

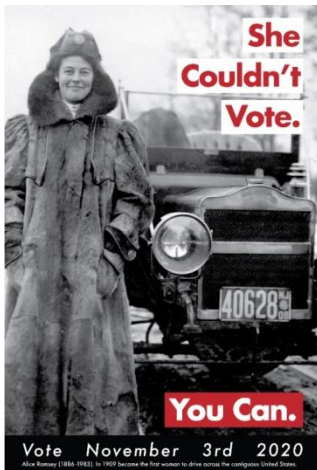


**President's Message**

*Lisa West*

Dear Members,

March is Women's History Month! Let's celebrate the wonderful and diverse women who fought for the rights we have today, and who accomplished so many things that no one thought women could do. Yes, we still have a way to go; but let's reflect on and honor the courageous, intelligent, talented women of our past.



This is Alice Ramsey (1886-1983). In 1909, she became the first woman to drive across the contiguous United States.

This is Jeannette Rankin (1880-1973). She was the first woman elected to Congress, in 1916, four years before the 19th Amendment gave women the vote.



February Quote: "The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guarantee of your liberty."

~ Carrie Chapman Catt (founder of the League of Women Voters)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 9 ..... **Book Club**
- March 12 ..... **Gadabouts**
- March 23 ..... **General Meeting**
- April 13 ..... **Book Club**

**HASTINGS BRANCH**

**Meets on Mondays**  
St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
1401 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

### College Possible

Amy Browender, from College Possible, will be talking about this national 501c3 organization founded in Minnesota. College Possible is a college access nonprofit that empowers students from low-income backgrounds to fulfill their college aspirations – from admission through graduation.

Nationwide, only one low-income student earns a college degree for every five of their affluent peers. Statistics tell us that those who do not earn a degree are likely to stay in poverty their whole lives, and to raise another generation in poverty. This has consequences not only for the individual, but also for the economic future of our country, which is already experiencing an unmet need for an educated workforce.

College Possible thinks that students' goals, ability and effort should determine college success instead of their financial background or the systemic barriers present in higher education. In this interactive session, Amy Browender will discuss College Possible's programming and results since its founding in 2000. She'll share student stories that demonstrate the impact of a college degree on the lives of the individuals we serve, and the ripple effects their success has on them, their families and our shared communities.

Amy collaborates with College Possible's fundraising team to conceptualize, plan and execute events that raise dollars and awareness to support the organization's work. Outside of the office, Amy enjoys hosting dinner parties, visiting museums and galleries, and spends weekends tackling projects in her 98 year old home on the east side of Saint Paul.

### **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-up will be available at the March meeting.

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!**

## Book Club

*Shirley Tammen*

*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett will be discussed in the Sand Coolie Room, Pleasant Hill Library, on Monday, March 9 at 1:00 pm. Patchett sets this best-selling novel over five decades when a family goes from poverty to wealth and back again.

Hastings native J.Ryan Stradal's second novel, *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>'s choice. Set in Minnesota in the 1950's, two sisters marry and struggle to make ends meet while raising their families. Ramona McCough will host this meeting at her home.

### **Books at the Bierstube**

Dave Housewright, past president of Private Eyes of America and an Edgar Award winner will be speaking at the Bierstube on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

### **Hastings Reads**

Hastings Reads author Renee Watson will speak at the Hastings Art Center on Monday, March 30 (6:30-8:00 pm).

Two of Watson's award winning novels, *Piecing Me Together* and *Some Places More Than Others* are featured selections for Hastings Reads 2020.

## Gadabouts

*Vicki Amundson, Karen Holmquist, & Nancy Techam*

The final Gadabouts event for this year will be a trip to the Old Log Theatre to see The Dixie Swim Club on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. This touching comedy centers around five Southern women who became friends on their college swim team. The group sets aside a long weekend every August to recharge their relationships. The play begins 22 years after they graduate from college.

We will meet at the St. Phillip's Church parking lot at 10:30. We will have an 11:30 lunch at Maynards in Excelsior before attending the play at 1:30. The play costs \$26.88 (includes tax). Lunch cost will be on your own. Checks can be made out to Nancy Techam and mailed to: 14641 Embassy Avenue, Apple Valley, 55124.

We will also be at the March meeting for signups.

## Treasurer's Report

*Mary Charlson*

Checkbook balance at the end of February was \$1,479.24. The membership dues for 2020-21 from new member Jacquelyn Rigelman was deposited. A shared cost in the amount of \$35.49 was paid for the Hastings Forum held on 2/15 with the League of Women Voters of Dakota County. A check for \$1,000 was sent to the NCCWSL recipient Sophia Sanchez.

## 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

## Community

*Margaret Goderstad*

### Friends of LeDuc & Historic Hastings

- March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 who at 15 years old was pregnant and sentenced for 6 years in 1936. The author will speak about how her own research brings this history to light, and the ways in which this lost past remains present & relevant for girls & women today. Please call 651-438-8480 for reservations.

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.

**March 10**, Soprano Karen Beacom & Sarah Lockwood, Piano

**March 24**, Hannah Flowers, Harp

- March 27 at 7:00 p.m. - The OK Factor - Cello & Violin  
Make reservations now.

### Pleasant Hill Library - Green Living in Hastings

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

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.

Lindsay Anderson, Green Corps, is the presenter, and she can be reached at [landerson@hastingsmn.gov](mailto:landerson@hastingsmn.gov), or 651.480.6184

### HPAAC

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

## SCRUBS Camp--2020

*Lois Twedt*

I have been in contact with Brady from Healthforce, which is the arm of the Minnesota State College System that supports the SCRUBS Camp Program. They plan to make a SCRUBS Camp happen at DCTC this summer--July 28 and 29, and they would welcome involvement from the Hastings AAUW branch. The topic for this year's camp is Pediatrics. If anyone feels their background would make them a possible presenter at this camp or knows of someone that would have the experience to be a presenter, please let me know. The presenter would host 4-50 minute sessions throughout the day from 10:00 - 3:00.

We would like to get the word out to Hastings, West St. Paul, S St. Paul and Rosemount/AV/Eagan School Districts. If anyone has connections to the counseling offices at these middle schools and would be interested in contacting them, please let me know.

Like last year, they will be looking for adults to accompany the groups to each session. These adults are not required to do any instructing but make sure students know where to go for each session. There will be an opportunity to volunteer for this role at our upcoming AAUW meetings.

Also, if anyone is interested in being the contact person between our AAUW chapter and Brady at Healthforce, please let me know.

## Historian

*Lisa Hedin*



**Minnesota  
Suffrage**

## Secretary

*Betty Hoeschen*

### February Meeting Minutes

The Hastings Branch of AAUW met on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM at St Philip's Church.

Lisa West gave welcoming remarks.

Secretary's report as posted in the Twig was approved and motion was made by Kathy O'Keefe and seconded by Vickie Amundson to accept the minutes.

Mary Charlson sent treasurers report. There was no significant activity in the last month. Shirley Tammen moved to accept the report it was seconded by Pat Hanson.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Ruth Versaw and Camille Nelson welcomed guest, Angela Haus. They announced that AAUW is participating in "Passport to Wellbeing" at the Allina Clinic on Thursday April 9th. It is a visibility opportunity. They will have our 2019-2020 Bookmark to offer to participants.

**Program:** Cindy Toppin announced the preparation for the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Hastings Public House on April 27th. Tickets are \$30 which includes tax and tip. Signup sheet was passed around the room. The speaker will be local business woman, author and comedian, Janet Marten.

**Public Policy:** Pat Powers reported on our successful educational session about Primaries and Caucuses that was held at the City Hall on February 15th. AAUW MN is participating in Legislative Action Day in mid-April. The two issues that were resolutions at the State Convention last year were the need for action on the ERA and DACA. AAUW wants the ERA to be part of the Minnesota Constitution as well as the US Constitution. The State Meeting will again be accepting resolutions which come from the branches. If you have an issue that we could use as a resolution please bring it forward to Lisa West. The caucuses are tomorrow, February 25th. This serves as an organizing event for the political parties. It builds community and gives an opportunity to advance issues to the party platform and choose delegates to the regional convention.

**Gadabouts:** Vickie Amundson announced a tour of the Federal Reserve in Minneapolis on Wednesday March 12. Leaving St Philip's at 10:00 for the 11:00 tour with lunch to follow. Photo identification will be necessary to get in.

Book Club: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett will be discussed on March 9th at 1:00 PM at the Library. The April book is Lager Queen of Minnesota by home town author, J. Ryan Stradal. The Hastings Reads Flyer was attached to the February Twig. Events include Renee Watson on March 30 from 6 to 7:30 at the Hastings Arts Center; all books are on the flyer.

AAUW Funds: Glenda Schnirring announced that it is time to choose this year's high school scholarship winner. Readers of the resumes for the winner are Jan Hertel and Carol Tobin and Pat Powers.

Historian: Lisa Hedin announced that she had a few of the history scrapbooks on a table in the back of the room for everyone to look at this evening.

Garage Sale: Ceil Straus encouraged everyone to be saving items for the garage sale on September 19th. She also announced that she needs a partner to work with on the Garage Sale. If you would like to work on the Garage Sale with Ceil, please let her know.

Nominating Committee: Glenda Schnirring chaired the committee. Members on the committee included Deb Saunders, Shirley Tammen, Pat Hanson and Pat Powers. Members nominated are:  
 Lisa Hedin for president and  
 Arlene Wellmeyer for secretary and  
 Jackie Reigelmen and Kathy Palmer for membership and  
 Diane Saed for program.

NCCWSL report: Ann Skoglund announced the winner of the NCCWSL scholarship, Sofia Sanchez from Hastings. She had a stellar resume and we are proud to support her.

Regional Convention: June 18-20 in East Moline IL. Let Lisa West know if you are interested in going.  
 Annual meeting: April 25th will have video/web presence and online voting so that many can participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Program was Hastings Women of the 1920's by Heidi Langenfeld introduced by Deb Saunders.

Submitted by Pat Powers for Betty Hoeschen

**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/>

**AAUW Hastings Board**

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