

AAUW AWARE

Owatonna Branch

Sept. 2010

Happy New Year for AAUW 2010!

This is a reminder of the Happy New Year Social coming up at Maren DeLaitsch's home next Monday from 7 - 8:30pm. This will be a great time to gather, hear from our student scholarship winners about their summer math/science camp experiences, and catch up with friends. Please feel free to **bring a friend** as well to hear these girls and to consider joining us in AAUW. We're a wonderful group of women who love to learn, and who love to help other girls and women in our community have access to educational opportunity.

Our New Year Social will also be the time for everyone to **receive their tickets** for our "*Taste of Steele County*" fundraiser on September 16th. You will also be asked to sign up for which shift to attend, for silent auction baskets, and for the September Mystery Tour which promises to be phenomenal!

We greatly look forward to seeing all of you there and to welcoming new neighbors to check out AAUW.

Happy New Year!

Mary Cronin and Mären DeLaitsch
Co-Presidents



*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls,
lifelong education, and positive societal change.*

September Mystery Tour

Monday, September 13 – 5:00 PM

Leave from Lowe's parking lot, southwest corner

It's time to bring our membership together again for the **FALL KICK OFF** event, the AAUW Mystery Tour. These events have always been interesting and taken us to places in our region that many of us have never visited. It's a great opportunity for fun, getting to know each other better, and enjoying an evening of good conversation, food, and education. If you have a friend or neighbor who might be a potential new member, bring them along and encourage them to join AAUW.

We'll gather at the southwest corner of the Lowe's parking lot promptly at 5:00 PM on Monday, Sept. 13. Sign up now by sending a nonrefundable check for \$25.00 to **Darlene Pizel, 1540 Oakview Drive, Owatonna, MN. no later than Sept. 6.** (We must turn in an accurate count on Sept. 7) **Please make checks payable to AAUW.** For dinner, you will have 3 entree choices. With your check, indicate your choice for dinner. The choices are: **Chicken Alfredo, Baked Walleye, or Sirloin Steak.** All meals include a salad, vegetable, potato and the entrée. It also includes coffee and water. Any other beverages are available for purchase at your own cost. Casual, comfortable dress is appropriate.

If you can volunteer to drive, send an e-mail to Darlene Pizel at kdpizel@yahoo.com or call her (451-0745) by Sept 8. Please indicate how many passengers your car can accommodate. Once we arrive at our destination, there will be an **optional activity** to participate in as well as a gift shop. You might want to consider having extra money with you. We're hoping this will be a fun-filled evening and many of you will be able to attend. If you have questions, contact Darlene (451-0745) or Marcia (451-6633). Hope to see you there.

Darlene and Marcia

AAUW Book Discussion Groups

The *Morning Brew Readers* book club (9:00 AM)

Northfield: A Western Story by Johnny D. Boggs.
September 16: Fieldtrip to Northfield

Gang of One by Fan Shen
October 14: Caribou Coffee

Killing Tree by Rachel Keener
November 11: 26th St. Coffee House

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Album
December 9: Hospital windows

The Evening Book Group

The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan
October 5 7:00 PM
Home of Sandi Tobin

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruez Zafon
October 28 7:00
Home of Dorothy Meyering
(annual Halloween Party)

*Anyone who likes to read is most welcome
to join either group at any time.*



Women's Equality Day

...marks 90 years of women's right to vote.

On **Thursday, August 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Bridge Square in Northfield this significant step in Women's History will be celebrated.** The community is invited to a celebration with music, speakers, dramatic readings and fun! Voter registration materials will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. This is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northfield and Cannon Falls, in collaboration with the Northfield Arts Guild, the Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield Senior Center.

Taste of Steele County

Thursday, September 16



Participating Steele County Businesses

Big 10 Restaurant
Blooming Prairie Bakery
Central Park Coffee
Costas
Hy-Vee
Old Town Bagels
Owatonna Eagles
Plaza Moreno
Rose Street Pizza
Sportman's Grille
Steve's Meat Market
Torrey's Restaurant

When considering the contents of your silent auction offering, you may wish to purchase a "starter" gift card to any of the generous vendors helping us to raise money for scholarships. At the same time you may thank them for their participation.

If you know what you or a group of you will be contributing, you may let either Judy Srsen or Mary Kaye Tillmann know - just so we don't have duplicates. Remember that they are to be brought to Judy's home by the 12th (except for baked goods). Thank you for your participation in this event that has the potential to raise a significant amount of scholarship funds for our young girls and college students.