



President’s Message

Lisa Hedin

Hard to believe that another AAUW Hastings Program year is coming to an end. What a fabulous year it has been. Let’s take a minute to remember and acknowledge our successes.

- Membership has exceeded all expectations – 107 as of the writing of this message!
- Fundraising was successful, engaging and fun!!!
 - Rivertown Days Booksale was a blast, and thanks to a team effort we worked around mother nature!
 - Wine Soiree’ II was an unparalleled success both financially and for fellowship.
 - Member book sale has yet to happen, but how can it be anything but successful given our track record.
- Programs were mission focused, well attended and we saw the return of the salad and chili suppers!
- Scholarship and community support continues to grow. AAUW Hastings has added a second high school scholarship for a female student heading into a male dominated field. We doubled our support of Hastings Read. We are yet again (this time in person) sending a female college leader to NCCWSL to support her development.

As we look towards the summer and next program year let’s use our momentum for continued growth through partnerships (i.e. HHS Feminism Club, Dakota County Technical College/Inver Hills Community College, local media) and advocacy (in alignment with AAUW MN, ERA MN and other like-minded organizations). Our future is bright!

Hope to see you all this summer at AAUW book group, Rivertown Days Book Sale, Wine Soiree III or any of the other great community events in Hastings that AAUW Hastings members are such integral contributors to.

Stay well and continue to do good.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 8 **Book Club**
- May 22 **Meeting & Program**
- July 10 **Book Club**
- July 21-23 **Rivertown Days**
- August 3 **Wine Soirée**
- August 14 **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
Megan Dayton, Senior State Demographer

Program

Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, & Diane Saed

Minnesota's Changing Demographics Megan Dayton, Senior State Demographer

Minnesota's population has changed dramatically in the past 50 years. Our state is growing more diverse, which affects numerous aspects of our lives in the North Star State.

Our May speaker is Megan Dayton, a Senior Demographer at Minnesota's State Demographic Center. Since 2012, she has been responsible for preparing demographic projections for the State of Minnesota, 13 Economic Development Regions, and 87 counties. Megan's work involves the creation of school district estimates for levy cycle funding and providing data analysis for state agencies, councils, and legislators.



Megan's research interests include improving upon existing data modeling techniques used for state and sub-state areas, as well as social stratification and more general demographic trends related to fertility, mortality, and migration patterns.

Megan holds a master's degree in applied demography from the Center for Demography and Population Health at Florida State University.

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/>

Membership

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

2023-2024 AAUW Dues Are Due

AAUW Dues have increased to \$103.00. Deadline is July 1, 2023. Dues can be paid online or by checks given to Carol Tobin made out to AAUW Hastings Branch.

Any member wanting to renew online can get laptop assistance at the May meeting.

ADDED INCENTIVE.....AAUW members paying by the July 1 deadline will be entered in a drawing for one of four \$10.00 gift cards from a local business.

The spring social was well attended with 57 plus of our members. We all enjoyed a delicious meal, wonderful comradery, and an excellent speaker, Lori Sturdevant, Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist speaking about women in politics in Minnesota.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Tobin

Our checking balance the end of April was \$5,038.25. We received a \$500 grant from MN AAUW and a local dues refund. Our expenses included the scholarship for NCCWSL and a speaker fee for the April meeting

The big task will be to get everyone's membership renewed by July first. We have 107 members. So far, we have 35 who have paid.

You can renew your membership on line at My.AAUW.org. (There are directions, a "How to" sheet at the end of the TWIG.) There will be members with laptops at the May meeting to help you renew your membership. The website is working very smoothly. You can use either a credit or debit card.

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.

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

susan,
linda,
nina
& cokie

The Extraordinary Story of
the Founding Mothers of NPR

LISA NAPOLI

Author of *Up All Night and Rap-a-Dee*

On Monday, May 8th at 1:30pm at Pleasant Hill Library, AAUW's book group will be discussing *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.

We will not meet in June, but will meet on Monday, July 10th, at 1:30 down at the Mississippi as we have done in the past few summers. Grab a chair and join us for a discussion of Jody Picoult's *Wish You Were Here*. This book is about a planned trip to the Galapagos Islands by Diana and her boyfriend, Dr. Finn.

The plans changed when Dr. Finn had to camp out at the hospital during the onset of COVID. Diana decided to go on the trip alone and reexamines her relationships and choices.

Our "mini book sale" at our May AAUW meeting will begin when women arrive for the meeting.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS EARLY, IF YOU CAN. (We prefer current books as they sell better.)

The doors are locked at St. Philips until noon, as there is a day care in the am. I will be there all afternoon to sort and collect books. Prices are as usual, \$1 paperback, \$2 hardcover. What a bargain! Proceeds go to Hastings Reads programing.



Community

Margaret Goderstad

Summer will be packed with many varied activities. Be sure to check out the City of Hastings website to learn of the many opportunities. Once again, there will be free Sunday night concerts at 6:30 p.m. at the LeDuc Historic Estate. Names of groups performing can be found at www.dakotahistory.org.

Hastings Arts Center:

- Tuesday, May 9th, 10:30am – The Eclectics, "Inside Bluegrass" Free coffee concert
- Sunday, May 14th, 3:00pm – Anita Graef plays the cello – Order Tickets
- Sunday, May 21st, 3:00pm – Faculty Recital - Free

LeDuc: Season opens May 13th

- 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
- Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00pm – Meeting of Hastings Area Historical Society – Discussion of upcoming events: Shed Sale & Rhubarb Festival – Everyone welcome - Free

Orange Dragon Art Gallery:

- Summer Exhibit is June 4th – August 27th

River Valley Band:

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

Hastings Senior Expo:

- Wednesday, May 17th, 5:00 – 7:00pm – Tilden Community Center – Free

Black Dirt Theatre:

- "The Music Man" – Check website – Auditions are early May. Shows are late July and early August

And, don't forget to check out all the city events this summer

[City of Hastings Events Calendar](#)

Wine Soirée III

Mark your calendars! Wine Soirée...Wahoo...Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Hastings Golf Club.

The theme, "Wine Out", features red, white and rose'.

Guests, please wear your favorite color wine. (Okay, okay, you don't HAVE to wear red, white, or rose', but just imagine the "visual impact" if you do.)



Join the festivities....drink wine, eat great food, possibly win a raffle, visit with your friends. Proceeds go to Hastings AAUW scholarship fund.

Purchase \$75 reservations until July 21. After July 21, reservations will be \$85. Reservation purchasing information will be presented at the May meeting. More info about Raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes will follow at a later date.

**** Newly added this year, is a "wine pull". Guests purchase a "cork". Each cork matches a bottle of wine guests take home. Sooooo.....bottles of wine are needed. AT THE MAY MEETING, PLEASE BRING A DONATED BOTTLE OF WINE. Any bottle is welcome....from Boone's Farm (is that even made today?) to a bottle brought back from the wine country of France.

Join in the mayhem....put August 3 on your calendar.

[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/>

AAUW National postcards

Yellow Postcard in the Mail??? What to do???

Did you receive a yellow postcard in the mail from AAUW National asking you to call a phone number (1-855-447-7038)? Were you wondering if it was real? Should you respond? Were you getting phished? These are all valid questions, and thanks to Carol Tobin for getting the details!

These postcards, and emails coming from noreply@publishingconcepts.com are part of a **legitimate** member data verification and oral history project being undertaken by AAUW using the contractor Publishing Concepts Incorporated (PCI). The project's goal is to collect stories from members to memorialize the history of AAUW through personal experiences. In the process of collecting that information PCI will also be able to confirm your membership data and make updates as necessary.

Here are a few important things to know:

- After you call and confirm your member data you will receive an email with information about how to purchase copies of the final Oral History Project as well as other AAUW swag,
- You are NOT obligated to purchase any of the products identified in the email,
- Choosing to participate in this project is completely voluntary and **will not** impact your membership,
- You can confirm that all your membership data is accurate by establishing an AAUW login (this can in turn be used for your membership renewal)

That is what there is to know. Choosing to participate is completely up to you. Please reach out to Lisa Hedin or Carol Tobin if you have any further questions.

Historian

Lisa Hedin



State Convention viewing get-together!

Public Policy

Pat Powers

The ERA! What's the holdup?

1. For the ERA to pass, the US Senate must vote with a 60-vote threshold to remove the arbitrary deadline. Last week, the U.S. Senate voted to remove the arbitrary deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (S.J. Res. 4/H.J. Res. 25) as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Due to the nature of this vote, it would have required a two-thirds majority to pass. While the vote failed to meet the 60-vote threshold to pass, Senate Majority Leader Schumer entered a vote to reconsider so the issue can be voted on again later this session. Help keep up momentum by signing this [nationwide petition](#) in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

2. For the ERA to be certified, the Archivist must bring it forward. The Archivist is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate and is responsible for safeguarding and making available for study all the permanently valuable records of the federal government, including the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, which are displayed in the Archives' main building in Washington, D.C.

Under Public Law No. 98-497, the Archivist also must maintain custody of state ratifications of amendments to the Constitution and it is the Archivist's duty to issue a certificate proclaiming a particular amendment duly ratified and part of the Constitution if the legislatures of at least three-quarters of the states approve the proposed amendment. The Amendment and its certificate of ratification are then published in the Federal Register and the amendment is included in the United States Statutes at Large. Before the enactment of that statute in 1984, that duty was vested in the General Services Administration, and, before the establishment of that Agency in 1949, it formed part of the duties of the United States Secretary of State.

On May 1, 2022, Debra Steidel Wall became acting archivist upon the retirement of David Ferriero. **Debra Steidel Wall** is an American archivist serving as the acting archivist of the United States, the head of the National Archives and Records Administration. President Joe Biden has named Colleen Joy Shogan as Archivist. Her nomination is currently pending before the Senate.

Diversity

Peggy Horsch

Like all good newscasts, it's cathartic to go out on a high note. My feel good comes from you and the many, many angels out there making the world a better place. While we can get bogged down with the noisemakers, I refuse to yield the floor. I know the serious changemakers are doing their work without fanfare, with purpose, and always reaching for our better angels. Look for the angels, they are all around you.

Kids in Hastings have IDEA angels. What started as a grassroots response to some pretty terrible events has grown into an organization supporting all our youth, but particularly our LGBTQ+ youth. They are planning the annual Pride event in June, which promises to be bigger, louder and more joyful. Check the IDEA Facebook page or homepage to find out details and how to participate or volunteer. The IDEA angels continue to work on bringing a youth center to town. It is a big undertaking and applause all around for taking that on! A village will be required, but that's what a village is for. I heard that they may also be doing something around Juneteenth but haven't got any firm details yet so continue to check out the social media.

Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R) are angels building bridges from our past to our present. The scope of work being done is nothing sort of incredible. The events to educate the community about our history of black settlers are done with a level of professionalism that is rarely seen at a local level. Along with the education component, these angels are also in a planning process to secure funding for a permanent community memorial commemorating Hastings' early African Methodist Episcopal Church. They may also be doing something around Juneteenth so continue to check out the social media.

The TransParent Alliance are angels fighting attacks from noisemakers. They refuse to yield the floor until all children and families are respected and protected. These angels need our support more than ever. Hear their stories from them; approach with an open heart and willingness to learn; and don't cower to the noisemakers.

We are changemakers - with some really cool halos.

Secretary

Hannah Spaulding

AAUW SPRING SOCIAL AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES April 24, 2023

Location: In Person (Hastings Public House) and Zoom - 65 attendees in person

Call to Order 7:00 pm – Pat Powers presiding.
Approve Meetings Minutes (March 27, 2023)
Treasurer's Report - 1 new member

Annual Business – Board Nominations

Vice President of Programs – Becky Gartsky nominated; Mary Ellen Fox and Danna Ellingschultz will continue. No nominations from the floor.

Treasurer – Carol willing to stay on and help transition. Carol and Renee Souza nominated. No nominations from the floor.

Motion to approve nominations - Cindy Toppin second Lisa West - Motion carries.

Committee/Activity Report

- Membership (Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman) Welcome to new member Nancy Burt
- Programs (Mary Ellen Fox, Danna Ellingschultz, Diane Saed) Next month – Changing MN demographics.
- Public Policy (Pat Powers) April 29th State Meeting and will be on Zoom. We have asked St. Philip's to use the back room, we will have donuts and coffee.
- Mailing from National – yellow postcards in the mail asking to call a number, Gail did call and got some info. Carol is calling to get more info and will put it in the TWIG. Company trying to compile info and collect stories but then trying to sell it – wait and read in TWIG when Carol finds out. Encouraging everyone to go online to AAUW and join for next year. Try to do this before July 1st - \$103. Checks are okay too.

- Book Club (Shirley Tammen) Mini book sale at May Business Meeting, bring in your books! Funds go to Hastings Reads

- Community (Margaret Goderstad)

- Hastings Arts Center – coffee concert that was postponed that will be on May 2

- Another on on May 9th

- Improv on April 28th - \$10

- Leduc opening for the season May 11th –

Mother's Day Tea May 7th (MN Historical Society is returning some of the furniture to the house)

- Orange Dragon open for the season

- River Valley Band May 7th – HMS

- Auditions early May for Black Dirt Theater, show July – Music Man

Adjourn - Shirley Tammen moved, Natalie Letourneau second. 7:13 pm adjourned

Program: "Writing and collaboration with women leaders" Reporter and editorialist Lori Sturdevant

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.