



The American Association of University Women Hastings Branch is proud to finally be able to celebrate its 50th year of actively proclaiming its mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Current members, past presidents and charter members will gather for a special anniversary celebration! This milestone event will take place on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Hastings Golf Club, located at 2015 Westview Drive, in Hastings, Minnesota.

The evening will include a lovely dinner served in the scenic setting of this special site, as well as music, a celebration highlighting our members, our accomplishments, and our fun times shared over the past 50 years. The cost for the evening is \$30, which includes tax and tip. Dinner includes: Rolls, bistro salad, Tuscan roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, creamy parmesan chicken, cavatappa with sausage marinara, coffee and a dessert tray.

We'd so enjoy your presence at this reunion of past and present members who have helped make the AAUW Hastings Branch thrive and prosper!

Please respond with your intention to attend and payment of \$30, by September 20, 2021.

It is recommended that you be fully vaccinated to attend this event.

- Send your check, payable to the **Hastings Golf Club** to...
Cindy Toppin, 409 West 7th Street, Hastings, Minnesota, 55033
Please note if you prefer a gluten-free or vegetarian entrée.
- If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to send a greeting with a memory to...
Glenda Schnirring, 1136 15th Street West, Hastings, Minnesota 55033
Email: gleners@embarqmail.com Phone: 651.437.6246

Event: AAUW Hastings Branch Celebrating 50 Years!
Where: Hastings Golf Club, 2015 Westview Drive, in Hastings, Minnesota
When: Monday, September 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

AAUW Hastings Branch 50th Anniversary Committee,
Cindy Toppin, Shirley Tammen, Pat Powers, Deb Saunders, Ceil Strauss,
Lisa Hedin, Gail Glashan, and Glenda Schnirring



Gadabouts

Jan Junkman

Want to go out for lunch, and tour the new Four Seasons Hotel being built in Minneapolis?

This event is a unique opportunity to see some of Minneapolis that few people have ever seen. Experience the construction of a huge hotel with amenities, office spaces, hotel rooms, and even walk through a magnificent condo being built on the upper floor. See where some of the “1%er’s” live and play!

My daughter, Cindy Froid, is marketing and selling 34 private luxury condos at the hotel. She will give us a personalized tour of the new hotel amidst continued construction on the property. Approximately 600 workmen are at the site daily. We will ride to the upper floor in an outside elevator also used by the workmen. Please see the attached flyer at the end of the TWIG for the special invitation from my daughter, and be sure to click on the website posted at the bottom of the attachment.

We will plan to car pool to Minneapolis, and meet at 11 am at the west end of the parking lot at St. Phillips Church on Thursday, October 7.

If you have any questions, would like further information, and to sign up for the lunch and tour, please call or text me at 651-336-2264, or email me at janjunkman@hotmail.com. I will provide more details a bit later to those interested. **The tour is limited to 12 people.**

We will have lunch first at the Monte Carlo, and the tour afterward. Please notify me ASAP, or by **Saturday, October 2nd to reserve your spot.** We should have a great day!

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

It has been a busy summer and beginning of the financial year. Our beginning carry-over balance in July was \$1699.93. **Income** for July and August include dues for 73 renewing members, many donations related to memorials, book sale and wine soiree, book sale at Rivertown days and carry over funds for NCCWSL Scholarship. **Expenses** for July and August include AAUW national and state dues, expenses related to fund raising and memorial. The ending balance as of the end of August is \$5284.14

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

As we celebrate our 48th year as Hastings AAUW book group, I am awed by the years and books we have read and discussed! We try to discuss all genres of literature, depending on the requests from the group. We have a few original members, but we continue to add new “readers”. All AAUW members are invited to attend, once or regularly. The group meets at Pleasant Hill Library in the meeting room the second Monday of each month beginning at 1:30.

On Monday, September 13th at 1:30pm, we will be discussing *CASTE: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.

On Monday, October 11th at 1:30pm, the group chose *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E. Schwab. This fantasy novel sends the reader along a dizzying and whirling kaleidoscopic adventure through centuries filled with love, loss, art and war.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Sunday, September 26th from 5:30 to 7:00pm - "Friends Along the River" HPAAC Virtual Gala. Details can be found at <https://www.hpaac.org/> and at the [HPAAC Facebook page](#)

September 11th & 12th from 10:00am to 5:00pm – Civil War Weekend at LeDuc Historic Estate. A great event where history is reenacted. Cost is \$8 to \$10

Be watching for events at Hastings Arts Center

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

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

Hello! Hola! Hispanic Heritage Month runs from mid-September to mid-October. It celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Hispanic Americans whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. While certainly not monolithic, these countries and peoples share many ethnic similarities to be celebrated. This year's theme, Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope, was chosen "to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto to our resilience and hope. It encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make it in the future. It is also a reminder that **we are stronger together.**"

On a much more sober note, the Minneapolis District of the Federal Reserve is doing a series of discussions on racial and gender gaps in the U.S. economy and workforce. It ain't good, folks. It explores the structural racism and gender barriers that lead to today's disparities. The Native American pay equity day was just reached a few days ago. HOW CAN THAT BE??? If structural racism and gender barriers were eliminated, the 2005-2019 GDP of Minnesota would have increased by \$32 Billion ANNUALLY. Elimination of racial inequities alone it is \$6.6 Billion. In other words, the pie gets bigger: Paul Wellstone, "We all do better, when we all do better." **We are stronger together.**

You are invited to "The Longer Table" event on Saturday, September 18th, see the flyer attached to the newsletter. It is sponsored by Hastings THRIVE. It is part of Welcoming Week that runs September 10-19 when organizations and communities "bring together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity." **We are stronger together.**

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

Until next time

Fundraising

Ceil Strauss

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have our traditional September garage sale. In lieu of the garage sale, we held two new, but very successful events this summer to raise funds for our annual scholarship for a HHS student, and for Hastings Reads.

Used book sale during Rivertown Days (July 17-18): We had a booth in the Arts and Crafts area on Saturday and Sunday of Rivertown Days and sold gently used books for adults, young adults and children. Our goal was to raise the \$150 we normally raise to donate to the Hastings Reads effort for this year, and for last year when we were not able to have our usual book sale at an in-person meeting. We also had materials about our Hastings AAUW branch.

Members donated dozens of boxes of books, and our sale was very successful! We raised the \$300 for Hastings Reads and an additional \$500 plus that will go toward our annual HHS scholarship.

Wine Soiree at Hastings Country Club on July 29: A wine tasting and dinner was held with the goal of raising a portion of the \$2,500 we earmark for our annual HHS student scholarship, to "practice" being together in person again, and to invite others from the community to learn about us and hopefully grow our membership.

We had 94 attendees, including many non-members. It was a wonderful evening with good company, and an excellent combination of food and wine. The input from those attending was very positive, and we expect this will become an annual event. And on the fundraising front, we exceeded our expectations with \$2350 from attendees and \$400 from non-attendees with a net profit of \$2,620 to use towards our scholarship fund!

A special thanks to Nicole Sindelar (AAUW member and owner of the Hastings Golf Club) for suggesting the wine soiree, and for donating use of the venue.

And thanks to our fundraising committee and all our members who helped out at the book sale and at our wine soiree. It was great to be able to see everyone again!

Historian

Lisa Hedin

Here are a couple of pictures from our two fundraiser events this summer!

The book sale at Rivertown Days



And the Wine Soiree at the Hastings Golf Club



[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/>

Secretary

Arlene Wellemeyer

Minutes - May 24, 2021

AAUW Business Meeting - Hastings Branch (Zoom)

President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

President's Greeting:

- National Vote. Board members were approved to three-year terms, AAUW Public Policy plan was approved by 93% of members voting, the amendment of bylaws to eliminate the degree requirement for membership was approved by 63% (insufficient; 66.8% needed). Only 23% of total AAUW membership voted.

- Reminder to mail in dues to Mary Charlson by June 30. After June 30, a \$10 late fee will be charged.

- A co-leader for GadAbouts is needed for organizing one in-person event next year, as well as 3-4 virtual events.

- A leader for Diversity is needed to facilitate connections for our membership to community and State diversity initiatives and to contribute a monthly article to the TWIG.

- The recently completed and approved Branch Strategic Plan will be available as a link on the branch website and is intended to provide guidance in programming and event planning for the next 3-5 years.

The **minutes of the April business meeting** were approved as printed in the TWIG. Motion: Kathy O'Keefe; Second: Ruth Versaw.

Mary Charlson reported a current checkbook balance through 4/26/21 of \$2,494.43. Expenses in May included a \$125 charge for the Rivertown Days booth for the AAUW books sale, as well as \$194 for printing and mailing of the April outreach card to members. To date, 42 members have paid 2021-22 dues, similar to last year at this time. The **Treasurer's report** was approved. Motion: Danna Elling-Schultz; Second: Barbara Jorenby.

Cindy Toppin reports that planning is underway for the branch's **50th Anniversary celebration** at Hastings Public House (HPH), in-person, on September 27, 2021. Details forthcoming, either by mail or email.

Fundraising Update

Jackie Rigelman reported on planning for the AAUW booth with book sale during Rivertown Days, Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, 2021, 9-5, with set-up on Friday, July 16, noon - 5pm. There will be many opportunities for members to contribute, collecting books, staffing the booth, setup and cleanup etc. It is planned to use SignUpGenius to arrange times. Lisa Hedin noted the book sale will be available as a volunteer opportunity to National Honor Society students from HHS to meet service requirement. Children's books are welcome. No encyclopedias, no textbooks, no old or heavily damaged books, please. A handout of some sort is being considered, a card or bookmark with AAUW information. Of the proceeds, \$125 will be allocated for the booth fee, the next \$150 raised will fund our annual contribution to Hastings Reads, and any additional raised will used toward funding our annual HHS scholarship.

Ceil Strauss reported that she will meet soon with Nicole S., HPH, to discuss a possible in-person summer event, "practice for in-person" to be held in late July or early August.

The planned December 4 Holiday Brunch at HPH will include a silent and a live auction, and members will be encouraged to invite friends and family. Glenda Schnirring reminded members of the importance of everyone's efforts in making the event a successful fundraiser, as it seeks to replace our traditional major fundraising event: our AAUW Fall Garage Sale.

Committee Reports

Membership: Kathy Palmer reminded again of need to pay dues by June 30. Email reminders will also be sent.

Program: Danna Elling-Schultz said Program leadership will be meeting in June. Suggestions from members are welcome. Program leaders will reach out to the League of Women Voters to explore whether a joint candidates forum for the District #200 School Board seats will be possible.

Public Policy: Pat Powers noted the recently approved AAUW National Public Policy continues to include current initiatives on paycheck fairness, gender equity, economic equity and security for women. A new research project is planned on the effects of college debt on women in their post-college lives.

GadAbouts/Community: Margaret Goderstad reported that Black Dirt Theater continues their radio theater, Wednesdays at 2:30pm & Sundays at 8:30pm, KDWA.

On June 4, 7-8:30pm in the Levee Pavilion, an improvisation theater event will be held. The Orange Dragon gallery in Prescott is again open, 11-5, Wednesday - Sunday. The LeDuc is open for in-person tours, Thursday - Sunday, advance reservations recommended. The Rhubarb Festival will be held on June 5, 10-2 at the LeDuc.

Book Club: Shirley Tammen reported Book Group will meet at 1:30pm, June 14, to discuss *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. On August 9, *The Lost Man*, a thriller by Jane Harper, will be discussed.

AAUW Funds/Scholarship: Glenda Schnirring referred members to the recently emailed *Sprout* for details on this year's scholarship winner, Kaya Felt. Glenda acknowledged the work of the other members of the scholarship selection group, Kathy O'Keefe, Linda Bindman, Nancy Techam.

Diversity: Lisa Hedin reported that, due to time constraints, Marlys Schmitt will be unable to continue as Diversity leader for an additional year, and, as mentioned earlier, a new leader is being sought.

Shirley Tammen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Cindy Toppin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The evening's presentation, *College Possible*, by Amy Browender, followed at 7:30 pm.

Attendance 34.

AAUW Hastings Board

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FOUR SEASONS
HOTEL AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES
MINNEAPOLIS
A UNITED PROPERTIES DEVELOPMENT

Four Seasons is coming to Minneapolis!

Please join us for a “behind the scenes” hard hat tour of the first Five Star Hotel and Private Residences in downtown Minneapolis. Four Seasons is currently under construction and upon its completion in summer of 2022, it will be the third tallest residential tower in Minneapolis.

Join us for lunch at Monte Carlo followed by a private hard hat tour of Four Seasons led by Cynthia Froid, Director of Sales (Cynthia is the daughter of Janet Junkman). Get a sneak peek of one of the most expensive penthouses in Minneapolis, world class spa and amenities, and James Beard award winning restaurant (all under construction)!

Thursday, October 7, 2021

12:00 lunch at Monte Carlo
219 3rd Ave N, Minneapolis

2:00 private tour of Four Seasons
3rd St S & Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis

Space is limited to 12 people. RSVP required. Parking instructions and details forthcoming. Transportation will be provided from Monte Carlo to the construction site and back to your car at Monte Carlo after the tour.

Please note this is an active construction site and will require a fair amount of walking. The site is not yet handicap accessible.

Learn more about the project at mplsprivateresidences.com.

We build a

Longer Table

so there is room for all

Saturday September 18th, 3:00-5:00pm

Come celebrate community through a shared meal

Community Pot Luck

at Hastings Rotary Pavilion



- Please bring a traditional dish to share, your own (non-alcoholic) beverage and serving utensils.
- Tables, chairs, plates, and silverware will be provided.
- **Contact Information:** thriveinhastings@gmail.com
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Belonging Begins With Us!

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