



Marjorie Stoneman Douglas

With the recent school shooting in Florida, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School has been in the news. **Who is Marjorie Stoneman Douglas?**



Marjory Stoneman Douglas was born April 7, 1980 in **Minneapolis, MN** to Frank Bryant Stoneman and Lillian Trefethen, a concert violinist. She died May 14, 1998 at **age 108** in Miami, FL. After a fairly tumultuous early life she began to write

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Message from Branch President, Pam Brunfelt

It is hard to believe that it is March already, especially with all of the snow on the ground. But the AAUW calendar reminds us that we are rushing towards the end of our program year. The state convention is in Faribault on April 27th and 28th. Four members of the Ely Branch can be delegates at the convention. So far, Ruth Leoni, Jeanne Thomlinson, and Lucy Diesslin have been appointed by the board to represent us. We are hoping that Marge Forsberg will be able to serve as our fourth delegate. Both Caroline Owens and Teresa Sagen will be there as well, but as former state presidents, they do not serve as our delegates. If you want to attend the convention, you can find all of the information you need at <https://www.smores.com/pn7a5-2018-state-convention>

short stories. At age 16, she was awarded a prize from the *Boston Herald* for "An Early Morning Paddle", a story about a boy who watches a sunrise from a canoe. After high school, she attended Wellesley College and graduated with a B.A. in English in 1902.

During Douglas' adult life, she was known as an American journalist, author, women's suffrage advocate, and conservationist, best known for her dedication to the preservation of the Everglades. After an unhappy marriage to a "con man", she moved to Miami to work for *The Miami Herald* where her father was publisher. She became a freelance writer, writing short stories and books, with the best known being *The Everglades: River of Grass*. After a time working in Paris for the American Red Cross during the war, she returned to Miami and became an assistant editor at *The Miami Herald*.

Marjory was outspoken and politically active in the women's suffrage and civil rights movements. In 1917, she traveled with Mary Baird Bryan (wife of William Jennings Bryan) to Tallahassee to speak in support of women's right to vote. It wasn't until she was 79 years old that she took a central role in the protection of the

By the time you read this, the Herberger's sale will be over for this year. The company that owns Herberger's is struggling right now and is undergoing reorganization so we might not be able to continue to raise funds for our scholarships in this relatively painless way. So we need to be thinking about other ways to collect the funds we need to do our work. We will be brainstorming about this in the coming months.

The February program was enlightening. We learned some Tai Ji Quan movements and learned about the free courses offered by Northwoods Partners (365-8019). I learned a lot about myself during the short session. It was fascinating.

The program on March 13 is on Title IX. Lucy Diesslin and Judy Klun will be discussing this important law. It is an especially appropriate topic to explore during Women's History Month.

Finally, it is time to update our three-year strategic plan. This summer Teresa Sagen, Mary Setterholm, Kay Vandervort and I will be working on a new proposal for your consideration. If you would like to help, let me know.

Upcoming Events

Ely Branch Meeting and Program
Tuesday, March 13, 6:45 p.m. Social,
Meeting and Program 7:00 p.m.
VCC, CL 124

"Title IX" - Judy Klun and Lucy Diesslin



Defined. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from

Everglades and fighting against the proponents of land development in the Everglades. For her efforts, she was honored by having an elementary and a high school with her name, a park, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection building in Tallahassee. In 1993, Ms. Douglas was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom at age 103. Ironically, while she was in the White House that day, she witnessed the signing of the Brady Bill.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas died at age 108 on May 14, 1998. Her ashes were scattered over 1,300,000 acres of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness Area in Everglades National Park.

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.

participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. (**Title IX** of the Education Amendments of 1972). **Join members, Judy Klun and Lucy Diesslin, as they talk about the significance of Title IX**

Request for Cookie Bakers for Equal Pay Day

With all the classroom presentations we will be making on Equal Pay Day, in addition to the lunchtime discussions at VCC, we will need 200 cookies with a bite out and 100 whole cookies. Would you be willing to bake for this effort? We will give you cellophane bags to allow you to individually wrap cookies. The cookies need to be delivered to VCC (enter at the Theater door) at 10 am on Monday April 9th. Please contact Mary Setterholm (Mary.setterholm@gmail.com) if you are willing to bake.

Reminder- 'Unhappy Hour' Tuesday, April 10th at Northern Grounds.

Help us spread the word by handing out invitations to your friends. Kay Vandervort has more invitations if you didn't receive them (or need more to pass along!).

Request for Branch Silent Auction Items for AAUW MN State Convention

At the state convention there is a silent auction. "fun and funds," to support AAUW programs. Last year the auction raised \$3,671 to support Legal Advocacy, STEM, research, campus programs, and more.

Each year our branch has submitted a "northwoods" basket for this auction. It is a sought after item and results in a bidding

war. The money raised is credited to our branch for AAUW Funds.

The basket has items that are typical of the Ely area. If you wish to purchase one of these items for the basket, great; however, a monetary donation will also work, and I will do the shopping. **Items or cash should be brought to the branch meeting on March 13 or send to Phyllis Olson.**

Some suggested items for the basket are: Crapola, Dorothy Molter Root Beer, wild rice, blueberry jam and syrup, northwoods napkins, and Zups homemade beef jerky

Submitted by Phyllis Olson

STEM Committee and Opportunities to Participate

Monday, March 12 - 3 pm at the **Front Porch**. Primary focus: dividing up the fliers for distribution and reviewing the arrangements & tasks on the event day to make sure we're covered.

Friday, March 23 - 2 pm at the **Ely United Methodist Church** (come in the front door). Primary focus: preparing girl folders and name tags.

Saturday, March 24 - STEM Workshop VCC

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Herberger's "Spring" Community Days Thank You

VCC SCHOLARSHIP ~ STEM EVENT ~ STEM CAMP ~ NCCWSL ~ EQUAL PAY DAY

Herberger's Community Days Thanks!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED AND HELPED WITH OUR SPRING HERBERGER'S BOOKLET FUNDRAISER

We sold **185** booklets for a total of **\$925**.

Every booklet sold is important and helps us reach our budgeted fundraising goal. If you would still like to contribute toward our scholarship fund you can send a check to treasurer, Jeanne, or give it to her at our March or April meeting.

Again, thank you!

Marge Forsberg, AAUW Funds

**Supporting VCC SCHOLARSHIP ~ STEM
EVENT ~ STEM CAMP ~ NCCWSL ~ EQUAL
PAY DAY**

AAUW National Bylaws Amendments

AAUW members recently received an email from national noting 3 proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. The proposed amendments address:

- Creating three-year staggered board terms
- Opening board service to those outside the AAUW membership
- Eliminating the degree requirement for membership

Rationale provided by the AAUW Board for the proposed amendments: The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal - to eliminate the degree requirement for membership - has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the requirement made sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many counter to the AAUW mission and limits our ability to build our capacity needed to increase AAUW's impact.

Comments on the proposals can be made at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> now - March 22, 2018.

The Ely Branch will also discuss as part of the annual meeting in April. No doubt, this will also be a topic of discussion at the upcoming AAUW MN State Convention.

Voting will open on April 25, 2018 and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. Since AAUW has "One member, One vote", all members will receive an email with instructions to vote online or instructions on how to request a paper ballot.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Ely Branch Meeting - Title IX – Judy Klun and Lucy Diesslin,
VCC, CL 124

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Equal Pay Day Unhappy Hour at Northern Grounds

Ely Branch Meeting – Annual Meeting
(Election of Officers and Budget Approval)
VCC, CL 124

April 27-28, 2018

AAUW MN State Convention
Faribault, MN

Monday, May 7, 2018 (Monday)

Ely Branch Dinner and Program, Grand Ely Lodge



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