



Hastings Branch

February 2019



President's Message

Lisa West

Dear Members,

We're really getting off to a great start in 2019. I know you'll hear more about this from Gail Glashan and the NCCWSL Team, but Hastings will be sending THREE intelligent, talented young women to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June! I want to take this opportunity to thank the generous members who donated funding to provide the third scholarship. AAUW National encourages local branches to provide scholarships to young women to attend the NCCWSL. This is such a fantastic opportunity – I'm really proud of our branch members, and their generosity and support, for this now annual initiative.

Our annual meeting and Spring Social will be here before we know it. We're looking for one or more people to step forward and take-on the role of VP-Program for the 2019-2020 year. Deb Saunders and Rosalie Cavis will not be seeking a second term in this Board position. This role involves facilitating the members of the Program Committee, who take responsibility for arranging individual speakers to fill our annual program schedule. I don't care if three or four people want to assume this role; but please let me or another Board member know that you're willing to do this. We have 90 members; there must be a few of you willing to assume this role for our Branch. Mary Charlson agreed to accept the nomination for a second term as Treasurer – thank you, Mary!

The AAUW of Minnesota State Convention is coming up at the end of April. The "It's in Minnesota Women's Nature" Convention will be held in beautiful Grand Rapids on April 26 and 27. This year will feature a "Garden Theme" Silent Auction. So, start thinking spring, and let's see what creative garden items we can compile for the auction to support AAUW Funds. As I do annually, I encourage you to attend the Convention. It's a great way to connect with AAUW members from throughout the State and learn some new things about AAUW and the impact we can have in our community. There are some great sessions planned for this Convention – and you can heckle me from the floor! Here's the other teaser – Lynn Moratzka will be there!

Lastly, this is a reminder that there will not be a business meeting on February 25th. Due to the location and timing of our effort to support Hastings Reads – we won't be holding a business meeting that night. Please look for information you need to know in the Twig. I look forward to seeing you at the Hastings Reads event!

February Quote: "When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." ~ Elon Musk

Program

Rosalie Cavis & Deb Saunders

Hastings Reads Author Nic Stone
February 25, 2019 6:30pm at Hastings Art Center

Nic Stone will discuss *Dear Martin*. This novel was chosen as the main selection for Hastings Reads. Stone is an award winning and New York Times best-selling author who writes for high school and middle school students. In her novels, Stone addresses issues like police brutality, interracial relationships and other social situations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11 Book Club
February 25Gen Meeting

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays
St. Philip's Lutheran Church
1401 15th Street West,
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

2018-2019 PROGRAMS

September 24, 6:00 pm **Salad Supper**
The Artist in the World
Marisha Chamberlain

October 22, 7:00 pm
Mayor Candidates Forum

November 26, 7:00 pm
Empowering African Women through Education and Opportunities
Michelle Triebold

December 3, 6:30 pm **Holiday Social**
Hastings Art Center
AAUW National CEO, Kim Churches
Food, Music and Celebration

January 28, 6:00 pm **Chili Supper**
Creating Caring Communities in Minnesota: Five Things You Can Do – NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

February 25, 6:30 pm **Hastings Reads**
Hastings Art Center
Dear Martin and Odd One Out
Nic Stone, author

March 25, 7:00 pm
History of Hastings Part 2
Heidi Langenfeld

April 29, 6:00 pm **Spring Social**
Dakota Pines Golf Club
The Crusade for Forgotten Souls: Reforming Minnesota's Mental Institutions
Susan Foote

May 20, 7:00 pm **Book Sale**
Albert Lea Blue Zones Project
Ellen Kehr, Success Director

Nic Stone was born and raised in Atlanta, GA thirty-three years ago. She graduated from Spelman College, worked extensively in teen mentoring, lived in Israel for several years and then returned to the US to write full time. She lives with her spouse and two sons.

This event is open to the public and will serve as the program for February's AAUW general meeting.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

LeDUC HISTORIC ESTATE

- February 9, 3:30 p.m. - Valentine's Day Tea
Reservations required - Call 651-438-8480
- Friends of LeDuc & Historic Hastings - Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m. Heidi Langenfeld presents "Women Who Made It Happen".
Free & open to the public.

HASTINGS ARTS CENTER

- February 9, 7 p.m. - Double Down Daredevils - Bluegrass & American music - AAUW member Mary Ellen Marks Fox is a part of this group
- Black Dirt Theater Improv Nights
February 15, March 1, April 12 - Shows at 7 & 9 p.m.

HPAAC

- Scholarships available: See hastingsprescottarts@gmail.com for details on applying
- SAVE THE DATE - 10th Annual Gala "Friends along the River" Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m. - Hidden Greens Event Center
- New gallery in ArtSpace Lofts - The Railway Gallery Grand Opening in spring, but sneak previews available each Saturday - noon - 4 p.m.

DCTC SCRUBS Camp

Lois Twedt

Dakota County Technical College is moving forward with its plans to hold a SCRUBS Camp on June 17 & 18, 2019, and we have the opportunity to be involved in several ways:

- *Students attending will be divided into 4 groups. Each group needs 2 adult counselors to travel with them from session to session. (Counselors are not providing instruction.) There is a need for 8 counselors each day.
- *The focus for the week is careers that provide services to individuals with disabilities. Cindy Toppin has contacted a sign language interpreter, a music therapist, and a job counselor that may be able to present information on their careers. She may also be a presenter on her career as a speech pathologist.
- *Late in April, we would like to connect with Hastings Middle School students and share camp information and encourage registration.

If you are

- ***interested in being a counselor, one or both days in June,
- ***know a possible presenter or
- ***have a suggestion on getting the word out to our middle school students

PLEASE contact Lois Twedt, 612-816-1582 or loistwedtaaaw@gmail.com

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

AAUW Book Group will meet at the home of Pat Giddings on Monday, February 11, 7 pm to discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. A story that takes place in a remote mountainous area of China where they grow tea, a young girl is forced to give up her daughter, born out of wedlock, to a couple in California. She pursues her own career in the city but continues to long for the daughter she gave up.

The March 11th selection is *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear. Dobbs is a "psychologist and investigator" in post-World War I London. A nurse during the war, she returned to London to work with her mentor, the accomplished detective Dr. Maurice Blanche. When Blanche retires, Dobbs opens her own detective agency

2019 HASTINGS READS PROGRAMS:

ALL ARE WELCOME is the theme!

There are many events throughout the month, one of those events is:

Friday, February 22nd, 6-7:30 - A Family Event at the Hastings YMCA. Parents and grandparents of children in elementary school will enjoy pizza, books, and fun with activities related to *WISHTREE AND SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG BUN*, the elementary selected books.

Gad-Abouts

Vicki Amundson, Karen Holmquist, & Nancy Techam

Attention all Hastings branch AAUW members!

We still have room for more of our members to join our group to visit the Bell Museum. We have 16 people attending but have room for 10 more. **Final reservations must be to me by February 11.** Please email Vicki Amundson (cvamundson71@charter.net) to add your name to the list.

Here is the information you need to know:

**AAUW Gadabouts Mid-Winter Tour
Visit the Bell Museum
March 6, 2019**

We will tour the new Bell Museum and see a one hour Planetarium show. Prior to the tour we will have lunch at D'Amico and Sons in Roseville, 5 minutes away. We will leave Hastings at 11:00a from St. Phillip's parking lot.

**Cost of the tour is \$18.00 payable to Vicki Amundson—
reservation and money**

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The checking account balance on January 31, 2019 is \$4,317.65. Our CD reached maturity in the amount of \$2,144.50. It was decided by the board to take the CD together with \$1,355.50 from our checking account and open a new CD in the amount of \$3,500.00 at 2.2% annual interest rate.

Secretary

Betty Hoeschen

AAUW HASTINGS BRANCH-GENERAL MEETING- JANUARY 28, 2019

30 branch members braved the cold and snow to enjoy the chili supper provided and served by board members. Following supper, Lisa West called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Introductory remarks included a challenge of how we can get the AAUW pay equity initiative, 'Work Smart' into our community. There is also concern of proposed legislation to change the law concerning Title IX and the affect the change could have on sexual harassment and violence reporting and prosecuting. AAUW actively works to protect women's concerns, especially in these areas.

Betty Hoeschen's secretary report for the November meeting was unanimously approved, with a motion by Gail Glashan and a second by Danna Elling Schultz.

Lisa West presented the treasurer's report as Mary Charlson is out of town. The account balance is \$4,317.65. Two CD's have matured, and after research by Mary, a new one-year CD was acquired at Vermillion State Bank for \$3,500 at 2.2% interest. Mary Ellen Fox moved and Kathy O'Keefe seconded the report be approved. The motion was unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Policy: Dana Elling Schultz reported that Family Leave is being considered by the Minnesota Legislator.

Gad Abouts: A sign-up sheet was passed for those interested in attending the March 6 visit to the new Bell Museum. February 11 is the dead line to sign-up.

Hospitality: Patty Todnem thanked those who provided food for the chili supper. There is still an opportunity to bring treats for the May meeting.

Book Club: Our February 25, 2019 meeting will be held at the Hastings Arts Center to hear the author of Dear Martin, Nic Stone, speak as part of the Hastings Reads event. The talk is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. A business meeting will not be held, but proudly wear your AAUW button.

NCCLSL: Winners of our scholarships to 2019 NCCWSL were revealed by Gail Glashan and Betty Hoeschen: Michelle Cabalero, Britta Johnson, and Claudia Schmutge. One scholarship is provided by our Hastings Branch and State AAUW, one by Sharon Hoffman Avent, CEO and president of Smead Manufacturing Company, and one by generous AAUW members.

Community: Margaret Goderstad reported on the many activities occurring in the Hastings Community including activities by Black Dirt Theater, the Orange Dragon in Prescott, the Hastings Arts Center, and the Historic Leduc Mansion. The 10th HPAAC Gala, Friends Along the River, will be held April 5, 2019, at the Hidden Greens event center.

Garage Sale: Ceil Strauss and Tricia Hawkins reminded members to start saving and marking treasures to sell at the September Garage Sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Ellen Fox reported that several members volunteered to help at the STEAM event for preschoolers. More events are planned so members with ideas or those wanting to help are welcome to contact Mary Ellen.

Lois Twedt continues to work with DCTC on the SCRUBS Camp to be held June 17-18, 2019. 50-60 middle school students usually attend. This year's event concentrates on Health and Education Careers working with people with disabilities.

Members can help as volunteers at the event and in determining how we can recruit Hastings Middle School Students to attend. Because of the extreme weather conditions, the program, Creating Caring Communities in Minnesota by the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be rescheduled.

Lisa West adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Hoeschen

Public Policy

Pat Powers

Losing some of our greats!

Remembering Nancy Grace Roman:

We were saddened by the passing of longtime AAUW member and renowned astronomer [Nancy Grace Roman](#) last month at age 93. Affectionately known as the "**mother of the Hubble**" for her role in developing the Hubble Space Telescope, Roman was the first chief of astronomy in the Office of Space Science at NASA and the first woman to hold an executive position there. (And she's one of four "[Women of NASA](#)" Legos!) She was a member of the [AAUW Legacy Circle](#), a past president of [the AAUW Washington \(DC\) Branch](#), and an [AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction](#) in 2016. Learn more about her [amazing story](#) in her own words

Bernice Sandler: "You come on too strong for a woman." In 1969, her newly earned doctorate in hand, Bernice Sandler was hoping to land one of seven open teaching positions in her department at the [University](#) of Maryland. Dr. Sandler had run head first into a problem that had only recently been given a name: sex discrimination. **Knowing she was not alone, she embarked on a campaign that would change the culture on college campuses — and eventually the law with the passage in 1972 of Title IX**, the landmark legislation that banned sex discrimination in federally funded educational institutions. Dr. Sandler investigated and found that there was no federal law prohibiting discrimination against women in educational fields. There was, however, an executive order signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson that prohibited sex discrimination by organizations with federal contracts.

A New Day for Women

The year has barely begun, and women are already shattering records and making history. When the new Congress convened in January, [nearly a quarter of its voting membership was comprised of women](#) — the highest percentage ever. And women now hold roughly 28 percent of state executive positions. While women remain underrepresented in business, government and nonprofits — and even more progress is needed among the ranks of elected officials — this achievement is worth celebrating. After all, just 10 years ago, the percentage of women in Congress hovered around 16 percent. Having diverse new voices in policymaking will matter as AAUW embarks on an ambitious agenda to advance equity laws at the state and federal levels.

The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to take up many AAUW priorities this coming year, including the imminent introduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963, help women challenge pay discrimination, and give employers incentives to comply with the

law. [Ask your members of Congress to co-sponsor this important legislation.](#)

AAUW Artist Selection begins February 12, 2019. You can vote for your favorites on the AAUW website.

International Women's Day
March 8, 2019
10:00 am – Noon

ERA MN Rally at the Capitol: A few are going from Hastings. Let Pat Powers know if you want to go!

Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda:

ERA MN will be holding its annual rally complete with bill authors, speakers and resources to help you find your reps and talk to them about what the ERA means to you!

This year ERA supporters will be **GREEN** and want to make sure every spare bit of space is **GREEN** and covered in the letters **E.R.A!!**

April 2, 2019 is Equal Pay Day. That is when women have earned what men had earned by the end of 2018. There is a plan in the works to have an **Unhappy Hour** somewhere locally to bring attention to this dilemma. Watch for more information.

MN Public Policy Chair Jan Carey has sent the following links to what is happening at the Capitol. Look it over!

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Web Page

Mary Ellen Fox

Accidentally delete your email with the latest directory?

Forget where our meeting is located this month?

Then, check the website!

Here's the link: <https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/>

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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>

Historian

Lisa Hedin

The Community Health Event
February 2010



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