



FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH NEWSLETTER ~ September '11
~~~Equity for women & girls  
through advocacy, education and research~~~

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The programs have been planned, the yearbooks are being printed, the budget has been updated and ready for your approval and the first newsletter is in your hands! All is in readiness for another wonderful year in AAUW where we are mindful, as ever, of our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.



- This year, we are fortunate to have District One Hospital as our new home for most of our meetings. We look forward to the dining experience that meeting there will afford us. A referee may be needed, for the first time however, to get us where we need to be and to keep us on track. Board members will arrive at 5:00, go through the serving line at 5:15 and go to the conference room for their meeting. Other members will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 and can eat in the cafeteria. At 7:00 all members will gather in the conference room for the program. The night will culminate with a business meeting. Whew!
- Rain or Shine. It soon will be fall Highway Cleanup time. (Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9:00) Park on the side road near our *AAUW Earth Tenders* sign on Highway 60 going east toward Kenyon.
- The metro West AAUW group has invited Faribault's own Elizabeth Strohfus (World War II pilot) to be their guest speaker on Thursday Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m. I will drive Elizabeth to the meeting and would love to have three other people to fill the car. **Let me know!**
- We received an invitation from the Red Wing Area Branch to the premiere of *Women Making Change*, a documentary of women in Minnesota politics. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24 at The Sheldon Auditorium, 433 West Third Street, in Red Wing. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The program at 7 p.m. includes a historical slide presentation on Goodhue County women in politics, introductions, the half hour documentary, and intermission with refreshments, and songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's by the all-women musical group, *The Hot Flashes*.

To assure your tickets, contact Jane Donkers at 651/388-6478 or [jane@donkers.us](mailto:jane@donkers.us).

Hope to see everyone on the 26th!

Liz

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



We have found a new home! District One Hospital has graciously agreed to allow us to have our meetings in classroom C each month. We may purchase our meals there and eat in the Hospital Cafeteria. Prices are very reasonable!

### **Girls, Girls, Girl Power!!**

We are launching our 2011-2012 year with the topic "Girl Power", on September 26. Jenny Kittleson will speak about her experience at the *Bringing Girls into Science Camp* which she attended this past summer. Amy and James Wolf will present information about *Girls on the Run*, and Noelle Miller will talk about *Girls Giving Back*.

#### **Board Meeting**

Place: District One Hospital Classroom C

Time: 5:00

#### **Dinner\***

Place: District One Hospital Cafeteria

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

\*Notify President Liz Hartman by Monday 12/19 if you plan to join us for dinner

#### **Program**

Place: District One Hospital Classroom C

Time: 7:00 pm

#### **Business Meeting:**

Place: District One Hospital Classroom C

Time: 8:00 pm

Please feel free to bring a guest! If you are bringing a guest to dinner, please call Kathy Kasten at 332-0708 or Carol Quail at 334-7113.

**Looking forward to seeing you all again!**

**Emily Nesvold & Pat Fuchs, Program Co-chairs**

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## Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES - MAY 23, 2011

The annual potluck picnic meeting was held at the home of Betty Harmsen, beginning at 6:30. Annual dues were collected, and an incentive gift of garden plants was given to each member who paid.

The business meeting followed the meal. President Karen Kittlesen distributed copies of the agenda for the meeting. Karen then introduced special guests, Chelsea Borwege and her mother. Chelsea was our branch's nominee for the Young Woman for Equity at the state convention. Karen presented Chelsea with a certificate of special recognition for community action. Chelsea shared with us her successful efforts to get a sign for the former community of Prairieville, located 3 miles east of Faribault on Highway #60. Persistence paid off. After an initial failed attempt through MnDot, Chelsea worked with Sue Garwood of the Rice County Historical Society and MnDot finally agreed to the sign. Chelsea started working on the project when she was in sixth grade; the sign was installed approximately two years ago, when Chelsea was a sophomore. Chelsea is

graduating this year, and plans to attend Bemidji State University in the fall, where she will major in clinical laboratory science and participate in pole vaulting.

Karen Kittlesen relayed information from Rene' Perrance that Lulu Sun, a presenter at the state convention, wishes that we know that she was the only plaintiff in her legal case, supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Next year is Gloria Olson's last year as our Newsletter editor. Gloria is willing to help the new editor learn the ropes. Please consider taking up the office of editor.

Election of officers was held. Pauline Schreiber moved that the slate be approved by unanimous ballot. Kathy Larson seconded the motion. The ballot was unanimously approved by the membership. Liz Hartman will be our new president. Pauline Schreiber is willing to fill in for Liz while Liz winters in Arizona. Julie Olson will be our new treasurer, and Karen Kittlesen will be secretary. Pat Fuchs and Emily Nesvold will be program chairpersons. Carol Quail and Kathy Kasten will be membership chairpersons. Other chairpersons will continue in their current roles for the coming year. See Newsletter for a complete listing.

Karen Larson presented this year's branch Named Honoree, Karen Rasmussen. A certificate was presented to Karen Rasmussen for her diligent work as our treasurer for the past eight years.

Betty Harmsen shared information regarding choosing a recipient of our scholarship to the Science Camp to be held this summer at St. Olaf College. Jason Engbrecht, the initiator of the camp will be talking to the science classes at Faribault High School for their recommendations. The branch gave verbal approval for someone outside of Faribault winning the scholarship if a Faribault student isn't available.

Betty Harmsen also shared that our \$750 scholarship to a South Central College student has been awarded to Cassandra Tuma. The award was presented by our incoming president, Liz Hartman. The AAUW sportswoman of the year is to be awarded this Thursday night, at the Faribault Senior High School.

Our contribution to Project Star is still to be paid. Barb Dubbels will contact Julie Olson, incoming treasurer, with the details.

Pat Rice made a motion that we give \$60 to the Buckham Memorial Library, for the purchase of the Women's Press. This will purchase approximately 200 pamphlets. Diane Hagen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pat Umbreit suggested we have something placed in the Daily News regarding our contribution. Pat Rice said she will send an article to the Daily News.

Karen Kittlesen shared that we received three certificates at the state convention: Gloria Olson's Newsletter won fifth place; We received fourth place for per capita contribution (\$47.90 per member); We received eighth place for total AAUW funds contributed (\$1,868).

Karen Larson gave a summary of our contributions to the LAF/EF Funds silent auction. We took nine baskets of books and related items to the convention, each basket bringing in from \$15 - \$50+, for a total of \$254. Our branch earned 10% of the silent auction's total earnings of \$2,500. Karen expressed thanks to all who contributed, whether through donating baskets, books, items, or time. Karen explained that we were not allowed to sell Faribault Dairy cheese this year, due to a reported lack of space and a perceived unfairness of a single club to sell. Karen Kittlesen has sent Karen Kirkwood correspondence to see if this a permanent decision, or only applied to this past convention. Pauline Schreiber suggested that we might make up a silent auction basket of cheese next year. Pat Rice stated that the baskets were darling. A round of applause was given for a job well done.

Betty Harmsen shared that our May Bottke has been selected to be grand marshal at this year's Heritage Parade. Impromptu applause was given to May.

Applause was also given to Karen Kittlesen for a year of great service as president. Karen shared that her predecessor had told her that "Everyone knows what to do and they do it". Applause was also given for the work of other officers/chairpersons this past year. Karen Kittlesen gave gifts of appreciation to her cabinet members.

Barb Dubbels shared that there are new regulations for book sales, as reported in Outlook Magazine. Books published prior to 1986 may have lead levels that are too high, and may not be sold for children's use.

The Fergus Falls branch has a Science Girls' Event for students from 3rd to 8th grade, STEM based. We may wish to consider such a program.

As there was no further business, the meeting and another successful year came to an end.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria Carter, Secretary

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### Treasurer's Report

My first summer as treasurer has been quiet, of course. The only check written was one for \$570 for tuition for Jennifer Kittlesen for a St. Olaf camp. Our checking account shows a balance of \$29.73 and savings account of \$5593.02. I also audited the 2010-11 books and found them, as usual, in good order. Thanks, Karen, for all your hard work!

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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### AAUW Legal Advocacy Funds at Work!!!

At our State Convention last spring, one of the luncheon keynote speakers was Lulu Sun, English professor at the University of Massachusetts/ Dartmouth. Lulu and 3 other plaintiffs had alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process. Eventually, the 3 other plaintiffs dropped out of this suit, but Lulu persevered, and her hard work paid off when in June, she won her case against the university. It was ordered that she be promoted to full professor, awarded her lost wages and receive emotional distress damages. The university does plan to appeal. AAUW will continue to support Lulu as the appeal process begins.

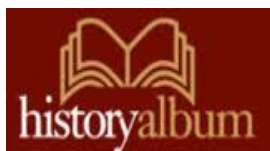


Lulu Sun, left

Karen Larson, Funds (EF/LAF) Chair

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### Call for news, photos, etc...



I am about to start on the historian's book for this past year. If anyone has pictures, awards, Convention booklets, etc please bring them to the

next meeting so they can be included in the historian's book.

Thank you,

Pat Umbreit, Historian

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## Membership Report

Our AAUW membership rests at 38 members currently. We lost one member since last year with Bev moving away. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we each brought a visitor to our September meeting? Perhaps half would join! We could be at 57 when October comes!

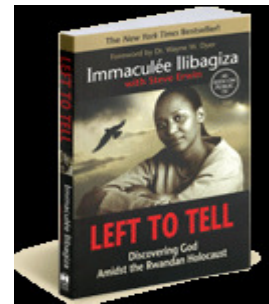
It has been proven over and over that people join because they have received a specific personal invitation. How about it? Think of your recently (or not so recently) retired acquaintances. Let's all invite one friend to join us in September.

Your dreaming Membership Committee, Carol Quail and Kathy Kasten

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## Book Club Update

The AAUW Book Club continued to meet over the summer, enjoying Barb's porch when it wasn't too hot. We read *On Agate Hill* by Lee Smith (most liked it a lot), *The Turtle Catcher* by Nicole Helget (most loved it!), and *Quite a Year for Plums* by Bailey White (most didn't love it!) For September we are reading *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan Holocaust. Join us at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 20 ~ Barb's place. All welcome!



## CALENDAR

Monday, September 26: First Meeting! District One Hospital; Dinner-Cafeteria – Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 (please call President Liz Hartman by Monday/9/19 if you plan to come for dinner); Program. Girls, Girls, Girl Power! - Classroom C – 7:00; Business Meeting – 8:00

October 1: Highway Clean-up! 9:00 AM; Highway 60 East; Watch for our sign; park just a ways ahead on north side of highway

The Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editor is Gloria Olson. ( Because of different operating systems and formats, articles should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Thank you). Send items by the 10th of the month to: [jonandgloria@gmail.com](mailto:jonandgloria@gmail.com)

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