

#### **Hastings Branch**

March 2024



#### 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. On the front page of the website is a recognition of AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell as one of Diverse Issues in Higher Education top 40 Women leaders, as well as a recording of a webinar about AAUW History and Evolution. We are in great company as AAUW members and supporters. <a href="https://www.aauw.org/">https://www.aauw.org/</a>

The AAUW State Convention will be held in Hastings this year on 26-27 April at the Confluence. There will be great speakers, food and fellowship, and the State Board will take care of their annual business. Hope to see you all there. Registration closes 31 March, so get your information into Renee Souza.

I am going to give you all a small preview of the 2024-25 budget. The Board is at the first draft stage, and will bring a budget for membership approval to the April Business Meeting. There are no anticipated dues increases (National, State or Local). We anticipate annual dues will remain at \$103 total - \$72 National, \$9 State and \$22 local.

I realize that folks join AAUW-Hastings for several reasons; support the national mission, work to build equity in Hastings community, listen to knowledgeable speakers, attend regular outings, meet cool people, and on and on. Given these differences, I want to remind you that the branch does in turn need things from all of you. Throughout the program year we ask for volunteers and other supports. Participation in absolutely everything is not expected (or possible), but the board does want everyone to find a time or place to support the Branch. It makes us all stronger and builds community. I am so happy that you are all members and am honored to be in community with you all.

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

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Mar. 11	Book Club
Mar. 25	Meeting & Program
April 8	Book Club

#### **HASTINGS BRANCH**

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

#### **2023-2024 PROGRAMS**

September 25, 6:00 pm Salad Supper Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force

**Senator Mary Kunesh** 

October 23, 7:00 pm

Perspectives on Women in Law Enforcement Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna S. Witt

November 27, 7:00 pm Forecasting Minnesota's Changeable Weather

**Meteorologist Karen Filloon** 

December 9, 10:00 am Hastings Golf Club Holiday Celebration

January 22, 6:00 pm Chili Supper Book Selection Process in Dakota County Libraries

**Librarian Christy Wayne** 

February 26, 7:00 pm Women's Heart Health Month – How to Survive a Heart Crisis and How to Prevent One from Happening

Danna Elling-Schultz and Dr. Retu Saxena

March 25, 7:00 pm Diaries of Jane Doe: Historical Perspectives on Women's Health in Dakota County Cailean Magee

April 22, 6:00 pm Spring Social
Amelia Earhart
Nancy Earhart Burt

May 20, 7:00 pm Book Sale Title IX Impact on Athletes & Sports at the Collegiate Level Vicki Davis

#### **Program**

Danna Elleng Schultz, Mary Ellen Fox, & Becky Gartzke

Diaries of Jane Doe: Historical perspectives on women's health in Dakota County



Caillean Magee got her Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry at Saint Catherine University. She then went on to the University of San Francisco to earn her Masters in Museum Studies. Currently, she works at the Science Museum of Minnesota as a Visitor Experience Assistant Manager.

In her downtime, she enjoys playing video games with her partner, reading mystery novels, and crafting.

Caillean's presentation will take a deep dive into how women have been viewed in Western Medicine throughout time and what that meant for women in Dakota County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We will start with the ancient Greeks, move through Medieval and Renaissance Europe then arrive in Colonial America. We will discuss not only the tools and techniques available to medicine at those times but also the societal contexts and pressures that influenced how women were and are treated in Western Medicine.

#### **Spring Social Gala**

Get ready for a "funtastic" night out! AAUW Spring Social Gala is Monday, April 22 at The Public House.

Check in: 5:30PM. Dinner: 6:00PM. After the business meeting, Nancy Earhart Burt, AAUW Hastings member, will present a program about her famous relative, Amelia Earhart.

Cost: \$35. Checks payable to THE HASTINGS PUBLIC HOUSE can be given to Jackie Rigelman at the March meeting. **Deadline for reservations is April 15.** Checks may be sent to Jackie Rigelman, 1000 Southview Drive, Hastings, MN.

Come and enjoy.

#### **Membership**

Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman

Good news! At the March meeting, there will be a drawing for three AAUW National membership dues (value: \$72 each) for 2024-2025. All members who paid membership dues for 2023-2024 will be included in the drawing. You do not need to be present at the March meeting to win. The drawing will be held this month because AAUW National will have their membership portal begin processing dues for 2024-2025 by mid-April.

The three lucky winners will only need to pay local dues-\$22 and state dues-\$9 for a total of \$31. The winners will need to process paying dues through Carol Tobin or Renee Souza, Hastings Finance Cochairs, so that required paperwork is completed.

Our Hastings Branch earned the AAUW National membership dues credits by participating in and signing up new members through the Shape the Future Program.

## AAUW Hastings Branch to Host the 2024 State Annual Meeting

Pat Powers

The Annual Meeting, April 26-27, 2024, The Confluence Hotel

The theme is

Confluence = Inclusion, Collaboration,

Empowerment

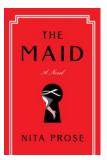
The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting is making progress for the two-day event. There will be two speakers and a panel of Hastings' women entrepreneurs. The hotel is secured, the food has been chosen, and we are getting member bags ready. The Annual Meeting Booklet printing arrangements have been made. Silent Auction, Hastings items, are coming in. Oh yes, we have name badges on lanyards.

It's a party. It's a time to meet our AAUW peers from all over the State. We hope you will make plans to join in.

Registrations need to be post marked by March 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a registration form at the end of the TWIG.

#### **Book Club**

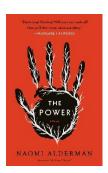
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On March 11<sup>th</sup>, the book club will be discussing *The Maid* by Nita Prose. A Clue-like, locked-room murder mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, whose main character Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the

intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by. *The Maid,* reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

The Power by Naomi Alderman is the book club's April 8<sup>th</sup> selection. This is a science fiction novel with a central premise of women developing the ability to release electrical jolts from their fingers, which allows them to become the dominant sex. *The Power* won the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.



The book club meets the second Monday of the month at the Pleasant Hill Library at 1:30pm, all are welcome to join the discussions!

## Gadabouts (Do It Yourself or Bring a Friend)

Cathy Wurzer will be in Red Wing talking about Women in Broadcasting. This event is sponsored by the AAUW Red Wing Area Branch in honor of Women's History Month. See the flyer at the end of the TWIG.

#### Community

Margaret Goderstad

#### **Hastings Arts Center:**

- Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm Roe Family Singers Bluegrass concert. Call or go online for tickets.
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am, coffee concert featuring Ruckus in the Bearbrush. Free, donations appreciated
- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, coffee concert featuring Erik Pearson (baritone & piano) and Sarah Lockwood (violin & piano). Free, donations appreciated
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Monroe Crossing, reservations are required

#### **Hastings Tastings:**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30pm – SEAS Social Hall - \$40 per person

#### **Black Dirt Theatre:**

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, auditions for "Cinderella a Musical," which will be performed July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Orange Dragon Art Gallery:**

Spring exhibit April 10 - 28

#### The LeDuc Historic Estate:

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm – Mother's Day Tea – three courses plus a presentation about Mary LeDuc and her relationship with her children. Tour of the house following the tea. Reservations are required, \$35 for DCHS members and \$40 for nonmembers

HPAC – Very Special News – "It's Springtime and Music is in the air in Hastings." A committee from the HPAC Arts Heroes group is meeting regularly in planning the "Big Reveal" for an exciting new musical initiative. Keep your eyes and ears open to learn some outstanding musical opportunities.

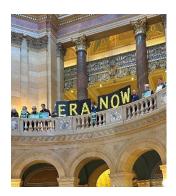
## Public Policy Pat Powers

Our ERA Rally Day at the Capitol



The Red Wing bus picked us up at 9:00 AM at the old Green Mill and we were dropped off right in front of the Capitol. We took a photo of the group in front of the Capitol with our ERA YES signs.

Inside AAUW had a rally table with lots of informative brochures. There were many AAUW members and Branch representatives there. The program started at 10:00 AM with speakers, all giving their best reasons for Minnesota to pass the ERA bill before the legislature this year and get the ratification vote on the 2026 ballot. It is a long process.



Speakers for the event were: Rep.
Kristin Bahner –
Federal ERA
Resolution Chief
Author; Bernie
Burnham – Minnesota
AFL-CIO President;
Rev. Kelli Clement,
Unitarian Society of
Minneapolis; Attorney

General Keith Ellison – MN AG; Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Rep. Kaohly Vang Her, State ERA Chief Author; Sen. Mary Kunesh - State ERA Chief Author; Rep. Jamie Long, Minnesota House Majority Leader; Congresswoman Betty McCollum, CD4 U.S. House Member; Bishara Mohamed - Reviving Sisterhood Civic Engagement Manager; Sen. Sandy Pappas – Federal ERA Resolution Chief Author; Megan Peterson – Gender Justice Executive Director; Kat Rohn – OutFront Executive Director; Kelsey Waits – AAUW Minnesota Vice President of Public Policy; Cynthia Wilson – NAACP Minneapolis President; and 4 Minnetonka High School Student Leaders on behalf of The League of Women Voters MN.

Co-Sponsors of this event include: AAUW MN0; AAUW Minneapolis, Equal Means Equal, ERA Coalition, Gender Justice, Generation Ratify, Indivisible MN, Edina Indivisible, Indivisible St. Paul, Roseville Indivisible, Chaska Indivisible, Indivisible North Metro, St. Croix Valley Indivisible; Island of Discarded Women, Jewish Community Action, League of Women Voters, MN AFL-CIO, MN NOW, NAACP – Minneapolis, National Council of Jewish Women MN, OneMN.org, Outfront Minnesota, Reviving Sisterhood, Rock What You Got, Shattering Glass, Take Action MN, UnRestrict Minnesota, Women's Foundation of Minnesota, & Women's March MN.

After the speakers, the members visited the legislators' offices and left notes indicating that AAUW members wanted the ERA bill to be taken up and passed. Shane Hudella and Judy Seeberger are our representatives in the legislature.

The rally was over, we networked with other AAUW branches and we were back on the bus.

#### **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

## Historian



Sept 2019 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the congressional passage of the 19th amendment.

And, pictures from last month's ERAMN Rally!







## 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 Glashan

#### AAUW Hastings Branch will award Scholarships to NCCWSL 2024 What is NCCWSL? Who should apply?

AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for leadership training, inspiration and networking at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

May 30–June 1, 2024
The University of Maryland, College Park (DC metro area)

Our AAUW Hastings Branch is pleased to offer two scholarships to NCCWSL 2024!

Since 2015, our branch has sent 17 college women to NCCWSL including five college women to virtual NCCWSL. We need members to help spread the word that the application process for 2024 is now open, through March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you happen to know a sophomore or junior college woman student, please encourage her to apply.

Just forward the attached NCCWSL flyer and application at the end of this Twig, -or-Email Gail at AAUW Hastings Branch to obtain an application form...

AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com

Information about NCCWSL 2024 can also be found on our AAUW Hastings Branch webpage—<a href="https://hastings-mn.aauw.net">https://hastings-mn.aauw.net</a> and at—

https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/nccwsl/attend/

#### **Diversity**

Jaci Cobian

## March ~ Recognizing and Celebrating Women's History Month

March is recognized as **Women's History Month** and is a time to honor, celebrate, and reflect on the multitude of important achievements contributed by women in various fields throughout time and history. Women like Marie Curie and Jane Goodall have made discoveries and advancements in fields such as chemistry, physics, medicine, and biology. Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman played key roles in the fight for civil rights, social justice, and equality for all. Margaret Thatcher and Indira Ghandi served as political leaders as they shaped national and global policies. Women have truly made valuable contributions in nearly every field possible - touching our world with their knowledge, creativity, determination, and dedication!

Women's History Month provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the progress made towards gender equality as historically women's achievements were often overlooked. Men have historically been recognized more than women for their accomplishments. This disparity has existed for several reasons. Men have held more positions of power and influence in society than women throughout history which has resulted in their achievements being more well-known, documented, and celebrated. Gender stereotypes have played a role as men were often portrayed as being more competent as well as authoritative than women, leading to their accomplishments being more readily acknowledged. In addition, historically, women have been underrepresented in many fields of study, such as science, politics, and business, making it less likely for their achievements to receive the same level of recognition and visibility as those of men. Women have also faced numerous institutional barriers, such as limited access to education, employment opportunities, and leadership positions, which in turn have limited their ability to achieve recognition for their accomplishments. Last, cultural norms and expectations have played a role as men were expected to be the primary breadwinners and leaders, which resulted in their achievements being prioritized over those of women.

Despite the existing challenges, however, there has been progress made in more recent years towards recognizing and celebrating the achievements of women. An increased representation of women in various fields is helping to raise awareness about the contributions of women and challenge existing biases and stereotypes. Initiatives such as Women's History Month serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality and highlights the progress that has been made, as well as the work that still needs to be done. It provides an opportunity to educate people about the challenges women have faced and continue to face, and to inspire future generations to strive for a more equitable society in which to live. March is the month designated to recognizing the trailblazers who paved the way for future generations and rectifies this imbalance as it shines a bright spotlight on the stories and accomplishments of women around the world. Overall, Women's **History Month** is necessary to ensure that women's voices, experiences, and contributions are acknowledged, celebrated, and remembered.

There are numerous ways to celebrate Women's **History Month!** You can choose to learn about influential women in history by discovering the stories of women who have made significant contributions to various fields of study and professions. You can attend local initiatives and events throughout the month hosted by organizations to highlight women's achievements or important issues related to gender equality. You are also able to support women-owned businesses as a means to advance female entrepreneurs within your own community. In addition, you can consider volunteering for women's organizations that support women's rights and empowerment. Last, consider sharing the stories and accomplishments of women on social media and educating, as well as advocating, for gender equality in our daily lives.

Women have made important contributions in virtually every field imaginable - so let's celebrate!

Let's celebrate **Women's History Month** by honoring the accomplishments of women, promoting gender equality and empowerment, and raising an increased awareness about the importance of women's contributions in today's society.

#### Resources:

https://www.womenshistory.org - National Women's History Museum website - offers various articles, exhibits, and resources highlighting women's contributions throughout history.

https://womenshistory.si.edu - Smithsonian American Women's History Museum - experience a digital exhibition showcasing the accomplishments of five women whose stories were missing from the world around us.

Dakota County Library - Be sure to visit your local library for book displays and host events centered around women's history during the month of March.

Online bookstores such as Amazon or Barnes and Nobles - Take note of online curated lists of books celebrating women's achievements and experiences.

#### **Secretary**

Hannah Spaulding

## AAUW- HASTINGS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2024

**Location: In-Person (St Philips Lutheran** 

Church) and Zoom

35 in the room, 5 on Zoom

- 1. Call to Order at 7:03pm
  - **a.** Nominating Committee Members Call Chair +2 Board +2 General membership Julie Hicks is nominated; Camille Nelson is also nominated from general membership.
  - **b.** State Annual Meeting Delegates Call 6 people who will be attending the Annual Meeting (past state presidents and current state board need not apply). April 26th and 27th, attendees have to be there on the 27th. Rachel Allgor, Trudy Cragg, Becky Arenivar, Gail Glashan, Jackie Rigelman, Jan Junkman

- 2. Approve January 22, 2024 Business meeting minutes (in TWIG) Renee Souza firsts, Marge Peterson seconds. Minutes approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report (Renee Souza and Carol Tobin) Approve Year to Date (Thru January 2024) Report Checks for the annual meeting are coming to Renee from across the state, registration sheets are on the tables for those interested, send checks to Renee. Motions to accept Treasurer's Report; Patty Wilson motions, Kathy Palmer seconds, motions passes.

#### 4. Committee/Activity Report

- **a.** Membership (Kathy Palmer & Jackie Rigelman) We have 2 new members (and they are sisters!) to welcome.
- **b.** Programs (Mary Ellen Fox, Danna Elling-Schultz, Becky Gartzke) Reminder that April 22 will be our annual meeting.
- c. Fundraising (Ceil Strauss) Nothing to add
- **d.** Hospitality (Darla Kimmes/Lois Twedt) Nothing to add
- **e.** Public Policy (Pat Powers) We sent a group of people to the ERA rally about 20 members from Hastings. There were about 10-15 speakers, all introducing their interest in passing the bill. Bill is waiting to be voted on, it is a very long process.
- f. State Annual Convention (Pat Powers)
  Planning is going along great. A lot of the big planning items are done, detail planning will pick up towards the end of March.
  Deadline for signing up is the end of March.
  \$130 cost, 3 meals and 5 speakers.
- g. NCCWSL (Gail Glashan) If you know a young woman attending college, Hastings branch is again offering a scholarship to attend. Held at the U of Maryland, covers the flight, accommodations, a few meals. Deadline is March 15th. We have not had one applicant yet talk to neighbors and friends!
- h. Book Club (Shirley Tammen) Next Book Club March 11th, 1:30 pm at Pleasant Hill Library *The Maid* by Nina Prost i. Scholarship (Marge Peterson) 2023 and 2024 Applications came in early February as expected both Honors and Non-Traditional. We don't have names, but we have school ID numbers. Special thanks to

the readers who went through the applications to help select the winners.

j. Community (Margaret Goderstad)

Margaret will put all updates in the TWIG.

k. Diversity (Jaci Cobian) No update, Jaci not present tonight.

#### Discussion:

There is an initiative to change the AAUW bylaws and you may have seen emails are going out about this recently; why they want to change and why it is important for membership to know why these changes are being presented, etc. Please take the time to read and vote on May 15th! Needs 67% quorum to pass. Log in to view your profile on AAUW.org and ensure your email address is correct to make sure you are getting all email updates. Renee Souza also has ID numbers, etc. if you are having trouble logging in.

#### 5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Rachel Allgore, Gail Glashan – meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Mar 4, 7:00 pm – Board Meeting via Zoom Mar 11, 1:30 pm at Pleasant Hill Library – Book Group The Maid by Nina Prost Mar 25, 7:00 pm/7:30 pm – Business Meeting/Program – Diaries of Jane Doe: Historical Perspectives on Women's Health in Dakota County

#### **AAUW Hastings Board**

President ----- Lisa Hedin VPs Membership ----- Kathy Palmer Jackie Rigelman VPs Programs ----- Danna Elling Schultz Mary Ellen Fox Becky Gartzke Secretary -----Hannah Spaulding Treasurer -----Renee Souza Carol Tobin AAUW Funds -----Marilyn Tennessen Book Club -----**Shirley Tammen** Community -----Margaret Goderstad Diversity -----Jaci Cobian 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



#### AAUW MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION April 26-27, 2024



Confluence Hotel 200 2nd St W, Hastings, MN 55033

## Confluence = Inclusion, Collaboration, Empowerment

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In honor of Women's History Month: Women in Broadcasting

# **Cathy Wurzer**

**MPR & TPT Almanac Host** 



# Thursday, March 21—6 PM Goodhue County History Museum

1166 Oak Street, Red Wing

Public Event—All are Welcome Sponsored by AAUW—Red Wing Area Branch



AAUW Hastings Branch announces scholarships for the 2024

National Conference for

College Women Student Leaders!



May 30- June 1

Apply for a scholarship!

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Hastings Branch announces this exciting opportunity for Hastings-area female sophomore or junior college students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders aka NCCWSL. The scholarships cover the cost of registration, room, board and flight! The conference is held in the DC Metro Area.

You will join hundreds of college women from around the country for leadership training, inspiration, incredible
speakers, awardees and networking. NCCWSL offers skill-building workshops and educational panels that are
designed to challenge and inspire you to make an impact on your campus and in your community long after you
leave the conference. This year's event will include sessions on career development, mentorship, financial
literacy, racial-justice activism and more. Participants will have an opportunity to explore post-graduate
programs, careers in a variety of disciplines and other opportunities for their future. Nearly 500 colleges from
48 states have sent campus leaders to NCCWSL.

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 AALW's role in empowering women.
- Identity and diversity: Own one's personal identity and role in increasing and supporting diverse voices.

#### The deadline for completed applications is Thursday, March 15, 2024.



For more information about the NCCWSL visit...https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/



American Association of University Women

#### National Conference for College Women Student Leaders! Dare to be...

https://hastings-mn.aauw.net

NCCWSL

May 30- June 1, 2024 University of Maryland, College Park (DC Metro Area)

Together, we can reach gender equality in education, economic security, and leadership. Learn more about our priority issues and how we work to achieve our mission. Equity for all.

#### AAUW Hastings Branch 2024 NCCWSL Scholarship Application

First NameLast Name
College/University
What will be your academic status fall 2024?SophomoreJuniorSenior
Mailing address: Street Address, City, State, Zip
E-mail address:
Mobile phone number:
Community Involvement and Leadership Experience  Please provide, in 100 words or less, your definition of leadership.  Please describe in 100 words or less, how your background and interests will contribute to the diversity of the conference and what you personally would like to gain from this experience.  Please attach a resume or vitae, including any extracurricular activities e.g. clubs, employment, memberships, internships, volunteer activities, along with conferences or training sessio in which you have participated.  Please send your completed application by March 15, 2024, along with the above information to: AAUW Hastings Branch NCCWSL Committee, c/o Gail Glashan, 2120 Louis Lane, Hastings, Minnesota 55033
or email completed application to: <u>AAUWHastingsBranch@gmail.com</u>
Applicant's Certification  verify that the information provided in this application is correct. I agree to notify the sponsoring AAUW Hastings Branch with three business days the status of my acceptance. I agree that if awarded a scholarship, I am responsible for participating in all conference activities and providing a written report to the sponsoring AAUW branch.
will provide full reimbursement to AAUW should I fail to participate fully, or if I am unable to attend the conference for any reason.