



Hastings Branch

May 2018



President's Message

Lisa West

April and May are always exciting AAUW months. We gather to celebrate another productive year during the Spring Social; we elect new officers to the Board at the annual meeting; we award our High School scholarship; and we start looking ahead to the next AAUW year.

As we move toward our final meeting for this 2017-2018 AAUW year, I want to thank all of you for a rewarding first term as your President. I am pleased and honored to serve on the AAUW Hastings Board, with a fantastic group of dedicated women, serving on behalf of a fantastic group of AAUW Hastings members. I appreciate your support in electing me to a second term as your President. It means a lot to me.

As many of you know, I served as AAUW Minnesota Board Secretary/Historian for three years and as President Elect for the past year. And on April 28 at the State Convention in Faribault, I was elected President of AAUW Minnesota. I welcome this new challenge and will appreciate your support as I serve as President in two capacities for the next two years. I hope you'll welcome and take advantage of continuing to have a direct line to the AAUW MN Board through me. Bring me your ideas and your concerns; and I'll continue to carry them forward at the State level. I have a lot of say now!

You hear me encourage you at almost every meeting to consider serving on the Hastings Board and/or the State Board. And, I'm going to do it again. Each board position, elected or appointed, is extremely important, and needs someone to simply step forward and say, "Yes, I can do that!" So, think about saying "yes," and lending your talents and skills to our local branch and/or State boards. Join me and the other terrific women and men who serve our AAUW members on these boards. I'd also add that you consider serving on a national committee. You don't have to be an expert; but you do have to have a desire to learn and lend your thoughts and opinions to AAUW's national efforts. They're currently looking for some 30-40 committee members across the country. There's no travel involved, just a commitment of time for conference call meetings to provide your input. Serving in AAUW's leadership roles is a fun and interesting way to get involved in AAUW's efforts to empower women and girls. Think about it and do it!

May quote: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." ~ Arthur Ashe

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

May 21

"Katie's Kids" Program

Joan Demeules, St. Catherine's University Access and Success Director

The May AAUW General Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. followed at 7:30 p.m. with our program for the evening. Don't forget the book sale before and after the meeting.

Upcoming Events

- May 14.....Book Club
- May 21.....General Meeting
- May 21.....Book Sale
- September 15.....GRANDE GARAGE SALE

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 – April 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Lisa West.

Lisa welcomed the membership to the Spring Social General Meeting. The Secretary's Report was approved for the March 2018 General Meeting with a motion by Pat Powers, and seconded by Lisa Hedin. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer, Mary Charlson, informed the group that the AAUW Board had approved the proposed budget for 2018-2019. The budget was based on having 86 members. The garage sale was budgeted to bring in \$3400.00 and the book sale in May, \$150.00. We have increased miscellaneous expenses from \$100.00 to \$125.00. Mary noted that dues are now \$90.00 per year in response to the increased dues charged by AAUW National. A CD, in the amount of \$3080.74, matured on April 5, 2018 and was deposited into our checking account. A second CD, in the amount of \$2134.53, will mature on January 13, 2019. Upon maturity of this CD, Mary will research High Yield Saving Accounts to improve the return that we are receiving from these funds. The checking account balance is \$4647.08. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Shirley Tammen and seconded by Kathy O'Keefe. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership Co-Chair Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson - Camille noted that there were many visitors at our meeting. She also reminded the membership that dues could be paid for the 2018-2019 program year.

Program Co-Chair Deb Saunders and Rosalie Cavis - Rosalie asked that members put their top 3 choices for speakers for the 2018-2019 program year on the lists placed on the tables.

Public Policy Chair Pat Powers had nothing to report

Gad Abouts Co-Chairs Cindy Toppin and Sue Cruse were in attendance. Cindy noted that the Coffee Concert would be the last Gad About outing for this program year. The group will attend a Coffee Concert at Orchestra Hall on May 3, 2018. 15 members are attending. The group will leave Hastings at 9:15 AM. Lunch will be at The Newsroom at 1:15.

Hospitality Co-Chairs Patty Todnem and Nancy Ahn had nothing to report.

Book Club Chair Shirley Tammen informed the members that on May 14, 2018, the group will discuss the book, Origin, by Dan Brown. The meeting will be held at the home of Martha Sofio. Shirley reminded the membership of the AAUW book sale that will be held at the May 2018 General Meeting. Donated books can be dropped off at Shirley's home or at St. Phillips on the day of the sale.

Twig Editor Lois Twedt, AAUW Funds Chair Glenda Schnirring and NCCWSL Chair Gail Glashan had nothing to report.

Community Chair Margaret Goderstad informed the group that Spiral Brewery will be at the Le Duc on Friday, April 27, 2018. On May 1, 2018, The River Valley Band will perform at the Hastings Middle School at 7:00 PM. Also on May 1, 2018, James Sutton will perform at the Hasting Art Center. There will be an open house at the Artspace building on May 3, 2018 from 5 - 7: PM. The Orange Dragon Gallery is now open in Prescott, WI.

Diversity Chair Marlys Schmitt and Historian Lisa Hedin had nothing to report.

Garage Sale Co-Chairs Ceil Strauss and Tricia Hawkins informed the group that The Grand Garage Sale will be held at River of Life Church on September 15, 2018. We will be able to begin setting up for the event after 8:30 PM on Wednesday September, 12, 2018. Sign-up sheets were passed around to fill positions at the garage sale.

Old Business-The AAUW State Convention will be held on April 27-28th, 2018 in Faribault, Minnesota. Lisa encouraged more members to attend this convention and noted that there is same day registration at the convention this year. The cost to attend the Saturday events is \$65.00. There is an additional \$20.00 fee for lunch. Lisa noted that AAUW State is looking for a Web Page Manager and an AAUW Funds Vice President.

New Business - Lisa thanked the Nominating Committee, comprised of Kathy O'Keefe, Peggy Schoeppner, Lois Twedt, Shirley Tammen and Ramona McCullough, for providing a full slate of candidates for our Branch to vote on. The name of Lisa West was placed in nomination for President. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Glenda Schnirring and seconded by Cindy Toppin to elect Lisa West as President. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nominee. The name of Betty Hoeschen was placed in nomination for the Secretary. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Pam Pontzer and seconded by Jan Hertel to elect Betty Hoeschen as Secretary. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nominee. The names of Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson were placed in nomination for Co-Vice Presidents of Membership. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Pam Pontzer and seconded by Pat Powers to elect Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson as Co-Vice Presidents of Membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nominees. The following members have agreed to chair these committees: Linda Bindman, Twig Editor; Ceil Strauss and Tricia Hawkins, Garage Sale; and Vicki Amundson, Nancy Techam, Karen Holmquist, Gad Abouts. Lisa thanked all the new officers and committee chairs for their service.

Announcements - Lisa reminded the membership to vote on the proposed National AAUW Bylaws.

There were 67 attendees at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. by Lisa West. Marcia Pletcher made the motion and Ramona McCullough provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

The evening's program, "Meditation and Mindfulness" was presented by Dr. Mona Roach.

Minutes submitted by Pam Pontzer

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

The Monday, May 14, selected book is Dan Brown's most recent thriller, Origin. Martha Sofio will host this meeting at her home.

Choose your summer reading at our annual "mini" book sale happening at our Monday, May 21 general meeting. This is an annual event to raise money for AAUW's contribution for Hastings Reads programs held each February. Bring your "gently" read current books to AAUW that evening or drop them off at my home or at St. Philips earlier so that the committee can sort before the meeting. We will begin selling the donated books (\$2.00 hard cover, \$1.00 paper) about 6:30 and again following the meeting.

The Bierstube author for Thursday, May 17, will be Pat Dennis, who writes culinary mysteries and is also a comedian who performs at Comedy Clubs. Her written work appears in Minnesota Monthly and Women's World. She will join the group for dinner at 5:30 and will present at 6:30 on the 17th.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

LeDuc Historic Estate

Season opening for regularly scheduled tours will start on May 17, 2018. Guided tours will be offered at 10 and 11:30 in the a.m. and 1, 2:30, and 4 p.m. If you wish to bring a large group, please call ahead (651-438-8480) so we can accommodate you. We are also happy to book special events such as private teas, showers, birthday & graduation parties for you.

Rhubarb Festival 2018--The LeDuc Annual Rhubarb Festival will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Select a sweet rhubarb treat from the bake sale table, purchase plants for your garden, stroll the gardens, snap some photos, or visit with the chickens.

There will be make-and-take projects for children, a rhubarb toss game, as well as a story time by the chicken coop at 10:30 a.m. There will also be a flea market in the Simmons Shed, featuring items for adults and children. The LeDuc house will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This annual fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of LeDuc and Historic Hastings supports the free school tour program.

The LeDuc Historic Estate is owned by the City of Hastings and managed by Dakota County Historical Society. Go to www.dakotahistory.org or call 651-438-8480 for information on future events.

Hastings Arts Center

Annie Fitzgerald, singer & songwriter, returns on Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 p. m. Call or email for reservations.

Zeitgeist & Kevin Kling present "For the Birds". a chamber suite with music, poetry, comedy, tragedy, artistry on Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. Call or email for reservations.

Black Dirt Theater

"Wizard of Oz" opens on July 29 and runs for several performances. Check the website to make reservations.

Orange Dragon Gallery

Check the website to learn open hours during the summer months. There is always something to delight.

FIRST ANNUAL BIKE TOUR IN HASTINGS

Bike enthusiasts are invited to meet at the Rotary Pavillion at the Mississippi riverfront at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Serious bicyclists are invited to ride the loop around the city. There is an entry fee of \$5 per bicyclist and participants should register through www.hastingsmn.gov & click the recreation button. This event is to highlight the wonderful biking loops around Hastings, and soon the link to Prescott, WI will be connected. This means that people can ride all the way from Hastings to Louisiana.

For those who do not participate in the ride, there will be exciting things happening at the Rotary Pavillion from 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sally Anderson, an expert in sewing vintage clothing, will be wearing her hand crafted dress that would be typical wearing apparel for a woman bicyclist in the late 1890s. Her apparel pattern was taken from a photo that was found in the 1899 time capsule at Central High School in Hastings, showing a young woman with her safety bicycle.

Mr. Michael Gabbrick from Wisconsin will be bringing two antique bicycles which are close to what a young woman of 1899 would have been riding, one a large wheeler. Gabbrick currently holds the world's record for the fastest solo trip across the U.S. on an antique bicycle. These bicycles will not be available for riding, but come and enjoy.

The day's events are in partnership with the National Park Service and Hastings Environmental Protectors.

Hastings AAUW Board Members

President	Lisa West
Past-President.....	Pam Pontzer
Co-Vice Presidents Membership.....	Camille Nelson
	Ruth Versaw
Co-Vice Presidents Programs.....	Rosalie Cavis
	Deb Saunders
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Book Club.....	Shirley Tammen
Community.....	Margaret Goderstad
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	Cindy Toppin
Historian.....	Lisa Hedin
Hospitality.....	Nancy Ahn
	Kathy Stockman
	Patty Todnem
NCCWSL.....	Gail Glashan
Newsletter.....	Lois Twedt
Public Policy.....	Pat Powers
Garage Sale	Tricia Hawkins
	Ceil Strauss
School Supply Drive	Mary Ellen Olson
	Cathy Sery
Website.....	Mary Ellen Fox

Website Address:

<https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/>

Password:

hastings2017

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>

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The checking account balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$5,147.08. This amount includes the \$500.00 NCCWSL reimbursement check from MN AAUW.

A reminder that if you have not renewed your membership for 2018-19 you may do so at the general meeting on May 21st or you can mail your \$90.00 renewal to me at 2371 Glacier Way, Hastings, MN 55033. Thank you to the 37 members who have already renewed.

Mary Charlson, Treasurer

Diversity

Marlys Schmitt

According to AAUW, "Diversity is critical to AAUW's mission. Issues of equity — from fair pay to sexual assault to access to health care — affect all women, and women in marginalized groups often disproportionately experience the effects of these issues. To succeed in empowering women and girls, we must have diverse voices contributing different perspectives." The community of Hastings recognizes the importance of diversity and on Sunday, April 29, over 200 community members led by the Hastings School Board, City of Hastings' leaders and other organizations gathered together to talk about learning and engaging our community. From that meeting, Ten Characteristics of a Socially Responsible Organization¹ were cited:

Mission: Provides an inspiring message for how it serves the world.

Partnerships: Works collaboratively for more comprehensive change.

Inclusion: Increases access and voice for people it seeks to serve.

Authenticity: "Walks the talk."

Empathy: Understands how other people see the world.

Equity: Eliminates disparities and discrimination that deny opportunity.

Systems: Works to change systems for long-term and sustainable change.

Strengths: Honors and builds on community's diverse talents and cultures.

Family: Strengthens family's capacity and connectedness so all thrive.

Accountability: Assesses short-term and long-term effectiveness.

AAUW's Hastings Branch embraces diversity and is proud to be a part of the community discussion.

¹Developed by the YMCA Building Bridges through their Social Responsibility Assessment.

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

Over 37 members have already renewed! Thank you!

Remember to bring your checkbook to the May meeting so you can renew you membership. Dues are now \$90. So be sure to catch Mary Charlson or one of us to renew. You can also send a check to Mary Charlson at 2371 Glacier Way, Hastings, 55033, by July 1. After July 1 there is a \$10.00 late fee.

Please be thinking about who might like to join our organization --friends, neighbors, church members, colleagues. Feel free to give us their contact information, and we will connect with them in the fall. We encourage each member to bring a guest (potential member) to at least one meeting in the upcoming year. Thanks for your support!

**Don't forget the
GRANDE GARAGE SALE
September 15, 2018
Start collecting your treasures now!**