



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Welcome to 2022!! This is a perfect time to revisit the work of AAUW national and AAUW Hastings and consider our accomplishments and continuing opportunities.

In November 2021 AAUW national held a virtual celebration of our organization's 140th Anniversary! Be sure to check out the AAUW website to learn about the mission related work our organization continues to undertake. In particular, check out the short video Celebrating 140 Years of AAUW and 2021 By the Numbers found right on the aauw.org main webpage. In these challenging times it is so energizing to know that good work continues in the pursuit of equity for women and girls.

Closer to home AAUW Hastings Branch is working in alignment with our Strategic Plan categories of Education, Economic Security, and Leadership. Let's take a look at our accomplishments to date and identify some future actions for our Branch to pursue.

Accomplishments

- 5 of 7 program speakers directly related to strategic categories
- Fundraising for HS scholarship and Hastings Reads completed
- Branch visibility and membership grown through Rivertown Days participation, Wine Soiree and alignment with national Shape the Future initiative
- Publicized opportunities for members to participate in Hastings City Commissions, and to provide input to local diversity initiatives.
- Built branch electronic infrastructure and skills to allow for hybrid meetings.

Future/Remaining Actions

- Develop opportunities to partner with Hastings HS student clubs: Feminism, Gender Sexuality Alliance, and BLOOM
- Site visit Dakota County Technical College in 2022/23. Meet with local construction apprenticeship program directors.
- Submit letter to the editor related to an AAUW mission topic (ie. pay equity).
- Develop an active student membership in AAUW Hastings
- Grow partnerships with local media outlets and organizations that align with AAUW's mission.

Happy New Year! Continue to do good work, care for each other, and stay well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 10 Book Club
- Jan. 24 General Meeting & Program
- Feb. 3Hastings Reads Event
- Feb. 14 Book Club

HASTINGS BRANCH

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

2021-2022 PROGRAMS

September 27, 5:30 pm Hastings Golf Club
50th Anniversary Celebration

October 25, 7:00 pm
Making it in the World of Finance & Helping Others Along the Way
Patricia Jones – Financial Advisor

November 22, 7:00 pm
Paid Family & Medical Leave Legislation & Pay Equity Initiatives
State Senators Susan Kent & Lindsey Port

December 4, 10:30 am Hastings Golf Club
Holiday Celebration and Fund Raiser

January 24, 7:00 pm
Black Dirt Improv Presentation

February 28, 7:00 pm
Equity: Helpful or Harmful?
Dr. Alfrieda Baldwin

March 28, 7:00 pm
Title IX Discussion: How is it working after 50 years? What are the challenges? Where do we go from here?

April 25, 6:00 pm Spring Social
Making your Career in a non-traditional Profession
Claire Ferrar, President of Standard Heating & Air Conditioning

May 23, 7:00 pm Book Sale
Hidden Inspiration & My Unpublished Journey
Diane Saed

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, Diane Saed

Black Dirt Improv Presentation

Black Dirt Theater is a group of passionate people, who have a vision of the future where using creativity to serve others and create connections in the Hastings area become one in the same.

Black Dirt Theater brings people together across audiences, casts, and throughout the community to empower people with everyday creativity.

St. Philip's Church's COVID policy states that we are not able to serve coffee or treats at our meetings. However, please feel free to bring your own coffee or water, if you wish, to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

Our financial situation continues to look strong. Our budget balance in November was \$3,674.64; at the end of December the balance is \$4,826.56.

I am looking in to the system that allows members to go to the National Website to pay their annual dues using a debit or credit card. It does give you more control on when you make you payment. You won't need to worry about the check getting lost in the mail. You won't need to write or pay for a check.

Please don't worry, the option to pay me with a check will still be available. If you have any suggestions about this change, please feel free to share them with me. I will make sure that there will be very good instructions to go with this change when the time comes. Remember this is just a proposal.

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

We want to welcome three new members, Hannah Spaulding, Natalie Letourneau, and Cheryl Halden.

An updated copy of the membership directory was sent via email the first week of January. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Linda Bindman at lbindman@gmail.com

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

Lots of great books for 2022!

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley will be discussed on Monday, January 10th at 1:30 at Pleasant Hill Library. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is the Hastings Reads 2022 main selection.

The author, Angeline Boulley, is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Her novel focuses on life in a small U.P. community which is experiencing drug issues among teen-agers. She will be speaking at Hastings Arts Center on Tuesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00pm.

Trevor Noah's, *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* was selected as the Monday, February 14th choice for discussion at Pleasant Hill Library. This raw and humorous memoir is set during Noah's coming-of-age with a Swiss father and black mother during the twilight of apartheid.

Don't forget the first event for Hastings Reads will be held at Hastings Arts Center on Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm when Dr. Brenda Child, a professor at the University of Minnesota, will discuss Native American Boarding Schools.

The 2022 Hastings Reads flyer and list of Hastings Reads Events is at the end of the TWIG.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Hastings Arts Center:

- Be watching on the website for Coffee Concerts
- Sunday Matinee - February 13th at 2 p.m. Oboe and Harp Duo. Make Reservations now

The Dakota County Virtual Book Club meets each month. The next meeting will be January 20th at 7:00pm. *The Secret History of Home Economics* by Danielle Dreilinger will be discussed. This book tells the story of trailblazing women and the impact they had on the work force. Please register at dakotahistory.org for this free event.

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

AAUW Shows Up! When I attended the rally at the Rotary Pavilion in support of our member and friend Kelsey (and her beautiful family) I couldn't help but notice all the members who participated and who Showed Up. President Lisa Hedin emceed the event with her usual wit, intelligence and grace. Kathy O'Keefe made me cry when she spoke, and so many of you donned the blankets and Showed Up.

Last Wednesday during the zoom presentation by Ellie Krug I couldn't help but notice all the members who Showed Up. I saw you knitting away, sitting with a friend, and even cuddling on a couch. You know who you are!

It is said that the world is changed by those who show up. Well, if that is the case, pat yourself on the back as having Showed Up. Changing the world, or even our little town, is hard and often thankless work and believe me the downs sometimes feel so much more significant than the ups. Showing Up may seem to be the least we can do, but it may be a lot more. I came to that conclusion when my husband recently posed to me, "aren't you just singing to the choir with these events?" (He said that with no judgment and as a member of the choir.) Sure, that's probably true for the most part, but what's wrong with that? Our collective voices are much more impactful (and louder) and it always sounds so much better when the choir is singing at full strength. During Ellie's presentation one participant shared that she was really down about everything but felt so much more hopeful after listening to others on the zoom call. Showing Up got her through a tough time.

Thanks for Showing Up AAUW and keep Showing Up. You never know who is listening with an open mind and open heart. You might just change the world.

Please let me know if you have any events or information to share on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (more on the "belonging" part in the next newsletter- teaser for you) in our community or the greater community. Until next time.

Gadabouts

Cindy Toppin

Gadabouts is back in April!

Join us on **Friday, April 8 at 1:30** to hear Wisconsin singer Colleen Raye.

She is fabulous. For this performance, she sings Movie themes with the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra. The venue is the **Sheldon Theater in Red Wing.**

We will have **lunch first** at the St. James Hotel at the Scarlet Kitchen (It used to be The Veranda).

I have 17 tickets with 6 spoken for already. Make out your check for \$22 made out to Cindy Toppin, as I have put them all on my charge card.

More details about pick up times in the next newsletter.

Let's gather together again for a fun time!

Help Wanted – AAUW Hastings Web Manager

Are you ready to be more active in AAUW-Hastings? Enjoy sharing our Branch story with the community? Have we got an opportunity for you! AAUW-Hastings is looking for a Website Manager. You are welcome to work on your schedule and in partnership with our TWIG Editor, VP's of Membership and supported by AAUW-MN. The Web Manager keeps upcoming events current, posts TWIGS and responds to questions asked on the website. The Web Manager is welcome to attend Board meetings, but that is not required. Contact Mary Ellen Fox at emeefox@gmail.com to find out more about the day-to-day work of the Web Manager or to express your interest in stepping up.

Web Page

Mary Ellen Fox

Accidentally delete your email with 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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Historian

Lisa Hedin

Book Fair, Summer 2021 (reminder of warmer days)



Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

AAUW Business Meeting

November 22, 2021

St Philip's Lutheran Church
(In-Person and Zoom stream)

1. President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The President's Greeting: In recognition of AAUW's 140th anniversary there is a matching grant \$75,000 for all donations to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund prior to 31 December. The State Convention is scheduled for 29-30 April 2022 in St Cloud. There will be swag (AAUW logo'd shirts and sweatshirts) available.

The minutes of the October 25 business meeting were approved. Motion: Trudy Cragg; Second: Betty Hoeschen.

2. Carol Tobin, Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$3,674.64. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion: Danna Elling-Schultz; Second: Barbara Jorenby.

3. Committee Reports

(a) Membership:

Kathy Palmer said the next "Shape the Future" event will be the Holiday Brunch at the Hastings Public House. Any new member that joins on that day will pay reduced dues of \$62. Currently, we have 87 members.

(b) Programs:

Jackie Rigelman reminded members of the upcoming Holiday Brunch on December 4, at the Hastings Public House. Ceil Strauss reported on plans for a service project component along with the event: Adopt a Family for Christmas through Hastings Family Services. The purchased gifts and cash donations will be managed through the SignupGenius app, and an email to members with instructions will follow.

Danna Elling-Schultz said the January program will be a Black Dirt Theater Improv evening.

(c) Public Policy:

Pat Powers encouraged members to review the recent *PINE* for information on the 140th anniversary of AAUW. She also called attention to the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court's review of cases involving *Roe vs Wade*, which will be important decisions on women's reproductive and civil rights. She noted also that the Build Back Better bill includes much that will affect women in our country, if it is passed in the U.S. Senate.

(d) Book Club:

Shirley Tammen said members will share authors and titles they've been reading recently at the December meeting. The January book selection will be *Firekeeper's Daughter*. February 1 is the first week of Hastings Reads.

(e) AAUW Funds:

Glenda Schnirring. Last year's award has been paid out; no further report.

(f) Gad-Abouts:

Cindy Toppin has 15 tickets (\$22) for Symphony at the Cinema - Colleen Raye with the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, on Friday, April 8, at 1:30, at the Red Wing Sheldon Theater. Lunch before at the St. James is a possibility too. Contact Cindy if interested in going.

(g) NCCWSL:

Gail Glashan gave a brief review of our branch's activities in recent years in sponsoring attendees to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), held annually at the University of Maryland. Since 2015, we have sponsored 13 women. In 2020, NCCWSL was cancelled, due to the pandemic, and in 2021, it was totally virtual. No decision has yet been made for 2022, on whether it will be virtual again, or in-person. Gail asked members to begin thinking of possible candidates and to remember to promote the scholarship opportunity whenever possible.

(h) Community:

Margaret Goderstad reminded of upcoming events at the Hastings Art Center and at the LeDuc.

(i) Diversity:

Peggy Horsch reported on her participation in a three-session workshop with Hastings THRIVE, a group of city, non-profit and business leaders who have been meeting to consider issues of diversity, equity, inclusion. The third session will be held in December, and the recent ISD 200 school board election will be discussed, what the results mean, and where do we go from here. Peggy said she would welcome any thoughts and suggestions members may have on these issues.

4. Other Old or New Business

Coordinator(s) for the Spring Social Event on April 25th still need to be found. The event will include a program, as well as a brief business meeting component, in which members will vote on the nominations of several new officers for next year and the next year's budget. The program speaker has already been engaged by the Program Committee.

The event coordinator(s) will need to select the venue and plan the logistics, publicize to members, and collect payments. One or two volunteers from membership are needed. Please contact Lisa if willing to serve in this role.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Motion: Danna Elling-Schultz; Second: Pat Powers.

The evening's presentation followed at 7:30 pm, *"Paid Family and Medical Leave Legislation and Pay Equity Initiatives"*, by State Senators Susan Kent and Lindsey Port.

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

[AAUW Vision Statement](#)

Equity for all.

[Minnesota State Website](#)

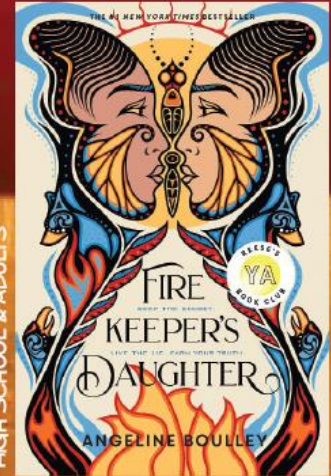
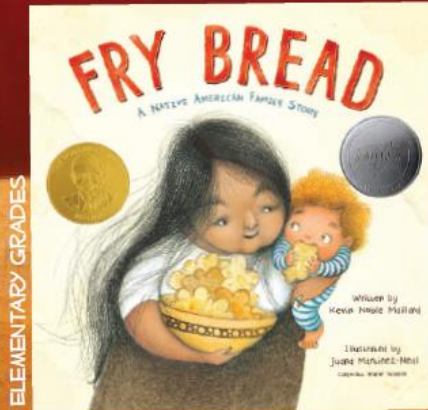
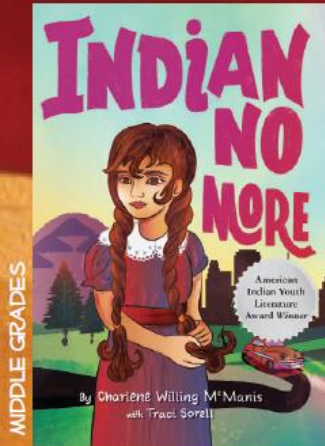
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HASTINGS READS 2022

NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES: CELEBRATION AND RESILIENCE



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, THRIVE in Hastings, South Robert Street Business Association, and many volunteers.

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Native American Boarding Schools Thursday, February 3; 7 p.m. Hastings Arts Center	We will learn about Native American Boarding schools from Dr. Brenda Child. Dr. Child is a professor at the University of Minnesota and is an award-winning author of several books, including <i>Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940</i> .
Native Enough: A Photo Book With Photographer Nina O'Leary Saturday, February 5; 1-2 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	<i>Native Enough</i> dispels stereotypical images of Native Americans. With interview excerpts included alongside the present-day portraits of Native college students, this book discusses identity anxiety, tribal issues, moments of pride, and education. The combination of black-and-white portraits and interview excerpts provides a poignant look at the faces of Native students, proving that stereotypes fall short in the faces of Native diversity. Registration required; register via the Dakota County Library calendar.
Ojibwe Storytime Monday, February 7; 6-6:45 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Become familiar with the traditional Ojibwe stories as told by Ojibwe storyteller, Mi-zi-way DesJarlait. Geared for children 5 and older. Registration required; register via the Dakota County Library calendar.
Popcorn and a Movie Wednesday, February 9; 1 p.m. Tilden Senior Center	Seniors, join us for a documentary that covers a century of cinema as filmmaker Neil Diamond explores how society's understanding and misunderstanding of Native Americans has been influenced by film. "With clips from hundreds of classic and recent films, it is a remarkable feat of historical research." Rated NR
LeDuc Book Club Discussion Thurs, February 10; 6:30-7:30 p.m. LeDuc Historic Estate	Join the LeDuc History Book Group for a lively discussion of <i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> by Angeline Boulley.
Author Visit: Angeline Boulley Tuesday, February 15 In-school at HHS and 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Hastings Arts Center	Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. She will talk to HHS students about her debut novel, <i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> , during the school day. In the evening, she will join community members downtown to discuss her book and her work as an author. Boulley will sign books, and copies of her book will be available for purchase.
Film and Discussion Thursday, February 17; 6-7:30 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Watch the documentary <i>Blood Memory</i> (55 min), which recounts the history of America's Indian Adoption Era and shows an adoption survivor helping others find their way home through song and ceremony. After the screening, join others in discussing the film. Geared for adults and older teens. Registration required; register via the Dakota County Library calendar.
Indigenous Drumming Mon, February 21; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Hear lively songs and stories from the Red Bone Singers and learn about the importance of drumming in native and indigenous cultures. Geared for children 5 and older. Registration required; register via the Dakota County Library calendar.
Discussion of <i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> Thurs, February 24; 2:45-3:30 p.m. High School Library	High school students are invited to enjoy refreshments while discussing Boulley's novel and her visit to HHS!
Family Event Friday, February 25; 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 have fun with projects and activities related to <i>Fry Bread</i> by Kevin Noble Maillard. Bring a copy of a recipe that your family loves! You do not need to be a member of the YMCA, and no registration is required.
Book Discussion for HMS Students TBD	HMS students are invited to a book discussion about <i>Indian No More</i> . Your teachers will give you information on how to attend.

Book-club kits for *Firekeeper's Daughter* are available at the library, and ebooks are available on the Libby app. Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and Tilden Community Center.

