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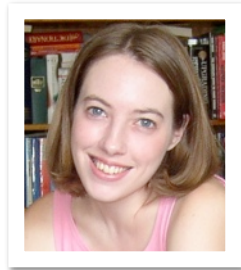
NORTHEAST METRO BRANCH

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## President's Message

Kathy Burleson  
Northeast Metro  
Branch President



We have a nominating committee who will recruit members for the positions of:  
Branch President,  
Vice-President for Membership, and  
Secretary.  
Call Clara, Christine or Linda Engstrom if available to serve.

The AAUW State Convention, "Building Bridges for Women and Girls" will be held in Winona on April 29 - May 1. The business meetings will be on April 30. We need delegates to enjoy this fun event. Let Kathy know if you are attending.

We need to come up with an item or items for the Silent Auction. If you have an idea, share it!

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## MARCH PROGRAM

**March 10, 2011 6:45 p.m.**  
**at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,**  
**1965 County Road E, White Bear Lake**

Treats: Nancy FitzGerald,  
Lynda Halbert



Women Who Have Made a Difference Program for March.

Sara Markoe Hanson will give a presentation on Women who have made a difference in the history of White Bear Lake.

Sara Markoe Hanson was raised in White Bear Lake and left for a short period to attend college at St. Cloud State University where she received a BA in American Studies and a MA in Public History. After college she married and moved out of state for a few years, but returned to the area more than ten years ago to raise her family and join the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society as its first Executive Director. Her love of history and the opportunity to return home could not have blended more smoothly with the needs of the Society.

## Minutes of the February 10, 2011 NE Metro AAUW Meeting

**Program:** Continuing with the theme of **Women Who Have Made a Difference**, our speaker was Karen Boros who discussed Women in Journalism.

**Business Meeting:** The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm. by president, Kathy Burleson. Guest, Kate Hanson from Blaine, was introduced. A motion to approve the agenda was approved. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the *Itanyan*.

**Treasurers' report:** Linda Ruggles reported we have \$1,881.88 in checking and \$3,065.63 in savings for a total of \$4,947.51

**Committee reports:**

**Membership:** Clara Gray and Joni Henry encouraged members to invite guests to our meetings and announced that reduced membership fees are in effect at this time. Membership renewals for 2011-12 will be collected early again this year. More information to follow.

**Scholarship:** Nancy FitzGerald reported that we received a letter from Century College thanking us for our scholarship donation. There are 71 scholarships listed in the current Century College booklet. This compares to 61 last year. Our 2011 scholarship recipient will be chosen in the April/May timeframe. It was announced that tonight's speaker, Karen Boros, donated her honorarium to our scholarship fund.

**Program: *Itanyan*:** LouAnn reported that the deadline will continue to be the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and that she could use news and/or human interest articles for the *Itanyan*.

**President's Report/Unfinished Business:** Kathy announced that we have three open positions to fill and need a nominating committee to recruit candidates for president, secretary and membership vice president. The volunteers for the committee are Clara Gray, Christine Johnson and Linda Engstrom. The State Convention will be in

Winona April 30-May 1, 2011. Our branch will have three delegates. Kathy will be one of the delegates but we need two more from the branch. Contact Kathy if you are interested in being a delegate. The silent auction bidding at the convention will be limited to one hour and proceeds will be divided among all five AAUW Funds. Kathy requested suggestions for our branch silent auction item. LouAnn will be a delegate from the state. LouAnn announced that the MN AAUW Board is discussing the possibility of having a one day State convention and/or holding the state convention every other year (opposite the National convention). Kathy welcomes your comments/opinions on these issues. There are two competitions at the state convention; newsletter and branch website. Since LouAnn has been the judge for the newsletter competition, she has not entered the *Itanyan*.

Kathy mentioned that she received a mailing on the new federal regulation on selling children's books. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held June 2-4, 2011 at the University of Maryland. At the recent board meeting the members discussed sponsoring a young woman for this conference. The branch would contribute approximately \$350 and the state would contribute \$500 for the participant. Kathy extended an invitation to Jenna Quant, our 2010 scholarship recipient, but hasn't received a response. If Jenna does not want to attend, Kathy will work with the counselors at Century College to find potential applicants.

**Announcements:** Linda Ruggles announced the book club will meet at her house on June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book, Out Stealing Horses. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Qualey, Secretary

## Resolution to be discussed at the Winona State Convention

Resolution on a Biennial State Convention

WHEREAS AAUW of Minnesota has a long reputation for stable effective leadership, has an efficient, effective organizational structure, and values the conservation of time and resources; and,  
WHEREAS AAUW of Minnesota values the participation of its members in branch, state, and national AAUW activities, wishes to maximize the participation of its members in AAUW activities at local, state and national levels, and has multiple ways to foster inter-branch synergy, such as leadership conferences; and,  
WHEREAS AAUW of Minnesota wishes to maximize funds going to AAUW mission-critical activities; and wishes to minimize organization expenses,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AAUW of Minnesota move to a biennial state convention to be held in years alternate to AAUW's national convention.  
IMPLEMENTATION:

The state board of AAUW of Minnesota will establish a special committee to examine the economic and organizational values of a biennial state convention and will identify the necessary bylaws changes to make such a change workable.

This special state committee will report its findings with recommendations to the 2012 state

### Minutes of the AAUW NE Metro Branch Board Meeting

February 3, 2011 7:00 PM

Members present: Kathy Burlison, Joan Henry, Linda Ruggles, LouAnn Hoppe

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Burlison, Branch President at 7:05.

LouAnn moved to approve the agenda. Linda seconded, Motion carried. LouAnn moved to approve the minutes as printed in the Itanyan. Linda seconded, Motion carried.

Linda made a treasurer's report. \$1937.66 in checking. \$3065.63 in savings. Total amount is \$5003.29. There will be a semi-annual report in the next Itanyan. It was reviewed that we will offer at least \$50.00 to each meeting speaker.

There were no committee reports.

New business:

We need to appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for the offices of: President, Secretary, and Vice-President for Membership.

Kathy will contact Michele Jersak regarding finding Century College candidates for the NCCWSL conference to be held in Washington DC June 2-4. The state will offer \$500 per person and branches are encouraged to add about \$250 to cover expenses.

We need to appoint delegates to the state convention, April 30 – May 2. We also need to come up with ideas for the AAUW Funds Auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, LouAnn Hoppe

### Needed: A Few Good Women!

It's time to elect officers for the 2011-1012 year. Up for election are the president, membership vice-president, and secretary. The nominating committee notes there are many talented women among our membership. If you would like to share your talents by volunteering for one of the three open offices, please contact one of the three nominating committee members: Clara Gray, Christine Johnson, or Linda Engstrom. If your schedule prevents you from being available full time, consider co-chairing a position. This has worked well in the past.

**Volunteer! The branch needs you!**

## **Girl Up (girlup.org)**

Condensed from Time, Feb. 14, 2011 by Nancy Gibbs

“Investment in girls’ education may well be the highest return investment available in the developing world,” Larry Summers wrote as chief economist at the World Bank. With the rise of violent extremism: if you want to change the world, invest in girls. Across much of the developing world, by age 12, a girl is cleaning, cooking, carrying water and fuel and eating what is left. She is less likely to be vaccinated, to see a doctor or to attend school. The number one killer of teen girls aged 15 to 19 worldwide is complications of pregnancy.

Girls who stay in school an extra year add 15% to 25% to their wages. Girls who stay in school for seven or more years typically marry four years later and have two fewer children. Fewer dependents per worker allows for greater economic growth. When females earn income, they invest 90% of it in their families. They buy books, medicine and bed nets. (For men, that figure is 30%.)

Less than 2% of development dollars goes to girls, up from .05%. Solutions need to be holistic with safe places, schools, clinics and programs specifically for girls’ needs. A new initiative called Girl Up aims to mobilize 100,000 American girls to raise money and awareness to fight poverty, sexual violence and child marriage. And so the word is going out, by text, tweet, by Facebook and coming to a high school near you. Kids will learn how it feels to carry a jerrican of water for along distance or how sending \$5 to Malawi can stock a health clinic or buy school supplies. \$5 to Ethiopia can make the difference in a girl not being married when she is 10 years old. One at a time, this generation of American girls can help create the next generation of leaders. It’s a quiet revolution!

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### **February Program Notes**

#### **Karen Boros, News Reporter and Educator**



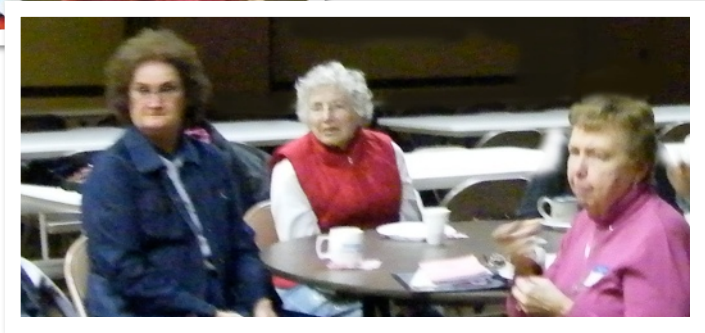
Most of us remember seeing Karen Boros on WCCO TV for a number of years and wondered what had become of her. She has been busy. Karen told us about her early years in broadcast journalism starting with writing for the Sears catalog, great training in that it went right to the most basic vital information. From there she went to the Chicago News as an editorial assistant, doing research which taught her how to find the information needed. As an editor for Sun Newspapers in Minneapolis, she put it all together. From there she became a reporter for WCCO TV and Public Radio, specializing with news from the State Capitol for over 15 years. Today she teaches journalism at St. Thomas University.

Karen talked about the progress made by and for women reporters in all types of journalism. When she started women were assigned to the “social” stories rather than hard news. Some of these women became reporters only after becoming Pulitzer Prize winners. Thanks to Karen and other women, today there are many more opportunities for journalism careers

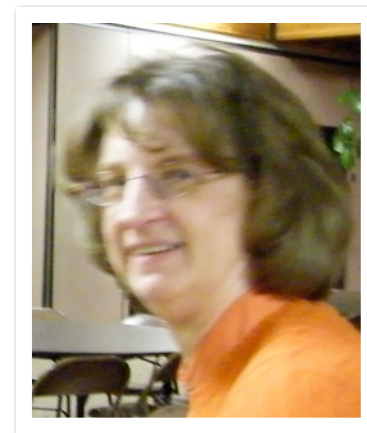


## At the February Meeting

Christine Johnson and Barb Qualey



Nancy Hendrickson, Addie Williams, Clara Gray



Linda Ruggles

## Winter Celebration

by Christine Johnson

On February 5, 2011 I attended the Royal Wedding in Rice Park for a the 1955 Queen of the Snows, Dorothy Arneberg Furlong and the 1983 King Boreas Charlie Hall. The King was in his carnival garb and the Queen wore her youngest daughter's wedding dress that the queen had made and a queens cape. The bride carried red roses. The Queen's niece and also a former Queen of the Snows sang. The bridesmaids were the brides daughters and the best man was the King's Prime Minister. Cake and coffee were served by the women of Sunset Lake where Dorothy and Charlie live. It was a beautiful wedding, outside, mild temperatures in the high teens and no wind. Father Anthony Dinzea officiated.

## Calendar of Coming Events

### March 2011

- 5 Book Club
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 NE Metro Branch Meeting
- 15 15-Month Dues Accepted for New Members
- 15 Deadline to Register for State Convention (Late Fee after this date)
- 15 Deadlines for Mission in Motion Award, Young Women for Equity Award Applications
- 15 Deadline for Convention Booklet Assignments, Best of Branches Articles
- 29 Deadline for Hotel Reservations for State Convention

### April 2011

- 9 Book club
- 12 Equal Pay Day
- 14 NE Metro Branch Meeting
- 15 NCCWSL Scholarship Apps & Early Regis. Deadlines
- 16 Gourmet, Korea menu
- 29 State Board Meeting in Winona
- 29 May 1 State Convention in Winona

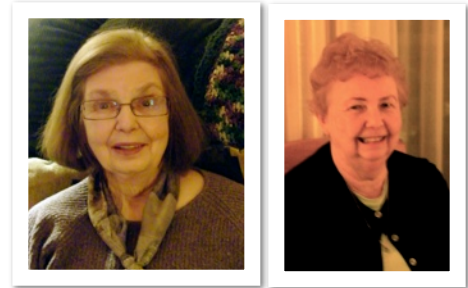
## Membership News

### A Good Time to Join

Have you been thinking of asking a friend to come to a branch meeting? March is a good time to do just that. Association half-price dues are in effect through March 15, and we have good programs coming up. Also, talk up our gourmet and book groups. We have great meetings and develop great friendships. It's time to spread the word!

Special membership rates now apply. From Jan. 1 to Mar. 15 the Association offers 2010-2011 National AAUW dues at half price-\$24.50.00 plus \$9.00 (State) and \$20.00 (local) to total \$53.50 NOW. Remember that membership requirements now welcome anyone with a 2 year degree. Call your friends!

from your Membership Co-Chairs, Joni Henry & Clara Gray.



## Gourmet Club

Gourmet Club is looking forward to having more members join them for wonderful foods based on a theme of culture study. The last meal, foods from Brazil, was delicious and informative. Guests are always welcome. Please call or email your reservation to Donna and Dick Wen

[rydbwen@cpinternet.com](mailto:rydbwen@cpinternet.com) 651-636-2401

The committee has also proposed the following program for the 2011:

Spring	April 16 7:00	Korea
Summer	June 12 6:00	Texas BBQ

**March is Women's History Month.  
How are you celebrating ?**

## Book Club

Book Club meets on Saturday mornings at 10:00. refreshments are served and lively discussion of literature follows. It's a lovely way to spend a few hours and we invite all to join us for as many of the discussions as possible. Call the hostess if you plan to attend.

Mar 5	<u>Olive Kitteredge</u> by Elizabeth Strout	at the home of Clara Gray
April 9	<u>Cutting for Stone</u> by Abraham Verges	at the home of LouAnn Hoppe
May 14	<u>Hannah's Dream</u> by Diane Hammond	at the home of Joni Henry
June 18	<u>Out Stealing Horses</u> by Per Petterson	at the home of Linda Ruggles



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check out our [Metro Guide](#).



Minnesota has a membership of over 2,000 in our [30 branches](#) spread over the state. It's a dynamic organization with a long record of affecting change on issues of importance to women, such as education, equity in the workplace and sex discrimination. Branches maintain a variety of programs and projects throughout the academic year, with lighter schedules in the summer.

**Our Mission** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**Vision Statement** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**Diversity Statement** In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.