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

October 14, 2024

Location: United Methodist Church
Social/Registration: 5:00-5:45 PM Dinner: 5:45-6:30 PM

Menu: Company Chicken, Wild Rice, Carrots, Cranberry-Apple Crisp
Cost \$15

Food Chair: Lynette Eck
Food Committee: Helen Ahlbrecht, Kathleen Spencer, Margaret Barrick, Karen Wennen

Business Meeting: 6:30 PM
Program: 6:45 PM

Program Topic: "Thumping the Tub: Northern Minnesota Election History"
Aaron J. Brown is an author, historian, and instructor at Minnesota North College in Hibbing. He is a columnist for the Minnesota Star Tribune, Minnesota Reformer and Mesabi Tribune. He's almost finished with a new book, "Power in the Wilderness," due out next year from the University of Minnesota Press. Brown shares his work at MinnesotaBrown.com. He lives in Balsam Township with his family.

****RSVP to AAUWRSVPGrandRapids@gmail.com by Monday, October 7, 2024**

President's Message

Hello Friends!

September is such a great time to get out and enjoy all the changes that are happening.

The meeting on September 16 started with Vicki Holmstrom distributing the Yearbook and Directory for 2024 - 2025. Many thanks were given to Vicki for all the time she spent updating information.

The Northland Gathering is in Ely on October 12, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Forms for registration are available.

Our Book Club meets the first Monday of each month. You're invited to attend in October as we are reading, THE WOMEN, by Kristen Hannah. 'Frankie is 20 years old and decides to enlist in the Armed Forces.' We meet at Majestic Pines. Please contact Nancy Salmi with any questions.

The program on September 16 was presented by Mary Shideler and Nancy Raymond. They traveled to Antarctica at different times, and shared stories and pictures.

Remember that the meeting in October is our Book Sale.

Also, the October meeting is when you can bring a qualified guest for dinner and the cost is \$7.00. The program will be about Northern Minnesota History.

Susan LaVelle, President

*****Travel Treasures**

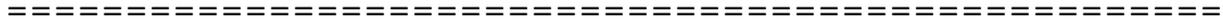
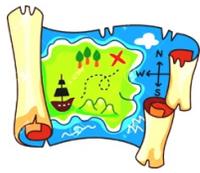
Thank you members! Travel treasures brought in \$95 for our Scholarship Fund.

- Norma Eppinga donated chocolates from Hugo and a book, THE WOMAN, by Kristian Hannah.
- From Cathy Davies' travels to Mongolia, she donated a purse and a beautiful beaded bracelet.
- Anita Firman went to a cooking school in New Orleans and made three batches of Pralines for three lucky members.
- From Kazakstan, Julie Skallman brought beautiful earrings from a mosque and from Newfoundland a handmade dish rag.
- Marlys Mestemacher's brother lives in Japan and he donated a variety of Japanese teas.

At our next meeting in October, we will have Travel Treasures and our.....
BOOK FAIR! BOOK FAIR!! BOOK FAIR!!!

Please bring books to donate and money to replenish your bookshelves!

Marlys Mestemacher
Jean Gardner



*You may smile because you are happy...
or because smiling may make you happy!*



Thank you, Vicki!!!
**A huge thank you to Vicki Holmstrom for the new directories
that were ready for our September meeting.**
**Vicki spends countless hours updating the directory
and we all so appreciate the efforts.**



*****October Happenings*****



October is our Membership 'Bring a Friend' month.
Bring a qualified, first-time guest for \$7.00
It's also our annual Book Sale, too!

Northland Gathering in Ely on Saturday, October 14
The 6 Northland branches, which consist of
Brainerd, Duluth, Ely, Grand Rapids, Hibbing and Virginia,
meet each fall. We will carpool to Ely.
Let president Susan LaVelle know that you are going.
In 2025 Grand Rapids will be hosting the Northland Gathering.



****INTEREST GROUPS****

*****LITERATURE**

The Monday Morning Lit Group will meet on October 7th at 9:30 A.M. in the private dining room at Majestic Pines. Coffee will be provided. Nancy Raymond will lead our discussion of THE WOMEN, by Kristin Hannah. ("One of the greatest storytellers of our time...tackles one of the most cruel and despicable wars of the last century, the Vietnam War. THE WOMEN reveals the powerful contributions and horrific sacrifices

of the American military nurses who served in a war whose agencies refused to acknowledge that they were even there..."Delia Owens). For more information, or if you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Nancy Salmi @ 218-326-3147 or nsalmi@earthlink.net.

*****WALKING & TALKING**

The group is on its fall/winter schedule of walking on Tuesday afternoons at 1 PM. The locations change from week to week but are generally in the Grand Rapids area. We walk for about one hour and then may gather for coffee. We are hardy women and always walk outside but we are not speed walkers so you can set your own pace. Group members receive a notification of the location of the walk. Members walk when they want to. No need for RSVPs. If the walk is cancelled for any reason (potential weather threat) you will be notified. The group welcomes new members interested in walking. Send your name, email address, and cell phone number to Karen at k.karls@yahoo.com.

*****SUNSHINE & CARIN**

If any member of AAUW needs a bit of sunshine because of illness or a sympathy card, please let Nancy Raymond know, she is our SUNSHINE & CARING contact. She will send a card from AAUW. You can email her at: nmraymond14@gmail.com.

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A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
CAUSES A CHAIN REACTION OF
POSITIVE THOUGHTS, EVENTS, AND OUTCOME!
IT IS A CATALYST... AND IT SPARKS
EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS!!!
... WADE BOGGS

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**AAUW Grand Rapids MN Branch General Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2024**

The Grand Rapids branch of AAUW met at the United Methodist Church on Monday, September 16, 2024, for social hour, dinner and program. There were 39 attendees including 3 guests.

President Susan LaVelle opened the business meeting with the reading of the AAUW Mission Statement.

The 2024-2025 Yearbook and Directories were handed out. Susan thanked Vicki Holmstrom for her work on this project.

Susan has registration forms for the AAUW Northland Gathering which will be held on October 12 in Ely. Registrations are due by October 1. Carpooling will be arranged and Susan can be one of the drivers. Our branch will be hosting this

meeting next fall, so it is a good chance to see what the meeting involves.

Our book club will be discussing THE WOMEN, by Kristin Hannah at their October 7th meeting. Those who have read the book highly recommend it. All members are invited to attend this meeting. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy Salmi to let her know that you will be coming.

Please note that October is our 'Bring a Friend' month. If you bring a first time, qualified guest the cost of the guest's meal will be \$7. October also is our used book sale scholarship fundraiser.

Travel Treasures brought in \$95 for the scholarship fund.

Susan LaVelle introduced the speakers for the evening's program. Nancy Raymond (AAUW member) and Mary Shideler (The Kayak Lady) gave a very interesting talk (including beautiful photos) about their respective trips to Antarctica.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Vicki Holmstrom, Secretary

Contact information changes:

Beverly Griffin has moved. Her new address is 16023 Willett Court, Bennington, NE 68007

Joann Bakken's cell phone number, 218-259-1148, should replace the landline number.

Harriet Lucia has a new phone number, 218-999-9329.



- Tammy Pluym - October 9
- Myrna Peterson - October 13
- Cathy Davies - October 21
- Marva Jean Hutchens - October 22

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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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