



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Greeting AAUW Hastings Members. Welcome to Women's History Month! Check out this link to the AAUW National website celebrating the members, fellows and award winners. We are in such great company as AAUW members and supporters. <https://www.aauw.org/about/faces/>

The Minneapolis Institute of Art is also celebrating women this month. Check out their webpage highlighting over 2,600 pieces in their collection by women artists. <https://collections.artsmia.org/search/exists:%22list:whm%22>

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. There will be a "viewing party" at St Philip's Church. This might be the easiest State Convention to attend ever! Hope to see you all there. We anticipate that the meetings will begin at 10:00 am.

We are still looking for two members to serve on the Nominating Committee to build a slate of candidates for the Treasurer and VP's of Program for the 2023-2025 program years. Please reach out to me to express your willingness to serve as a committee member or pick up your phone when I call.

I am going to give you all a small preview of the 2023-24 budget. The Board is at the first draft stage, and will bring a budget for membership approval to the April Business Meeting. National is increasing dues \$5/member, in accordance with a three-year plan that was adopted three years ago. There is no anticipated increase to either the State or local portion of annual dues. Annual dues are anticipated to be \$103.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13 **Book Club**
- March 27 **Meeting & Program**
- April 10 **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

Women in Traveling Jan Hertel

Who knew that the Golden Book Picture Atlas of the World, halvah from a Jewish bakery, and living near the many diverse neighborhoods of Chicago would lead to a lifelong love of travel and learning about new places? Well, that's exactly what happened for Jan Hertel. But it was many years before she would act on that.

The next step on the road to future travel came when Jan was hired to teach World Geography in Hastings. This rekindled her interest in foreign affairs and learning about people and places around the world. 1991 brought the travel opportunity of a lifetime. Led by Earl Stockman, a group of 24 middle school students and adults traveled to what was then the Soviet Union. In the middle of the Cold War, this was no easy task! This experience changed all who participated, as we could now think of people we had spent time with, not nameless, faceless governments.

As a teacher, Jan networked with the Minnesota Alliance for Geographic Education and other professional groups. The desire to travel and experience global places grew even more. During her career, Jan went on to benefit from six sponsored international trips, from New Zealand to Saudi Arabia, from Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad to the Korea Foundation. With each travel experience, her commitment to global education, making connections, and sharing her travels with her students grew larger. It became more important than ever to encourage students to see what peoples have in common, not just how they are different. Jan could present them with an authentic view of other places, and show daily life in a variety of locations.

What does it mean to travel as a female? How can we use technology to make our travel safer and more comfortable? How can we move about new places in a responsible and mindful way? Whether we are going somewhere for the first time or returning to an old favorite, travel helps us add to the richness of our lives. We'll share these experiences together on March 27.

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

AAUW would like to welcome Barb Hollenbeck, who joined on 2-27-23. AAUW members look forward to getting to know you!

The AAUW Directory continues to be updated and the most current copy is available on our web page under the "For Members" tab. The password will be sent to you in an email (the password has not changed). Here's the link to the web page:
<https://hastings-mn.aauw.net/>

Glenda Schnirring and Estrella Carter have new email addresses. They can be found in the AAUW Directory on our web page.

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 continue to update the AAUW Hastings Branch Membership Directory 2022-2023 on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

Our beginning balance this March is \$6,094.25. February has been a very quiet month with no income and minimal expenses. Our expenses include Rivertown fee and Speaker Fees.

The board continues to work on the new budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Plans are in the works to help members get signed up to get access to their account on the AAUW National website. We are hoping that most of our members will pay their dues on that web site later this spring. Also, if you prefer to pay your dues by check that option will still be available.

Web Page

Cheryl Read

Accidentally 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/>

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

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.

On Monday, April 10th, at 1:30pm the AAUW Book Group will be discussing *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell: A Novel* by Robert Dugoni. This is a coming of age book about someone who faces the judgement and cruelty of life when born with red pupils and was called "Devil Boy".

A reminder about our "Mini Book Sale" at our May 22nd general meeting. It has always been a successful sale, with the profits going toward Hastings Reads. We prefer current books as they sell better. The remaining books will be sold at our Rivertown celebration in July. Put it on your calendar!

Historian

Lisa Hedin



Remember when our meetings were on zoom?

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Friday, March 17th, 7:00pm at Spiral Brewery – The Double Down Daredevils will be playing and Mary Ellen Fox, our very own member, is a member of this talented group.

Hastings Arts Center:

- Sunday, March 12th, 3:00pm – Dr. Iva Ugrcic on flute and Satako Hayami on piano. Call for reservations
- Tuesday, March 21st, 10:30am – cello and piano. Free coffee concert
- Friday, March 31st, 7:00pm – Friday night jam session, genre to be announced
- Sunday, April 2nd, 3:00pm – St. Croix Symphony Orchestra, call for tickets.

LeDuc:

- Sunday, May 7th, 3:30pm – Mother's Day Tea
Three course meal along with a presentation focusing on Mrs. LeDuc's relationship with her children. Tour of the house after tea.
Reservations are required

Hastings Family Service:

- Monday, March 27th, 4:30–7:30pm – Hastings Tastings at SEAS Mother Seaton Hall. Tickets are \$35 and are on sale at Cub, YMCA, HFS, or online. Volunteers always needed.

Black Dirt Theater:

- Stage production "She Kills Monsters" by Qui Nguyen at the Hastings Middle School. March 24, 25, 31, and April 1. Check website for details
- Friday, March 17th, 7:00 & 9:00pm shows – Improv Live at Hastings Arts Center - \$10
- Friday, April 14th, Time TBA – Improv Live at Hastings Public House - \$5
- Friday, April 28th, 7:00 & 9:00pm shows – Improv Live at Hastings Arts Center - \$10

Orange Dragon Art Gallery:

- Spring Exhibit featuring art work of Prescott and Hastings students. April 5 – May 10, check the website for open hours.

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

Lisa mentioned at the last meeting that I am stepping down as the Diversity chair after this year. I firmly believe that when you are the “Diversity Chair” you need to recognize that an organization needs diverse voices 😊. Thank you for letting me be one voice for the last 2 years and all the encouragement I received from so many of you as I tackled issues that should bring us together but, sadly, often do the opposite. I appreciate your willingness to be open and to engage. That is really the secret sauce of this stuff.

Enough about me. I want to encourage YOU to think about being the next Diversity Chair. When I took over, I choose to make this column about events and goings on, but also editorial. You do not need to follow in my path. The beauty of this position is that you can make it your own. There is so much support from the webinars that National puts on to the many community voices and organizations that are doing remarkable work right here at home. Checking out Facebook pages and websites provides endless amounts of information to report on.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion covers so many areas that I did not begin to touch on. I’m sure there are those of you who are wondering “When she will ever get to (fill in the blank) this topic?”. Now’s your chance! Use your unique voice to start a conversation with about 100 of your smart, engaged friends. I promise you will grow in your understanding of your own shortcomings and strengths and your knowledge of subjects that makes you a better informed and empathetic person. So, reach out to Lisa if you are interested. I promise to be your biggest supporter!

Twin Cities Public TV (TPT) recognizes Women’s History Month



March is Women's History Month, and we're thrilled to honor some remarkable women on air and online. Don't miss *American Experience: Becoming Helen Keller* on Monday, March 20th at 9 p.m. on TPT 2. This powerful biography delves into the life and legacy of the author, advocate, and human rights pioneer.

Then, on March 27th at 9 p.m. on TPT 2, *Minnesota Experience* begins a six-week run with *Citizen*, a documentary that tells the story of Minnesota women's fight for the right to vote. And on March 31st at 9 p.m. on TPT 2, don't miss *American Masters: Roberta Flack*, an intimate look into Flack's artistry, life, and triumphs over racism and sexism both in and out of the recording industry.

Looking for even more content? Check out our newest collection dedicated to Women's History Month. This curated collection features an array of inspiring content, from powerful documentaries and dramas to engaging digital shorts and incredible musical performances. Explore this amazing collection and join us in celebrating the important contributions of women through history.

Secretary

Hannah Spaulding

AAUW Business Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

Location: In-Person (St Philips Lutheran Church) and Zoom

1. Call to Order/President's Message – 7:02 call to order; 8 on Zoom, about 45 in the room.

February is a bit of a lull month, right now just happy to be safely here and after, safely home! Put on your calendar April 29th, Saturday morning, AAUW's state convention is going to be virtual this year. Back room is being held at St. Philip's church, those who want to attend and view virtually, please feel free to join!

2. Approve Meetings Minutes (January 23, 2023). Pat Powers motions for approval, Linda Bindman seconds. Minutes passed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Carol – Began the month of January 2023 with a balance of \$8,887.75. Deposit included a local dues refund from National for \$132.00. Expenses included \$2,500 for scholarships and 1 speaker fee + mileage for \$135.50. Ended January with a checkbook balance of \$6384.25

Working on the budget for next year, if you have ideas, let us know! Remember if you are doing things in support of the organization, remember to hang on to your receipts and submit for reimbursement.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report; Linda Bindman so moved, Ceil Strauss seconds. Motion carries.

4. Committee/Activity Reports:

a. Membership (Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman)
We have one new member (Barb Hollenbeck) joining us for tonight's presentation – welcome!

b. Programs (Mary Ellen Fox, Danna Elling-Schultz, Diane Saed)

Presenter Jan Hertel in March – Women in Travel
To start thinking about next year (instead of waiting until June) we would like to get the ball rolling now. If you have ideas for speakers for next year, let the membership team know.

c. Fundraising Report (Ceil Strauss)

Planning to have the book sale at Rivertown days this year – special thank you to Jackie for helping with the paperwork – so start saving your books. We have August 3rd booked (Thursday) for our 3rd annual Wine Soiree so save the date!

d. Hospitality (Darla Kimmes)

No updates tonight – but the March business meeting is at St. Philips, so just remember if you signed up to bring treats. In April we anticipate being at the Hastings Public House with a speaker. Will have some components of a traditional business meeting but with a meal.

e. Public Policy (Pat Powers)

Kelsey Waits (public policy representative at the AAUW MN) decided to (after ERA meeting was cancelled due to snowstorm) send postcards to Representative Shane Hudella. We got a stack of postcards to fill out at the meeting to send to Representative Hudella. 289 State Office Building, Saint Paul MN 55155. Pat will collect and mail, so they all arrive on the same day.

f. NCCWSL (Gail Glashan)

Still in the same situation as last month with no NCCWSL applicants – application deadline has been extended to March 10th. Gail has reached out to DCTC who has connections at Inver Hills. But everyone please think about someone you may know who a good candidate for this opportunity could be.

g. Book Club (Shirley Tammen)

AAUW book group meets next on March 13th, Metropolis at Pleasant Hill library. Knock if you need – the door auto-locks. Rescheduled to the 24th of March: Family Event with Kiersten Hall, author of Jellybeans at the Hastings YMCA

h. Scholarship/AAUW Funds (Marilyn Tennesen)

Committee of 5 met last night and went over the 4 finalists and chose the #1 and #2, we won't find out until about the day before the award ceremony who is chosen. There is a rubric that is used – GPA, essay, etc. (for 2k scholarship). Also discussed ideas for fundraising to be able to give more scholarships – selling soup, Gerten's fundraisers, etc. Thursday 3/2/23 the committee is meeting for the trades scholarship.

Received an email from the National office last Friday that listed all the funds the Hastings branch sent to the greatest needs funds, \$1000 that we sent in November and about another 20 members individually donated by members totaling \$2099.

i. Community (Margaret Goderstad)
All the detailed events in the TWIG – a lot events coming up in the spring, please take a look.

j. Diversity (Margaret Horsch)
Really nice diversity article in the TWIG – please take the time to read! Peggy is looking for a replacement for her diversity position, please let us know if you are interested!

5. Adjourn: 7:24 – motion by Cindy Tobin, second is Patty Wilson

Upcoming Dates:

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

March Book Group – March 13, 1:30 pm at Pleasant Hill Library Metropolis B.A. Shapiro

March Business Meeting/Program – March 27 at 7:00 pm/7:30 pm at St Philips

Lutheran Church

Hastings Reads Events – Youth author visit reschedule to March 24 at Hastings YMCA

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

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