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The Clarion



American Association of University Women
Winona Branch Winona, Minnesota

Notes from the President

It is gratifying to read the Winter 2010 issue of *OUTLOOK* as it validates the State Convention program theme, Women's Health and Wellness. I am sure you would agree that self-care and a balanced life is difficult to achieve with the many responsibilities women assume as a daily routine. AAUW'S three main health care reform priorities include ending the practice of gender rating, protecting women's reproductive health services and ensuring coverage of preventive care. These priorities are addressed in the health care reform laws and open a new chapter for women's health care. Take time to read the featured articles in the *OUTLOOK* before the April State Convention.

Thank you to branch members who attended the February 12th branch meeting. AAUW Winona is on the threshold of deciding a new direction that may support the branch scholarship. The financial support for the scholarship was tabled until the March meeting. Needless to say the continued

input of branch membership is critically important. The Winona Community Foundation will present options to consider for financing the scholarship. Please take the time to join the branch meeting on March 12th as we continue to discuss and clarify the best direction of financial support for the scholarship.

The registration form for the State Convention is in the Minnesota Pine. Barbara Shields is accepting registrations due March 15th. Join fellow AAUW members gathering at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum on Friday night April 29th for an evening of renewing friendships, viewing spectacular marine art, supporting the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and sampling fantastic hors d'oeuvres. Support AAUW Winona!!!

Joan Greshik, President

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

American Association of University Women promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

March Branch Meeting

Groundhog Day February 2, 2011 Punxawney Phil did not see his shadow predicting an early spring. Guess the old groundhog was wrong!!! Come out of hibernation, Saturday March 12th WSU Purple Rooms, and join your fellow members at 9:00am for a warm cup of coffee or tea and good conversation.

AAUW Winona will welcome Yvonne Usanase, Rwanda international student, at 9:30am. Our business meeting will follow Yvonne's presentation at 10:30am. The Winona Community Foundation will present information regarding the financial support of the Norene Opprecht Memorial Scholarship. Discussion will follow with a Q & A session. Take time to express your thoughts on this important scholarship issue.

Education Foundation

At the February meeting, we were able to make a wonderful announcement...the *Mona McMahon Research and Projects Grant* that the Winona Branch founded and championed has been completed! Our 2010 gift of \$500 was the final gift, which is very fitting since the Winona Branch made the first gift and many more. The Mona McMahon grant has been supported by other AAUW chapters around Minnesota as well. In the April issue of the *Clarion*, I will offer a little history about Mona McMahon and the AAUW members who founded the fund

in her memory. For now, we congratulate our membership, in particular, our members who initiated the project and kept it going for 10 years.

At our March and April meetings, we will be gearing up for the AAUW State Convention in Winona, April 29-30, which includes the Silent Auction. At the March meeting, we will share ideas about creating themed gift baskets for the Silent Auction, and we hope that you will make a basket. Mary Breunig has graciously offered to donate a variety of baskets, and she will bring them to the March meeting. We'll also talk about assembling some gift baskets at our April 2 meeting. It should be fun.

Remember when you contribute to AAUW, you are supporting educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Diane Dingfelder
EF Chair

March Calendar

March 12: WSU Purple Rooms at 9:00am.

March 12: Board Meeting, Following the membership meeting.

March 21: Clarion Deadline

AAUW Minnesota State Website
<http://www.aauwmn.org>

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DIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. The Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund also value and seek diversity. For all three corporations of AAUW there shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

Special Interest Groups

Literature – The afternoon group meets at 1:00pm on March 15 at Pat Nolan’s home. The discussion leader is Pat Nolan.

The Evening Group meets at 7:15pm, March 22 at Jeanette Steiner’s. Co-hostess and discussion leader is Kari Johnsrud.

Both groups are reading “Enrique’s Journey” by Sonia Nazario.

Knit Pickers – The Knit Pickers meet every Thursday at Callista Court from 2:00-4:00 p.m..

"500" Group – This group will meet on March 1 at 7:00pm at Rose Cyert’s home.

Bridge – Joan Greshik will host bridge at Perkins Restaurant (backroom) at 1:00pm Wednesday, March 9th. Refreshments will be served. The weather has been unpredictable and probably will continue as it has been. Joan thought the best plan was to remain in Winona rather than drive to Cochrane. Perkins is located at the intersection of Hwy 43 and 14/61.

Gourmet – This group will meet at 6:30 pm at March 15 at Rose Cyert’s. The theme is Winter Picnic.

State Convention

To all Winona AAUW branch members: The state convention for AAUW is fast approaching. We have a unique opportunity to share and learn with other branches throughout our state. I am sending a copy of the registration form and the reduced costs for local branch members. Hope you will all want to share in some or all of these activities.

Barb Shields

Members Attending the State Convention

- Members attending and working at the Friday evening Welcoming Reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum will pay half of the fee \$12.50.
- Members attending the Friday evening Welcoming Reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum and not working will pay the full fee \$25.00.
- Members working at the State Convention on Saturday will be expected to pay for their meals, but will not be charge the registration fee, \$50.00.
- Members who attend and do not work in any capacity will pay for their meals and half the registration, \$25.00.

If you have questions, please direct them to the co-chairs: Joan Greshik or Rose Cyert.

AAUW WINONA BRANCH MEETING
February 12, 2011
Purple Rooms, Winona State University

President Joan Greshik called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

The January 2011 minutes stand approved as published in the February Clarion.

Joan indicated that we had a quorum present which was necessary for some of the voting at the branch meeting today.

Chair Reports:

1. State Convention: Rose pointed out the picture of the interstate bridge on the front page of the Pine, taken by Kay Shaw, which will be on the cover of the convention booklet. Marian Hopkins and Marian Carroll will do the Best of the Branches booklet. The branch meeting will be April 2, 2011—not April 12, 2011—correction from Clarion. It is a working meeting followed by a small luncheon. Also, the annual meeting will be April 2 for the sole purpose of election of president-elect. There is a summary of registration types on the page about the Convention in the Clarion. An attending member complimented Rose on her article written in the Pine about the Convention.
2. Programs: Joan is negotiating with the International community to get a young lady—Joan has the name—to speak for the March 12 meeting. No May luncheon due to the Convention.
3. Membership: Joan reported we have 56 members.
4. Treasurer's Report:
The branch account is \$1,789.00 as of 1-24-11.
The AAUW fund account is \$745.95 as of 12-31-10.

The scholarship account is \$126.43 as of 1-24-11 with investment of approximately \$15,000.

Nancy O'Reilly moved, Rose Cyert seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Mary indicated she was having problems with national processing memberships. She will write a letter.

After discussion, Kay Shaw moved, Nancy O'Reilly seconded that we allow new members to pay half dues from January 1-March 15, 2011. Carried.

Old Business

At the January board meeting it was decided not to contribute to Joyce Rocco's trip. Any questions, please talk to Joan.

New Business

1. Winona Reads: Joan talked with Pat Nolan and she and Chris (Book Shelf) are working with a Winona mystery author. They hope to have him give a synopsis sometime in April. Winona AAUW Branch has always given \$40. It was suggested to increase our donation. After discussion, it was decided Joan will talk to Chris at the Book Shelf to get more information before we decide whether we will increase our donation to Winona Reads. Tabled until March.
2. Scholarships: Information sheets attached to agenda: Edward Jones Investment and Winona Community

Foundation. Joan reviewed the Edward Jones Investment sheet. After an explanation of scholarship funds at the national level, Joan continued by saying that Winona AAUW can change the fund participation or type of fund that it wants and still remain within American Funds. Joan recommended a more aggressive fund. The discussion continued with Winona Community Foundation and how the Winona AAUW branch funds would fit into the WCF framework. Finally Joan commented that there are two main questions: what organization to handle our money and how to deal with the 990. Another question brought up 501 C-3. Tabled until March.

3. Nominating Committee: Bylaws call for three people on nominating committee. Looking for president-elect. Let Joan know if you have thoughts for president-elect candidates.
4. Awards: Mission in Motion, Best of the Branches, Clarion all trickle down from the state are due March 15. Young Women for Equity is the fourth award.

Announcements

1. Mona T McMahon Research and Projects Grant: We received a certificate because of completion of Mona McMahon

scholarships. There will be an article in the newspaper. Display at the state convention.

2. Outlook: Theme of our convention; women's health.
3. Fair Trade Event—April 9—See Bev Spande. Time Magazine—(last issue)—Girl Power.

Adjournment was on a motion from Nancy O'Reilly, second by Marian Hopkins at 12 noon.

Program:

Sandra Burke from Winona Volunteer Services spoke prior to the business meeting on the various endeavors of that organization.

Submitted by
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AAUW Winona Branch February 25th, 2011 Financial

<u>Account 287881</u>	General Fund	Business Checking-No Interest	Fiscal Year: July-June
Beginning Balance	Checkbook 1/24/2010		\$ 1,789.00
Receipts			
2/25/11	February Coffee Donation	\$ 12.00	
	Total Receipts		<u>12.00</u>
			\$ 1,801.00
Invoices			
2/08/11	AAUW Natational Dues	49.00	
2/08/11	AAUW MN Dues	18.00	
1/08/11	February Meeting Speaker-Sandra Burke	<u>40.00</u>	
	Total Invoices		<u>107.00</u>
	Total Balance Ending 2/25/2011		<u>\$ 1,694.00</u>

<u>Account 5169593</u>	AAUW Funds (300 EF/200 LAF-Goal)	Savings	Fiscal Year: Jan-Dec
Ending Balance 02/25/2011	<i>No Activity</i>		\$ 745.95

<u>Account 5054972</u>	Scholarship	Savings	Fiscal Year: July-June
Ending Balance 02/25/2011	<i>No Activity</i>		\$ 126.43