



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Happy Fall! It was terrific to have a good, old general meeting last month. I was happy that the zoom component held up, and that we were able to hear Margaret's community report in person. We will continue to make the virtual option available for general meetings. A special thanks to Kathy Palmer for the take-away treats. Let a Board member know if you need a program bookmark or two for yourself or to share with a potential new member. Remember that masks are mandatory inside St Philips Church and we will not be serving refreshments.

As of 18 October 2021 AAUW has a new CEO, Gloria L Blackwell! Take a minute to read her introduction to membership.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/aauw-names-gloria-l-blackwell-as-new-ceo/> While leadership change can be unsettling; especially when things are going well, it is an opportunity for refreshed vision and recommit to organizational values. There continues to be a lot of work to do to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy and we are all part of it.

Continue to do good work, care for each other, and stay well.

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, Diane Saed

Paid Family & Medical Leave Legislation & Pay Equity Initiatives

Our November speakers, Sens. Susan Kent and Lindsey Port, will discuss paid family medical leave and pay equity issues in Minnesota.

Susan Kent

Susan Kent is serving in her third term as the Senator from Senate District 53 and is the former Senate Minority Leader. Currently, she serves on the Senate Finance Committee. Previously, she served on the Senate E-12 Education Finance and Policy, State Government Finance, Policy and Elections, and Transportation Policy and Finance committees.

A New Orleans native, Senator Kent graduated with a degree in Communications from the University of Texas at Austin and has over 20 years of experience in marketing for a broad range of companies and organizations, large and small.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Book Club
- Nov. 22 General Meeting & Program
- Dec. 4 Holiday Brunch
- Dec. 13 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

Prior to her election as Senator, Senator Kent was active in her local school district, serving on several working groups and committees, and as PTA President. Currently, Senator Kent lives in Woodbury with her husband Chris and son Andrew.

Lindsey Port

Senator Lindsey Port was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2021. She represents Senate District 56, which covers the communities of Burnsville, Savage, and the northwest part of Lakeville.

Port grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with her parents and sister. She moved to Minnesota in 2001 to attend the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Port is a nonprofit advisor and consultant and a longtime resident of Burnsville, where she lives with her husband, Steve, and two young girls.

Sen. Port currently serves on the Technology and Reform Committee, Commerce Committee, Housing Committee, and is the DFL lead on the Metro Governance Committee.

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.

Holiday Brunch – Make your Reservation

Jackie Rigelman

Deadline for reservations: Friday, Nov. 26. (For more details, see the invitation at the right)

Raffle opportunity at the brunch: \$20 buys 10 tickets. \$2 each. Lots of great stuff.

Menu: egg dish, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, French toast and fruit, coffee, juice and water

Cash Bar: all your favorites, plus a special drink, a Poinsettia

Service Project: “Adopt A Family” sponsored by Hastings Family Service. At a later date, members will receive an opportunity to donate.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

It looks like our budget has sprung a leak since I last wrote to you. Please don't be too alarmed because we have met some of our biggest financial obligations for this year.

We have sent checks to our scholarship recipient and a donation to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. Other expenses related to programing and visibility/membership were also paid.

The beginning balance in October was \$7553.94 and our current balance is \$3674.64.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AAUW'S

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

DECEMBER 4 | 10:30 AM
HASTINGS GOLF CLUB

*Includes a delicious brunch buffet,
coffee, juice, fun, and more...*



\$30/ PERSON
(GUESTS ARE WELCOME)

MAIL CHECKS (MADE OUT TO HASTINGS GOLF CLUB)
TO JACKIE RIGELMAN
1000 SOUTHVIEW DR HASTINGS, MN 55033

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

The AAUW Book Group will be discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann on Monday, November 8th at 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library.

The group had planned to read and discuss *The Fire Keepers Daughter* by Angeline Boulley, our main selection for Hastings Reads 2022, but the library will not release the Book Club book bags until late December, so it will be our January 10th, 2022 selection.

So instead, for December, the AAUW members will bring a favorite recent book to share with the group. We have done this occasionally at our meetings and it is a great way to learn about other choices from members. It will be on Monday, December 13th at 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library.

A FEW HIGH LIGHTS FOR HASTINGS READS 2022.

Our theme for the February events is NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES: CELEBRATION AND RESILIENCE.

On February 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Hastings Arts Center, Dr. Brenda Child will be speaking on boarding schools. This event is co-sponsored by Thrive.

Angeline Boulley, author of our main selection, *The Fire Keepers Daughter* will be speaking at the Hastings Arts Center on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm.

In keeping with the theme, Pleasant Hill Library has begun a series of virtual and in-person events that uplift the diverse experiences and voices of Native American communities. The entire series is located on the Dakota County library site under Native American & Indigenous Series;

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/Programs/Everyone/Pages/native-american-indigenous-series.aspx>

Hastings Reads book selections for 2022:
The Fire keepers Daughter by Angeline Boulley
Indian No More by Charlene Will (Middle School book)
Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard (Picture book).

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

I recently attended the Minnesota History Theatre's "Not in our Neighborhood! A story of Courage, Faith and Love" show. It felt wonderful to be back in a theater seat surrounded by other history and theater lovers even with the difficult subjects tackled by the show. I'll start with the good news – Nellie and William Francis, the black couple who had the audacity to move out of their St. Paul Rondo neighborhood to the all-white Macalester-Groveland neighborhood in 1924. Nellie and William were a power couple before we coined the term. Wikipedia them – their list of accomplishments is too long for this space! They accomplished the mission but not without cross burnings, angry mobs, threats and disingenuous politicians. Skip forward to today and the recent headlines that the Twin Cities has the nation's highest racial gap for homeowners. One in five black household owns their homes compared to three quarters of white households. I encourage you to read the host of articles that go into depth on the reasons why. While we have failed so far to live up to Nellie and William who took the brave step, risking their safety and sense of security, to dare to hope for a better tomorrow we can be the change. Acknowledging and understanding the reasons for the disparities are a start.

Back to home, leaders in our town are participating in a learning opportunity sponsored by THRIVE and the Y Equity Innovation Center titled "Creating a Better Story." The sessions explore diversity, equity and inclusion in the formation of our community, the 170 plus years to today, and the hope and vision for the future. Writing this today, I understand that many may question where the "Better Story" is heading with fresh divisions and heated rhetoric, but it is still in our hands how we create that better story and live up to the bravery and extraordinary examples of Nellie and William.

Please let me know if you have events or information to share on diversity, equity and inclusion in our community or the greater community.

Until next time.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Pleasant Hill Library - Check the website as there are many interesting programs being offered.

Hastings Arts Center - Artist Reception - Friday, November 12th at 6:30 pm. "Facing America: An Exhibition of Immigrant Portraits" by Joe Burns

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

We currently have 87 members. We want to welcome five new or returning members. Amelia Strauss, Judy Peacha, Marjorie Peterson and Karen Asphaug joined at our AAUW 50th Anniversary Gala. Cheryl Read joined at our October meeting.

Because of the 4 new members that joined at our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we have earned two Shape the Future dues discounts from AAUW National for new or renewing members. We have awarded one Shape the Future discount to Nicole Sindelar and are in the process of awarding the other discount. The Christmas Brunch will be our next Shape the Future event, and anyone who signs up as a new member at that event will receive a 50% discount on national dues.

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 so that we can update the 2021-22 Directory.

We will be sending out an updated copy of the directory to members via email in December or January after we have received the go ahead from national.

Please email us:

Jackie at jacann@comcast.net

or

Kathy at majeski@embarqmail.com

Pat Giddings Update

Greetings AAUW members,

My mom Pat Giddings wants me to update you on where and how she is, since she hasn't been able to connect personally in a while.

In early August Pat moved to The Pillars of White Bear Lake, a senior living community. She has an apartment with assisted living level of services. She enjoys the communal dining, daily exercise, and frequent music programs. I enjoy having her 10 minutes from my husband Scott and me!

Pat celebrated her 98th birthday October 24. On October 25, she fell in her apartment and broke her left hip. After surgery and a brief hospital stay, she is now at Augustana transitional care in Hastings. This was our first choice, and we are thankful they had room. She will return to her apartment post-rehab, hopefully by Thanksgiving.

Pat enjoys reading cards from her AAUW friends. Her address:

4650 Centerville Road, apt 242
White Bear Lake MN 55127

I am bringing her mail to her at Augustana a few times a week.

Thanks to all of you for your friendship, care and support all these years.

Any questions, I can be reached at (651) 955-7522, or mgkleckner@gmail.com

Maureen Kleckner

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

Accidently 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/>
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.

[Minnesota State Website](#)

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

[National Website](#)

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

Historian

Lisa Hedin

50th Anniversary Planning Committee



Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

AAUW Business Meeting
October 25, 2021

St Philips Lutheran (In-Person and Zoom stream)

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

The President's Greeting included the following announcements:

(a) A reminder to vote in the November 2nd District 200 School Board Election. Interviews with all six candidates were published by the *Hastings Journal* and the *Hastings Star Gazette* (online only) and can be viewed online. The Chamber of Commerce/HCTV candidate Forum video is also online. Early voting can be done at the Dakota County Government Center and the District 200 Office, currently located in the Hastings Middle School.

(b) Our branch is seeking a webmaster, i.e., a website apprentice, a website assistant. Any member willing to learn and spend some time updating and maintaining the branch's website should contact Lisa.

(c) After the 50th Anniversary Celebration event at the Hastings Public House, a ring was found. Contact Nicole Sindelair at the Public House if you lost one that evening.

(d) The minutes of the May 24, 2021 Business Meeting, as published in the September *TWIG*, were approved. Motion: Pat Powers; Second: Kathy O'Keefe.

2. Carol Tobin, Treasurer, reported on September 30, 2021, balance of \$7,553.94, plus a deposit of \$103 for late membership dues, minus expenses paid of \$2,575.33, resulting in a current balance of \$5,081.61. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion: Danna Elling-Schultz; Second: Betty Hoeschen.

3. Committee Reports

(a) Membership: Kathy Palmer reported on a total of 85 members for 2021-22. Four new/returning members joined at the 50th Anniversary Gala, resulting in two Shape the Future membership discount awards from AAUW National to our branch. The final draft of the 2021-222 AAUW Hastings Branch Membership Directory will be emailed to members in December or January.

(b) Programs: Danna Elling-Schultz announced the traditional annual bookmark listing the program speakers for the year has been printed and is now available for distribution.

i. The November program will be "Paid Family & Medical Leave Legislation & Pay Equity Initiatives" by State Senators Susan Kent & Lindsey Port. There will be no traditional chili supper in January due to Covid.

ii. The Holiday Brunch will be on December 4, 10:30 am, Hastings Public House. Members may bring a guest, and there will be a drawing. No fundraising will be done.

(c) Fundraising: Ceil Strauss reported on the very successful fundraising activities to date: The Hastings Rivertown Days booksale raised approximately \$500 (net). Ninety-five members and guests attended the Wine Soiree at the Public House. About \$2,500 was raised (net).

(d) Public Policy: Pat Powers reminded members of the importance of responding to the Two-Minute Activist emails from AAUW National.

Current: Pass the bill including paid parental leave and child care.

Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Pass the bill to raise the Federal minimum wage.

Pass legislation to end pregnancy discrimination in employment.

AAUW turns 140 years old this year. See the virtual celebration program on November 17.

(e) Bookclub: Shirley Tammen noted the Bookclub will meet in the Pleasant Hill Library on November 8. The book to be discussed will be *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The book originally planned for November (*Firekeeper's Daughter*) will not be available as a bookclub bag until December.

(f) AAUW Funds: Glenda Schnirring reported the 2021 scholarship award to Kaya Felt (University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill) has been made in a timely fashion, thanks to the successful fundraising this summer/fall. She reminded members that any donations made by our members to National AAUW causes will be credited to our branch's total annual AAUW support amount, in addition to our traditional branch donation of \$1,000.

(g) Historian: Lisa Hedin (no report)

(h) NCCWSL: Gail Glashan (no report)

(i) Community: Margaret Goderstad reminded members of November events at the Hastings Art Center, the Orange Dragon Gallery in Prescott, and the River Valley Band Veterans Day Concert on November 7, 1 pm, at the Hastings Middle School.

(j) Diversity: President Hedin urged members to take time to read Peggy Horsch's thoughtful articles on diversity published monthly in the *TWIG*.

Adjourn: Motion: Marcia Pletcher; Second: Shirley Tammen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

The evening's presentation, "*Making it in the world of finance and helping others along the way*", by Patricia Jones, Financial Advisor/Planner, followed at 7:30 pm.

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