

AAUW MINNESOTA ANNUAL MEETING
April 25-26, 2025
Austin Country Club/Hormel Institute, Austin, MN
“ Cultivating Hope Through History”

Greetings from Spamtown USA!

The Austin Branch of AAUW is looking forward to welcoming you to our town on April 25th and 26th for the AAUW Minnesota Annual Meeting. We have a busy two days planned for you. The main hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton. We will have members in the lobby starting at noon to provide information. **Registration packets will be available at the Austin Country Club beginning at 4:30 and again on Saturday morning at the Hormel Institute.**

On Friday afternoon, self-paced tours are available at the Spam Museum (corner of 101 3rd Ave NE and Main St.) and Hormel Historic Home (208 4th Ave NW) (the former home of George A. Hormel). Sweet Reads Bookstore – across from the Spam Museum and owned by one of our members – is also looking forward to welcoming you. We will have members of our branch in all three locations as resources. If you choose to have dessert and coffee/lemonade at the Hormel Home, there is a \$5.00 charge. You can pay for it when you register. When you arrive, we will have a list at the site, so no ticket is necessary.

The official conference begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday at the Austin Country Club. There will be a cash bar and time to socialize. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The highlight of Friday evening will be a presentation by one of our members, who will portray Gertrude Ellis Skinner, who is officially recognized as a pillar of Austin and was a woman ahead of her time. We will hear in her own words about some of her adventures on her worldwide travels in the late 1800s.

On Saturday, check-in for Silent Auction items and breakfast will begin at 7:30 at the Hormel Institute, a world-renowned cancer research facility. The day will include the official annual business meeting; Mary Cathryn Ricker, Executive Director of the Albert Shanker Institute, will be the keynote speaker.

There will be time for bidding on the Silent Auction and networking with State Board members on specific topics and members from other branches.

After lunch, we will hear from a Hormel Institute scientist and tour the multi-million-dollar Hormel Institute, a branch of the University of Minnesota's cancer research division.

We look forward to hosting you in Austin!

Sue Grove, President

Austin Branch