



Hastings Branch

March 2018



President’s Message

Lisa West

As you know, national AAUW annual membership dues will increase from \$49 to \$59, effective March 16, 2018. As of the time of this writing, the Board had not met, because we postponed our March 5 meeting, due to the winter storm. There hasn’t been a national dues increase since 2009. Our annual budget simply can’t absorb this national increase, without a subsequent and likely increase in our Branch dues. It’s one of the options on the table. Members will be informed of the Board’s decision regarding our membership dues at the March 26 general meeting.

As I mentioned at our February general meeting, national bylaws amendments are on the table, regarding: 1) three year, staggered board terms; 2) opening board service to those outside of AAUW membership; and 3) eliminating the degree requirement for AAUW membership. I encourage you to express your opinions about these proposed amendments online; and PLEASE vote on these amendments.



See you later this month for another intriguing program!

March quote: “Infuse your life with action. Don’t wait for it to happen. Make it happen.” ~ Bradley Whitford

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

March 26

What’s Next for State Health Care Policy: Cost and Coverage

Lynn A. Blewett, U of M School of Public Health

On March 26, at 7:30 pm, Dr. Blewett will share the latest news about the Minnesota health care system. Lynn Blewett, Phd., from the University of Minnesota, directs the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC), a research and policy center funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Its purpose is to support state efforts to monitor and evaluate programs to increase access and coverage.

Upcoming Events

- March 12.....Book Club
- March 26..... General Meeting
- April 23.....Spring Social
- May 3.....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 – February 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Lisa West. Lisa welcomed the membership and informed the group of information contained in the current Mission & Action AAUW e-newsletter. Three Bylaw Amendments are being proposed. The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Lisa noted that it is important for AAUW members to vote on these Bylaw proposals. Lisa then informed the group of 5 Black Women Trailblazers. They are: 1. Patricia Bath, ophthalmologist and laser scientist, 2. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, co-founder of the National Organization for Women (1899–1990), 3. Miriam E. Benjamin, inventor of the Gong and Signal Chair (1861–1947), 4. Maggie Lena Walker, founder of St. Luke Penny Savings Bank (1864–1934), 5. Marva Collins, founder of Westside Preparatory School (1936–2015).

The Secretary's Report was approved for the January 2018 General Meeting with a motion by Kathy O'Keefe, and seconded by Trudy Craig. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer, Mary Charlson was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa noted that the checking account balance is \$1974.86. Two payments were made from the account for the January speaker and Danielle Perra for NCWSSL. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Glenda Schnirring and seconded by Gail Glashan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership Co-Chair Ruth Versaw noted that 2 visitors were attending our meeting and that 3 new members had joined our branch.

Program Co-Chair Deb Saunders was absent. Margaret Goderstad informed the group that the speaker for the March 26, 2018 program is Lynn A Blewett. The program is entitled "What's Next for State Health Care Policy: Cost and Coverage. The Spring Social will be held on April 23, 2018 at the Hastings Golf Club. Dr. Mona Roach will speak to the group on Mediation and Mindfulness. The Spring Social will be held at the Hastings Country Club on April 23, 2018 and will be catered by Rudy's Red Eye. The cost to attend the social is \$30.00.

Public Policy Chair Pat Powers noted that an email from Jan Carey, AAUW MN State Public Policy Chair, has so much information in it that explains how to find out what is happening in the legislature and then how to see how it fits into AAUW philosophy. Pat will have Lois send this email from Carey to the membership.

Gad Abouts Co-Chairs Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse were absent. Glenda Schnirring reported that the group will attend a coffee concert at Orchestra Hall on May 3, 2018. 20 tickets are available and the cost is \$23.00. Cindy Toppin will need to know who wishes to attend by March 29, 2018. This is the last Gad About activity for the year.

Hospitality Co-Chairs Patty Todnem and Nancy Ahn, Twig editor Lois Twedt and Historian Lisa Hedin had nothing to report.

Book Club Chair Shirley Tammen was absent. Margaret Goderstad informed the members that the group will discuss the book The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict on Monday, March 12, 2018, at the home of Shirley Tammen. The April 12th book club selection is The News of the World by Paulette Jiles.

AAUW Funds Chair Glenda Schnirring noted that she, Betty Hoeschen, and Ann Skoglund had chosen a 2018 AAUW Scholarship recipient. The name will be announced in May.

NCCWSL Chair Gail Glashan had nothing to report. It was noted earlier in the program that Simone Askew, a West Point Cadet and the first Black Female Captain at West Point will be speaking at the NCWSSL convention this spring. Marilyn

Tennyson donated a book entitled Because I am A Girl to be presented to our NCWSSL candidate.

Community Chair Margaret Goderstad informed the group of many activities are happening at the Hastings Art Center throughout the month of March. On March 3, traditional Irish and Scottish music will be played. On March 6, a morning Coffee Concert, featuring Oboe and Bass, will be performed. On March 18, the St. Croix Piano Trio will perform. Check the HastingsNow app for other upcoming activities.

Diversity Chair Marlys Schmitt was absent.

Garage Sale Co-Chairs Linda Bindman and Kathy O'Keefe announced that Ceil Strauss and Tricia Hawkins have volunteered to Co-Chair the garage sale.

Old Business: Lisa informed the group that National Dues will increase from \$49.00 to \$59.00 effective March 16, 2018. The AAUW State Convention will be held on April 27-28th in Faribault, Minnesota. Lisa encouraged more members to attend this convention. Ideas for the State Convention Silent Auction item from the Hastings Branch were discussed. Last year, our branch contributed a Hastings themed basket. Let Lisa know of any ideas going forward. Lisa also hoped that members would bring resolutions to the floor at the State Convention. AAUW State is still looking for a Web Page Manager. Lois Twedt has met with contacts at Inver Hills concerning the Scrubs Program. She thinks we should set our sights on co-sponsoring this type of program in summer 2019.

New Business - Lisa noted that the Nominating Committee will be meeting to recruit members for the following positions: Board President, Secretary, Co-Chairs for the Gad-Abouts Committee, and Twig Editor. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Kathy O'Keefe, Peggy Schoeppner, Lois Twedt, Shirley Tammen and Ramona McCullough. Lisa has volunteered to serve as President for another 2 year term. Our branch received a thank you note from Veterans Affairs for our donation of clothing following the garage sale in September. There were 42 attendees at this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

The evening's program, History of African Americans in Minnesota was presented by Bill Green. The introduction was made by Mary Ellen Fox.

Pam Pontzer, Secretary

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

The **Spring Social** will be held on Monday, April 23rd, 2018, at the Dakota Pines Golf Club, (formerly known as the Hastings Golf Club). The event will be catered by Rudy's Catering.

5:30pm Social Hour - cash bar

6:00pm Buffet Dinner - menu of popovers with honey butter, Bistro salad, cheesy mashed potatoes, Rudy's signature teriyaki green beans, roasted boneless chicken breast with parmesan sauce, and roasted pork loin with red wine mushroom cream sauce. Vegetarian and gluten free option is available upon request

7:00 pm Business meeting

7:30 pm Dr. Mona Roach's presentation: Mindfulness and Meditation. She will share her insights on meditation and mindfulness in an educational, interactive and experiential way.

The cost of the event is \$30 per person, which includes tax, tip and room rental. This event is open to all, so please invite friends, family and anyone who might have an interest in AAUW. We are hoping to have at least 60 in attendance at this event! Please sign up at the March AAUW meeting. Checks can be made out to Rudy's Catering. You may also sign up by emailing Rosalie Cavis at cavis4@gmail.com or call her at [651-442-5839](tel:651-442-5839). Reserve your spot by April 9, 2018.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

We will meet on Monday, March 12 to discuss The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. I, SHIRLEY TAMMEN WILL HOST THIS MEETING.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD by Paulette Jiles is the selection chose for Monday, March 12. Set in post-Civil War, an itinerant old man plans to make his living as a news reader in Texas, but is asked to make a more difficult journey, to accompany a young girl who was kidnapped by Indians and return her to relatives. This is a novel of hope, redemption and the strength of the human heart. This book is in the book kit, and hopefully I can time it so as to get the selection to members several weeks before our meeting date.

AUTHOR AT BIERSTUBE

Emmy winning TV writer/producer Matt Goldman, who wrote for shows including Seinfeld, Coach and Ellen will be the speaker at the March 15 mystery night at the Bierstube. He is now back in Minnesota writing crime fiction. Join him there.

Gad-Abouts

Susan Cruse & Cindy Toppin

Susan Cruse (651-437-1767) & Cindy Toppin (651-437-7753)

The next Gad-Abouts will be a trip to Orchestra Hall Coffee Concert, in Downtown Minneapolis, with lunch to follow.

Details:

Date: Thursday, May 3rd

Meet: Sterling parking lot, NW corner, at 8:30. We leave at 8:45 a.m. There will be coffee and treats from 10 a.m. until the concert begins at 11:00. For those who are interested, there is a 30 minute preview of the concert starting at 10:15.

Cost: \$23.00 (checks made out to Cindy Toppin, due by March 19.) We only have 20 tickets, so reserve your spot early.

Lunch: Either Brit's Pub or the Newsroom, you will pay directly for your lunch.

For more info, contact Susan Cruse (437-1767).

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The checking account balance at the end of February is \$1849.86. Included were expenses for NCCWSL conference recipient and payments for January and February guest speakers.

Mary Charlson, Treasurer

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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>

Community

Margaret Goderstad

THE COMMUNITY

Hastings Arts Center

Check out this special event - March 18, 3 p.m., St. Croix Piano Trio, Three Russian musicians, now teaching at local universities: Violin, Piano, Cello. Call for Reservations.

Historian

Lisa Hedin

From the Scrapbook!

