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ROCHESTER AAUW HIGHLIGHTS

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

The Waters on Mayowood

[827 Mayowood Road SW](#)

Program: Hanna's Dream Ride

Three years ago, at age 72, Hanna Elshoff left Chatfield to embark on a two-year road trip in her ELF, a solar-powered and pedal hybrid tricycle. Hanna's mission on this 1200 mile journey was to promote the Lions Clubs' message of hope, peace and gratitude.

Hanna grew up on a dairy farm in Post WWII Germany and dreamed of coming to America. At age 18, she immigrated alone and spoke no English. Once here, she immediately developed a love of cycling. She wanted to bike from her host family's home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, all the way to Texas. However, the trip got put off and life went on, but she never gave up the idea of a bike road trip. So on May 2, 2015, Hanna's road trip became real. Her plan was to ride the ELF some 1200 miles across the American mid-west to Plains, Georgia, using the Lions Clubs in each town along the way as a place to rest. Her only source of security was a cell phone and a subscription to a sort-of AAA for bicycles.

Please join us to hear Hanna tell her story of why she was so determined to travel all the way to Plains, Georgia, and her adventures along the way.

Maryette Braithwaite (282-6753) and Diane Hellie (398-6329)

Program Co-chairs

FROM THE PRESIDENT - SARA STAAB

April is a busy month for AAUW. Our branch will have the annual meeting on April 18 to elect half of the board officers and vote on increasing local dues. AAUW MN will hold the state convention in Faribault April 27-28. And on a national level we are to vote on three amendments to the bylaws, one of which is to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. You can read about the proposed amendments at AAUW.org. Voting opens April 25 and closes June 9. All of these are important for the

business of AAUW - I urge all of you to participate in each of these.

April 10 is Equal Pay Day, which “is the symbolic day when women’s earnings “catch up” to men’s earnings from the previous year. That reflects the average for all women; white women and women of color have different days:

2018 Equal Pay Days:

February 22- Asian American women’s Equal Pay Day

April 10 - All women’s Equal Pay Day

April 17 - White women’s Equal Pay Day

August 7 - Black women’s Equal Pay Day

September 27 - Native women’s Equal Pay Day

November 1 - Latinas’ Equal Pay Day

Sara Staab, branch president

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Nominated Slate of Officers for 2018-2019:

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

The nominated slate of officers will be voted on at the general meeting on April 18th.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

Please send names of prospective members to Diane Neumann [507-951-9144](tel:507-951-9144) and Jo Trachy (282-0907).

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, APRIL 2 – 9:15 AM

Book: “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman

Discussion Leader: Gay Segar
Hostess: Judy Argue, [1955 Hadley Creek Dr. NE](#)
Chair: Judy Argue (269-0673) and Deb Ernster (285-0544)

BOARD MEETING — MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 – 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 (507-261-9803) if you cannot attend.

WHO'S WHO — TUESDAY, APRIL 3 – 1:00 PM

Book: "Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah
Discussion Leader and Hostess: Karen Krueger, 2498 Woodstone Lane SW (282-6766)
Co-chairs: Alice Laudon (289-3592) and Nancy Grubbs (288-5840)

BETWEEN THE LINES — DOES NOT MEET IN APRIL

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

AFTERNOON READING — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11– 1:00 PM

Discussion: 1:30

Book: *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson
Discussion Leader: Judy King
Hostess: Julie Troutman, [3210 Hill Court SW](#), 282-2598, Julie.Troutman2@gmail.com
Please contact hostess if unable to attend.
Co-Chairs: Judy Auger (282-7922, judy_auger@msn.com)
and Laura Martin (289-7895, martin.laura@mac.com)

WORDS WORTH — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11– 1:30 PM

Book: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
Hostess and Discussion Leader: Kathy Lawrence, [4626 Twilight Street SE](#) (285-9331)
Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

JUST COME - FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - 11:30 AM

Jean Abels has agreed to chair this group. Please let her know if you would like to join her for lunch and conversation at a restaurant TBD.
abelsjean@gmail.com (252-8449)

EVENING RAPPORT – MONDAY, APRIL 23 – 5:30 PM

All AAUW members are invited to join us for dinner and conversation at Terza.
Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY — THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 1:00 PM

The topic is "South Africa's Fragile Democracy" led by Alice Laudon. We will meet at the home of Nola Christiana, 2701 14th Ave. SW. Please notify Nola if you plan to attend at nmchristiana@gmail.com or call 288-9557. Sara Staab will be co-hostess.
Chair: Nancy Kampmeier, (kmor.nkamp2@gmail.com, 535-2176)

READING WITH A PURPOSE — THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 7:00 PM

Book: “Lab Girl” by Hope Jahren (rescheduled from Feb.)

Hostess: Julie Caesar, 959 28th St. NW (288-9209)

Discussion Leader: Elaine Schmidt

Chair: Beth Nienow (287-8647)

MISSION STATEMENT

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