



AAUW IMPACT IN 2017

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Message from Branch President, Pam Brunfelt

Be sure to make a reservation for the Christmas dinner at the GEL on December 12! It is a wonderful opportunity to just visit while enjoying a nice meal that we do not have to cook. VCC students will be invited to join us, and we will cover the cost of their meals. The gathering will be a welcome break for them from the end of the semester grind.

Once again, Marge Forsberg and the Herbergers sale volunteers have done a marvelous job raising funds for our scholarship efforts. To date we have sold 230 booklets and raised \$1,150 (including a \$100 donation) this fall. Students will certainly benefit once again from our successful fundraiser. We will be selling books for the spring sale at Herbergers in the New Year. Please consider volunteering to work at the doors in the store during the actual sale.



270,000

messages were sent to lawmakers
by AAUW members and supporters.



\$3.7 MILLION

was awarded to women and
community projects.



17,000

people learned to negotiate their
salary through AAUW workshops.

Be sure to watch the movie *Hidden Figures* before our January meeting. We will discuss the amazing story of the women computers who helped propel astronauts into space in the 1950s and 1960s. What an amazing story. I will lead the discussion. Some of us have also read the book so the conversation will be deeper than just what is in the movie.

May your holiday celebrations be joyous and filled with love and laughter with family and friends.

Upcoming Events

Ely Branch Meeting and Program

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

Grand Ely Lodge

Reservations Due By Tuesday, December 5!

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Ely (MN) Branch

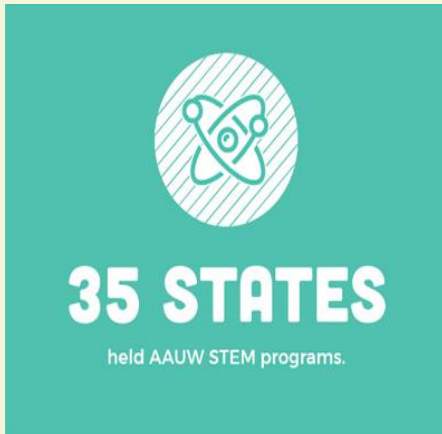
HOLIDAY PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
GRAND ELY LODGE

SOCIAL: 6:00 P.M.
DINNER: 6:30 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: HOLIDAY FAMILY FEUD
MEAL: TRADITIONAL TURKEY DINNER

COST: MEMBERS - \$20.00
VCC STUDENTS - COST COVERED BY
DONATIONS FROM AAUW
MEMBERS

RSVP: Barb Soderberg at 218-343-0609 or
barbsoderberg@yahoo.com by December 5th.



These are just a few of the AAUW impacts in 2017. Let's all continue to participate in AAUW to accomplish even more in 2018! Make these impacts, along with our branch accomplishments, your "elevator speech" as you talk to potential members.

AAUW Mission: AAUW Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers to that all women have a fair chance.

Ely Branch Meeting and Program
Tuesday, January 9, 6:45 pm Social, 7:00 pm Meeting
VCC, CL 124

"Hidden Figures" Review/Discussion (Book or Movie)

The Program Committee suggests that you read the book and/or watch the movie, *Hidden Figures*, prior to the January meeting. Perhaps members could get together for popcorn and a viewing of the movie! Of course, come to the meeting to participate in the discussion even if you haven't read the book or seen the movie. For those who have already read *Hidden Figures*, an alternative book to read is *Rocket Girl* which has similar themes.

Herberger's Community Days Thanks!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR HERBERGER'S FUNDRAISER

We sold a record 230 booklets for a total of \$1150! Every booklet sold is important and helps us be invited to sell booklets on the sale days and be eligible for a bonus check. Starting out with a minimum sales of 100 booklets to sell to be invited to the sale days, we exceeded this through member sales and in store presale days. We were then invited to all four sale days in the store. Thank you to all who helped make this our best fundraiser ever.

Supporting VCC SCHOLARSHIP ~ STEM EVENT ~ STEM CAMP ~ NCCWSL ~ EQUITY PAY DAY

Submitted by Marge Forsberg, VP AAUW Funds

Celebrating 136 Years of AAUW

On **November 28, 1881**, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate of Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Among the first generation of women college graduates, these pioneering women struggled with a lack of career opportunity. In founding AAUW, they discussed how they would join together to help other women break through educational barriers and attend and graduate college as well as assist those who had already graduated.

Today, AAUW boasts 170,000 members and supporters, more than 100 student orgs, 800 college and university members, and more than \$100 million awarded to women scholars and projects.

Founded on November 28, 1881, AAUW is older than

1. The Eiffel Tower (completed in 1889)
2. Ferris wheels (first built in 1893)
3. Radios (invented in 1895)
4. The Lincoln Memorial (completed in 1922)
5. The Hollywood Sign (completed in 1923)
6. The Empire State Building (completed in 1931)

AAUW is also older than these Inventions and Discoveries

- Hole punches (1886)
- Automobiles (1886)
- Ballpoint pens (1888)
- Zippers (1893)
- Coca-Cola (1886)
- Electric toasters (1893)
- Paper clips (1899)
- Air-conditioning (1902)
- Airplanes (1903)
- $E = mc^2$ (1905)
- Television (1927)
- Sliced bread (1928)

AAUW is also Older than The First ...

- Movie theater in the United States (1905)

- Dropping the New Year's ball in Times Square (1907)
- Mass production moving assembly line (Ford Motor Company, 1913)
- Daylight Saving Time (1918 in the United States)
- Reader's Digest (1922)
- Winter Olympic Games (1924)
- Talking-picture movies (1927)
- Appearance of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse on film (1928)

AAUW is also Older than these Institutions

- The Rhodes Trust (1902)
- Rotary Club (1905)
- The Boy Scouts of America (1910)
- The Girl Guides of America, later renamed the Girl Scouts (1912)
- S. Coast Guard (1915)
- The National Park Service (1916)
- National Organization for Women (1966)

Written by AAUW's Marketing & Communications Associate, Rhiannon Collins.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Branch Holiday Party

Grand Ely Lodge, 6:00 p.m. Social and 6:30 Dinner

Tuesday, January 9, 2017

Ely Branch Meeting - "Hidden Figures"

review/discussion (movie or book)

VCC, Room 124

April 27-28, 2018

AAUW MN State Convention

Faribault, MN



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