



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Happy almost spring. Signs of the coming seasonal shift are all around us, including the AAUW State Convention being less than two months away! Check out this link to see convention details:

<https://www.smores.com/pwd0b-the-pine-winter-2021?ref=email> .

All AAUW members are encouraged to attend the state convention April 29-30, 2022, hosted by the Saint Cloud Area Branch. The cost is \$135 and includes Friday appetizers and banquet, Saturday morning coffee break, luncheon, speakers, seminars, business meeting, historic presentation, and music. AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell will be speaking virtually to the convention on Friday night, and Saturday's keynote speaker will be Dr Joy Plamann, President of the St Cloud Hospital. Hastings Branch has funds to offset some of the costs associated with attending the convention. There is a registration form at the end of the TWIG.

AAUW merchandise (sweatshirts, long sleeved T-shirts and tote bags) are available for pre-purchase. 50% of the sale price is a fundraiser for AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. Orders placed by Hastings' members will be attributed to the Hastings Branch. Check out the page at the back of this TWIG to see pictures and prices. Pat Powers has agreed to bring the Hastings Branch's order back from the convention, so no delivery fees!

The St. Cloud Area Branch has requested that we collect our branch's registration forms, merchandise (fundraising) orders, and checks. Pat Powers has kindly agreed to collect these items so that they can be consolidated and mailed in one packet.

If interested, please print and fill out the registration and merchandise ordering form which is in the back of this TWIG. Make your check out to Hastings AAUW and our branch will send in a single check. All orders are due to Pat by the evening of 28 March (which happens to be the night of our March business meeting).

If you are just ordering merchandise (not registering), let Pat know your item and size, and she will be able to add you to the Branch order form. You can then send her a check.

Pat Power's email: pat.pow01@gmail.com
Pat's address: 608 Eddy St., Hastings, MN 55033

Remember the deadline for registration and merch order is 28 March!

Continue to do good work, care for each other, and stay well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 14 Book Club
- March 28 General Meeting & Program
- April 8 Gadabouts
- April 11 Book Club
- April 29-30 State Convention

HASTINGS BRANCH

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

2021-2022 PROGRAMS

September 27, 5:30 pm Hastings Golf Club
50th Anniversary Celebration

October 25, 7:00 pm
Making it in the World of Finance & Helping Others Along the Way
Patricia Jones – Financial Advisor

November 22, 7:00 pm
Paid Family & Medical Leave Legislation & Pay Equity Initiatives
State Senators Susan Kent & Lindsey Port

December 4, 10:30 am Hastings Golf Club
Holiday Celebration and Fund Raiser

January 24, 7:00 pm
Black Dirt Improv Presentation

February 28, 7:00 pm
Equity: Helpful or Harmful?
Dr. Alfrieda Baldwin

March 28, 7:00 pm
Title IX Discussion: How is it working after 50 years? What are the challenges? Where do we go from here?

April 25, 6:00 pm Spring Social
Making your Career in a non-traditional Profession
Claire Ferrar, President of Standard Heating & Air Conditioning

May 23, 7:00 pm Book Sale
Hidden Inspiration & My Unpublished Journey
Diane Saed

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, Diane Saed

Conversation About Title IX

Fifty years ago, congress passed legislation that is known today as “Title IX”. This groundbreaking education law declared that no one, based on their gender, could be discriminated against or denied participation in any education program or activity that received federal financial assistance.

The Title IX passage dramatically changed women’s opportunities for involvement in all areas of education including recruitment, admissions and housing; career and technical education; pregnant, parenting, and/or married students; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); sexual harassment and assault; comparable facilities and access to course offerings; financial assistance; student health services and insurance benefits; harassment based on gender identity; and athletics. Many of these areas had traditionally been open only to men at the high school and college levels.

But, 50 years later how are we doing? Are women being treated equitably? Do they receive the attention, opportunities and promotions as their male counterparts? To give us perspective, at our March meeting we will hear from Hastings Public school district Title IX Coordinator Cathy Moen and Interim HHS principal Scott Doran on challenges faced by the district, the role and training of the Title IX coordinator and how the district achieves its Title IX goals.

St. Philip’s Church’s COVID policy states that we are not able to serve coffee or treats at our meetings. However, please feel free to bring your own coffee or water, if you wish, to the meeting.

Hospitality

Nancy Ahn, Kathy Stockman, Patty Todnem

LOOKING AHEAD - Plan to attend our April general meeting - traditionally known as the “Spring Social”. This year it is being held at St. Philip’s church on Monday, April 25 beginning at 6:00 where light snacks will be served. Come and enjoy the social time and light snacks and beverages.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

Kristin Hannah’s *The Four Winds* is the selected book for Monday, March 14, 1:30 at Pleasant Hill Library. Hannah sets this novel in Nebraska during the dust storms in the 1930’s and in the fields of migrant workers in California.

On Monday, April 11, 1:30, The AAUW Book Group will be discussing *My Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mend our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem. This self-help book offers solutions for the racism present in all of us.

After a two-year hiatus, the AAUW Book Club will host a “mini book sale” before and after the general monthly meeting on Monday, May 23. We have done this in the past to raise money for our sponsorship of the Hastings Reads program. Bring in some of your gently read books you have at home that you would like to contribute to this sale. I usually spend the day at St. Philips, so members can drop off books at any time during the day of the meeting. There will be more info. at the April meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Carol Tobin

Our check book balance is \$5550.76 as of today. Expenses related to NICCWSL and Rivertown days have been paid. We have had many memorial donations. The budget for the coming year is going to be voted on at the next board meeting. There will be few changes from the current year.

Dues for the coming year will be due in April, individual members should be able to pay their dues on the national web site with their own credit or debit card. Dues will be \$98 due to increase at the national level.

Web Page

Cheryl Read

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

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Hastings Arts Center:

- Tuesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Concert - "The Paper Clips" – Trombone Quartet
- Continuing through March - Art Show " An Affair of the Heart" inspired by the artist by her personal challenges of dealing with a neurological disorder

LeDuc Historic Estate:

- March 19th at 3:30pm - Virtual Spring Equinox Tea. Pick up food & tea. Registration is required on dakotahistory.org.

Hastings Family Service:

- March 28 - Hastings Tastings - \$25 - Get tickets online or at several locations around town

Orange Dragon:

- May 4 - Spring Exhibit opens

Pleasant Hill Library:

- April 7th at 6:30pm, Chad Montrie will introduce his new book, *Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota*. The book is an examination of White Minnesotans' efforts to exclude African Americans from local communities, jobs, and housing across the state and through the decades. This event is co-sponsored by Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R) of Hastings and the Minnesota Historical Society.

River Valley Band:

- **Concert Honoring Women** Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00pm at the Hastings Middle School Auditorium. This concert will feature musical selections composed by women. The River Valley Band commissioned Erika Svanoie, a band director at Augsburg University in St. Paul, to compose a piece entitled "Florence and Alice". The music will commemorate Florence and Alice LeDuc, the sisters who lived in the LeDuc Mansion and founded the Hastings Needlepoint Company. These talented businesswomen were far ahead of their time! There is a great article in the Star Tribune from 2012 to read if you are a subscriber. <https://www.startribune.com/descendants-return-explore-leduc-legacy/151784615/>

Gadabouts

Cindy Toppin

Gadabouts is back in April!

Our adventure to the Sheldon on **Friday April 8** to hear Colleen Ray is coming soon!

We will meet at the St. Philip's **parking lot at 12:20 and leave by 12:30.**

Concert starts at 1:30.

Those who wish can stop for coffee next door after the concert or a drink at the St. James!

Call Cindy Toppin at 437-7753 if you want to be put on the wait list. There's always a chance that someone will cancel.

[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

February 28, 2022

St Philip's Lutheran Church
Members In-Person (30+) and by Zoom (11)

1. President Lisa Hedin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Given our branch calendar for the rest of the year, she noted February is a month to breathe. March: nominations of board members for the next term; April: our spring meeting and social, as well as approval of 2022-23 budget and input by members for next year's programs.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the TWIG. Motion: Mary Ellen Fox; Second: Kathy O'Keefe.

2. Treasurer's Report: Carol Tobin reported a current balance of \$4,969.02, noting several donations made in honor of Pat Giddings, as well as an award from AAUW Minnesota for the cost of our annual Zoom subscription fee.

3. Committee Reports

a. **Membership:** Kathy Palmer reported on one new member, increasing the total number of branch members to 91.

b. **Program:** Mary Ellen Fox reminded members of the March program on the subject of Title IX, with speakers from Hastings High School. The Feminist Club has been invited to attend.

c. **Public Policy:** Pat Powers mentioned two emails she received lately, which Linda Bindman will circulate to members for their information and possible activism: the first relating to the ERA, and the second to the many bills proposed in the MN State legislature on election procedures that may affect voting rights of Minnesotans. Pat highly recommended that members read sports journalist Pat Reusse's recent Star Tribune article on Title IX.

d. **NCCWSL:** Pat Powers had several printed applications for scholarships being sponsored by the Hastings branch for the virtual NCCWSL conference of May 24-26. Any member who knows of any eligible college women were encouraged to take and distribute.

e. **Book Club:** Shirley Tammen encouraged all members interested in discussing Kristen Hannah's *Four Winds* to attend the next meeting on Monday, March 14, 1:30 pm, at the Hastings Library.

f. **AAUW Funds/HHS Scholarship:** Glenda Schnirring reported that the Hastings branch's donation of \$1000 to AAUW National objectives of "Greatest Need", plus \$2,500 in individual donations from Hastings AAUW members brought the year's total branch support to National to \$3,500. In addition to Lew Linde and Sally Jepsen, Fran Schoen and Pat Giddings will be honored with an AAUW National certificate.

Glenda said that the selection of Hastings AAUW annual HHS Scholarship award winner is complete and will be announced in May. A committee of four members (Marjorie Peterson, Marilyn Tennesen, Kathy Stockman and Glenda) met recently to select the winning student and an alternate.

g. **Gad-Abouts:** Cindy Topping announced she had one ticket left for the planned outing to the Sheldon Theater on Friday, April 8, 1:30 pm. The first member to come to her with a check will join the group.

h. **Community:** Margaret Goderstad recommended the Hastings Art Center's upcoming Coffee Concerts, on Tuesday, March 1, 10:30 am, and Tuesday, March 29, 10:30 am, as well as the current art show on display, "An Affair of the Heart."

She reminded of the River Valley Band Children's Concert on Sunday, March 6, 3 pm at the Hastings Middle School Auditorium.

The Le Duc Mansion is holding a Spring Equinox Tea on Saturday, March 19, at 3:30 pm, by Zoom Webinar. Instructions for registration, pickup of tea and food, or only tea available on the Le Duc website.

The Spring Exhibit of the Orange Dragon in Prescott, WI, begins this year on May 4.

Hastings Tastings is being held at Saint Elisabeth Ann Seton's Church Social Hall, Monday, March 28, 4-7 pm, with attendance limited to 250. Tickets available online or at Cub, Hastings Family Service and Hastings Y.

i. **Diversity:** Peggy Horsch reported on a grant proposal she will submit to Minnesota State AAUW to support the cost of a program next year on gender disparities in Minnesota's economy and in other areas. Planning is being done jointly with the HHS Feminist Club, who have suggested two knowledgeable persons from the Minneapolis Federal Reserve as speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. Motion: Glenda Schnirring ; Second: Cindy Toppin.

Presentation: Alfrieda Baldwin, J.D., Equity: Helpful or Harmful?

AAUW Hastings Board

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AAUW MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION
April 29-30, 2022 – REGISTRATION



Name (Please print) _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zipcode: _____ Branch: _____

Email: _____

Convention Information (please check all boxes that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Branch Member	<input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> College/University Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor/Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Member at Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Past State President	<input type="checkbox"/> College/University Representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Circle

The State Convention cost (\$135) includes a two-day program, Friday appetizers and banquet and Saturday coffee break and luncheon. Check here for vegetarian meals _____.

Friday check-in is from 2:15 - 4:00 p.m. The convention is being held at **The Park Event Center**, 500 Division Street, Waite Park, MN 56387. Call the **Hilton Garden Inn** promptly to make overnight reservations (320-640-7990). The AAUW State Convention group rate is \$124 (king or 2 queens).

The sale of AAUW T-shirts, hoodies, and totes will replace the silent auction fundraiser (see flyer). All profits from this sale will go to AAUW's *Greatest Needs Fund* and each individual and branch will receive credit. Orders and advance payment are required and should be included with your convention registration. If you want to purchase an item but can't attend the convention, please ask another branch member to pick it up. There will be an additional charge of \$10 for mailing orders. Please turn in the convention surveys at the exit table before leaving.

Item	Quantity and Size							Picked up by
	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X		
Long-sleeved T-shirt \$36 each (+ \$5.00 for 2X, 3X)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Round Neck <input type="checkbox"/> V-Neck <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Member's name: _____
Hoodie Sweatshirt \$44 each (+ \$5.00 for 2X, 3X)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tote \$22 each								

Registration should be postmarked by **MARCH 31, 2022**. Make checks payable to: AAUW St. Cloud and mail the registration form & check to: AAUW St. Cloud, P.O. Box 7694, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address same as above or: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zipcode: _____ Card No. _____

Expiration date: (MM/YY) _____ Security Code: _____

\$ _____ Total amount including convention registration and fundraiser order(s).



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State Convention Fundraiser

All Minnesota Branches are invited to participate in the 2022 State Convention FUNDRAISER to benefit the AAUW *Greatest Needs Fund*. The official AAUW logo with the tag, *empowering women since 1881* is screened in white. Long-sleeved T-shirts, hoodies, and tote bags will be pre-sold and can be picked up at the convention, April 29-30, hosted by the Saint Cloud Area Branch. Members who don't attend the convention can also order the items. Individuals and branches will receive credit for their donations. Sizes are a standard fit and are available in sizes S - XL, Cost(s): L-Sleeve T-shirt - \$36, hoodie - \$44, tote - \$22, Plus Sizes (2X & 3X are an additional \$5). Place orders along with payment on the convention registration form. Questions? Contact: Linda MacLeod, 320-281-3155 or lmariemac1949@gmail.com. WE ARE ONE!



Saint Cloud Area Branch Members

Mary Lou Lenz

Joyce Hummel

Caitlin Hegle (SCSU Student Member)

Donna Nordang

