

Hastings Branch

February 2023



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Greetings AAUW Hastings Members. Welcome to 'almost" spring in MN! Well, at least we can see spring from here. Just a few things to be aware of coming up for AAUW National, State and here in Hastings.

AAUW National is considering some changes to the by-laws to align "with current governance practices and principles related to board operations and to streamline the structure of the bylaws". These changes do not include any modification of membership requirements. A voting period for AAUW members is scheduled for early April 2023. Watch your email for more information.

The AAUW State Convention will be held virtually this year on the morning of April 29th, 2023. There will be a speaker from National, and then the State Board will take care of their annual business. We have been allocated six delegates, not including members servicing on the state board. I am thinking of hosting a viewing party for this event, and you are all invited. Details TBD.

The end of the program year is in sight, and with it the end of the terms for our current Treasurer, and VP's of Programs. Please consider your willingness to serve on the Nominating Committee to build our slate of candidates; and even your willingness to be a candidate yourself. Contact me if you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. Feel free to reach out to Carol, Danna, Mary Ellen, or Diane to learn more about what each of these positions entails. Our Branch will be voting on candidates for the 2023-2025 program years; along with the 2023-24 budget, at our April General Meeting.

Finally, Leslie Nielsen brought to my attention that a long-time former member of AAUW Hastings Branch, Margaret Brown had passed away last year. Attached find the link to her obituary, which captures her life of service and commitment to education and community.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.northernpeace.com/obituary/Margaret-Brown}}$

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

P.S. – I categorize this as a rumor right now, but it makes me happy so I am going to spread it. AAUW has struck a deal with MS. Magazine for a free year of the magazine with an AAUW membership. I so hope this is true!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13	Book Club & Hastings Reads				
Author speaks in the evening					
Feb. 27	Program				
March 13	Book Club				

HASTINGS BRANCH

Meets on Mondays St. Philip's Lutheran Church 1401 15th 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 Rachel Haider

March 27, 7:00 pm Women in Traveling Jan Hertel

April 24, 7:00 pm Women Leaders Lori Sturdevant

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

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, & Diane Saed

Books that speak to the female experience presenter Rachel Haider

Rachel has been the Hastings High School Media Specialist for the past 4 years, prior to that she was a high school English teacher in Nebraska for 7 years. She is a member of the Minnesota Library Association and works with the Hastings Reads planning committee. Rachel is a passionate advocate for Intellectual Freedom and a student's right to read. The power of story is integral to people's lives, both in seeing ourselves in stories and being able to understand others through story.

Rachel is married to Dustin and they have three children Aislynn age 7, Everett, age 5, and Malcolm, 1.5 years old. They live south of Hastings and have dreams of chickens, bees and a garden (not necessarily in that order)! Rachel's current favorite way to read is by listening to audiobooks while she crochets or bakes.

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

Directory

An updated copy of the AAUW Hastings Branch Membership Directory 2022-2023 was emailed to members in January. We have received some updates or correction of errors that we wanted to inform you about.

Julia Lyon, Apt. 404 was added to address,

Telephone: 651-702-1367 email: juliabl@comcast.net

Molly Welshons: new emailmollywelshons@gmail.com

If you notice any directory errors or need to update your information, please email: Jackie at jacann@comcast.net or Kathy at majeski@embarqmail.com. We will be updating the AAUW Hastings Branch Membership Directory 2022-2023 on our website soon.

Treasurer's Report

Our beginning balance this February is \$6,384.25. Our income the month of January is for reimbursement from National AAUW for 6 new members. Our expenses include Scholarship payment and Speaker Fees. The board has started on the new budget for the coming year. It looks like it is going to be a good new year.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

On Monday, February 13, the group will discuss *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in an American City* by Matthew Desmond. In 2017, this Pulitzer Prize winning author followed eight families in Milwaukee as they struggled to keep a roof over their heads.

Metropolis by B. A. Shapiro is the selected read for Monday, March 13th, 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library. This psychological novel follows six mysterious characters whose lives intersect when a harrowing accident occurs in a storage warehouse in Cambridge, MA.

REMINDER: Don't forget about Hastings Reads, 2023. A few of the highlights:

Author, Jennifer De Leon, of Hastings Reads selection, *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From*, will be speaking on Monday, February 13th, 6:30pm at the Hastings Art Center.

Author, Kiersten Hall, will be at the YMCA on Friday, February 24th, 6-7:30pm for numerous activities related to her book *Jellybeans*.

The Hastings Reads schedule is attached at the end of the TWIG.

Community Margaret Goderstad

As you may know, Hastings' citizens are becoming more aware of two facts about our community: There was a small Black community who lived and worked in Hastings until their church was destroyed by arsonists in1907, and our community is becoming more and more diverse. To acknowledge both our past and present, Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R) is hosting:

BREAKING THE SILENCE: CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY on Sunday, February 26 at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Hastings from 2-4 pm.

We have a great program planned:

Musicians Dale Alexander on keyboard and Wendell Kirk on bass will fill the space with rhythm and blues selections.

Sheletta Brundidge from Sheletta Makes Me Laugh will be the keynote speaker. We believe she will make us think and laugh! Check her out at: www.shelettamakesmelaugh.com.

A **Readers Theatre production**, Hastings' Black History, A Readers Theatre Reflection, written and directed by Bronwyn Skov, will narrate the Black experience in Hastings' first 100 years as recorded by federal census takers and local newspapers.

Hastings Arts Center:

- Sunday, Feb. 12th, 3:00pm Cumar means "Confluence." Two master drummers from Guinea, West Africa (brothers Fode and Alhassan Bangoura) and three well-known musicians from the Twin Cities Irish music scene (Laura MacKenzie on flute & vocals, Mary Vanorny on fiddle, and Sean Egan on clarinet). Call for reservations
- Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 10:30am Free coffee concert with Jeremy Hiniker on guitar
- Sunday, March 12th, 3:00pm Dr. Iva Ugrcic on flute and Satako Hayami on piano. Call for reservations

River Valley Band:

March 5th, at 1:00pm at the Hastings Middle School "Celebrating Community Bands" - River Valley Band with Rosemount Community Band - Guest Soloist, John Huth on Trumpet - Bring a food item for Hastings Family Service - Free will offering to cover costs of the band.

Hastings Area Historical Society:

February 21st at 7:00pm there will be a meeting at the LeDuc Historic Estate. Members and nonmembers are invited. Pat Bauer (author) and Dave Geister (illustrator) will talk about their new book, *Making Minnesota*. This is an activity book for children funded by the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment and published by the Minnesota Historical Society. Everyone at the meeting will receive a **free copy** of the book. There will be a social time afterwards with light snacks and an opportunity to meet the authors.

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/

NCCWSL Gail Glashon

The deadline to apply for the NCCWSL scholarship has been extended to March 10, 2023

AAUW Hastings Branch NCCWSL 2023 Scholarship Who do you know that should apply?

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. Each year, AAUW brings together hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. College women enter the conference as passionate leaders and leave it with the skills and confidence to pursue their goals.

We are excited to announce this year's event will be **In-Person** at the University of Maryland College Park, May 31–June 3, 2023. Our scholarship covers the cost of the residential conference and airfare.

Please share this link with a college woman for complete information and scholarship application... https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/activities/

Or...please forward the attached (end of the TWIG) NCCWSL flyer and application to a college woman and encourage her to apply!

Questions? Contact Gail...
AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com

Historian Lisa Hedin



Angeline Boulley, author of Firekeeper's Daughter.

AAUW Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Equity for all.

Minnesota State Website http://aauw-mn.aauw.net

National Website https://www.aauw.org/

Diversity Peggy Horsch

Have you heard? Yep, it's Black History Month! Is it me or does it seem the events or perhaps the coverage and recognition get bigger each year? Maybe I pay attention more than the average citizen, but I do think the events and verbal and written materials are growing in number with more variety for everyone from the novice to the expert. I kept track of some of the local and metro events and history to share with you. There is something here for everyone and I challenge you to participate in some way to gain a greater and more nuanced appreciation of Black history.

*Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R) has an excellent section on local members of the Black community who resided in Hastings from 1857-1954 written by our great historian, Heidi Langenfeld

(buildingrememberanceforreconciliation.com "Profiles" tab). Find out more about the individuals who created a thriving Black community once upon a time. Heidi highlights R. S. Burns who was a barber by profession in the 1860s; importantly, he was one of three Black men who successfully wrote a petition to remove "White" from the suffrage provision in the State Constitution. Andrew Jackson Overall was the son of a conductor in the underground railway in Indiana who continued the family anti-slavery activism when he arrived in Hastings in 1850's. He is buried at Lakeside Cemetery along with his wife, Lucinda Harriet Thurman Overall, and three of their children who predeceased them. I intend to find their gravesites when the weather cooperates. Lucinda lived to 74 with one of her two surviving children in St. Paul. Read about Andrew, Lucinda, Lincoln and Nina (the surviving children) – great fact is that Lincoln was an accomplished musician at the Academy of Music at the U of MN.

*Be sure to check out the excellent article on the **Reverend Lina A. Ragan** by Jillian Knight on the BR4R Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/BR4RMN/). Reverend

Ragan was appointed the pastor of Brown's Chapel around 1900. She was on the forefront of numerous Black women's issues. Her accomplishments are truly inspiring and pioneering. I want to know more about her after reading the article!

*BR4R is hosting "Breaking the Silence: Celebrating Black History" from 2-4 pm on February 26th at St. Luke's. If it is anything like the event it hosted last fall, you are in for a treat. I was blown away by the music and speakers. This event looks to be just as good, if not better.

*Check out the Black History Month Events at the Dakota County Library site (http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/Programs/Everyone/Pages/black-history-month.aspx)

*This one has gotten a lot of press and is definitely on my to-do list – Alan and Diane Page's "TESTIFY" exhibit at the Cargill Gallery, Minneapolis Central Library running through March 29th. As you might have heard, the exhibit is a selection of art and artifacts that paints a portrait of race relations and representations in the 19th through 21st centuries collected by the Pages. It is also a series of events and programs conducted each week on all sorts of topics ranging from Immigration to Healthcare to Police Reform and so much more. Check out more details at the Hennepin County Library website (hclib.org).

*Hastings THRIVE is looking to fund partner organizations and individuals in the ISD 200 area to execute specific projects or initiatives that further its stated objectives: Improve trust and safety for all; Expand cultural competency; and Build bridges so that everyone feels welcome. A grant application for funding is available so please spread the word! It is looking for innovative and passionate partners to continue the work that was started by community leaders in 2016. If there are any questions about this, please direct them to me.

Secretary

Hannah Spaulding

AAUW Business Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023 Location: St. Philip's Lutheran Church and Zoom 70 in the room, 1 on zoom

- (7:00 pm) Call to Order/President's Message.
 Call to order at 7:01pm.
- We currently have no NCCWSL applicants with the deadline fast approaching! See Gail G, Pat P, or Jan J. if you need info. Also, let's get Gad-Abouts up and running again – please reach out with any ideas!
- (7:05 pm) Approve Meetings Minutes (November 28, 2022 – no December meeting was held)
 Motion and a Second to approve November Meeting Minutes. Pat Powers motions, Carol Tobin seconds. Motion carries.
- 4. (7:07 pm) Approve Treasurer's Report (thru December 2022) Deposits totaled \$2,942.50 and included: \$2500 deposit from Hastings Golf Club for the wine soiree, \$387.00 for national, state, and local dues for 6 shape the future members. \$33.50 refund from national for overpayment, \$22.00 refund from national on 1 shape the future member. Expenses totaled \$1,722.00 and included \$125.00 for November program speaker, \$150.00 for December musicians, \$60.00 for 2 meals at Hastings Golf Club and a \$1,000 donation to the Greatest Needs Fund. Expenses also \$387.00 for national, state, and local dues for 6 shape the future members. \$8,887.75 checkbook balance to date. Motion and a Second to approve Treasurer's Report. Lisa West motions, Betty Hoeschen seconds. Motion carries.
- (7:10 pm) Committee/Activity Reports

 Membership (Kathy Palmer & Jackie
 Rigelman) We are at a total or 105
 members. Not currently in a position to do any more shape the future memberships.

- b. Programs (Mary Ellen Fox, Danna Elling-Schultz & Diane Saed) Next month's program will feature Hastings High School Media Specialist Rachel Haider. Topic: Books That Speak to the Female Experience.
- c. Fundraising Report (Ceil Strauss) Following the December Holiday Brunch, thanks to the generosity of our members we were able to adopt 2 additional families through the Hasting Family Service Project Share.
- d. Hospitality (Darla Kimmes, Nancy Ahn, Lois Twedt) – Check the clipboard to remind yourself if you are signed up to bring treats (or fruit) for an upcoming meeting.
- e. Public Policy (Pat Powers) Latest topic on the Two-Minute Activist concerning the action for pregnant workers passed in the Senate. This month's Two-Minute Activist focuses on paid leave and child care. Also, Hastings Middle and High Schools need a few more volunteers for students who need someone to read with done through Zoom, you read for 30 mins and help them do a summary of what they read. If interested reach out to Pat.
- f. NCCWSL (Gail Glashan) Please reach out if you know of a good candidate for the NCCWSL scholarship!
- g. Book Club (Shirley Tammen) Monday February 13, 2023: Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond at the Pleasant Hill Library. Hastings Reads Speaker Jennifer De Leon will be at the Hastings Arts Center on February 13th from 6:30-8pm to discuss her book Don't Ask Me Where I'm From. She will sign books, and copies of her book will be available for purchase.
- h. Scholarship/AAUW Funds (Marilyn Tennessen) Committee is forming, and we need two more people to read applications for our 2 scholarships. We will get a list from the high school and need to narrow that down and return a prioritized list back to the high school. Please reach out to Marilyn if you are interested in joining the committee.

- i. Community (Margaret Goderstad) Saturday, January 28th @ 7:00pm The High 48s preform at the Hastings Arts Center. February 12th @ 3pm musical group Cumar, featuring two master drummers from West Africa, will be performing. Black Dirt Improv performs on January 27th @ 7 and 9pm.
- j. Diversity (Margaret Horsch) No update tonight.
- 6. (7:25 pm) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn from Linda Bindman, Mary Ellen Fox seconded. Adjourned @7:20pm

Upcoming Dates:

February Board Meeting – February 6, 2023, 7:00 pm on Zoom

February Book Group – February 13, 1:30 pm at Pleasant Hill Library. Book: Evicted, by Matthew Desmond

Hastings Reads – Author Visit February 13, 2023 at Hastings Arts Center 6:30-8:00 pm February Business Meeting/Program – February 27, 2023 @ 7:00 pm at St Philips Lutheran Church.

Program follows @ 7:30 pm – Books That Speak to the Female Experience, Rachel Haider HHS Media Specialist

AAUW Hastings Board

President ----- Lisa Hedin VPs Membership ----- Kathy Palmer Jackie Rigelman VPs Programs ----- Danna Elling Schultz Mary Ellen Fox Diane Saed Hannah Spaulding Secretary -----Treasurer -----Carol Tobin AAUW Funds -----Marilyn Tennessen Book Club -----Shirley Tammen Community -----Margaret Goderstad Diversity -----Peggy Horsch Gadabouts -----Members Historian ----- Lisa Hedin Hospitality -----Nancy Ahn Darla Kimmes Lois Twedt NCCWSL -----Gail Glashan Newsletter ----- Linda Bindman Public Policy ----- Pat Powers Fundraising ----- Ceil Strauss Web Page ----- Cheryl Read



LeDuc History Book Club Discussion Thurs, February 2, 6:30–7:30 p.m. LeDuc Historic Estate	Join the LeDuc History Book Group for a lively discussion of <i>Don't Ask</i> Me Where I'm From by Jennifer De Leon.				
"I Love Being Me" Storytime for 2s-6s Tues. February 7, 10:30-11 a.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Read, play, sing, talk and write together with stories and activities to develop early literacy skills for toddlers and preschoolers. Siblings welcome. Ages 2–6.				
Popcorn and a Movie Wed, February 8, 1 p.m. Tilden Senior Center	Senior citizens, join us for a drama about three characters (Walter, Tarek, and Zainab) who work to navigate U.S. immigration policies and detention. By seeing the world through the eyes of others, the characters learn more about themselves. Rated PG13.				
Pleasant Hill Evening Book Group Wed, February 8, 6-7 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	This month's title is <i>Don't Ask Me Where I'm From</i> by Jennifer De Leon. New members are welcome. Geared for adults.				
Book Discussion for HMS Students Thurs, February 9, time TBD HMS	HMS students are invited to join a book club about <i>Stuntboy, in the Meantime</i> . Your teachers will give you information on how to participate.				
Immigrant Experience in Hastings Sat, February 11, 2 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	What is it like to be a first or second-generation immigrant living in Hastings? Meet a panel of your neighbors who are living this unique experience right here in our community. Hear the wide variety of reasons that brought them here, their first impressions of America compared to their lived experiences, what they wish people knew, an more.				
Author Visit: Jennifer De Leon Mon, February 13 during school day at HHS 6:30-8 p.m. at Hastings Arts Center	Harvard creative writing instructor and award–winning author Jennifer De Leon is coming to Hastings! She will talk to HHS students about her debut novel, <i>Don't Ask Me Where I'm From</i> , during the school day. In the evening, she will join community members downtown to discuss her book and her work as an author. She will sign books, and copies of her book will be available for purchase.				
Writing My Identity Through Community Wed, February 15, 5:30-7 p.m. Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library	Explore your "sense of self" through creative writing in a safe space with the creative freedom to learn more about your identities, examples of valued communities you belong to, and important social issues. Explore how we can engage our communities through our writing. Presented by The Loft. Geared for ages 12–18. Registration required; register via the Dakota County Library calendar.				
Discussion for HHS Students Thurs, February 16, 2:45-3:30 p.m. HHS Media Center	High school students are invited to enjoy refreshments while discussing De Leon's novel and her visit to HHS!				
Author Visit: Kiersten Hall Feb 22-24, during school day McAuliffe, Pinecrest, and Kennedy	Kiersten Hall, author of <i>Jellybeans</i> , will visit each elementary school for a day! She'll be at McAuliffe on Feb. 22, Pinecrest on Feb. 23, and Kennedy on Feb. 24.				
Family Event with Kiersten Hall Fri, February 24, 6-7:30 Hastings YMCA	This event is for families with children in elementary school. Bring you young ones to the YMCA for pizza, books, and jellybeanswith Kiersten Hall, the author of <i>Jellybeans</i> ! Pizza will be served from 6-6:30, and then we'll complete fun projects and activities with the author. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA. Please registe at hastingsreads.com so that we can plan for an accurate number!				

All events are free! The Libby app has eBooks.

Books are available for purchase at the YMCA and Tilden Community Center.















AAUW Hastings Branch announces a NCCWSL scholarship! GET EMPOWERED

May 31- June 3, 2023

AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference is returning to an in-person gathering at the University of Maryland, College Park.

AACIW Hastings Branch invites you to apply for a NCCWSL scholarship to the nation's premier leadership event! If you are a sophomore or junior female college student, plan to put in an application! The scholarship covers the cost of registration, accommodations, and airfare.

Workshops are divided among the following leadership objectives.

- Leadership development: Develop and strengthen a leadership narrative through voice, skill set, and mind-set.
- Professional development: Build a professional tool kit for postgraduate life.
- Activism: Know the how, why, and when to take action.
- Women's issues: Gain a better understanding of issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women.
- Identity and diversity: Own one's personal identity and role in increasing and supporting diverse voices.

Apply today!

Applications open in December...deadline to apply is January 25, 2023.



For more information, visit...https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/

"Do not follow where the path may lead.

Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Muriel Strode (Poet)



National Conference for College Women Student Leaders 2023

Leadership for Today and Tomorrow NCCWSL

May 31– June 3, 2023 University of Maryland, College Park

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AAUW Hastings Branch NCCWSL Scholarship Application

American Association of University Women

http://hastings-mn.aauw.net

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