



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

AAUW Hastings Members spring has truly sprung – birds are singing, the days are longer, some restrictions are being lifted, and COVID vaccination availability continues to increase. You are all doing a great job managing in this oh-so challenging year!

You should have received information from AAUW National on how to vote on the question of modifying AAUW's by-laws by removing the educational requirement. Members with an email on file with AAUW National will receive an email, and others will receive a paper ballot. To make a change to AAUW National bylaws a 2/3rds affirmative vote with a quorum of 5% of membership is required. If you have not received either an email or a paper ballot by the end of April please reach out to me, and we will figure out what needs to be figured out. AAUW is committed to one member-one vote.

AAUW MN has been sending out emails about program opportunities and the State's Annual meeting. These emails are coming from Cyndy Harrison. If you have not been receiving these messages, check in with Gail Glashan and she will help coordinate with AAUW MN.

April is the time we begin collecting dues for your next year of membership. The dues for 2021-22 will be \$93, and can be mailed to Mary Charlson at 2371 Glacier Way Hastings, MN 55033. Get your check in the mail and feel the satisfaction of crossing something off your "to-do list".

Stay well, take care of each other, and count your blessings.

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Tina Folch, and Diane Saed

April's program is All Things AAUW. We will learn a bit about AAUW National (bylaws voting, strategic plan 2.0, 2020 by the numbers, Fellowship and Grant opportunities, ...), share the draft AAUW Hastings Strategic Plan, use breakout rooms to brainstorm program 2021-22 topics and speakers, and look at some historical AAUW Hastings photos. We look forward to learning more about our own organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12 Book Club
- April 21 Coffee & Conversation
- April 26 Virtual General Meeting
- May 10 Book Club
- May 11 Gadabouts

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays

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

2020-2021 PROGRAMS

September 28, 6:30 pm Virtual Salad Supper
We've Come A Long Way, Ladies!
Audrey Johnson

October 26, 6:30 pm
Leading into the Future: Current Realities and Mental Models
Derrick Jaeger & UyenThi Tran Myhre

November 23, 6:30 pm
Karla Bingham

December 7, 6:30 pm Holiday Party
Food, Music and Celebration

January 25, 6:30 pm Virtual Chili Supper
Margaret Anderson Kelliher

February 22, 6:30 pm
Building Remembrance For Reconciliation
James Curry, Heidi Langenfeld, & Greg Moore

March 22, 6:30 pm
Dementia and Friends
Colleen Fritsch

April 26, 6:30 pm
All Things AAUW

May 24, 6:30 pm
College Possible
Amy Browender

Here is the Zoom link for April's meeting and program:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83609135493?pwd=cEJTV1E1SElqWU1sR1dJamhXdHd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 0913 5493

Passcode: 856412

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You will receive this ZOOM Meeting invitation again, via email, before the April meeting and program.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

If You Ask Me. Essential Advice From Eleanor Roosevelt edited by Mary Jo Binker was chosen as our Monday, April 12, 1:30 selection. In 1941 Eleanor Roosevelt embarked on a new career as an advice columnist. Published for 22 year in *Ladies Home Journal*, the column covered everything from war and politics to love and marriage and popular culture. Each chapter is prefaced with issues then and now.

The zoom link for the April 12th book club meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615109295?pwd=ak1oSWFqbHB1Y1QxSzRTM1BnRjY3dz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1510 9295

Passcode: 162701

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett will be discussed on Monday, May 10 via zoom at 1:30. This multi award winning novel features 16 year old twin sisters who leave their black community to follow different life paths.

I plan to print my annual book list some time during May. If anybody would like to add a favorite current book, email me at stammen@comcast.net and I will include it in the list.

Coffee and Conversation

Bring your coffee, tea, or water and catch up with other AAUW Hastings members. This will just be a time to visit with friends who we haven't been able to see for a while. There will be no formal programming. The intent is to keep the conversation groups small. Breakout rooms will be used to keep conversations to 4-6 people at a time.

This will be the last scheduled Coffee and Conversation of the program year. We are hoping for weather good enough to be out seeing friends in person for the rest of the summer.

Wednesday, April 21 10:00 -11:00AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88140863210?pwd=TmExejlub2hkbCt6MldnaVovalVZUT09>

Membership

Kathy Palmer and Jackie Rigelman

We are proud to have 88 Hastings AAUW members this past year. Virtual meetings worked out well. **Now, it is time to renew your membership for 2021-2022.** Dues have increased to \$93 for one year.

Please send checks directly to:

Mary Charlson,
2371 Glacier Way
Hastings, MN 55033

Make checks payable to: Hastings AAUW

We hope to continue seeing you next year.

Kathy Palmer majeski@embarqmail.com

Jackie Rigelman jacann@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

Mary Charlson

The checking account balance on March 31, 2021 was \$2,813.60. The proposed budget for 2021-2022 was presented to the Hastings AAUW board meeting. The final proposed budget will be presented for membership approval at the April 26, 2021 virtual business meeting.

Gadabouts

Margaret Goderstad & Lisa Hedin

Minneapolis Institute of Art - Free virtual talk on April 28 (6:00 PM) with artist L'Merchie Frazier, who will speak about her intricate and detailed textile work in the special exhibition "*Freedom Rising: I am the Story*," which examines the lives and legacies of people of African-decent, and explores how art can be a powerful vehicle to address equity and justice. Register on the MIA website.

May 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM:

From the Minnesota Historical Society, listen to a new documentary, "A Brief History of Women in Bars: A Minnesota Story in Three Rounds," then join us in conversation with its creator. Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellow, historian, and podcaster Katie Thornton will look at how Minnesota's temperance movement set the stage for our women's suffrage movement. Explore how temperance leaders and many early suffragists failed to engage women who were not wealthy, white, Anglo-Saxon Protestants. Discover how women who did not fit those definitions empowered themselves – sometimes through the economic and social opportunities presented by the alcohol industry. Thornton will also talk about doing historical research at the Gale Family Library.

Link for the May11 (2:00 PM) Gadabouts event is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89827325983?pwd=Kys3RjhOUUnNSYzkwRkdrbGcrVWlwQT09>

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Good News!! More venues are opening so be checking websites to see what is available.

The LeDuc Historic Estate will open for tours on May 13. Please make reservations: www.dakotahistory.org

Hastings Arts Center: (check out their website)

Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm will be featuring Kangwoo Jin, classical pianist. Watch for details.

Their fundraiser continues - shirts @\$20.

Historian

Lisa Hedin



April Payday 2016

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/>

Member protected section PASSWORD: hastings2017

Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

Minutes - March 22, 2021

AAUW Business Meeting - Hastings Branch (Zoom)

1. Members (36) joined the meeting at 6:30 pm and shared observations on signs of spring. President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

Her **President's Greeting** included:

- Announcement that membership dues have increased to \$93 for 2021-22.

- Request for two additional voting delegates to the May 1st, AAUW MN annual meeting. Electronic voting will be done 3/31 - 4/17. Jackie Rigelman and Peggy Horsch volunteered.

- Reading to members of the thank-you note from Hastings Reads for the branch's donation in the current year.

- Reminder how important it is for all members to vote on the AAUW National bylaws, especially, the removal of the education requirement for membership, which failed previously, due to lack of a quorum. Voting will open on April 7 and continue until May 17.

2. **Secretary.** The minutes of the February business meeting were approved as printed in the TWIG. Motion: Betty Hoeschen; Second: Pat Powers.

3. **Treasurer.** Mary Charlson reported a current checkbook balance through 3/22/21 of \$2,813.60. The Treasurer's report was approved. Motion: Lisa West; Second: Trudy Cragg.

Committee Reports

Membership: Kathy Palmer announced the addition of a new member, Stephanie Malm.

Program: As a teaser for the April 26, "All Things AAUW" meeting, Lisa Hedin shared a vintage photo of a GadAbouts event at Forepaughs in St Paul. Amy Browender will present "College Possible" in May.

Fundraising: A report will be made at the April meeting.

Public Policy: Pat Powers encouraged members to check out the new virtual programs now being made available by MN AAUW of all Minneapolis branch programs, news of which recently was emailed to all members. Gail Glashan offered to assist in supplying updated email addresses to AAUW MN for any members who did not receive the emails. Pat also noted that a resolution on equal access to quality education was recently prepared and submitted by a small group of Board members and accepted by AAUW MN. In future, it is planned to draft resolutions earlier in the program year to allow input and review by all members before submission.

Gadabouts and Community: Margaret Goderstad noted there are two upcoming Zoom events for members: (1) April 7, Walker Art Center, 7pm. Register on the venue's website, i.e., Walker Art Center for WAC tour. Use AAUW Hastings links for pre/post discussion and visiting. (2) May 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM, Minnesota Historical Society - "Women in Bars" - A film dealing with both sides of prohibition. Contact Lisa Hedin if problems in finding MSHS website. There is another Coffee Zoom scheduled: Wednesday, March 31, 2-3 pm.

Book Club and Hastings Reads: Shirley Tammen reported the next Book Club Zooms will be April 12 (*If You Ask Me*, Eleanor Roosevelt) and May 10 (*The Vanishing Half*, Brit Bennett).

NCCWSL: Gail Glashan said four scholarships to the virtual May NCCWSL conference have been awarded. In addition to Sofia Sanchez and Natalie Sorenson from Hastings, there are two awardees from the Dakota County Technical College.

Branch Strategic Plan: Lisa West reported that a strategic plan has been drafted by a group of Board members during two recent Zoom meetings. All Board member comments are requested to Lisa W. by March 26. The Board will review and approve a final draft at the April 5th meeting, which will be presented for final review at the April 26 membership meeting.

Cindy Toppin moved to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Tammen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

The evening's presentation followed at 7:30 pm. Colleen Fritsch, Dementia Friends.
Attendance ~ 40.

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/>

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