



President's Message

Lisa Hedin

Happy almost spring (I sure hope this is our last month of almost spring!) This President's Message is less a message, and more a news report. Here is what you need to know to be in the know.

- **2023-2024 Dues:** Dues will be going up to \$103 next year. This \$5 increase is a pass through of an increase to national dues. State and local dues are unchanged. Dues distribution: National \$72 (\$69 tax deductible), State \$9, and local \$22. Dues for the 2023-2024 program year are due by 1 July 2022.
- **Time for Renewal - Are you ready to go online?:** April marks the start of membership renewal season. Our next program year officially begins 1 July 2023. AAUW is ready for members nationwide to take charge of their own renewals; not to mention email and address changes, and online voting on any national ballots. Look at the "How-To" sheet later in the TWIG and see if you can make it work. Reach out if you want someone to help walk you through it, a number of Board members are ready to help. If online is not your jam, no problem, bring your check to the April or May business meetings or mail it to Carol Tobin (address in our directory) and she will take care of your registration. There will be a drawing of gift cards to local business for those who get their membership renewal done by 30 June.
- **Program Ideas:** In addition to a social, business meeting and program in April we will be collecting ideas for next year's speakers. Please bring any contacts, general ideas or "I wonders" that you have to the April meeting (or send them to our VP's of Programs right now). The quality of our programing depends on our membership.
- **Rivertown Days Booth/Book Sale:** Our Branch will be hosting a book sale booth at the craft/vender fair portion of Rivertown Days (July 21-23) again this year. We will need all of you to help, so the event can be successful. Set aside books (especially children's books), be watching for a volunteer sign up, and maybe most importantly cross your fingers for dry weather. We are looking forward to seeing you all down at the river this summer.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10 **Book Club**
 April 24 ... **Meeting, Spring Social & Program**
 May 8 **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, 5:30 pm **Spring Social**
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 Leaders Lori Sturdevant

Our April guest speaker is Lori Sturdevant, long-time reporter and editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She is a retired editorial writer and occasional columnist covering state politics and government for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

An alum of Coe College, she served as a reporter for the Star Tribune, covering the state Capitol political beat for 6 years. Her work in journalism led her to writing and editing of numerous books about and with some of the most notable Minnesota political figures.

A native of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Sturdevant is the author, co-author or editor of 12 books and a three-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award. She and her husband Martin Vos live in St. Paul; they have three grown children.

A note from Jan Hertel:

Thank you once again for attending my travel presentation at the March meeting. This link opens the presentation. Resources are listed on the last slide. <https://bit.ly/3TNnWah>

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

We want to welcome our newest member, Nancy Burt.

Congratulations to the winners of the drawing for 3 Shape the Future national dues credits that AAUW Hastings Branch earned this year: Carol Hirsche, Darlene Olson and Sara Strom. These lucky members will not need to pay national dues for the 2023-2024 and will only need to pay state and local dues (\$31).

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

Our checking balance the end of March was 5,619.25. We had no income and few expenses: Dues payment, Speaker fee and annual payment to St. Philips Church. Things will become much more interesting with the Spring Gala, Fund Raising and Membership renewals.

The board has approved a new budget for the coming 2023-24 year.

You can start renewing your membership on line at My.AAUW.org. There are directions, a "How to" sheet at the end of the TWIG. The website is working very smoothly; however, **don't panic**, if it is not working smoothly for you. There are volunteers who will be bringing their laptops to events and meetings to help those who want help getting passwords and paying their dues. You can use either a credit or debit card. Also, I will be willing to make an appointment to meet you to make your dues payment online.

You can still make your dues payment by check. You can give the check to me in person or mail the check to me at:

Carol Tobin
4980 240th St E
Hampton, MN 55031

If you have email, I would appreciate your sending me a notice that it is in the mail. I try to get out early to bring in the mail. It is just a relief to know that I have it.

Also, know that the official due date to renew is July 1st. It would be wonderful for the membership committee and the treasurer if everyone was renewed by that date.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

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".

On Monday, May 8th at 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library, AAUW's book group will be centering the discussion on *Susan, Linda, Nina and Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of National Public Radio* by Lisa Napoli. This is a group biography of the four women who fought sexism, covered decades of American news and whose voices defined NPR.

I guess our group never tires of discussing books, so once again we will meet down at the Mississippi River to talk about selected books. We will not meet in June, but in July and August. Bring a lawn chair and join us. We will meet on Monday, July 10th at 1:30 and Monday, August 14th, same time.

Don't forget about our mini book sale at the May 22 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!

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/>

Historian

Lisa Hedin



Fun at the Spring Social!
And, speaking of the Spring Social ...

Spring Social is April 24th

Shirley Tammen is collecting the checks for our Monday, April 24th AAUW Spring Social Dinner. The cost is \$35 payable to Hastings Golf Club. Please send your check **before April 19th**.

Shirley Tammen
725 6th ST. W.
Hastings, MN 55033

If you would rather drop it off at Shirley's home, her driveway door is usually open. She will tape a manila envelope to the inside door. Just open the door and put your check inside. (Her home is between River St. and Pine St., middle of the block, south side. It is a yellow two-story house with green shutters.) It will be perfectly safe to leave your check.

The meal will be baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, a salad and dessert and will be served family style. Social time begins at 5:30, dinner at 6 pm, program at 7:30. Author Lori Sturdevant will be the speaker.

Community

Margaret Goderstad

Hastings Arts Center:

- Tuesday, April 18th, 10:30am – Amos Lucidi on piano. Free coffee concert
- Friday, April 28th, 7:00 & 9:00pm shows – Improv Live - \$10
- Tuesday, May 9th, 10:30am – The Eclectics, “Inside Bluegrass” Free coffee concert

LeDuc:

- April 11th, 7:00pm – Hastings Area Historical Society Annual Meeting. Photos of early Hastings from MNHS will be shown. It’s free and the public is invited
- 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

Orange Dragon Art Gallery:

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

River Valley Band:

- May 7th at 2:00pm – A Pops concert at the Hastings Middle School

[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/>

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

Welcome to April and Spring! We deserve (I almost never use that word but this time it applies) a stretch of warm sun, greening grass and hopefully less precipitation.

April is also Autism Acceptance Month in the US and worldwide. I have several close family members on the spectrum so this one is personal and close to my heart. I have witnessed so many totally awesome moments and so many of heartbreak as acceptance is a work in progress. When you read the articles on autism acceptance the word repeatedly used is “inclusivity.” The month was originally designated “Autism Awareness” but has moved on to “Autism Acceptance” in recognition that autism is understood by most people, but acceptance is still a struggle.

That got me thinking of the examples I shared a while back defining “diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.” Diversity is being asked to the party; equity is being able to dance with everyone at the party; inclusion is being asked to dance at the party; and belonging is choosing the dance music. As a society, we have hopefully moved to the inclusion and belonging stages when it comes to the autism community. As one author states, “Acceptance, at the end of the day, is going to promote more inclusivity.” Another advocate emphasizes the belonging component when she implores the greater society to “not speak over autistic voices” by adopting the disability rights slogan, “Nothing about us, without us.”

I look forward to the next incarnation of the slogan for April - maybe something like “Autism Awesomeness Month.” Or, maybe, just possibly, we’ve moved to a place where our differences are just part of who we are - nothing more and nothing less. Just me exactly as I should be.

NCCWSL
Gail Glashan

**Introducing
Alexis Nordling!**



Alexis is our AAUW Hastings Branch 2023 NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) scholarship recipient. Alexis is attending Dakota County Technical College, pursuing an Associate of Applied Science: Medical Coding, expected date earned: 2024.

In Alexis definition of leadership, she wrote: Once, I believed leadership was defined by titles or by the aspect of power, but experience taught me that leaders are more effective without the burden of apparent control. I hope to embody the model of the servant leader, one who may not appear to be leading but who nonetheless spearheads and guides the project. A leader is defined not by how they seem, but what they accomplish and how it was achieved. To lead well is to produce without exploitation, to delegate with consideration, and to offer opportunities for advancement to those that will lead next.' Alexis is very excited to attend NCCWSL!

Engage, Learn, and Lead: Step Into Your power!
NCCWSL is held at the University of Maryland,
College Park, May 31–June 1, 2023.

Click on this link to view the Workshops, Panels
and Agenda that will be offered to the attendees.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/nccwsl/agenda/workshops-panels/>

Secretary
Hannah Spaulding

**AAUW Business Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023**

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

1. Call to Order Message – 7:05 call to order; about 40 in the room.

2. Approve Meetings Minutes from February 27, 2023; Glenda Schnirring motions and Ceil Strauss seconds. Motion carries

3. Treasurer's Report (7:08): Carol – Began the month of February with a balance of \$6,384.25, no income throughout the month, but 2 expenses; Rivertown Days deposit and speaker fee, ended February at \$6,094.25.

Starting next month, you can renew your membership online on the AAUW website. Go through the 'forgot password' process during your first time logging in to set a new password.

4. Committee/Activity Reports:

a. Membership (Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman)

We have one new member, Nancy Bert
Because we gained so many members due to Shape the Future memberships, we can give away 3 free national dues for the next year. Picked 3 names out of the hat and winners are: Sarah Strom, Darlene Olson, & Carol Hershey

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

Next meeting on April 24th is at the Hastings Public House for our annual meeting. Cost is \$35 for chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and a salad. Social at 5:30pm with a cash bar, dinner begins at 6pm. Please send checks by April 19th to Shirley Tamman, 725 W 6th St. Hastings, MN 55033.

Next month's speaker is Laurie Sturdevant, writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and notable women in MN politics. May speaker is MN State Demographer Susan Brower

c. Fundraising Report (Ceil Strauss)

Quick reminder for the book sale at Rivertown Days, we will get sign ups ready for the May meeting. August 3rd is the wine soiree.

d. Hospitality (Darla Kimmes)

No report

e. Public Policy (Pat Powers)

Postcards passed out; everyone take out a pen!
Sending to House Representative Shane Hudella
and/or Judy Seeberger in the Senate. Pat will
collect and post them all together, so they arrive on
the same day.

f. NCCWSL (Gail Glashan)

We have a NCCWSL candidate - Alexis from
Dakota County Technical College
Last year our winner was Ashley Sarne, she sent
us an invite to Women Who Lead on 3/28 6-8pm;
Pat and Gail are going – sending out a signup
sheet for anyone else who may want to come

g. Book Club (Shirley Tammen)

April 10 – The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by
Robert Dugoni
May 8th – Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie by Lisa
Napoli

We will have a mini book sale at the May meeting –
that money goes to Hastings Reads.

A huge thanks to anyone who helped at the library
book sale, \$7400 was raised!

h. Scholarship/AAUW Funds (Marilyn Tennesen)

No report

i. Community (Margaret Goderstad)

Hastings Arts Center - Friday Night Jam Session
3/31 at 7pm. Genre TBA.

Hastings Arts Center - 4/2 at 3pm St Croix Valley
Symphony – call for tickets

4/18 Coffee Concert @ 10:30 am at the Hastings
Arts Center

4/28 Black Dirt Improv - \$10 7&9pm

Leduc Mother’s Day Tea May 7th at 3:30.

Orange Dragon in Prescott – 4/15-5/10 Spring
Show, features art students from Hastings and
Prescott

Black Dirt Theatre Improv Live Hasting Public
House 3/11 and 4/14.

j. Diversity (Margaret Horsch)

No report

5. By April meeting we need a nominating
committee – we need 2 members from the general
committee. Betty Heschen volunteers. Renee Suza
also.

6. AAUW state meeting being live-streamed at St.
Philips – 4/29 10-12. Our branch has enough
members to have 6 delegates, we currently have 3.
Gail Glashan, Marilyn Tennesen, and Glenda
Schnirring volunteer to be delegates as well.

7. Motion to adjourn 7:34pm; Danna Elling-Schultz
motions, Patty Wilson seconds.

Upcoming dates:

April Board Meeting – April 3, 2023, 7:00 pm on
Zoom

April Book Group – April 10, 1:30 pm at Pleasant
Hill Library. *The Extraordinary Life of
Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni

April Spring Social/Business Meeting/Program –
April 24, 2023 at 6:00pm/7:00 pm/7:30
pm at Hastings Public House

April State Convention Watch Party – Saturday,
April 29, 2023 at 9:30 am -12:00 at St
Philip’s Lutheran Church Youth Room.

AAUW Hastings Board

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How to get an AAUW password for individual members who have an account. If you paid dues you have an account.

Go To: **My.AAUW.org**

This message will come up:

Donate, Engage, Renew

To take any of these actions, please login or create an account in our Community Hub database. It only takes a few moments and helps us serve you better and acknowledge your contributions!

Here's how to do it:

- If you're not an AAUW member or affiliated with AAUW, Click **DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT**.
- If you're an AAUW member logging in for the first time or if you've forgotten your password, Click **FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD**.

For AAUW members with existing accounts, simply login with the email address and password you've already established.

If you need assistance, please contact connect@aauw.org.

We're so grateful for your support!

At the bottom of the screen you will see

Log In

Email

Put your email address in the fill in box. Then click on Forgot your password.

Password

Log In

[Forgot your password?](#)
[Don't have an account?](#)

It will then direct you to fill in your email address again

Then you will fill in the password that you want to use.

Once you have a password I encourage you to log into your account and look around. Make sure your information is correct and up to date.

Once you have a password –you are able to log on to the My.AAUW.Org website

Type in your **email address**

It is important to use the email address that is listed in our directory

Type in your **password**

The **Personal Snap Shot Screen** will open up with your information on it. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on the Renew button.

On Line Membership Management

Your information will come up. You should check your data. If the screen is missing information or incorrect information-- you can change it. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the Next button.

On Line Membership Management

My Education Degrees will come up. You can add degrees and change information if it is incorrect or incomplete. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the Next button

On Line Membership Management

AAUW Dues Fees and Tax Deductability

Select : National

Click the Next button

Would you like to add Branch or State Membership

Select: Yes

This next part is a little tricky because there are so many branches to choose from.

Scroll through the branches until you come to the: **Branches L-M**

Scroll through this list until you come to the MN group of branches

The Hastings branch is MN6049 Dues

This part is not in alphabetical order.

Scroll down to the very bottom of the list and click the Next button

Select Primary Branch

The Hastings branch should show up in the window.

You don't need to worry about this unless you have selected multiple branches.

Click the Next button

Select Stat Membership

If you scroll down the list the MN AAUW will be already checked

Scroll down to the bottom and click the Next button

Greatest Needs Fund

I would choose no for now.

This is optional if you choose to donate choose yes and follow the directions.

Scroll to the bottom and click the next button

Payment information

This where they are going to take your information and your credit/debit card number.

If all goes well you should have \$72 national

\$9 state

\$22 local dues

Total \$103

Please don't be confused by the coupon code. That is for the Shape the Future members.