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President's Message

Kathy Burleson
Northeast Metro branch
president



Greetings and happy new year! I hope that those of you who attended the holiday auction enjoyed our annual fundraiser. There were a few changes, including entertainment by the barbershop quartet Engage! and a large silent auction for most of the items. I would like to hear feedback about the auction this year; what worked, what didn't work, ways to improve or things to keep the same. Judging by the final prices of the items, this new format was a success.

As the winter months arrive, we often find attendance at our meetings low. We have a lot of great speakers, and it's nice to get out of the house and socialize. If you stay around Minnesota for the winter, coming to the meetings can help you to avoid cabin fever during these cold, dark months. If you can't drive, call another member and see if you can carpool--the more the merrier. I look forward to seeing you all at the next branch meeting!

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JANUARY PROGRAM

January 13, 2011 6:45 p.m.
at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,
1965 County Road E, White Bear Lake
Treats: Kathy Burleson

Women Who Have Made a Difference.

Trisha Cummins Kauffman, Executive Director, East Metro Women's Council

"In 1989, a group of professional women came together and created East Metro Women's Council to help families who don't have the resources they need to make their way in the world. For the past 20 years, East Metro Women's Council (EMWC) has worked tirelessly to fulfill its mission to provide a learning and living environment in which families can thrive and meet their goals of economic stability. Since first opening our doors, we have housed 2,099 women, men and children and have provided nearly 20,000 hours of tutoring to formerly homeless students. EMWC housed 380 adults and children last year alone more than ever before in our history. We implemented a groundbreaking therapeutic life skills program that uses Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) to help our residents make new choices about their lives and their roles as parents, employees and community members. Our employment and education services nearly doubled the number of residents enrolled in school or job training. And our focus on positive outcomes for children brought culturally competent and age-appropriate parenting education to families at high risk for abuse and neglect."

Come to the AAUW NE Metro meeting on January 13 to meet the founder and hear more about this organization.

Trisha Cummins Kauffman (continued)

Trisha Cummins Kauffman has served as Executive Director of East Metro Women's Council (EMWC) since 1997. Under her leadership, EMWC houses more than 300 homeless and low income women, men and children each year in suburban Ramsey and Washington Counties, providing them with affordable housing, supportive services and educational opportunities to help them achieve their goals of self-reliance. EMWC has been the recipient of several local and national honors, including a Live Your Best Life Award from Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network and a national Best Practices Award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Trisha actively participates in several community groups, including:

- Heading Home Ramsey Advisory Board (2010-2011 Chair)
- Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative Board (2010 Chair)
- Washington County Housing Collaborative

Trisha has worked with homeless families since 1994, serving as Associate Director of the Domestic Violence Project, Inc. in Ohio prior to coming to Minnesota. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration & Nonprofit Management from Kent State University.

Minutes of the November 11, 2010 NE Metro AAUW Meeting

Program: Continuing with the theme of **Women Who Have Made a Difference**, our speaker was Victoria Reinhardt, Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Reinhardt spoke about laws that protect women and children.



Business Meeting: The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm. by president, Kathy Burluson. A motion to approve the agenda was approved. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the *Itanyan*. Janet Brownell introduced her guest, Teresa Martin.

Treasurers' report: Linda Ruggles reported we have \$1,734.50 in checking and \$3,062.75 in savings for a total of \$4,797.25.

Committee reports:

Membership: Clara Gray announced that we now have 37 members in our branch. Membership directories were distributed at the meeting.

Program: Robbie mentioned that the 2010-11 programs are listed on the back page of our directory. She will out of town January through March but will communicate with our speakers by e-mail during that period. A thank you note from Rev. Kay Provine was read to the group.

Itanyan: LouAnn mentioned that she will be out of town for two weeks and would need to receive December *Itanyan* information by the 17th of November. It was determined that we would not issue a December *Itanyan*. LouAnn would re-send

the Holiday Brunch information and the e-mail distribution list to all members. LouAnn also mentioned that the State AAUW Board has several open positions and encouraged members to contact her if interested.

Unfinished business: The Holiday Auction is scheduled for December 4, 2010 at Oak Glen Country Club in Stillwater. Entertainment will be provided by the barbershop quartet, Engage. Kathy thanked all the members who investigated entertainment options for the brunch.

President's Report: Kathy reported that the *Outlook* will come out this week. It will contain information on the one member/one vote process. Paper and on-line ballots will be available in the spring. The National AAUW meeting will be held June 16-19, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Registration will begin on December 1, 2010.

Announcements: Linda Ruggles presented information on two volunteer opportunities. "Gifts for Seniors" provides holiday gifts for seniors in high rises and other facilities. Blue and white barrels will be placed in various stores. Also, Volunteers of America is looking for volunteers to work with children after school at the McDonough housing project. Contact Linda for more information. Clara announced that she will be speaking at the "Meet, Greet and Eat: Ageless Learner to First Time Author" program to be held at Century College on November 17th.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Barb Qualey, Secretary

2010 Annual Holiday Luncheon Auction Results

Thanks to the efforts of our membership and many members who gave of their time, our Annual Holiday Luncheon Auction is deemed a success! The event took place as usual on Saturday, December 4th at Oak Glen Country Club in Stillwater area. Many of us were concerned on whether the outcome could be the same considering the changes, uncertainty always leads to qualms. LouAnn Hoppe has done such a fabulous job for the past 20+ years as a volunteer auctioneer entertaining us and keeping the audience engaged in the bidding, we knew her skills would be hard to replicate. With her unavailability this year, our branch had a challenge to face. But membership rallied to make the fundraiser a success. The weather and road conditions caused a few last minute changes by attendees. In the end, attendance was up from the previous year with about 62 people bidding. Plus the proceeds ended up being similar to prior years with a profit of \$2,040.

The new plans for the traditional event began with a brainstorming session at our monthly branch meeting in October where we came up with several options on how to proceed with no auctioneer. It was agreed that unless a reasonably priced auctioneer could be attained, the Silent Auction would be the primary format. It was further felt some type of entertainment was desired to provide levity to the event. Thanks to the willingness of several volunteers that evening we scattered our efforts in a number of directions to come up with results. Kathy Burleson coordinated the communication efforts of our volunteers and provided us with the barbershop quartet, Engage. We also agreed to go with the Silent Auction despite professional auctioneers being found. It didn't feel right, or maybe it felt a little too foreign to bring professional auctioneers into our setting. The concept of starting with a "Silent" auction bidding on a few things and proceeding with those items in "Live" auction, with the last silent bid as the starting point, was proposed by two of the professional auctioneers. The concept worked well with the paintings donated by artist and member, LouAnn Hoppe.

With the changes in format our dilemmas were about how to keep attendees engaged. The entertainment brought us together for a bit. The "Dollar" auctions periodically throughout the event brought us together as well. *But how would we get people to keep increasing their bids?* As chair, this issue kept creeping into my thoughts over the weeks. Realizing the uncertainty of not knowing when the bidding would stop is what kept people engaged is where the idea of unexpectedly closing bidding on sections was derived. If those of us conducting the auction knew which sections were closing, then it would be unfair for us to bid. So the idea of numbering sections and drawing the section numbers was formulated. As the day unfolded watching our guests mingle and laugh, get excited over having the last bid; I think it all worked out. Whew!

Now for next year, do we keep it the same or make other changes? Auctioneer LouAnn seems relieved at the success, positive comments were heard by committee people as the event was closing but there were a few disappointments too. Drop me a note to DorisMMorrison1@msn.com so, as Chair, I can provide the Board of Directors your thoughts going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Morrison
Holiday Luncheon Chair





Notes from a Chairperson:

Thanks to you ...

Do you, as a member, realize what goes on behind the scenes? Our membership has many people to thank for events being successful. As Chair to the Annual Holiday Luncheon Auction this past December, there were so many people to thank for their help! I hope no one gets missed, please forgive me if I do, as I try to acknowledge your efforts;

Joan Macheledt, Clara Gray, LouAnn Hoppe, Robbie Johnson, Linda Ruggles, Barb Qualey, Kathy Burleson; Thanks for volunteering your thoughts and time researching and making the format decision.

Kathy Burleson; Thanks for your leadership preceding and during the Holiday Luncheon Auction. As emcee you kept the event moving.

LouAnn Hoppe; Thanks for preparing the Holiday Luncheon Auction Itanyan article and providing the photos from last year. (Unfortunately I missed taking them this year. If anyone has pictures to share could you please send them to me? - Doris)

Joni Henry & Clara Gray; Thanks for creating and making the name tags and auction numbers. The tasks sound simple but we all know making the tags is time consuming and it takes creativity that we don't all have.

Linda Ruggles; Thanks for taking care of all the finance duties; picking up \$1 bills, preparing deposits, paying the bills, analyzing the numbers and helping us determine our success.

Barbara Gaynor and Christine Johnson; Thanks for managing the check-in table with all of the last minute reservation changes that unfolded during the event.

Jan Femrite and Joan Macheledt; Thanks for setting up the table sections and organizing items.

Robbie Johnson, Joni Henry, and many other members who I saw helping organize the tables as guests arrived with their goods.

Lynda Halbert and Linda Engstrom; Thanks for giving of your time during the event to close auction tables, disburse items bid upon and reorganize tables as needed throughout the auction so other members could be with their guests.

Barb Wonson-Liukkonen; Thanks for stepping in when needed to collect money during the Dollar Auction.

Take care, Doris Morrison

Membership News

All NE Metro Branch AAUW Members: Please revise your directories to include these changes:

Engstrom, Linda (change zip to: **55129**)

Halbert, Lynda, (correct to: **BA English Education, St. Olaf** (not BA Psychology, U of MN)

Lethert, Diane, (change email to: dclethert@hotmail.com)

Van Horn, Gail L. (change address to: **10044** Nicollet, phone # 763-213-**5494**)

and on page of Past Presidents:

please insert **2003-2005 Nancy Hendrickson and Clara Gray**

Many thanks for revising your (PINK) Directories for 2010-2011!

Membership Co-Chairs: Joni Henry & Clara Gray

Gourmet Club

Gourmet Club is members and their guests getting together five times a year to share wonderful new foods and friendship. Recipes are chosen by committee to create awareness of the culture, history and raw materials of a specific region of the world. We include beverages of the region. Recipes are assigned (one or two per family) and then costs are shared equally. You do not need to be a gourmet cook to participate. It's just fun.



The committee has proposed the following program for the 2011:

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

Please call or email your reservation to Donna and Dick if you would like to join us for any of these enjoyable events.

Donna and Dick Wen rydbwen@cpinternet.com 651-636-2401

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.

Date to be announced...Postponed due to the big snowstorm! Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson at the home of Linda Ruggles

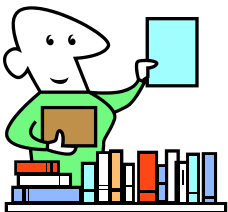
Jan 8 Old Filth (Filth stands for "Failed in London, try Hong Kong.) by Jane Gardam at the home of Kathy Ball

Feb 5 Apothecary's Daughter by Julie Klassen at the home of Jeannine Bohlmeier

Mar 4 Olive Kitteredge by Elizabeth Strout at the home of Clara Gray

April 9 Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verges at the home of LouAnn Hoppe

May 14 Hannah's Dream by Diane Hammond at the home of Joni Henry



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For Twin Cities area branches membership info, 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.



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