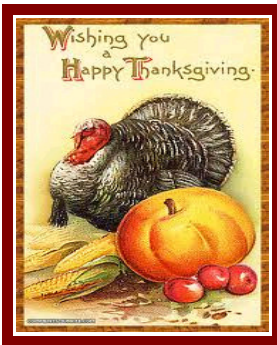




FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH NEWSLETTER ~ November '11
~~~Equity for women & girls  
through advocacy, education and research~~~

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Happy 130th birthday AAUW!! We can take pride in being part of an organization that, since 1881, has done so much to "Break Barriers" for Women and Girls. We are thankful for our amazing history and hopeful for our future.

- Thanks to AAUW members, Gail Kielmeyer and Linda Van Lear, for putting together a great October program that featured five women artists. It was fun to celebrate their talents and accomplishments. All that combined creativity truly electrified the room that night!!
- Looking forward to a timely November program. The "Faribault Main Street Program" has been the subject of a recent Daily News article and editorial. Knowing our group, there will be some good questions asked of presenter Kymn Anderson from the Chamber of Commerce. It is likely, also, that she will leave with suggestions on how the city and the main street committee can better work together to help our downtown flourish.
- If you are going to eat in the cafeteria prior to our meeting, please let me know by *Friday, November 25*. [earthmom@hickorytech.net](mailto:earthmom@hickorytech.net) or 334-2609
- AAUW has recently released "the most comprehensive, nationally representative research conducted in the past 10 years on sexual harassment in middle and high schools". A copy of this report can be downloaded on the AAUW website. At our October board meeting, we discussed ways to get copies into Faribault schools. Some recommendations will be offered at our November meeting.
- Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, November 28th.  
Liz



**Liz Hartman, President**

# NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Monday, November 28, 2011

## “Our Fair City”



Peggy Keilen, Co-chair of The Main Street Project, will be presenting our program.



Do you want to know the hopes, dreams and aspirations that the people of Faribault have for enhancing our Main Street? Would you like an opportunity to learn about the survey results, as well as what plans, accomplishments, and future projects are in the making? Or, would you like to express your own ideas about the improvement of Faribault?

Then, by all means, attend our November meeting!

- Dinner:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the District One Hospital Cafeteria
- Program:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm in District One Hospital Classrooms B and C
- Business:** 8:00 pm in District One Hospital Classrooms B and C

Hostesses: Karen Kittlesen and Shirley Norgaard

Don't forget to bring a guest and/or new member!

See you then!  
Emily Nesvold and Pat Fuchs, Program VPs

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## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK

In case you missed this last month, here are some changes to the Yearbook from Pat Umbreit.

- ADD: Phyllis Borchert [dollybor@q.com](mailto:dollybor@q.com)
- ADD: Mary Sanborn [msanborn@bevcomm.net](mailto:msanborn@bevcomm.net)
- CORRECTION: Karen Johnson [kljgeojr@bevcomm.net](mailto:kljgeojr@bevcomm.net)

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## **CONVENTION FUNDING MOTION PASSED**

The following motion was presented to the board by Karen Kittlesen, Liz Hartman, Karen Rasmussen, Rene' Perrance, Mary Sanborn, Karen Larson, Mary Lillquist.

“ Funds available for convention expenses are to be used to pay total expenses for two officers – the president and the funds chairman or their designees. Remaining funds are to be used to defray convention expenses for other members attending the convention.”

This motion was discussed and passed unanimously by the membership at the October 24, 2011 general meeting.

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

FARIBAULT AAUW BRANCH MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 2011

The October branch meeting was called to order by our president, Liz Hartman, at 8:25 pm, following a program, "Art Speaks! Revealing our Secret Selves through Art", presented by local women artists.

Emily Nesvold shared that next month's program is "The Main Street Project", about enhancing the downtown community. Karen Kittlesen and Shirley Norgaard will provide refreshments.

Ruth Hildebrand shared that South Central has started their fundraising. We have donated a \$750 named scholarship in the past several years. If we choose to do so again we are to pledge by December 15th and make payment by June 30th. Ruth gave our president the pledge card.

Karen Larson reminded us to gather new or gently used items to be sold at a silent auction at our holiday party in December. All proceeds go to the "Funds", the umbrella term for Legal Advocacy and Education Funds. Karen explained that LAF funds go to fight gender, age, and wage discrimination. Lulu Sun is a recent recipient of LAF funds. Ms. Sun has won a discrimination law suit against the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, and as a result was court ordered to be promoted to full professor and to be compensated for lost wages. The university has appealed the decision. Karen also shared that the proceeds of the baskets of books our branch sells at the state silent auction go to The Fund, helping women fighting discrimination through law suits.

Carol Quail spoke about membership and introduced Jennifer Canedo, and will research how to get Jennifer as a new member. Jennifer will be writing a paper on AAUW. Jennifer is in her last year at SCCC. Her aunt is Nicole Larish Volk, a local artist. Pat Umbreit suggested that Nicole might talk with Shelly Rockman of SCCC and a local AAUW branch member, for information pertaining to Jennifer's paper.

Pat Rice stated that this year's book sale is scheduled for May 3, through 6th. Liz suggested that Pat notify Gloria Olson to get the word out if help is needed early on in sorting books. Many books have already been donated and are being stored at the Congregational Parish House.

Liz Hartman reviewed the events leading up to tonight's vote on a resolution on how attendees to the state AAUW convention are to be reimbursed. Gloria Carter read the resolution to the branch. Reimbursement is to first be paid to the president and the Funds chairperson or their designees,

with the budgeted balance to be paid to other members attending the convention. Discussion was opened to the floor. Because there was no discussion, Emily Nesvold made a motion that we accept the resolution as read; Karen Larson seconded the motion. Liz was about to distribute paper ballots when Betty Harmsen moved that we just do a voice vote. The voice vote was unanimous to accept the resolution as read, as an addendum to our past reimbursement amendment.

Betty Harmsen, Education -- Scholarship chairperson, informed us about the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders to be held in Maryland. It will go for 2 nights and 3 days.

The state will be sending 10 people. We can nominate someone locally as a candidate. The application is extensive. The applicant must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in college. If our candidate were chosen we would pay \$500 of a total cost of \$800 to \$900, with the balance paid by the state. Betty requests that if our branch decides to fund this scholarship that a selection committee of 3 be formed. Betty also stated that we could use our scholarship money for this, if that is the branch's decision. This past year we gave a \$750 SCCC scholarship and a \$575 scholarship to the Science Camp. Pat Rice said we could consider just sending a donation to the leadership conference. Betty will study the subject further and give a report to the branch in November. Liz Hartman stated that she likes the idea of contributing to the conference in some way.

Liz Hartman stated that Kathy Kasten was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but that Kathy would like to appoint a small committee to help her choose the topic for the subject matter for this year's Daily News articles to be printed during Women's History Month. The board gave approval to this request. Please call Kathy if you are willing to write an article.

Kathy Larson shared information about this year's 25th annual Year of the Reader program, which is being co-sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma and AAUW. This year's presenter is Nancy Carlson, the first year presenter who has requested to return for the event. Nancy is an author and graphic designer of middle school books. There will be no formal banquet.

Liz Hartman shared that she will be calling in approximate numbers of members planning to purchase a meal at District One Cafeteria directly to the cafeteria instead of to an office, as the information has not been relayed to the cafeteria. Members will need to notify Liz if they wish to purchase a meal. Liz will call the cafeteria with the count the day before our scheduled meeting.

Pat Fuchs showed a copy of a book written by Erica Staab, Hope Center director and past AAUW program presenter.

Liz Hartman reminded us to support our local Paradise Center for the Arts.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Carter, acting secretary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Quiet month on the financial front. Balances available are as follows:

checking -- \$164.79

savings -- \$5,298.71

Julie Olson, Treasurer

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## FUNDS (EF/LAF) NEWS



At our holiday gathering in December, we will again have the opportunity to help AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). We will feature a Silent Auction as our donation to that fund. So bring your new or gently used items for bidding. Crafts and holiday foods are especially popular at this time of year. Or if you wish, you may donate cash. LAF helps women who file law suits because of salary inequities, sexual harassment, or unequal treatment on the job.

Karen Larson, Funds Chair

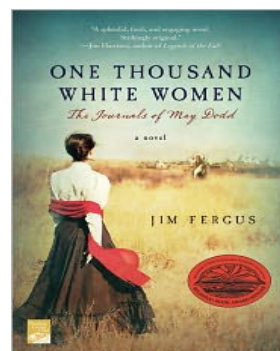
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## BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Nine AAUW Book Club members met in October to discuss Ann Patchett's prize winning novel, *Bel Canto*.

This month, on Tuesday, November 14, the group will share thoughts on *One Thousand White Women*, a novel by Jim Fergus. Letters and journals by May Dodd, tell the stories of women released from prisons and mental hospitals to become brides for Native Americans.

See you at **6:30 at Ruth Hildebrandt's house.**



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## NAME THE NEWSLETTER!

At the next meeting, Monday November 28, we will ask for a few clever and creative volunteers to form a short-term group who will receive ideas from members and come up with their own ideas, for a name for this newsletter. They will be asked to narrow down the ideas to three. These will be voted on at the January meeting. The contributor of the winning name will receive a **lavish** prize (to be determined) and the members of the group, as well as those who submit ideas will all receive free life subscriptions to the newsletter!

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## **CALENDAR**

November 28: Meeting at District One Hospital; Board at 5:00, Cafeteria serving 5:30-6:30, Program at 7:00, Business at 8:00

December 19: Holiday Gathering at Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Cloister; Hors d'oeuvres & more at 6:30 PM, Program at 7:00, Silent Auction ongoing

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