



Hastings Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
September 2011



President's Message

Glenda Schnirring

We Begin Again!

Songs pop up in the minds of many of us. They come out of nowhere, right? A song that came over me just last night was one I've been exposed to lately called "For Everything There is a Season, For Everything There is a Time". How fitting is that for the start of an AAUW season? I'm glad to be back in the stride of helping AAUW have a strong fall start. As I've said before "people make the party", so inviting new people to AAUW should pop into our minds like an old song.

Membership Co-chairs Cindy Toppin and Jane Driscoll are contacting names that have come before them for a September 12th information gathering at Pat Powers' home. The results of last year's identical effort resulted in several new members. Membership is good for us personally through the depth of our programs and good for the mission of supporting education and growing a stronger nation.

All one needs to do is look at the array of program topics for the upcoming year to know that the program committee headed by Gail Glashan and Lynn Moratzka with a strong committee of new and veteran members have come up with another year of programs to speak about with pride. Many thanks for all that has gone into the rich selection of topics and guest speakers.

Nationally AAUW will continue to groom us to be knowledgeable and ardent in our support of:

- Ensuring that individuals receive the education and training they need to avoid welfare assistance.
- Supporting a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity and access to higher education.
- Knowing that something called "Women's Equality Day" established by Congress in 1971 marks the day in 1920 when the 19th Amendment was ratified giving women the right to vote. A new campaign called HER Votes will be drawing attention to this as it works to have all voting age women exercise that right.

In closing, we have the GARAGE SALE September 24, which is the essential revenue producer for our annual scholarship of \$2000.00. That translates into the need to have a \$2000.00 garage sale. With your donations of cash gifts and quality merchandise it can be done. Please help with the sale in whatever way you can.

My own health will be evident during our fall season. I'll undergo four chemo therapy treatments from September through November which will give me a better chance of not having a recurrence of cancer. This will affect me at times depending on what point of the treatment cycle I'm on. I warmly thank you for your thoughts and cards through the summer as I've waited for this treatment verdict to become a reality. I'm expecting everything to go well.

September 27

Charging the Little Gray Cells - Reading Your Way to Well Being Dr. Toni McNaron

Monday, September, 26, at 7:00 P.M., the Hastings Branch of AAUW will host Dr. Toni McNaron, Professor Emeritus of English, University of Minnesota. Dr. McNaron taught English at the University of Minnesota for 37 years. Her research has focused on Renaissance literature, feminist writing, and GLBT literature and culture. While on staff at the university, she received five outstanding teaching awards. Currently, Dr. McNaron directs the College of Schools Literature Program through the College of Continuing Education at the University of Minnesota and teaches Shakespeare in her living room.

The evening will begin with a Salad Supper at 6:00, followed by the meeting and then our speaker at 7:30. Please bring a salad to share. The board will provide bread, refreshments and dessert. Come and enjoy this great evening of delicious food, socializing, and enrichment.

Upcoming Events

September 12.....	Book Club
September 24.....	Grand Garage Sale
September 26.....	Salad Supper at 6:00 p.m.

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2011-2012 Programs

September 26, 6:00 p.m. **SALAD SUPPER**

Charging the Little Gray Cells
Reading Your Way to Well Being
Dr. Toni McNaron

October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Our Schools~Our Future
Tim Collins, ISD 200 Superintendent
Introduction of
ISD 200 School Board Candidates

November 28, 7:00 p.m.

The Pillsburys of Minnesota
Lori Sturdevant, Author

December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Social
Gathering at The Emporium
213 2nd Street E, Hastings

January 23, 6:00 p.m. CHILI SUPPER

Bosnia
Judge Karen Asphaug

February 27, 7:00 p.m. COMMUNITY INVITED

Understanding Dementia
William Orr, PhD MD & Shelley Wagner RN-BC
Co-sponsored with Regina Medical Center

March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Four Unreasonable Fears
that Hold Women Back
Ember Reichgott Junge
Former MN State Senator

April 23, 6:00 p.m. SPRING SOCIAL

Improvisation with
Andy and Mandy Langenfeld
Social at Hastings Country Club
2015 Westview Drive, Hastings

May 21, 7:00 BOOK SALE!

Entering the Tech Zone: Jobs of the Future
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Pres. And CEO, MN
High Technology Assoc. MHTA & former Speaker
of the MN House of Representatives

All meetings, except December and April,
will be held at
St. Philip's Lutheran Church
15th Street and Pleasant Drive
Hastings, MN 55033

Membership

Cindy Toppin & Jane Driscoll

We'd like to welcome back all the "old" members, but a special welcome back to last year's new members. We're so glad that you enjoyed our programs as well as our fellowship and chose to join us again this year! It sounds like it will be another fantastic year of programs.

Just a reminder to those who have not yet paid their 2011-12 dues – please remember to pay Nancy Kerestes at the September meeting. With the late fee, your dues are \$80.00.

Membership is again planning a "get-together" at Pat Powers' home on Monday, September 12th for prospective members. We've sent invitations to those people who many of you have suggested and hope to have a great turnout like last year.

If you have friends who might be interested in AAUW, please consider inviting them to the September meeting. What better way of finding out about AAUW than actually coming to a meeting!

Book Club

Shirley Tammen

June Luncheon

Twenty-six AAUW members experienced a bit of nostalgia when author Julian West spoke at the book luncheon on June 7. West wrote a biography called *What a Card! The Story of Axel and His Dog*, a popular TV program in the 1950's and 60's.

Upcoming Selections for the AAUW Book Group

Our AAUW Book Group welcomes members to attend the first month of book discussion on Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm at the home of Shirley Tammen. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* is the selection being discussed that evening. This first novel is set in a small English village where a retired major and a Pakistani shopkeeper strike up an unexpected relationship.

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese is the chosen book for Monday, October 10. Orphaned at birth by the death of their mother and disappearance of their surgeon father, twin brothers fates are forever entwined as they come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Marty Grosenick will host this meeting

Diversity

Margaret Cox

As we remember the events of 9/11, here is an interesting story told by an American Muslim who is proud to be an American. Just below the video are 3 more: *Seeing the Other, Just not Muslim Enough, and More Alike than Not. Where are you from?* by Arif Choudhury <http://www.racebridgesforschools.com/videos/?cat=32>

Garage Sale

Pat Powers (437-8678) & Deb Saunders (437-9233)

Garage Sale - September 24

Saturday, September 24th

8:00 - 1:30

**First Presbyterian Church
602 Vermillion Street, Hastings**

This is it, the big event, the scholarship fund raiser that will make the scholarship happen. We need your treasures that you were going to get rid of. We need baked goods to sell to our shoppers. We need your help for a couple of hours. We need \$30 if you can't be there or bring any treasures and baked goods.

Time to clean out the closets, the cabinets and the garage. Bake something for the bake sale. Books, utensils, dishes, movies, shelves, chairs, rakes and bikes: We will take it all. Clothing in good condition is a great sales item. Mark it to sell. Bring it to the Presbyterian Church on Friday September 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The sale starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

We need workers on Friday to set up and two shifts of sale workers and a cleanup crew. You will receive an email in the next few days with the available time slots for helping. Please respond as soon as possible to get the time slot that works best for you. The calling committee will call those who do not respond by email. It is really a fun day and a great way to get to

know your fellow AAUW members. There's nothing like a good cause to bring us all together. Our goal is to raise \$2000.00. It is only going to happen if we all do our part. Bring in the items and help to sell them and cleanup and go home. Create the story of Garage Sale 2011.

Thanks so much for your contributions and help! A suggested price list is attached.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

AAUW 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.

Minnesota State Website

www.aauwmn.org

Community

Margaret Goderstad

The LeDuc Historic Estate

September brings exciting events to the LeDuc Historic Estate. Be sure to be a part of these events:

September 10 and 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Civil War Weekend - "Over the Brink" - It was 150 years ago that the war between the states began with the attack on fort Sumter in South Carolina. Join Dakota County Historical Society in an exploration of this first year of the war. There will be full encampments of Union and Confederate soldiers marching demonstrations, music, reenactments, and living history characters. Regular admission rates apply and that includes a guided tour of the LeDuc house.

September 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - LeDuc/Simmons Country Market & Outdoor Art Show & Sale sponsored by Hastings Prescott Area Arts Council. You will meet some of the best artists in the region, be able to shop for antiques and collectibles in the Simmons Shed, find the best baked goods in town at the bake sale sponsored by Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings, and discover the freshest produce at the Farmers' Market. Admission to the grounds is free, but guided tour rates apply for the LeDuc house.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER at the LeDuc Historic Estate. It's a perfect opportunity to meet new friends, learn some history, and be a part of the action in this historic setting. Volunteers will work behind the scenes, greet visitors, or portray a historical figure. The public is also invited to help with the communal garden and caring for the

estate's chickens. Please contact Heidi Langenfeld, Volunteer Coordinator at heidi.langenfeld@co.dakota.mn.us for more information or call the LeDuc Historic Estate @ 651-437-7055.

Regina Alzheimer's Walk for the Cure will be held on Saturday, September 24th at the Regina Medical Center/Nininger Clinic Parking Lot. The goal of the Walk is to raise community awareness of Alzheimer's disease. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00. You may choose to walk, jog or run the 1 mile Regina Campus Route or the 8K River Route. For more information, contact Kim Schrader @ 651-480-4236 or Gwenda Pangerl @ 651-480-4236.

Treasurers Report

Nancy Kerestes

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues before the June 30th deadline. It makes my job as treasurer much easier. Dues are now \$80.00 if you have not yet paid them. Membership is currently at 81. Our budget for this year is based on a membership of 90 so please get those dues sent in to me at 11941 Lofton Ave. S. Hastings, MN.

Our current checkbook balance is \$2182.27 and we have \$8000.00 in CD's. The CD's mature in early 2012. At that time the board will determine if we need to use any of this money to cover our budget for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kerestes, Treasurer

AAUW General Meeting Minutes May 23, 2010

PRESIDENT: Glenda Schnirring called the business meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. She started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the final program of the Hastings AAUW branches 40th year. She also thanked Patty Todnem and Darla Kimmes for their work as hostesses.

SECRETARY: Lisa Hedin. April business meeting minutes were not reported in the May TWIG. Hard copies of the minutes were available at the meeting, and Mary Memelink will send out an electronic version. Please inform Lisa H of any additions or corrections.

TREASURER: Nancy Kerestes. Treasure's Report as contained in the May TWIG opened for audit. Dues were solicited for the year starting in September 2011. Dues for 2011-2012 are \$70, same as the last year, \$46 is eligible for tax deduction. Submission of dues by the end of June is preferred.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP: Peg Horsch. The 2011 winner of the AAUW scholarship, Tiffany Thurmes, was present and introduced. Tiffany is planning to go the University of Wisconsin - Madison to major in Chemistry and Dance. She will receive her scholarship of \$2000 after completing one semester of school and making adequate progress towards completion.

OBITUARY: Jeanne Mills, a former member of Hastings AAUW, passed away on Friday, May 20th. Her obituary is in the Pioneer Press.

MEMBERSHIP: Cindy Toppin. Jane Driscoll. Two guests were introduced. Members were asked to identify potential new AAUW members. These potential members will be invited to a "party" in August encouraging them to join. A clipboard for names was passed.

BOOK CLUB: Shirley Tammen. In June, the book club will be hosting an author's lunch with Julian West author of the biography *What a Card: the story of Clellan Card and Axel and his dog*. All AAUW members are welcome to attend the luncheon on 7 June at 11:45 at the Green Mill. The cost will be \$15 for chicken Caesar salad, bread, fruit, and dessert including tax and tip. This could be the last author luncheon organized by the AAUW book group. It has proven very difficult to get authors for no cost to these luncheons, and this one required \$50 provided by the Board. During discussion, it was noted that the author luncheons have always been very well done events, and enjoyed by a large number of members regardless of their participation in the book group throughout the rest of the year. The Board should consider providing a small amount of funding (\$50) to support this event into the future.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Lynn Moratzka. A sheet containing numerous program ideas gathered from member input, other chapters, and the state convention were passed around, and those present were asked to identify their top five topics. In addition, they were asked about their interest in undertaking another Health Forum open to the community and ideas for such a

forum. This is an effort to identify the most popular program topics. The October meeting will likely consist of a meet the candidate panel of ISD #200 School Board Candidates, as well as a video on women in politics co-produced by TPT. Anyone interested in attending the next Program Committee meeting contact either Gail Glashan or Lynn Moratzka for location, time and date information.

ONE MEMBER/ONE VOTE: Glenda encouraged all present to complete their AAUW ballots prior to the end of the month, or very early in June, to assure the vote is considered during the National Convention. This ballot can be completed either on paper or electronically.

GAD-ABOUTS: Sallee Jepsen. The final event of the year is a tour of Inver Hills Community College on May 25th, leaving the Sterling parking lot at 9:15 for a 10:00 tour. Lunch at Emma Krumbee's will follow.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: June 25th is an event jointly sponsored by the Hastings Garden Club and Hastings Prescott Art Council (HPAC). This will be combined garden and art tour for 8-10 homes in the Hastings and Prescott area. In addition to the gardens, 1-2 artists will be at each location. Some gardens will even include music. Pat Schultz asked for hosts to assist at the event. A host would sell tickets, and share information about the location of other gardens and public restrooms. Hosts would work a 3 hour shift either 10-1 or 1-4, allowing visits to other gardens during their time off. A clipboard to sign up was passed.

STATE CONVENTION: Hastings AAUW is currently the fifth largest branch on the state behind Minneapolis, St Paul, Mankato, and Grand Rapids. More information on the State Convention is provided in the May TWIG.

GARAGE SALE: Deb Saunders has agreed to co-chair the garage sale with Pat Powers. The garage sale is scheduled for September 24th. Start collecting good items from family, friend and neighbors. Pat Powers has additional storage if needed prior to the sale. The goal is to raise \$2000 to support the AAUW scholarship.

There were approximately 55 attendees. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm. The business meeting was followed by a book sale, which had net proceeds of \$221.50.

The 2010-2011 program year continued with author and food historian, Rae Eighmay speaking about Family Tree to Family Table and Potluck Paradise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Hedin - Secretary

Newsletter Information

If you wish to submit an article, news item, correction, or want to change the way you are receiving the newsletter, please contact

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Be sure to add the [above](#) email addresses to [your](#) address book, to ensure the newsletter doesn't land in your Junk Mail.

The AAUW state newsletter, ***The Pine***, will also be forwarded to members by email. The fall issue will be sent next week.

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