



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

I am writing this on election-day, and by the time you read it we should know who our representatives are. What a wild ride this election season was, but maybe that gets said every time. With the elections behind us, what is next? Here are a few ideas:

1. Take a deep breath and turn your attention close to home: work on a few new recipes, button up the last of your yard work, fertilize indoor plants, or walk the dog an extra time.
2. Go to work and do work. No mini-breaks to check Twitter!
3. Binge watch Netflix, Hulu, Peacock, HGTV, ESPN or your streaming service of choice.
4. Personally take up the mission of AAUW (Advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy)
5. Some combination of all of the above.

Numbers 4 and 5 is where AAUW National can come in. If you haven't taken time to participate in any of the webinars that AAUW National have been sending you emails about, have no fear. Many were recorded and are available on their website. Here are just a few examples:

- Managing Burnout Through Self-Compassion with Sabrina L. Basquez;
- Justice Ginsberg's Legacy and the Future of the Court with Kate Nielson, Letty Bustillon and Robin Lucas; and
- Policy vs. Practice: the Continued Fight for Equity Presented by Kim Churches, CEO, AAUW.

Links to these webinars and many more can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/2020-convening/>

Pick something you have always been curious about or would like to learn about more deeply. Maybe invite a friend to also watch and discuss it afterwards. Maybe plan it a bit ahead of time, invite all of the Branch to watch and discuss (call it a Gad-Abouts!). These webinars are valuable resources that can be used for self-care, community building, and mission advancement. Please take advantage of them.

Stay well, take care of each other, and count your blessings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 9 **Book Club**
- Nov. 23..... **Virtual General Meeting**
- Dec. 7**Holiday Party**
- Dec. 14**Book Club**

HASTINGS BRANCH

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

2020-2021 PROGRAMS

September 28, 6:30 pm Virtual Salad Supper
We've Come A Long Way, Ladies!
Audrey Johnson

October 26, 6:30 pm
Leading into the Future: Current Realities
and Mental Models
Derrick Jaeger & UyenThi Tran Myhre

November 23, 7:00 pm
Perspectives on 2020 and Women in Policy-
Making Roles
Karla Bigham

December 7, 7:00 pm **Holiday Party**
Food, Music and Celebration

January 25, 7:00 pm **Virtual Chili Supper**
Margaret Anderson Kelliher

February 22, 7:00 pm
Building Remembrance For Reconciliation
(BR4R) James Curry, Heidi Langenfeld, &
Greg McMoore

March 22, 7:00 pm
Dementia and Friends
Colleen Fritsch

April 26 **Spring Fling Social**
50 Year Branch Anniversary Celebration

May 24, 7:00 pm **Book Sale**
College Possible
Amy Browender

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Tina Folch, and Diane Saed

Perspectives on 2020 and Women in Policy-Making Roles

State Sen. Karla Bigham is an established public servant who has represented our area in the Minnesota Senate the past two years. She has also served in the Minnesota House of Representatives, Cottage Grove City Council and the Washington County Board of Commissioners. Her legislative priorities include public safety, economic equity, education and the environment. She lives with her husband John Stechmann and two “girls”—Rizzo and Schatzie in Cottage Grove.



Karla will share with us her take on the 2020 election landscape, what it means for the coming state legislative session and the country. She will also touch on perspectives as a woman in a policy making role in a profession long dominated by men.

If you have questions for Karla, please forward them to me (dannaelling@hotmail.com), Tina Folch (tinafolch@comcast.net) or Mary Ellen Fox (emeefox@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from Karla!

Here is the Zoom link for the meeting and program:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83609135493?pwd=cEJTV1E1SElqWU1sR1dIamhXdHd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 0913 5493

Passcode: 856412

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

You will receive this ZOOM Meeting invitation again, via email, before the November meeting and program.

Holiday Social:

Peggy Horsch

As we enjoy the sweet days of autumn it is hard to think that the Holiday Social is around the corner. It is (December 7th @7:00)! Look for a mailing to your home at the end of November/early December that will have your bingo card and other surprises. So, cozy up and join the zoom celebration to play a game of bingo (with prizes!) and listen to music and performances of the season.

Garage Sale

Ceil Strauss and Carol Tobin

New Home Needed for Garage Sale Racks

Does anyone have a bit of space in their garage or a shed? A new spot - measuring 8 feet long and 2-1/2 feet deep - is needed for the clothes racks used for our (normally annual) garage sale fundraiser. Please let Ceil Strauss (strauss.soccer@gmail.com or 651-398-3734) know if you can help us out and provide space. Our thanks to Tricia Hawkins who has been storing the racks most recently, Kathy O'Keefe who stored them for many years before that, and others who have helped out in the past.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

On Monday, November 9, at 1:30 the AAUW Book Group will be discussing *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. This will be our first zoom meeting and Linda Bindman will be our zoom leader. I know Linda sent members a link to join the discussion. If anyone who does not attend our meetings and wishes to join the discussion, contact Linda.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce was chosen for our Monday, December 14, 1:30 zoom meeting. Fry, a recent retiree, lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen. Tensions have grown at

home, and when Fry receives a letter from an old friend who is in Hospice 600 miles away, he decides to walk those miles to deliver his letter in person. Along the journey, Fry meets many characters who help him unlock his long dormant spirit and sense of promise.

We had hoped to discuss the Minnesota and Hastings Reads main selection 2021, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* on January 8, but the book bags will not be available until late January. There are a number of copies in Dakota County libraries, so the librarians suggested members put their name on the list for *A Good Time for the Truth* and read it early. We plan to discuss it on Monday, February 8. The Hastings Reads speakers will be zooming on Tuesday, February 16, which gives us plenty of time to read the book.

As for our January 8 selection, we will decide on a book on Monday, November 9.

The zoom link for the November 9th meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615109295?pwd=ak1oSWFqbHBiY1QxSzRTM1BnRjY3dz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1510 9295

Passcode: 162701

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Membership

Kathy Palmer and Jackie Rigelman

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Have you had a change in address, email, phone number or added an additional degree? We ask you to contact either Jackie or Kathy with any changes you may have so we can update our 2020-21 Directory.

Please email us:

Jackie: jacann@comcast.net or

Kathy: majeski@embarqmail.com.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

The LeDuc Historic Estate:

Holiday Tours: November 21, 22, 28, and 29

December 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 20

Times – 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4:30pm

Cost - \$10 (adults), \$8 DCHS members and students

Reservations, social distancing and masks are

REQUIRED

Virtual Events: Go to www.dakotahistory.org to

register. These will be through ZOOM and are FREE (contributions appreciated)

November 14 from 6pm to 7pm – “Immoral or Incurable: The Historical Silencing of

- “Adolescent Girls” by Sheila O’Connor. This is a true story of the early part of the 20th Century at Sauk Center, MN Home for Girls and is based on what actually happened to O’Connor’s own grandmother.
- November 19 at 7pm – “The Sioux Chiefs Indigenous Kitchen” by Sean Sherman and Beth Dooley. Dooley has been a past presenter at LeDuc where she has spoken about her cookbooks.
- December 3 from 3pm to 6:30pm – “Fast & Rough: Minnesota’s Hockey Scene in 1920” by Jason Hron, expert sportswriter.

Hastings Arts Center:

Check website for Coffee Concerts & other events that will take place virtually.

Orange Dragon Art Gallery, Prescott:

Open Wednesday - Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The total of cash donations for our local AAUW scholarship is \$3,140.00. Thank you to members for your donations. Expenses for October include the program guest speakers and the purchase of a one year audio/video communication (Zoom) subscription for our meetings and programs. Our checking account balance on October 31, 2020 is 7,498.37.

Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

October 26, 2020

AAUW Meeting - Hastings Branch (Zoom)

1. President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm, thanking everyone (approximately 30 members on screen) for their continued efforts to stay connected via Zoom. The Board made the decision to purchase a one-year Zoom membership for our AAUW branch, which is now being used for all Board and business meetings. It can also be used for Book Club, Gad-Abouts, or any other groups of our branch.
2. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October TWIG. (Motion: Margaret Goderstad; Second: Pat Powers)
3. The Treasurer's Report (September 30, 2020) was approved as emailed. (Motion: Betty Hoeschen; Second: Danna Schultz) Mary Charlson announced that a total of \$3,000 has been raised to date for the Un-garage sale, which exceeds the currently budgeted amount (\$2,500) for our branch's annual local scholarship.

4. Committee Reports

Membership: Kathy Palmer said the current member total remains at 86.

Program: Meetings are planned via Zoom through at least March of 2021, with hopes of having an in-person Spring Social (April 26) at the Hastings Public House. The Holiday Party (December 7) is being planned by Peggy Horsch this year (Zoom), and some musical numbers, either live or videos by members would be welcomed. Technical help available.

A program celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hastings AAUW branch is planned. Glenda Schnirring and her team will begin meeting soon on specific plans. Glenda will email Amy Browender's contact info to Danna Schultz of the program committee because Amy recently mentioned not yet having been notified of the new date now planned (May) for her postponed presentation.

Garage Sale: Ceil Strauss noted that Tricia Hawkins, who is currently storing the branch's clothes racks, is unable to do so any longer. If someone has space to store them, please contact Ceil. Lisa Hedin offered to arrange moving assistance as needed when we have found a new place to store them.

Fundraising alternatives: A report is anticipated from Jackie Rigelman's team on this by the end of April.

Public Policy: Pat Powers mentioned that AAUW National has replaced the Two-Minute Activist emails with a link on its website called "Take Action". A click on an action issue will link to contacts for a member's U.S. Senators and Representative etc. and take only a couple of minutes to complete.

Gad-Abouts: Lisa Hedin is encouraging a local, in-person Gad-Abouts activity for members interested in attending the Hastings Art Center's October 27 Coffee Concert. A possible virtual activity would be to watch a presentation together on Zoom and discuss afterwards. Other suggestions to promote connection and camaraderie are welcome!

Book Group: Meetings will be via Zoom until further notice. Linda Bindman has offered to Zoom-host the meeting and will also post the links in the TWIG as well, in case any additional members are interested in any offerings.

AAUW Funds: Glenda Schnirring asked for the group’s consensus on where to direct our annual budgeted \$1,000 donation to national AAUW funds, noting that the General Fund’s unrestricted nature will allow AAUW National to direct funds to areas of the greatest need. A donation of \$1,000 to the General Fund was approved. Motion: Mary Ellen Fox; Second: Gail Glashan.

Historian: Lisa Hedin requested that Gail send her the screenshot of members at the night’s meeting.

NCCWSL: Gail Glashan said the NCCWSL conference is scheduled for May 26-29, 2020. Currently, planning is proceeding for an in-person meeting but may need to change to virtual. If it needs to be virtual, depending on the registration cost, our branch may need to make a last-minute decision on how many can be sponsored with the available funds. (\$1,000 is currently available from last year’s refund.)

Community: Margaret Goderstad noted that the Hastings Art Center has social-distancing Coffee Concerts on Tuesdays, and in-person lessons are again available. The LeDuc’s Harvest Haunting tours have all been filled; only wait- listing is now available.

5. Danna Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Patty Todnem seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

The evening’s presentation followed at 7:30 pm,
Leading into the Future: Current Realities and Mental Models, led by Derrick Jaeger, Director, Hastings YMCA, and UyenThi Tran Myhre, Director of Equity and Development, YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities.

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

[AAUW Mission Statement](#)

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

[AAUW Vision Statement](#)

Equity for all.

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

[National Website](#)

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

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