This young man has performed at venues throughout the Midwest, including Branson, Missouri. Come and share the fun. Tickets are available online or at the door.

ORANGE DRAGON ART GALLERY (Prescott)–

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

SAVE THE DATE—

The 6th Annual HPAAC Gala is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Food will be catered by Lake Elmo Inn. There will be Silent and Live Auctions. Tickets are \$75 per person. Check www.HPAAC.org

CELEBRATE HASTINGS—A PLACE FOR THE ARTS.

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 ARTober.

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

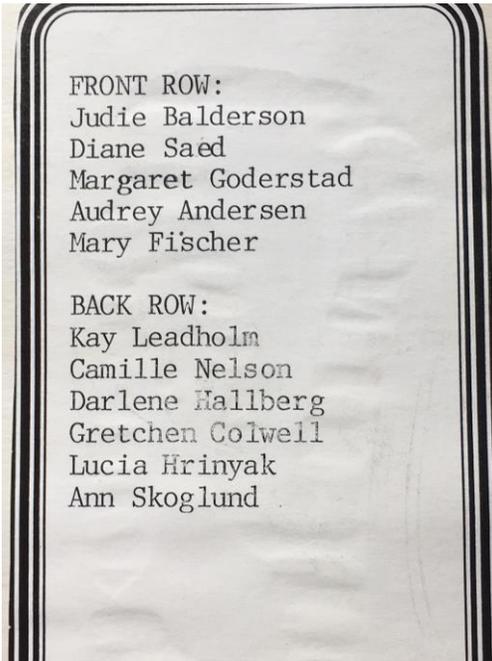
Deposits in September included \$340.00 from membership dues and \$3,810.10 from a "very successful" garage sale. Garage sale expenses, hostess supplies for general meetings and due payments to National and Minnesota AAUW made up the September expenses. The checking account balance is \$7,302.43.

Mary Charlson, Treasurer

Historian

Lisa Hedin

A Page From the Scrapbook



FRONT ROW:
 Judie Balderson
 Diane Saed
 Margaret Goderstad
 Audrey Andersen
 Mary Fischer

BACK ROW:
 Kay Leadholm
 Camille Nelson
 Darlene Hallberg
 Gretchen Colwell
 Lucia Hrinayak
 Ann Skoglund

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

We welcome two new members this month: Kathy Palmer and Suzanne Schweich. Please consider inviting someone to our very important October meeting or any meeting.

Do you have a spot you think would be a good place to put our brochures to advertise AAUW? We're always looking for ways to get our mission message out in the community.

DIRECTORY: Please let us know if any of your contact information or degrees have changed, and we will update your information in the directory. Or look over the directory at the next meeting and let us know of any necessary changes.

Membership Co-chairs,
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 Ruth Versaw ruth.versaw@gmail.com

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- Garage SaleLinda Bindman
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- School Supply DriveMary Ellen Olson
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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>