



Grand Rapids Timberline

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT
AAUW GRAND RAPIDS
BRANCH MEMBERS

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MISSION: *AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research education and advocacy.*

November 14 Dinner Program

Location: United Methodist Church
Social/Registration: 5:00-5:45 pm Dinner: 5:45-6:30 PM
Business Meeting: 6:30 pm Program: 7:00 pm

TOPIC: 50th Anniversary of Title IX

PRESENTER: Anne Campbell, Grand Rapids High School Activities Director

Title IX became federal law in 1972 and is only 37 words long: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." To recognize this act which had such a momentous affect on women in athletics and more, our program will feature Anne Campbell, Grand Rapids High School Activities Director and friends to explore some of the many ways opportunities have changed in the past 50 years.

MENU: Beef Stroganoff on Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, French Bread, Chocolate Cake

Food Chair: Jean Hoshal

Food Committee: Ellen Edverson, Vicki Holmstrom, Louise Fideldy Koglin, Lannie Young

****RSVP to AAUWRSVPGrandRapids@gmail.com by Mon., Nov. 7.**

President's Message

Fall is in full swing and soon the holiday season will be upon us, that being said, our holiday party in December theme is "Eat Your Words".

Bob Consemius (Tornado Bob) did a fantastic presentation about northern lights, what causes them, and photographing them. We had a very good turnout for our October meeting and the book sale went good.

Please make sure to RSVP for each meeting and dinner you plan to attend. We cannot guarantee that there will be a meal for you if you do not RSVP. It is also not fair to our caterers to not be able to give them an accurate headcount.

Enjoy the few warm days we may have left! I'm looking forward to seeing you all in November.

Laurie Clausen, President

AAUW Minnesota State Board Quarterly Meeting

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, the AAUW Minnesota State Board held their in person quarterly meeting.

Highlights include:

- Discussion of the Northland Get Together on October 8, 2022, in Brainerd with encouragement for the other AAUW "regions" to consider this annual event.
- The 2023 Annual AAUW Meeting (virtual/Zoom) will be April 29. The hunt will begin for a 2024 Annual Meeting/Convention location.
- Suggested that AAUW members consider watching National's webinars.
- Our new AAUW Minnesota State webmistress was introduced, Ashley Sarne, she will be updating our state website.
- State Board nominees were discussed. Deanna Ensley has been asked to run for State President-Elect for 2023-24. A Education Chair/NCCWSL is still needed for the current year into 2023.
- AAUW Grants for 2023 will be announced in the near future with Deanna Ensley as the contact for these grants.
- The National "Hub" is still not operating smoothly as all Treasurer's are well aware and has become a point of frustration.
- Increasing college and university participation. Deanna Ensley will be attempting to develop an increased relationship with ICC's Engineering Program with support for more young woman students.
- The long term affect of Covid on membership and programs discussed as winter is coming soon.
- Next scheduled State Board meeting 2/18/23.

Submitted by:
Deanna Ensley
Minnesota State VP Programs

Travel Treasures

A reminder to bring your Travel Treasures to our November meeting!

Christmas Party

We will be holding our Christmas party event on Monday, Dec. 12. The theme for our silent auction this year is "Eat Your Words."

Be creative! Reading materials and food items are great. Gift cards to book stores or restaurants would be a hit. Other ideas could be a plate of cookies, an apron with pictures of foods or any reading materials including travel.

**** INTEREST GROUPS ****

***EXPLORING OUR COMMUNITY**

The group goes on outings to area organizations and activities. Contact is Cyndy Agle, cyndy.agle@gmail.com
No November outings planned.

***LITERATURE 4**

The Monday Morning Lit Group will meet on November 7th at 9:30 A.M. in the private dining room at Majestic Pines. Nancy Raymond will lead the discussion of THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY by Amor Towles and she will serve cookies to go with the coffee that is provided by Majestic Pines. For more information, contact Nancy Salmi at 218-326-3147 or nsalmi@earthlink.net.

***PUBLIC POLICY**

Deanna Ensley is trying to organize a new Public Policy group. If you have an interest in a more action-based group, including discussion of what and how we will move forward, please think about letting her know of your interest and wait for more specifics. You can reach Deanna at (360) 333-0228 or at deannaensley@yahoo.com

***WALKING & TALKING**

We walk each Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM. We walk for about one hour, always outside. The location in the Grand Rapids area changes from week to week and members receive an email with the walk location. If the weather looks really awful, you will get a cancellation notice. Members walk when they want or are able; no need to RSVP. We welcome new walkers. If you are interested in joining, send your email and cell phone number to k.karls@yahoo.com.

Sunshine & Caring

If any member of AAUW needs a bit of sunshine because of illness or a sympathy card, please let me know and I will send a card from AAUW. You can email me at: cyndy.agle@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids AAUW Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 3, 2022 – United Methodist Church

Laurie Clausen, president opened the meeting. Attendees included Laurie Clausen, Karen Karls, Norma Eppinga, Dianne Anderson, and Jan Bilden.

Secretary's report: Minutes read and approved. Motion to approve was made by Karen Karls and seconded by Jan Bilden.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report included an October 3, 2022 balance of \$6113.45. There are currently 78 paid members. The treasurer's report was filed for audit

Programs: Jan Bilden sent a thank you to Bernadine Joselyn our September presenter.

Candidate Forum: The October 13th candidate forum was cancelled.

Communications: Karen Karls will be submitting information to the Herald Review to publicize our next meeting. Myrna Peterson has agreed to edit our on-line newsletter. We still need someone to transfer our membership list from Outlook to Gmail.

Meeting Scheduling: A discussion was held to assess reducing annual board meetings to four times per year rather than six. It will be discussed again at our next board meeting.

Sunshine and Caring: Three cards were sent in August and two cards were sent in September.

The meeting was closed by President Laurie Clausen.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Dianne Anderson, Secretary

AAUW Grand Rapids, MN Branch General Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022

The Grand Rapids branch met at the United Methodist Church October 17, 2022, for a social hour, dinner and program. Forty-seven meals were served to guests, members, and the program speaker prior to the meeting and program.

President Laurie Clausen opened the meeting. Guests were introduced and welcomed. The Scholarship Fundraiser Book Sale was held and raised \$132. Travel Treasures earned \$82. Julie Skallman and Cathy Davies attended the Brainerd AAUW gathering on October 7 and reported it was an exceptional program. The 2023 fall meeting will be held in Duluth.

Jan Hill announced the Deer River Food Shelf is needing children's picture books for children ages infant to 5 years old. Donations can be given to Jan. Marva Jean Hutchens reminded the group of the upcoming Halloween Party for local children. Kathleen Spencer then introduced Dr. Bob Conzemius, meteorologist, who presented a program on "Space Weather and Northern Lights Photography."

*Minutes respectfully submitted,
Dianne Anderson, Secretary*

Websites for local, state and national AAUW information:

Our Grand Rapids AAUW blog: <http://grandrapidsaauw.blogspot.com/>

MN AAUW website: <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>

National AAUW website: www.aauw.org

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