



**President’s Message**

*Lisa Hedin*

In September AAUW Hastings Branch was able to enjoy a festive start to the 2022-23 program year with the return of our salad supper. The hospitality crew, breads, salads, desserts, and beverages did not disappoint! We also continued to build membership with many new folks joining that night. Let’s keep this positive energy going as we continue to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. I hope you are all inspired to notice where your experience and expertise can advance the mission of AAUW in the Hastings community.

There is an election this fall with numerous local, state, and national seats on the ballot. Early voting is underway right now, and Tuesday, 8 November 2022 is general election day. There is quite a bit of information out there on each of the races with more coming over the next few weeks. Keep an eye on Hastings Chamber of Commerce, Hastings Community TV, and other local media outlets for local candidate information. Please make sure you are informed and participate in this election. The world is run by those who show up, and AAUW members show up!

I am looking forward to this month’s program at the **Hastings Arts Center** by representatives of the Federal Reserve. Our AAUW Hastings Branch received a state grant for mission related programming and will be partnering with the Hastings High School Feminism Club to present a program on economic disparities. We will be building partnerships and educating our members and the broader community. Note: there will be no business meeting in October, the program will begin at 7:00 pm sharp! Read this TWIG for all your AAUW Hastings Branch business related news.

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

**Program**

*Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, & Diane Saed*

**Recognizing and Addressing Gender Earnings Gap**

October’s program is a joint effort with the Hastings High School Feminism Club. The Club came up with the idea for the program – recognizing and addressing gender earnings gap – which is right in our mission statement.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 10 ..... **Book Club**
- Oct. 24 ..... **Program**

**HASTINGS BRANCH**

**Meets on Mondays  
St. Philip’s Lutheran Church  
1401 15<sup>th</sup> Street West,  
Hastings, Minnesota 55033**

**2022-2023 PROGRAMS**

**September 26, 6:00 pm                      Salad Supper**  
**Dignity at Home for Families with Parents**  
**with Dementia**  
**Kathy O’Keefe and sisters**

**October 24, 7:00 pm                      Hastings Art Center**  
**Recognizing and Addressing Gender**  
**Earnings Gap**  
**Representatives from the Minnesota Federal**  
**Reserve with the HHS Feminism Club**

**November 28, 7:00 pm**  
**The Missing and Murdered Indigenous**  
**Women Task Force**  
**Sen. Mary Kunesh and Photographer John**  
**Kaul**

**December 10, 10:30 am                      Hastings Golf Club**  
**Holiday Celebration**

**January 23, 6:00 pm                      Chili Supper**  
**Culturally sensitive issues in children’s**  
**literature**

**February 27, 7:00 pm**  
**Books that speak to the female experience**

**March 27, 7:00 pm**  
**Therapy Dogs providing assistance to college**  
**students in crisis**

**April 24, 7:00 pm**  
**Women Leaders**  
**Lori Sturdevant**

**May 22, 7:00 pm                                      Book Sale**  
**Minnesota’s Changing Demographics**  
**Susan Brower, State Demographer**

Please join us for the program at the **Hastings Art Center** on October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm. **This event is open to the public, so please help us by sharing with your networks!**

If you can, come early (any time after 6:30 pm) to mingle with Club members and enjoy a treat provided by them. I asked faculty advisor, Kari Jaeger, to give us some information about the Club. Here is what she shared:

“The HHS Feminism Club was started in 2015 by students. The Club meets once or twice a month and works to raise awareness about (local and international) women’s rights issues. It is our goal to help people take a stand, speak up about what they believe in, and stay educated about injustices around the world. During meetings, we discuss problems that women face internationally and within our own communities and provide steps that the group can take to help solve those problems (such as information on local rallies or ways to raise awareness within Hastings). Feminism Club provides a safe place for people to voice their concerns and stories in an open-minded and supportive environment.

Over the past 7 years, we’ve partaken in many activities, such as co-hosting a presentation with AAUW about sexual assault on college campuses; hosting an informational event for the community on sex trafficking; completing service projects for a women’s shelter; raising funds for Girl Up so that girls in Malawi can bike to school; taking a self-defense class; learning from guest speakers about women in politics, education for girls around the world, transfeminism, eating disorders, and history of feminism; watching videos related to feminism; reading articles/essays; and discussing current events. Feminism Club also works to redefine feminism in a more positive light, and to show Hastings High School that anyone can be and should be a feminist.”

Sounds familiar, right? That’s why there will be continuing outreach to the Club to keep the momentum and engagement on-going; hopefully, long into the future. One way to support the Club is through its T-Shirt sale. The sale is open to all and is one more piece to round out your “feminism closet.” The link below includes a picture of the shirt and an order link. The order closes on October 31<sup>st</sup> – <https://www.imagemarket.com/9hcggeh2>.

The program will feature 2 speakers from the Minneapolis Branch of the Federal Reserve, Katherine Lim and Vanessa Palmer. The Federal Reserve has been doing bang-up work in the gender inequity area so we are very fortunate to have their expertise so close. I asked them to provide a brief synopsis of the presentation:

“The pandemic recession presented large and unprecedented challenges for workers and businesses. Unlike previous recessions, women’s employment suffered larger losses than men’s. School and childcare closures as well as loss of informal care led to increased demands on parents’ time with a disproportionate effect on mothers.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Hastings American Association of University Women and High School Feminism Club will host Katherine Lim and Vanessa Palmer from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. The speakers will give an overview of long-standing contributions to the gender earnings gap in the United States followed by a discussion of research on women’s employment and labor force participation during the pandemic. Understanding the effect of pandemic-related public health concerns, government-mandated shutdowns, and widespread societal changes on women’s careers and lives is vital to our ability to achieve a full economic recovery.”

## **Treasurer’s Report**

***Carol Tobin***

We continue to be very healthy financially. Our beginning balance this month was \$11,260.11. Our income this month was all related to new members and renewing members. Our expenses are mostly related to paying National and State dues. Other expenses were related to programing and promotion. We purchased a new \$3,000 CD. Our current balance is \$7,718.63.

## Book Club

*Shirley Tammen*

On Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Three teenage boys and an eight-year-old travel the Lincoln Highway from Nebraska to New York City in search of the mother who abandoned two of the boys, one of whom had just been released from a juvenile detention center.

On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we selected *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Inspired by a true story from WWII, a young woman with a talent for forgery, helps hundreds of Jewish children flee from the Nazis.

Hastings Reads 2023 has chosen a theme for its February events. **Identity: Being Truly You.**

The books are:

Teen/Adult - *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From* by Jennifer de Leon

Middle School selection – *Stuntboy, In The Meantime* by Jason Reynolds

Early Elementary - *Jellybeans* by Kiersten Hall

Jennifer de Leon, the author of *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From* will be speaking at Hastings Arts Center on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Web Page

*Cheryl Read*

Accidently delete your email with the latest directory?

Forget where our meeting is located this month?

Then, check the website!

Here's the link: <https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/>

**The password for the members only section of the website was emailed to all members last month**

## Membership

*Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman*

September was another great month, and we welcome six new members who have joined AAUW. Our newest members are Renee Souza, Estrella Carter, Lisa deRoy, Jodi Husting, Mary Ellen Kenney and Julia Lyon. Welcome to all our new members.

SHAPE THE FUTURE dues discounts will next be available at the Holiday Brunch, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, at Hastings Golf Course. Anyone joining AAUW for the first time that morning is entitled to reduced dues of \$64.50. (Regular dues are \$98.00.) Members, if you know someone who might be interested in joining ....**LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THIS GREAT DEAL!** We also encourage you to invite a friend to attend any of our meetings as your guest. Current members are our best source for recruiting new members, and we appreciate all of your efforts.

## Historian

*Lisa Hedin*



## Community

*Margaret Goderstad*

### Hastings Arts Center:

Coffee Concerts: Free

- Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am - Amy Nam on harp
- Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am – Ruckus in the Bearbrush, Appalachian Band
- Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Trumpet Stew, John Huth and Larry Prescott, trumpets with Sarah Lockwood, piano

Sod House Theater – October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Hastings Arts Center. They will perform “RARE: Stories of Dis-ease” Kevin Kling of MPR has adapted a Greek story into a modern day play about rare diseases. **This is a special event.** This is a free event but reservations are necessary. Go to [Sod House Theater Website](#) A free-will offering is encouraged. More information is attached at the end of the TWIG.

Friday Night Jam Sessions: Free will offering

- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Bluegrass/Old Time, Rick Larson on banjo
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – The Spoken Word & Holiday Sing-a-long, Mike Kelly of HPAC Writer’s Group & Melyssa Rice of Blessings Academy
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Jazz Improv Night, Jonah Walt

Mirage Performing Arts – Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. A Twin Cities group of performing artists who create a new and authentic expression of classical music and ballet through innovative collaboration, programming, & choreography. Be watching for further details.

### Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R):

- Breaking the Silence: Remembering Brown’s Chapel AME – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00-5:00pm. at the First Presbyterian Church (602 Vermillion). Brown’s Chapel was a Black church in Hastings from 1892-1907. Come learn about the history of the early Black settlers in Hastings. This will be an afternoon of music, reflection, education, inspiration, and a walking/driving tour of Hastings’ historical Black community landmarks This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Poster attached at the end of the TWIG.

### LeDuc Historic Estate:

- Candlelit Tours – October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. A bit of the macabre. Reservations Required
- Victorian Holiday Tea – December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Reservations Required

### River Valley Band:

Veterans Day Concert: November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Hastings Middle School. With special guests the 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band from Ft. Snelling

### Hastings Concert Association:

- Roe Family Singers on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Hastings Middle School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25.

### Orange Dragon Art Gallery: Prescott

Fall exhibit runs through November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### HPAC:

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00pm  
Watch for exciting details

### [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

*Hannah Spaulding*

### AAUW Business Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022

**Location: St. Philip's Lutheran Church and  
Zoom**

Approximately 65 in person attendees and 8 Zoom attendees

**1. New member introductions.** We had 8 new members over the summer and an additional 5 join recently, including our first ever student member Ashley Sarne. This brings our total membership to 98 total!

**2. Call to Order/President's Message.** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

We are re-entering the clip board era! Hospitality signups being passed around tonight. Please sign up for an event to bring treats, about 2 dozen.

Gad-Abouts will have the same structure this year; if you have an activity you participate in, please invite the rest of us! Get a blurb about it in the TWIG. Generally, these events are during the day but do not have to be, we are looking to have about 2-3 of these types of events this year.

There will be a school board open forum at the end of October – more details to come.

**3. Treasurer's Report.** Board accepted the Treasurer's Report at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Ended last month with \$11, 360.11. Income deposits from membership dues. Board approved the purchase of another \$3,000 Certificate of Deposit (CD) as interest is currently over 2%. Current checkbook balance of \$8,031.11.

#### **4. Committee/Activity Reports**

**Programs (Danna Elling-Schultz).** Danna has a new stock of AAUW bookmarks if anyone would like one.

October 24<sup>th</sup>: Joint event with HHS Feminism Club @ Hastings Arts Center – Representatives from the MN Federal Reserve discuss gender income equity in the system.

\*There will be no October Business Meeting as this event is open and advertised to the public

November 28<sup>th</sup>: Sen. Mary Kunesh discusses her work with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Taskforce. Photographer John Kaul will also have his photos on display.

December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Holiday brunch and will be held at the Hastings Country Club. Time TBD.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Chili Supper @ 6pm. Followed by Culturally sensitive issues in children's literature presented by Gay Ward.

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Books that speak to the female experience.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Therapy dogs providing assistance to college students in crisis.

**Fundraising (Ceil Strauss).** No formal update given, but fundraising goal and been met and then some!

**Gad-Abouts (Nicole Sindelair).** There was not enough time to plan and execute an October 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Please bring any and all upcoming event ideas forward!

**Public Policy (Pat Powers).** AAUW Fall Member Gathering – upcoming webinar on 9/29 @ 3pm. 9/21 marks Black Women's Equal Pay Day. Black American Women earn 58% compared to white men. Hispanic women earn 38%

Voting has started in MN! Early voting started 9/23; Reminder that mnvotes.org maintains and publishes all information about voting and voting dates.

AAUW Action Fund 'Get Out and Vote' Initiative: <https://www.aauwaction.org/>

**Book Club (Shirley Tammen):** Reminder that Book Club runs the second Monday of every month at 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library (backroom reserved) September thru May 2023.

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Hamel

**Scholarship Interest Committee (Marilyn Tennesen).** Board approved the formation of a committee to determine an amount and criteria for a second scholarship to be given in May 2023. Ideas being targeting first generation college attendees or non-traditional/trade schools. Not committing to annual at this time as it we don't know we will have funds available each year. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please reach out to Marilyn.

**Community (Margaret Goderstad).** Many upcoming community events!

The Hastings Arts Center is now posting events on their website: [Upcoming Concerts & Events \(hastingsartscenter.org\)](http://hastingsartscenter.org)

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at the Hastings Arts Center. Sod House Theatre Presents RARE Stories of Disease;

Tickets are free but reservations must be made in advance here: [Sod House Theater \(arts-people.com\)](http://SodHouseTheater.com). Donations are not required but appreciated.

Black Dirt Theatre production has been suspended for lack of venue. They are also seeking new board members if anyone is interested.

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12pm, Hastings Art Space is hosting a free Fall Community Celebration. Meet the Artspace artists and see their amazing work. There will be free live music, food, games, face painting and more.

Danna – Prescott is performing Beauty and the Beast Musical the first weekend of December (12/2-12/4). Last year they raised over 8k in ticket sales and are in need of more funds for costumes. **Diversity (Peggy Horsch)**. Not present but refer to the recent TWIG article for updates.

Danna Elling-Schultz moved to adjourn: Pat Powers seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

## AAUW Hastings Board

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| President -----      | Lisa Hedin                                           |
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| Public Policy -----  | Pat Powers                                           |
| Fundraising -----    | Ceil Strauss                                         |
| Web Page -----       | Cheryl Read                                          |

## PRESS RELEASE

### RARE: STORIES OF DIS-EASE TO BE PERFORMED IN HASTINGS, MN

On Saturday, October 15th at 7:30pm, Sod House Theater of Minneapolis will bring their production of *RARE: Stories of Dis-ease* to the Hastings Arts Center. The play is being performed to help bring a greater awareness and deeper understanding of the medical, economic, psychological, and social challenges facing people with rare diseases. Act 2 will be an interactive discussion of medical professionals and people who have been affected by a rare disease, giving a short presentation and answering questions from the audience. Tickets for the play are free, but the number of seats are limited so you must reserve your tickets online at <https://www.sodhousetheater.org/rare> All reserved tickets will be available at the will call desk. A free will offering will be available with 100% of the proceeds going to rare disease organizations.

The play was developed through a collaboration by The University of Minnesota's Center for Orphan Drug Research and the Department of Theater Arts and Dance. The show creators adapted the Greek tragedy, *Philoctetes*, to tell the story of the challenges faced by people diagnosed with a rare disease. Philoctetes was a warrior noted in the Iliad, who was on his way to the Trojan War when a serpent bit him. The cries of pain from his wound were so great and the smell so noxious that he was abandoned on an island by his countrymen to live his life in isolation. The theme of abandonment and isolation resonate strongly with people who have a rare disease as well as their families and loved ones.

Kevin Kling, best known for his popular commentaries on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and his storytelling stage shows like *Tales from the Charred Underbelly of the Yule Log*, is the author of the play. Kling shared, "This production has truly been a passion project for all of us and has been woven from the accounts of so many courageous individuals who have lived the experience of rare disease and who have personally shared their stories with us." Luverne Seifert, Head of BA Theater Performance at the University of Minnesota is the director of the play, along with dramaturg and University of Minnesota theater professor, Sonja Kuflinec.

The Sod House Theater Company is a local performance group that specializes in creating professional theater experiences in close collaboration with Minnesota communities in order to illuminate timely and relevant issues and create an empowering space for public dialogue and reflection. In addition to Hastings, performance locations include; U of M Twin Cities, Minneapolis, Crookston, Rochester, and Morris MN, Prescott WI, and Fargo ND.

For information about University of Minnesota and M Health Fairview rare disease clinical **care**, visit: [mhealthfairview.org/rare-diseases](https://mhealthfairview.org/rare-diseases)

For information about University of Minnesota and M Health Fairview rare disease clinical **research**, Visit: <https://bit.ly/3LbWPBz>



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# Breaking The Silence:

## REMEMBERING BROWN'S CHAPEL AME

BUILDING REMEMBRANCE FOR RECONCILIATION

### BROWN'S CHAPEL - DO YOU REMEMBER IT?



Brown's Chapel:  
The African Methodist Church  
Fifth Street  
Monday



REV. MRS. L.A. RAGAN  
Pastor of Brown's Chapel  
Hastings, Minn.

Sunday October 23rd, 2022 • 2pm - 5pm

## Breaking The Silence: Remembering Brown's Chapel AME

First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, MN  
602 Vermillion St, Hastings, MN 55033

### Guest Speakers



Rev Pam Ngunjiri  
MN Council of Churches



Davu Seru  
Musician and Assistant Professor  
of Practice in English at  
Hamline University



James A. Curry  
BR4R Chair, Film Maker,  
Hastings Historic Black  
Community Descendant

### Food & Refreshments

#### Jazz Trio Performance

Bruce Henry (vocals), Dean Magraw (guitar)  
and Davu Seru (drums)

#### Walking/Driving Tour of Hastings Historical Black Community Landmarks



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### A Special Thanks!



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