

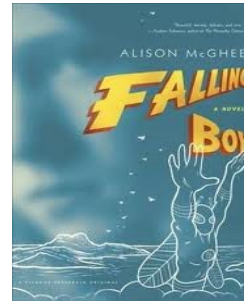
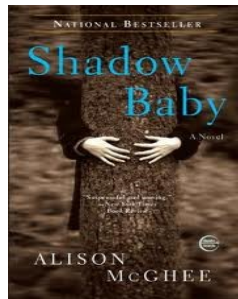
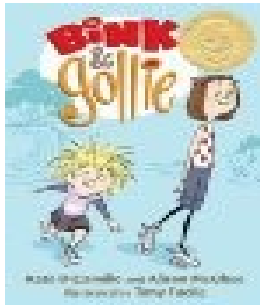


FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH NEWSLETTER ~ February '11
~~~Equity for women & girls  
through advocacy, education and research~~~

**February\* Program**  
**\*Thursday, March 3, 2011**



Year of the Reader - Minnesota Author -Alison McGhee  
This is the 24th year of bringing authors and/or illustrators to students of Faribault.  
The Faribault Schools Year of the Reader Committee consists of Faribault teachers and librarians who decided to give our students the opportunity to meet authors; this program also encourages reading and writing skills.  
Alison McGhee has written award-winning picture books and chapter books for children/young adults and adult novels.



For details visit [www.allisonmcghee.com](http://www.allisonmcghee.com).

She will do a presentation about her writing and her books will be available for purchase and autographing that evening.  
Last year many members really enjoyed this literacy program!

Social hour: 5:30      Program: 6:00      A. A. U. W. Business Meeting: 7:00  
Dessert and coffee will be available.

Place: Roosevelt Elementary School - Media Center

Kathy Larson & Pat Fuchs, Program Vps

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## **BREAKING NEWS!**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN MAY BOTTKE CHOSEN AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THIS SUMMER'S HERITAGE DAYS PARADE!**

"She plays a part in everything, she is incredibly invested in the community," said Janette Hammond, a former mayor of Faribault.

"As a kindergarten teacher, she touched many lives," said Dan Burns, who has served on the Heritage Days Committee for 20 years. "I don't think you could find many more people with such a strong connection to the community."

**OF COURSE, WE ALREADY KNOW SHE IS THE QUEEN OF FARIBAULT!**

## **President's Message**

President Karen Kittlesen will send out her monthly message later this month in a separate email. Watch for it, with important updates, prior to our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.



## **Secretary's Report**

AAUW BRANCH MEETING - JANUARY 25, 2011

The January branch meeting was held at District One Hospital, beginning at 6:00 pm, with a meal in the cafeteria. The program began at 6:30. Erica Staab, Director of the Hope Center and a hometown girl, was the presenter of the program, The Status of Women and Girls in Minnesota. Special guests included Bob Stepaniak, Supt. Of Schools, Howard Bode, school board member, Kathy Aase, representative of the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, Bonnie Becker, a long time teacher and Kiwanis representative, and Erica Kirschbaum, of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The statistics and information presented were eye opening and disconcerting. There was lengthy discussion following the presentation. We can help through donations to various programs, assisting with the physical move of the Hope Center, and by volunteering hours of work, such as helping with the crisis hotline. Training is provided. We can stay abreast of issues through the following web site: [Hopecentermn.org](http://Hopecentermn.org), and getting on the Hope Center's email list. Further partnering in meetings pertaining to healthy relationship building was recommended. Our members may request a summary of tonight's presentation from Erica Staab, a twenty page report and a list of ten ways to help Hope Center. Erica Staab recommended a good book regarding building self-esteem: THE GIFTS OF IMPERFECTION, by Berne' Brown.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Karen Kittlesen, following the presentation. First topic of discussion was finding a more permanent location for our meetings. Karen shared that the American Legion allows non-profit groups use of their facilities free of charge. Use of room dividers may be necessary if more than one group meets at the same time. We might also consider asking District One about using their facilities. Let Karen know if you are willing to contact places of consideration.

Kathy Larson, co-program chairperson, shared information regarding the Girls on the Run Program for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that is geared toward giving girls self esteem and positive body image through such means as physical activity and role playing. Pat Rice

shared that the program will start at Jefferson Elementary this spring, through donations from the Hospital Auxiliary. Kathy Kasten shared that her granddaughter has participated in the program for six weeks and loved it. Kathy Larson expressed that it would be good for our branch to be involved in the program through cooperation with similar organizations. We could apply for grants. We could also consider budgeting some of our branch funds for donation.

Rene' Perrance has collected books for donation to military troops. Kathy Kasten made a motion that we donate up to \$100 to send books. Barb Dubbels seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rene' may use the Support the Troops project through the American Legion, which would cost \$13 per box. Rene' is to present her bill to Karen Rasmussen, treasurer.

Karen Kittlesen shared that she has received a request from someone to make copies of our maps free of charge for use in a physical therapy program. After discussion it was decided to not allow the free use, but rather to recommend that the maps, if purchased in an amount of twenty or more, could be purchased at a cost of \$1.50 per map. This would probably be at least comparable to what the person would have to pay in copying fees. Map selling is a fund raiser for us.

Karen Kittlesen asked if we would like to have a policy of not having a meeting if the local school activities are cancelled due to weather. Betty Harmsen so moved. Shirley Norgaard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Betty Harmsen, scholarship chairperson, asked if we would be interested in paying a scholarship toward the Bringing Girls into Science, Math and Technology camp at St. Olaf College. Jason Engbrecht told us of this program at a previous meeting. The cost would be \$570 for room and board. The camp will be in July. Emily Nesvold made a motion that we sponsor a girl; Kathy Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Betty Harmsen will contact Jason Engbrecht to notify him of our decision to sponsor a girl. We can discuss at future meetings whether we wish to continue the fall scholarship that we have given in the past to a local woman, 23 years of age or older, who is continuing her higher education. We are already committed to providing the spring \$750 scholarship to a South Central Community College student. Barb Dubbels shared a thank you note from Keri Simon, our most recent scholarship winner. Keri hopes to be able to share her good fortune by "paying it forward" when she is able.

Kathy Kasten is in charge of coordinating articles for Women's History Month. Kathy has been in touch with Jaci Smith at the Faribault Daily News. The Daily News would be happy to receive up to six articles from us. We will be going with Pat Rice's recommendation to write about women inventors. Kathy has prepared a two page document with suggestions for women about which to write. Gloria Olson has already volunteered to write about Ruth Wakefield, inventor of chocolate chip cookies. Gloria has expressed that a light hearted approach be taken in at least some of the articles. Please get back to Kathy Kasten if you are willing to write an article.

Ruth Olson shared that drivers are needed this Friday to transport candidates for the Faribault Public School superintendent position. Please contact the superintendent's office if you are able to volunteer.

Rene' Perrance shared that this week is anti-bullying week, and asked if we might like to send a letter to the editor regarding this issue. Gail Kielmeyer made a motion that an article be written, seconded by Shirley Norgaard. The motion passed. Rene' offered to write the letter on behalf of our branch.

Pat Rice shared that she has secured the weekend of April 16th for our annual book sale at the Faribault West Mall. We will use the former Hallmark Store space. Rene' and Pat have sorted many of the books that are in storage, however there are still fifty boxes yet to be sorted. Please offer your sorting services to Pat. There is no shortage of donated books! We will also be selling the books that were left after Mr. Kemmer's book sale. Pat will call a meeting of committee members. Dorothy Joy is willing to make up a work schedule. Pat Fuchs will contact the recyclers for their services. All branch members are expected to work at the sale. Barb Dubbels announced that we will also be able to sell used microscopes donated by Shattuck. She will be asking book club members to help clean the microscopes. Pat Rice has served as book sale chairperson for many years. She is willing to continue helping with the sale but asks that someone else serve as chairperson.

Karen Larson, Funds chairperson, shared that we made \$225 at our December silent auction. Last year we made \$183. Karen will again coordinate silent auction baskets to be sold at the state convention. She will have a sign-up sheet in the upcoming Newsletter. Further discussion regarding the baskets will be held at our next branch meeting. It was also decided that Ruth Hildebrandt will assemble a silent auction basket for Ruth's House annual fund raiser.

Kathy Larson reminded us that our next branch meeting will be on March 3rd, at Roosevelt Elementary School. We will then attend THE YEAR OF THE READER program following our meeting. Alison McGhee is this year's sponsored author. Autographed books will be on sale. There will be a dessert provided. A free will offering will be taken. Kathy suggested that individuals might read an Alison McGhee book prior to the meeting. The book club has already done so.

Gail Kielmeyer encouraged us to consider becoming members of the Paradise Center for the Arts. Membership for those age 65 and older costs \$40. The Paradise is in need of funding. Membership forms were provided.

Discussion was held as to whether we should give a contribution to the Hope Center. It was decided that we could make a smaller donation for tonight's presentation and discuss the possibility of a more substantial contribution at a later date, after our book sale.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Gloria Carter, Secretary

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**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report as of 02/09/2011:  
Checking: \$ 28.42  
Savings: 3941.03  
Total Assets: \$3969.45

Submitted by: Karen Rasmussen, Treasurer

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## Funds(EF/LAF) News

I'm gearing up for the silent auction at the State convention being held April 29-May 1 in Winona. Previously, our Branch has provided 5-6 "Basket of Books" as part of our contribution to that event. If you have books you would like to donate, that would be great! Let me know. Otherwise, we will rely on the book sale to pick up enough. But, we could use items to accent the baskets. I have made a list of items needed, and if you can help out with any of these things, it would be appreciated. Requested items are as follows:

- Baskets/containers large enough to hold 4-5 books and accessories
- 1-2 coffee mugs
- 2 packets of microwave popcorn
- M & Ms
- Bowl or set of small bowls for popcorn
- Wild Rice
- 2 cans diet soda pop
- Bottle of wine
- 1-2 pots of coffee packets
- Book mark or pin
- Box of candy
- Seasonings for popcorn
- Cocktail napkins
- 2 wine glasses
- Items for a kid's basket

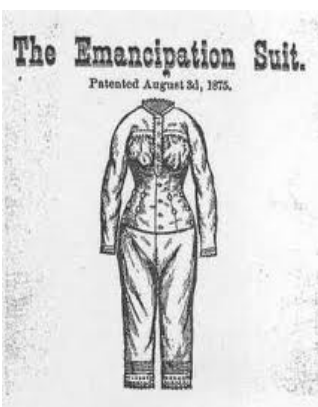
I am always open to ideas for a specific theme for a basket. (In the past, some of you have come up with some really clever themes.)

I WILL HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE MEETING BEING HELD ON MAR. 3, 2011 (OR BRING THE ITEM(S) WITH YOU.)  
A BIG THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

Karen Larson, AAUW Funds Chair

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## Women's History Month – Writers Needed



March is Women's History Month and the topic this year is Inventions by Women. We are doing a topical approach this year.

We have these volunteers thus far:

Gloria Olson - Domestic Inventions

Dorothy Joy - Technology

Diane Hagen - willing to do either "Medical" or "Inventions for Children"

I need two more volunteers--one to take one listed above under Diane's name and one to write on a category I call Miscellaneous. Under children, I have inventors for a baby carrier, disposable diaper, and sippy cups. Then also a doctor who invented the apgar rating system for newborns and another who invented devices to help care for premature babies.

Under Medical, we have women who invented the medical syringe, a Nobel Prize winner in Medicine who invented drugs to treat cancer, anti-rejection drugs and several others, another who invented AZT to treat AIDS, two women who invented an antibiotic to treat fungal infections--also used to prevent spoilage in bananas and livestock feed ... Another who patented a device that allows amputees to feed themselves. Lastly, a women who invented a

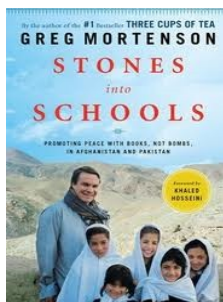
laser eye surgery device.

Then, under miscellaneous--the inventions of liquid paper (white out), Scotchgard, portable electric water heater, zig zag sewing machine, windshield wipers in1903!, and then two women who invented separate street cleaning equipment--one of whom won a gold medal for "most clever invention of the year." Oh, and a woman who invented the fire escape!

You see there is plenty of information. I just need two more writers to write the articles.

Contact me, Kathy Kasten at 332-0708 soon if you are willing to write! Thanks!

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### Book Club

On February 15 (6:30; Barb's home), we will discuss *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan* by Greg Mortenson.

All are welcome!

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### Action Network

Go to [AAUW Action Network <VoterEd@aauw.org>](mailto:VoterEd@aauw.org) to read how the bill authored by Chris Smith (R – NJ) chips away and changes definitions for women's health care options.

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### CALENDAR

Thursday, March 3 – Alison McGhee, Minnesota Author – Social -5:30; Program-6:00; Meeting-7:00 **Note change from Monday to Thursday, March 3**

Thursday, March 10 – Board Meeting at Karen Kittlesen's – 6:30

Monday, March 28 – Julie Frazier from *Girlfriends Magazine* – Meeting–6:00; Program-7:00

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