



President's Message

Lisa West

Dear Members,

I feel compelled to reach out to you and remind you of a couple of key aspects that make AAUW such an effective organization. As you're aware, AAUW is a very politically active organization. And, as you're aware, AAUW is a nonpartisan organization. AAUW welcomes members who hold a wide range of views and beliefs. And, that's a big part of what makes AAUW such a dynamic and affective organization.

As we begin to move deeper into this year of elections, please be reminded of those two keys aspects of AAUW – politically active – nonpartisan. As a politically active organization, AAUW works with elected officials, on both sides of the aisle, with its strong focus on women's issues, not on the political parties that take stances on certain women's issues that have nothing to do with whether you're a Republican, a Democrat or other. As an organization, AAUW – Hastings must remain open to all ideas, welcoming, and comfortable for all our members.

The Hastings Board recently discussed what is and isn't appropriate content during our business meetings. We agree that many community events, though are not clearly AAUW mission-based, are still welcome during the business meeting announcements. However, we agree that partisan event announcements are not welcome during our business meetings. Why? Because promoting politically partisan events is counter to the nonpartisan aspect, atmosphere, and content our AAUW meetings must maintain for the comfort of all members, especially during this very politically-charged time in our country.

To be clear, AAUW strongly supports women leaders and leadership training as an important part of the current national Strategic Plan. Women running for political office is something we all should promote and support. However, partisan election candidate announcements are not approved content during our business meetings, per the Hastings Board. On behalf of the Hastings Board, I'm asking all members to refrain from bringing partisan content into our meetings, unless it is part of a Board-approved, balanced, factual presentation or announcement.

If any member would like to promote an event associated with a candidate running for a partisan political office, as a Republican, Democrat, or other party representative, please feel free to do so outside our general membership meeting space, where interested members may approach you, if they wish.

I encourage all members to express understanding and respect toward each other, now and into the future. Let's work together, with a strong focus on women's issues, and empowering women and girls in our lives and in our community.

February Quote: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do SO much."
~ Hellen Keller

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10 **Book Club**
- Feb. 24 **General Meeting**
- March 9 **Book Club**
- March 12 **Gadabouts**

HASTINGS BRANCH

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

2019-2020 PROGRAMS

September 23, 6:00 pm **Salad Supper**
Groundwater Protection
Jill V Trescott

October 28, 7:00 pm
Challenges Young Women Face in Academia
Dr. Margaret Smerud-Clikman

November 25, 7:00 pm
Documentary Film: Women Outward Bound
Maxine Davis

December 9, 6:30 pm **Holiday Party**
Hidden Greens Event Center
Food, Music and Celebration

January 27, 6:00 pm **Chili Supper**
Navigating Loss and Grief
Donna Mathiowetz

February 24, 7:00 pm
History of Hastings Part 3
Heidi Langenfeld

March 23, 7:00 pm
College Possible
Amy Browender

April 27, 6:00 pm **Spring Social**
Local Comedian Janet Martin

May 18, 7:00 pm **Book Sale**
Dementia Friends
Colleen Fritsch

Program

Tina Folch & Deb Saunders

History of Hastings Part 3 1920: Women at Work

Heidi Langenfeld has been studying the history of Hastings for many years. She has investigated important trends and events such as the presence of an African American community in Hastings and the treatment of patients at the Hastings State Hospital. The results of her studies have allowed our community to look back on our past and adjust our values and actions to the present day.

The title of Heidi's third AAUW presentation is "1920: Women at Work". We will be meeting women who were active in the Temperance and Suffrage movement and how the 18th and 19th amendments, both implemented in 1920, may have affected their lives.

Our Spring Social is coming up on April 27 at the Hastings Golf Club (Country Club)

Our spring banquet will be at the Hastings Public House beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27.

This year's menu includes:

Rolls, bistro salad, Tuscan roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, creamy parmesan chicken, and cavatappa with sausage marinara, dessert tray of bars/mini cheesecakes

Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available upon request - (you need to indicate that on the sign up)

Cost is \$30 per guest - includes coffee/tea, dessert, tax and tip (same as last year.)

Schedule:

5:30pm Social Hour - cash bar

6:00pm Buffet Dinner

7:00 pm Business meeting

7:30 pm Speaker - Janet Martin

Sign-ups will be available at the February and March meetings.

Checks should be made out to Hastings Public House - you can also mail them to Cindy Toppin, 409 West 7th Street.

Mark your calendars now!

Public Policy

Pat Powers

A "Picking the President" voter forum sponsored by AAUW Hastings and the League of Women Voters Dakota County will be held on February 15th from 10:00 – 11:30 am at Hastings City Hall – Council Chambers.

More information on this event is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Hope you can make it!

Gadabouts

Vicki Amundson, Karen Holmquist, & Nancy Techam

AAUW GADABOUTS NEXT OUTING IS MARCH 12,
2020

Please join us on Wednesday, March 12th for a trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. We will leave Hastings from St. Philips at 10:00 for our tour at 11:00am. Afterward we will have lunch which is TBD at this time. There is no charge for the tour.

The website says the Federal Reserve Bank "serves the public by pursuing a growing economy and stable financial system that work for all of us." It serves the 9th District of the Federal Reserve which includes Minnesota, Montana, North and South Dakota, northwestern Wisconsin, and the UP of Michigan.

We thought it would be interesting to visit the headquarters and have a guided tour of the building and learn about the nation's central bank and financial system. We will observe automated robots moving millions of dollars while learning how currency makes its way to your local bank among other things.

Since this is a federal facility, all of us attending will need to bring our photo ID and I will need to send in names of all participants no later than one week prior to our visit.

In order to sign up please contact Vicki Amundson at amundsonvictoria@gmail.com or call her at 612-710-5498. Please sign up no later than March 4th. There will also be an opportunity to sign up at our next AAUW meeting on February 24th.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Be sure to read the insert in the January 30 edition of the Hastings Star Gazette, "Votes for Women - Passing the Sash - Women, Prohibition and Suffrage."

Friends of LeDuc & Historic Hastings

- A Night at Spiral Brewery (111 E 2nd St in downtown Hastings):

February 13th at 7:00p.m.: Spencer Johnson will speak about the history of brewing in Hastings & owners of the brewery will discuss the history of this start-up. Visitors may purchase samples of brews. Free & open to the public.

- March 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm: "Immoral" or "Incorrigible: The Historical Silencing of Adolescent Girls"

This event takes place during Women's History Month. Sheila O'Connor, an author and professor, is presenting on a novel she wrote based on historic facts and evidence. The book is about the incarceration of adolescent girls at the Minnesota Home School for Girls in Sauk Centre, MN for being immoral and incorrigible. This was something that had been happening around the globe for years. It is an interesting piece of literature based on the life of her grandmother. A link to the event and registration is included below.

. <https://dakotahistory.org/events/753-mar-13-immoral-or-incorrigible-the-historical-silencing-of-adolescent-girls-sheila-o-connor>

Hastings Arts Center

- Coffee Concerts - 10:30 a.m.

February 11, Carmelita Guse, Coloratura Soprano

February 18, Rie Tanaka, Piano

- February 19 at 7:00 p.m.: CZ Duo featuring Benjamin Cold on saxophone & Felix Zivanovic on guitar

- February 22 at 1:00 p.m.: Black Dirt Theater production of "Flaming Idiots"

- February 29 at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.: Roy Orbison Tribute Show by David K & his band

Pleasant Hill Library - Green Living in Hastings

A free sustainability workshop series will be offered with five upcoming topics:

March 5 and 7: Meal Prepping

April 2 and 4: Green Cleaning

May 2 and 7: Nature Connection

June 6 and 18: Organics Recycling

July 11 and 23: Recycling Fest

These Saturday presentations will be 1 to 2:30 pm, and then repeated on Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm. See attached Flyer Lindsay Anderson, Green Corps, is the presenter, and she can be reached at landerson @hastingsmn.gov, or 651.480.6184

HPAAC

Save the Date for the Annual Gala, April 23 at Carpenter's Nature Center.

Scholarships are available in any medium of art. Check website (www.hpaac.org) for application instructions.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

The AAUW Book Group will be discussing *This Tender Land* by Minnesotan William Kent Krueger on Monday, February 10th at 1:00 pm at Pleasant Hill Library's Sand Coolie Room. On March 9th the selected novel is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

Books at the Bierstube

The Bierstube's author on Thursday, February 20th (5:30 dinner, 6:30 discussion) will be Alicia Perkins, wife of former Twins pitcher Glen Perkins. Perkins's first fiction novel is entitled *Martyred*, a feminist thriller where cultural misogyny meets the power of female friendship. Her first book in 2016 was nonfiction called *Running Home*, which deals with mental illness.

Hastings Reads

The theme for Hastings Reads 2020 is Speaking, Listening and the Space in Between. The main selection is *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson. The Middle School selection is *Some Places More Than Others* by Renee Watson. The Preschool/Elementary selection is *Say Something* by Peter H. Reynolds.

Be sure to check for all of the other events happening for Hastings Reads in February. However, the keynote speaker, Renee Watson, author of *Some Places More Than Others* and *Piecing Me Together* will speak at the Hastings Art Center on March 30.

The Hastings Reads 2020 flyer is included in this newsletter along with a list of events that will take place during February and March. (The March 7 event has been cancelled)

The Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Used Book Sale will be held at the library on February 20 (for members only 5-7pm), Friday Feb. 21, 9 am -4:30, Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 am-4:30 pm and Sunday, Feb. 23, 1 pm-3 pm. The profits for the used book sales are mostly used for requested items by the library staff.

THE LIBRARY WILL BEGIN TAKING BOOKS FOR THE SALE ON FEBRUARY 10.

Membership

Camille Nelson & Ruth Versaw

We welcome two new members this month. Jackie Rigelman, a retired elementary teacher, degrees from U of M, is rejoining after a couple of years. And Nicole Sindelar, Metropolitan State University grad, is the owner/operator of Hastings Golf Club.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

A check was given in the amount of \$2,500 to the Hastings recipient of our local AAUW scholarship. A check was also given in the amount of \$150 to Hastings Reads. This amount comes from the proceeds of our annual book sale. A check was written to AAUW Funds in the amount of \$600 collected from our Holiday Raffle. The checking account balance on January 31, 2020 is \$2,424.73. Our CD reached maturity in the amount of \$3,577. The board agreed to renew the CD for two years at 2% annual interest rate.

Historian

Lisa Hedin

Spring Social
2017



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/>

Member protected section PASSWORD: hastings2017

Secretary

Betty Hoeschen

The AAUW Hastings Branch met Monday, January 27, 2020, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The evening began with a chili supper provided and served by board members and enjoyed by 60 chapter members.

Lisa West called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM with a review of recent AAUW National activities and of legislation of special interest to AAUW members.

Pat Powers moved the minutes of the November meeting be approved as published in the Twig. Pam Pontzer seconded and the motion passed.

Mary Charlson reported a checkbook balance of \$3156.32. Recent expenses included \$2500 to Kathleen Blissenbach, the High School scholarship winner, and \$150 to Hastings Reads. The \$600 made at the Holiday raffle will be sent to AAUW National Funds. Jane Driscoll moved and Shirley Tammen seconded the report be approved. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Camille Nelson welcomed Jackie Rigelman as a returning member and Nicole Sindelar as a guest and potential member.

Tina Folch reported the February speaker will be Heidi Langenfeld with 'The History of Hastings, Part 3.' Tina is also looking for a volunteer to co-chair the program committee next year with her.

Pat Powers announced a talk on February 15, 2020, at 9:00 AM, at City Hall. A main speaker is not scheduled yet, but the topic will be similar to talks she attended in Washington County concerning the primary and caucus process and the importance of every vote in the upcoming elections. Watch for more information.

Patty Todnem thanked everyone who furnished food and helped with serving it.

Shirley Tammen reported the Book Club will meet Monday, February 10, 2020, at 1:00 PM, at the Library, to discuss This Tender Land by Willian Kent Krueger.

Margaret Goderstad reported on upcoming events at the Historic LeDuc Mansion and the Hastings Arts Center. The HPAAC Annual Gala will be April 23 ,2020, at Carpenter Nature Center.

Ceil Straus reminded everyone to be saving items for the garage sale. Trisha Hawkins is stepping down as a co-chair, so Ceil is looking for someone to co-chair with her.

BUSINESS:

Instead of a state convention, an annual meeting is planned for April 25, 2020. Some state chapters are planning to watch the meeting as a group. Deb Saunders is working to find a location for the Hastings chapter to do this. State conventions will be held every other year.

AAUW is planning a legislative day, possible in April. Watch for more information from State.

An AAUW Regional Convention is planned for June 18-20, in East Moline, Illinois, with 13 states participating at the current time. Very interesting speakers are included on the agenda, so consider attending.

Volunteers for the nominating committee are Glenda Schnirring, Pat Powers, and Deb Saunders from the board and Shirley Tammen and Pat Hanson as at-large members. They will be seeking candidates for president, secretary, and vice president of membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Hasting High School Feminism Club hopes to provide gifts for women and children housed at the women’s shelter for Valentine’s Day. Donations can be taken to the high school.

If you have books for the Friends of the Library book sale on February 21-22, 2020, leave them in the box provided at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

AAUW Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Vision Statement

Equity for all.

Minnesota State Website

<http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>

National Website

<https://www.aauw.org/>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 31, 2020

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League of Women Voters Dakota County (LWV Dakota County) and American Association of University Women Hastings (AAUW Hastings) to Host Forum on Picking the President – The Presidential Nominating Primary and Precinct Caucuses

Saturday, February 15, 2020
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Hastings City Hall – Council Chambers

Dakota County, MN – The LWV Dakota County and the AAUW Hastings will co-host a free voter information forum on Picking the President. The Presidential Nominating Primary will be discussed by Andy Lokken, Dakota County Elections Official. Following his presentation, Mr. Lokken will take questions about the Presidential Primary. What You Need to Know about Precinct Caucuses will be covered by Paula Stein Clark, LWV Dakota County. Ms. Clark will also have a question and answer session following her presentation.

The forum will be held Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Hastings City Hall, 101 4th Street East, Hastings, MN 55033. The forum will be broadcast on community television and will be made available online through LWV Dakota County social media.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The American Association of University Women is a nonpartisan organization that seeks to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Neither organization endorses candidates for office or political parties.

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GREEN LIVING IN HASTINGS

A FREE SUSTAINABILITY
WORKSHOP SERIES OPEN TO ALL



PLEASANT HILL LIBRARY, HASTINGS, MN
SATURDAY 1-2:30PM
THURSDAY 6-7:30PM

FEBRUARY 1 & 6 IMPACTFUL CLOTHING
MARCH 5 & 7 MEAL PREPPING
APRIL 2 & 4 GREEN CLEANING
MAY 2 & 7 NATURE CONNECTION
JUNE 6 & 18 ORGANICS RECYCLING
JULY 11 & 23 RECYCLING FEST

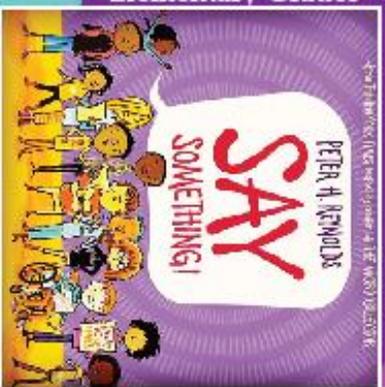
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Speaking, Listening, & the Space In Between

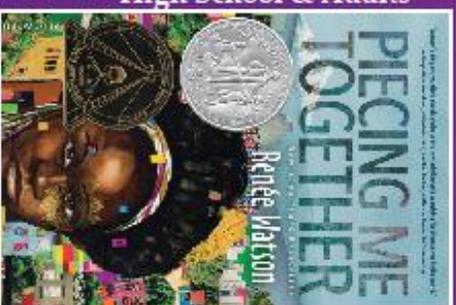
Middle Grades



Elementary Grades



High School & Adults



Hastings Reads is a community-wide reading program that seeks

to encourage reading and discussion of books and the ways in which they can help us

understand the lives and experiences of ourselves and others. It is sponsored by Dakota County Library, Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, Hastings AAUW, Hastings Community Education, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings Public Schools Foundation, Hastings YMCA, KDWA Radio,

Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Fund, SEAS School, and many volunteers.

HASTINGSREADS.COM

Collage Portraits Wednesday, February 5; 6 – 8 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Make a portrait using collage techniques. Presented by Artistry. Registration with the library required. Ages: 11–18.
LeDuc Book Club Discussion Thursday, February 6; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. LeDuc Historic Estate	Join the LeDuc History Book Group for a lively discussion of <i>Piecing Me Together</i> by Renée Watson.
ECFE Event Friday, February 7; 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tilden Community Center	As part of the popular Little Raider Winter Jam, we will have a reading of <i>Say Something!</i> by Peter H. Reynolds as well as related activities. Join in the fun!
Kick-off Event: Spoken-Word Poetry Saturday, February 8; 12–1 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Kevin Yang, spoken-word poet, will explore the history of spoken word, explain how poetry helped him find his voice, and share several of his poems. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit).
Paint Chip Projects Monday, February 10; 5:30–7:30 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Create colorful, pigment-rich collage pieces using paint chips from your home supply or hardware store. Learn how to add pops of color, interesting texture variances and unique color combinations. Presented by Artistry. Registration with the library required.
Popcorn and a Movie Wednesday, February 11; 1 p.m. Tilden Senior Center	Enjoy a drama based on the true story of the Wiley College Debate Team in the Jim Crow South. Rated PG-13.
Open-Mic Night Tuesday, February 18; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hastings Arts Center	Hastings community members and students from HHS and HMS are invited to participate in an open-mic night co-hosted by the HHS Art Club. Check our website and Facebook page for information on how to sign up to perform! (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit).
Book Discussion of <i>Piecing Me Together</i> Tuesday, February 25; 2:45–3:30 p.m. High School Library	High school students are invited to enjoy refreshments while discussing Watson's novel in preparation for her visit to HHS. (Students, check with your teachers to see if they are offering extra credit).
Family Event: "The World Needs Your Voice!" Friday, February 28; 6–7:30 p.m. Hastings YMCA	This event is for families with children in elementary school. Bring your young ones to the YMCA for pizza, books, and fun! Pizza will be served from 6–6:30, and then we'll complete service-learning projects related to <i>Say Something!</i> by Peter H. Reynolds. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA, and no registration is required.
Bridging the Political Divide: Listening and Understanding Saturday, March 7; 9:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Focus on listening and reflecting during this structured conversation between a balanced group of Republican and Democratic leaning community members. The conversation is designed to increase understanding of the experiences and beliefs of those on the other side of the political divide. Presented by the Better Angels Alliance of Eagan. Registration with the library required.
Bridging the Political Divide: Conversation Skills Tuesday, March 10; 5–7:30 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Learn skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of maintaining relationships with those on the other side of the political divide. Practice conversation skills in pairs with someone of your same political persuasion. Presented by the Better Angels Alliance of Eagan. Registration with the library required.
Author Visit: Renée Watson Monday, March 30 In-school at HHS and HMS, and 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Hastings Arts Center	Renée Watson, New York Times bestselling author of the <i>Piecing Me Together</i> and <i>Some Places More Than Others</i> is coming to Hastings! Her books center on the lived experiences of black girls and women and explores themes of home, identity, and the intersections of race, class, and gender. During the day, she will visit with students at HHS and each lunch with the writing club at HMS. In the evening, she will join community members downtown to discuss her books and her work as an author, educator, and activist. Watson will sign books, and copies of her books will be available for purchase. (Students, ask your teachers about extra credit).
Book Discussions of <i>Some Places More Than Others</i> for HMS Students and SEAS Students	HMS students are invited to a book discussion hosted by the writing club. Your teachers will give you information on how to attend. SEAS students in grades 6–8 are invited to a book discussion during lunch. Your teachers will give you information on how to attend.

Book-club kits for *Piecing me Together* are available at the library. Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and the Tilden Community Center.



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