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## **ROCHESTER AAUW HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Annual AAUW Educational Funds Luncheon**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**Willow Creek Golf Course**

**[1700 48 Street Southwest](#)**

**11:30 – Social time**

**12:00 – Lunch served**

**Speaker:** Harpreet Sandhawalía, 2017-18 Selected Professions Fellowship awardee

Harpreet Sandhawalía is pursuing a master of business administration with a focus on technology and entrepreneurship at the Carlson School of Management. During her seven-year career in digital marketing, she encountered very few women leaders and was inspired to make a change. As an MBA student, Harpreet is serving as the president of the MBA Business Technology Club, working on starting her own education technology company, and volunteering with the UMN chapter of Girls Who Code. Upon graduation she aims to become a successful leader within the technology industry and focus on promoting gender diversity.

**Menu:** Chicken ceasar salad and chocolate mousse dessert

A vegetarian option is also available. Please indicate in the memo line of your check if you wish to have the vegetarian option.

**Reservations:** Please send a check for \$20.00 made out to AAUW Funds by March 10 to:  
Lucy Bahn, [3104 Tremont Lane SW, Rochester, MN 55901](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3104+Tremont+Lane+SW,+Rochester,+MN+55901)

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**—Sara Staab

For more than 130 years AAUW has been working as a grassroots organization to improve the lives of women and their families. In 2017 17,000 people learned to negotiate their salary through AAUW workshops, \$3.7 million was awarded to women and nonprofit organizations in education fellowships and grants, and 270,000 messages were sent to lawmakers by AAUW members and supporters. These efforts and the work done through the Legal Advocacy Fund are just some of the things AAUW does to forward our mission.

AAUW has raised national dues from \$49 to \$59 for the fiscal year that starts on July 1. It is the first dues increase in nine years. Revenue from dues is less now than it was in 1992. Adjusted for inflation, the new rate is equivalent to the dues paid in 2007.

Locally, our branch dues have been \$20 for more than 25 years. Over the last several years we have worked to reduce our expenses in several ways (i.e., converting to an emailed newsletter and reformatting the member directory to save printing and mailing costs; cutting costs for monthly meetings). Even so, our branch operating expenses have exceeded dues income for a long time (our savings built up from long ago and from a generous bequest won't be able to cover the difference at some point in the coming years).

The board is proposing a \$10 increase in local dues to take effect in the upcoming fiscal year. This will be voted on at the annual meeting of the members in April. Please consider the importance of the work AAUW does, in addition to the social enjoyment from interest groups and programs at general meetings when considering this question.

Sara Staab, branch president  
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## **Slate of Officers to be elected at the April 18 General Meeting**

Program VP – Rosemary Bradshaw

Membership VP - Jo Trachy

AAUW Funds – Educational Funds Chair – Judi Mersel

AAUW Funds – Legal Advocacy Chair – Nancy Brubaker

Secretary – Lucy Bahn

Nominations may be made from the floor, provided the written consent of the nominee has been previously obtained.

Nominating Committee: Nancy Brubaker, Chair; Beth Nienow, Majel Hall, Mary Jo Kelly

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## **AAUW MN State Convention**

**April 27-28 in Faribault**

Every AAUW member is invited to attend the state convention. Registration, a welcoming reception at the Rice County Historical Society, and some tours are scheduled for Friday afternoon. Friday night there is a banquet with keynote speaker, awards and entertainment at the Inn at Shattuck on the Shattuck-St. Mary's School campus.

The business meeting, more speakers, and enrichment sessions will be at South Central College on Saturday between 8:30 and 4:30. Our branch is entitled to 7 voting delegates. I will attend and I need to turn in the names of our delegates before April 14. Please let me know if you wish to attend and serve as a delegate.

There is a silent auction at the convention to raise money for AAUW Funds. Branches are expected to provide gift baskets or other items, and each branch is credited for the money their items raise. Please consider creating a themed basket or donating items for the auction. I will be driving to Faribault and am willing to take items from anyone who is not attending. If anyone is willing to coordinate this or has donations please let me know. Descriptions of the items need to be turned in by April 23.

Hotel and other information about the convention and registration will be in the next edition of "The Pine" are available at <https://www.smore.com/pn7a5-2018-state-convention>

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## **Save the Date: April 25, 2018, 6:30 PM**

AAUW Rochester is one of the co-sponsors for the showing of the documentary *I Am Jane Doe* on April 25th at the Rochester Public Library auditorium. The documentary reveals how, after rescuing their daughters from human trafficking, a group of mothers filed lawsuits against Backpage.com. The film will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Laura Sutherland and Assistant Olmsted County Attorney Erin Gustafson.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member:

Kathryn (Katie) Maguire

[615 Memorial Parkway SW Rochester MN 55902](#)

home phone [507-282-9725](#)

U of Florida - B.A

Contact Diane Neumann [507-951-9144](#) or

Jo Trachy [507-282-0907](#) if you would like a membership package sent to a friend.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If there is a particular continuing Interest group meeting that appeals to you, please do not hesitate to come! Please let the chair know in advance, if possible. All members are invited to participate in any of the following groups.

### READING PLUS – MONDAY, MARCH 5 – 9:15 AM

Book: “A Good Country” by Laleh Khadivi

Discussion Leader: Ann J.

Hostess: Betty Danielson, [3323 Fox Hollow Lane SW](#)

Co-Chairs: Judy Argue (269-0673) and

Deb Ernster (285-0544)

### BOARD MEETING — MONDAY, MARCH 5, – 7:00 PM

The board will meet at the Rochester Public Library in Conference Room B.

Please call Sara Staab ([jeff.sara.staab@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.sara.staab@gmail.com) [507-261-9803](tel:507-261-9803)) if you cannot attend.

### WHO’S WHO — DOES NOT MEET IN MARCH

Co-chairs: Alice Laudon (289-3592) and

Nancy Grubbs (288-5840)

### BETWEEN THE LINES — TUESDAY, MARCH 6 – 1:00 PM

Book: “An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How you Can Take it Back” by Elisabeth Rosenthal

Discussion Leader: TBD

Chair: Tjalda Nauta ([617-797-5603](tel:617-797-5603))

### **AFTERNOON READING — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14– 1:00 PM**

Book: Homegoing: Yao Gyasi

Discussion Leader: Susan Arnold

Hostess & Dessert: Judy Sloan, [722 Northern Heights Dr. NE](#). (288-6382)

Please contact hostess if unable to attend.

Co-Chairs: Judy Auger (282-7922,

[judy\\_auger@msn.com](mailto:judy_auger@msn.com)) and

Laura Martin (289-7895, [martin.laura@mac.com](mailto:martin.laura@mac.com))

### **WORDS WORTH — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14– 1:30 PM**

Book: "A Man Called Ove" by Frederick Backman

Discussion Leader: Everyone

Hostess: Barbara Knutsen, [3517 18th Avenue NW](#)

Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

### **U.S. FOREIGN POLICY — THURSDAY, MARCH 22 – 1:00 PM**

The topic is "China and America: the new geopolitical equation" led by Donna Schneider who is also hostess (2420 16th Ave.NW) A co-hostess is needed. If you plan to attend please notify Donna at [Dschnei163@aol.com](mailto:Dschnei163@aol.com) or call 288-1001.

Chair: Nancy Kampmeier [507-535-2176](tel:507-535-2176)

[kmor.nkamp@gmail.com](mailto:kmor.nkamp@gmail.com)

### **READING WITH A PURPOSE — THURSDAY, MARCH 22 – 7:00 PM**

This month the group will attend the play, "The Memory of Water" at the Rep theater preceded by dinner at Hunan Garden at 6 p.m. Please let Beth know if you plan to attend either or both. Other AAUW members are welcome to join us.

Chair: Beth Nienow (287-8647)

[bethnienow@charter.net](mailto:bethnienow@charter.net)

### **EVENING RAPPORT – MONDAY, MARCH 26 – 5:30 PM**

All AAUW members are invited to join us for dinner and conversation at Whistle Binkies North. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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PHILANTHROPY AND RESEARCH

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MN AAUW: [www.aauwmn.net](http://www.aauwmn.net)

