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ROCHESTER AAUW HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Rochester Golf and Country Club

[3100 Country Club Road](#) (2nd Street SW)

5:30 Book Sale and Social Time

6:15 Dinner

6:45 General Meeting

7:00 Program

Program: Sing Out Loud! Bella Fiore Choir

Sing Out Loud, a choral organization in Rochester, has been helping young women in southeast Minnesota find their voice, courage and sense of belonging through the power of song. Founded in 2007 by Shelly Winemiller, Sing Out Loud is on a mission to inspire young women to identify their gifts, reach their highest potential and make a difference in the world around them.

Bella Voce was founded in 2007 for singers in grades 9-12 and draws girls from nine cities representing 15 area high schools and home schools. Bella Fiore was founded in 2012 for girls entering grades 6-8. The newest and youngest choir is Bellettes for girls in grades 1-5.

Please join us for a delightful concert by these talented and accomplished young women as AAUW supports the mission of Sing Out Loud!

Dinner Menu

Spinach Salad with raspberry vinaigrette

Served with dinner rolls and butter

Seared Scottish Salmon with cucumber dill sauce

Vegetable Rice Blend

Coffee or Tea

A cash bar will be provided from 5:30 - 6:15

Soft drinks also available at cash bar

Please make your dinner reservation by mailing your check by Friday, May 11 made out to AAUW for \$29 to:

Maryette Braithwaite

[3928 Oak Park Cir. SE](#)

[Rochester, MN 55904](#)

507-282-6753

A vegetarian option of Butternut Squash Ravioli is available (please note on check)

Maryette Braithwaite, Program Vice President

AAUW Annual Book Sale

The AAUW Annual Book Sale will be held at 5:30 p.m. before the May dinner and general meeting on May 16. Proceeds from this sale will benefit AAUW Funds designated for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). To make this book sale successful, we need your contributions of new or gently-used hard cover and paperback books. Please do not bring old out-of-date books, but use this occasion to share your favorite books from book group selections or individual reading. Hopefully, you'll find some good summer reads for yourself, too. Books will be priced at \$2.00 each. If you don't wish to bring or purchase books, there will be a basket for donations. Bring your books when you come to the dinner at 5:30 p.m., or contact me if you wish to contribute books but are unable to attend. Unsold books will be donated to the Rochester Public Library.

Let's make this a great sale! Thanks in advance for your support.

Nancy Brubaker, LAF Chair, (507-288-1093)

Every year our AAUW Rochester Branch contributes to LAF. This fund works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Its resources range from community outreach programs to backing major cases concerning issues such as unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, and violations of Title IX.

FROM THE PRESIDENT—Sara Staab

Last week on Equal Pay Day I was happy to read the news that the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled in favor of Aileen Rizo in her pay discrimination case. Ms Rizo spoke at the MN AAUW Convention in Duluth a few years ago. The case involves the use of someone's salary history in setting their pay in a new job. Ms Rizo learned in 2012 that a new male coworker with less experience and less education started at a higher pay level than she had, solely based on their prior salaries. The employer didn't respond in her favor after an internal complaint and eventually she filed suit under the Equal Pay Act and California sex discrimination laws. AAUW has been involved with this case through its Legal Advocacy Fund, and plans to continue supporting Ms Rizo in any further appeals of the case.

Keep supporting important work for pay equality though donations to AAUW Funds and contacting legislators.

Diane Hellie Memorial: Our Branch was very sad to learn of the passing of our longtime member and friend. Traditionally the branch donates \$25 to AAUW Funds in memory of deceased members. Anyone wishing to add a contribution of the branch gift in memory of Diane can bring donate at the May dinner meeting or send a check made out to AAUW Funds to Treasurer Ardis Jenkins. Include your name and address so that you can receive individual recognition of the gift from AAUW.

Report on the AAUW Rochester Branch Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who replied to my email about attending the rescheduled annual meeting, and thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on April 25.

The slate of officers for 2018-19 was elected:

- Program VP Rosemary Bradshaw
 - Membership VP Jo Trachy
 - AAUW Education Fund Chair Judi Mersel
 - AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Chair Nancy Brubaker
 - Secretary Lucy Bahn

The members voted to increase branch dues by \$10, effective immediately for the upcoming fiscal year. You will receive a dues notice soon for the 2018-2019 year that begins on July 1.

Hope to see you all at our May dinner at the Country Club. Have a wonderful summer!

Sara, jeff.sara.staab@gmail.com

Event Planning Committee

Rochester AAUW has several events and fundraisers during the year. Most of these events and fundraisers are longstanding traditions. Over the years our demographics have changed some and Rochester has grown and changed as well. As Ways and Means Chair, I would like to form a committee that would look at our events and fundraisers to discuss if our activities are still relevant and interesting to members. If you would be willing to join this committee please let me know. I would like to have at least 5 or 6 people so we can get several viewpoints and ideas. If you have an idea of a fundraiser or event, join the committee. Our branch has always been very generous with our support to AAUW Funds, as well as the Branch itself and making the process of accruing these funds enjoyable as well is the goal.

Contact me if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Alice Laudon, Chair

Ways and Means

507—289-3592

alicejl@q.com

MEMBERSHIP

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If there is a particular continuing Interestgroup 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. Note that individual phone numbers and addresses of hostesses will no longer be listed. Please refer to your membership directory.

BETWEEN THE LINES –TUESDAY, MAY 1 - 1:00 PM

Book: “Climate of Hope” by Carl Pope

Discussion Leader and Hostess: TBD

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

READING PLUS — MONDAY, MAY 7 – 9:15 AM

Book: “Lab Girl” by Hope Jahren

Discussion Leader: Nancy

Hostess: Ruth Stroebel

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Book: "Sweetland: A Novel" by Michael Crummey

Discussion Leader: Ruth S.

Hostess: Nancy Grubbs

MONDAY, AUGUST 6 – 9:00 AM

Book selection meeting and brunch at Gay Segar's home.

Our summer book is "Conquering the Odds, Journey of a Shepard Girl" by Habibo Haji. We will discuss it at our September meeting.

Co-Chairs: Judy Argue (269-0673) and Deb Ernster (285-0544)

BOARD MEETING — MONDAY, MAY 7 and JUNE 4 – 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.

AFTERNOON READING — WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

ANNUAL LUNCHEON BEGINS AT NOON

Book: "The Last Painting by Sara DeVos" by Dominic Smith

Discussion Leader: Jinny Brown

Hostess: Bea Bishop, Charter House

Please contact hostess if unable to attend.

Co-Chairs: Judy Auger (judy_auger@msn.com)

WORDS WORTH — WEDNESDAY, MAY 9– 1:30 PM

Topic: Discussion of selected poems by Robert Frost

Hostess and Discussion Leader: Peg Mikkelson

Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

JUST COME - FRIDAY, MAY 11 - 11:30 AM

Just Come diners will meet at India Garden, [1107 North Broadway](#) at 11:30.

Would be interested in meeting over the summer of others are. Please come with ideas.

Chair: Jean Abels

EVENING RAPPORT – TUESDAY, MAY 22 – 5:30 PM

All AAUW members are invited to join us for dinner and conversation at Hubbell House.

Chair: Barbara Knutsen (285-5122)

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY — THURSDAY, MAY 24 – 1:00 PM

U.S. Foreign Policy meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 1:00 at the home of Ruth VanVught. Majel Hall will lead the discussion from Great Decisions on "U.S. Global Engagement and the Military."

Chair: Nancy Kampmeier (kmor.nkamp2@gmail.com, 535-2176)

READING WITH A PURPOSE — THURSDAY, MAY 24 – 7:00 PM

Book: "Lion" by Saroo Brierley

Hostess: Rosemary Bardshaw

Discussion Leader: Rajani Sohni

Book selection for next year follows.

Chair: Beth Nienow (287-8647)

WHO'S WHO —TUESDAY, JUNE 5 – 1:00 PM

Book: "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren

Discussion Leader and Hostess: Nancy Grubbs

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Book: "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough

Hostess and Discussion Leader: Alice Laudon

Co-chairs: Alice Laudon (289-3592) and Nancy Grubbs (288-5840)

Be sure to check these websites for further information on AAUW

National AAUW: www.aauw.org

Minnesota AAUW: www.aauwmn.net

MISSION STATEMENT:

AAUW Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.