

# ITANYAN

*"To grow by reason"*



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## APRIL PROGRAM

**April 14, 2011 6:45 p.m.**  
**at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,**  
**1965 County Road E, White Bear Lake**

Treats: Joni Henry, LouAnn Hoppe

April is volunteer month. Northeast Metro AAUW members and friends will be preparing birthday boxes for homeless and needy children in Northeast Metro area shelters.

Please bring: shoe boxes, wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, cakes mixes, frosting mixes, candles, cards for boys and girls, a gift (coloring book, crayons, markers, paperbacks, comic books, etc.), paper plates, party hats, disposable cameras, and anything else that would help the children celebrate their birthday while in the shelter. (The Dollar Store may be a good place to start.) If we can prepare 24 boxes, then we could have one for a boy and girl for each month of the year. If not, we can prepare what we have and not denote month, but just boy or girl and approximate age.

Please invite neighbors and friends to come help prepare boxes. If someone wants to go shopping for some of the items prior to the meeting, please call Robbie at 651-283-7291. (I will be in WBL) We could have a shopping day prior to the meeting and agree upon items to be purchased and which will be donated.

Thanks so much.

### Calendar of Coming Events

#### March 2011

29 Deadline for Hotel Reservations for State Convention

#### April 2011

- 9 Book club
- 12 Equal Pay Day
- 14 NE Metro Branch Meeting, Election of officers
- 16 Gourmet, Korean menu
- 29 - May 1 State Convention in Winona

#### May, 2011

- 12 NE Metro Branch Meeting
- 14 Book club
- 15 MN Pine Deadline
- 18 NCCWSL Registration Deadline

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

**Program:** Continuing with the theme of **Women Who Have Made a Difference**, our speaker was Sarah Markoe Hanson who discussed women who have made a difference in the history of White Bear Lake.

**Business Meeting:** The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm. by President Kathy Burlison. No guests were present. A motion to approve the agenda was approved. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the *Itanyan*.

**Treasurers' report:** Linda Ruggles reported we have \$1,863.18 in checking and \$3,065.63 in savings for a total of \$4,928.81. Linda mentioned that she received a letter from our February speaker, Trisha Cummins Kauffman, thanking our branch for the \$50 donation to East Metro Women's Council. Linda gave a summary of year-to-date budget update which was e-mailed with the March *Itanyan*. YTD income is up slightly. We have paid \$800 to Century College for our scholarship and still have \$500 in the other scholarship/donation category available to spend. We are in good financial shape. If you have any outstanding bills, please get them to Linda as soon as possible.

### **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 dues for 2011-12 will start being collected at the April meeting.

**Program: *Itanyan*:** LouAnn reported that the deadline will continue to be the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**President's Report/Unfinished Business:** Clara Gray presented the nominating committee report. Gail VanHorn and Nancy FitzGerald will be co-candidates for the membership vice president position. The committee is still

searching for candidates for the president and secretary positions.

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 and will contact the other branch members who will be attending the convention to see if they would like to be our other delegates. Barb Wonsen has made a crib blanket for our silent auction donation. LouAnn will be a delegate from the state board.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held June 2-4, 2011 at the University of Maryland. Kathy extended an invitation to Jenna Quant, our 2010 scholarship recipient, but she declined. Kathy contacted Michele Jersek at Century College to find potential applicants for our branch to sponsor. If there are no candidates from Century College, Kathy would be willing to advertise the opportunity at Hamline.

The Pay Equity bake sale event at Hamline will be the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Kathy will check with the Women's Resource Center to see if they would be willing to sponsor a table.

**Announcements:** Lynda Halbert thanked Linda Ruggles for helping with the treats for tonight's meeting and for replenishing the supplies box. Lynda also distributed flyers for the upcoming Meet, Eat and Greet programs in April, May and June at Century College. See [www.century.edu/continuinged](http://www.century.edu/continuinged) for more information.

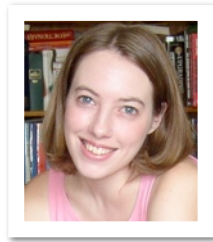
Kathy also announced that her husband recently had surgery for testicular cancer. Please keep Kathy, Dave and family in your thoughts as they wait for the physicians to determine Dave's treatment plan.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Qualey, Secretary

# President's Message

from Kathy Burleson



It's that time of year again when we are looking for members to volunteer their talents for board positions. This year, President, Secretary, and Membership positions are open. I'd like to encourage you to consider taking a position. We all are busy; committed to many activities, responsibilities, and personal situations that make demands on our time. Speaking as a full-time instructor, mother, and wife (and person who struggles to say "no" to requests) I understand how additional demands on one's time can seem overwhelming. However, the time commitment for any of these positions is minimal—maybe a few hours a month. Additionally, serving in any of these roles allows you to more fully engage as a member of AAUW.

Many of us have served multiple, back-to-back positions. It's time to see some new faces and hear some fresh ideas! To stay alive as a branch, we need to have energetic, committed members willing to step into these roles to continue the good work that our branch does and to reach out to potential new members. Please consider accepting a position on the board, even if it is to co-chair with someone else.

## 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 convention of AAUW of Minnesota for further action by the voting members at that convention.

### Stop Street Harassment:

“Hey Baby!”

“Smile for me”

Gender-based street harassment is a global problem that limits women's access to public spaces and prevents gender equality.

Please join Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Holly Kearn, author of a new book about street harassment, as she discusses what this problem is and what we can all do about it. Together we can stop street harassment and make public places safe and welcoming for women!

**What:** An update from the American Association of University Women **Who:** Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Holly Kearn **When:** 2:30 PM, Monday April 11, 2011 **Where:** Minneapolis Branch AAUW, The Gale Mansion, 2115 Stevens Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-870-1661

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC No pre-registration is required.

## Membership News

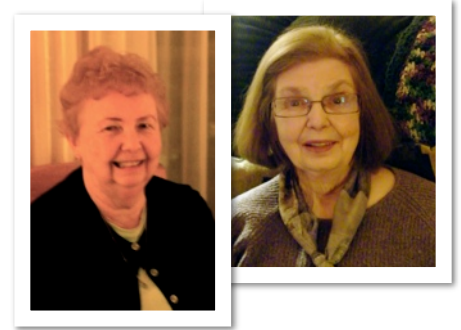
We Welcome New Members

Hints of spring are all around us, and it's a good time to think about friends who might love to be part of our Northeast Metro Branch. Maybe our Thursday night meeting is a better fit for those you've asked before. We have good programs coming up and would love to let others know what a great group of women we are.

Just a Reminder, Yes, just a reminder--it's coming soon.

Amazingly, **it will soon be time to pay next year's dues.** It seems early, but the deadline for Association to receive our dues is June. Our treasurer will need time to compile our dues record and get it in time. Our goal is to have all members pay by the June salad supper. Better yet, bring your dues to the April meeting.

Or mail your dues to either Clara Gray, 3958 Cranbrook, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or Joni Henry, 3511 Golfview Drive, White Bear Lake, Mn 55110.



\$78 includes Association, State, and our local branch.

## 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

## 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.

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

## Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

Dear Friend,

I have exciting news to share with you! As you may recall, in 2010 [Great Nonprofits](#) (GNP) named AAUW a top-rated nonprofit based on reviews and ratings by people whose lives had been touched by AAUW. Now, in recognition of our great work and the five-star rating we received, AAUW has been invited to be a partner in GNP's 2011 Women's Empowerment Campaign.

So far, more than 50 people have reviewed and rated AAUW by sharing some of their individual accomplishments and AAUW's important role in their lives. These reviews, featured on [AAUW's GNP web page](#), highlight examples of AAUW's work to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

As a member, you play an important role in the AAUW story. This is a chance to tell your part of that story. Please [read what others have written about AAUW](#) and join them by [writing your own review](#).

Warm Regards, Linda D. Hallman, CAE AAUW Executive Director

P.S. I hope I can count on you. The more reviews AAUW gets, the higher we move on the list of women's empowerment organizations.

## American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

Hi Everyone,

I am contacting you because I joined the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, which will be held at Hamline University April 16-17. It is a 24-hour event, and our team will take turns walking on the track throughout the night to raise money for cancer research and treatment. I will be joining students who will camp overnight on the track field from 6PM-6AM (and I might be the only faculty member registered so far!)

I'm joining Relay For Life this year for personal reasons. As some of you already know, my husband, Dave, was diagnosed with testicular cancer in February. He's currently awaiting treatment (chemo or radiation--we aren't sure yet which it will be.) After years of doing cancer research, losing family members and friends to this disease, and struggling with it in my personal life, it felt like the time to take action.

When I registered online, I was issued my own [personal fundraising web page](#). It explains what Relay For Life is and why I chose to get involved. My [web page](#) also has my fundraising goal and how much money I've raised so far. Please [visit my page](#), and while you're there....consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society. Your donation will help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. The amount you donate will count towards my fundraising goal.

Thank you so much for your help - I will keep you updated on my progress (as well as Dave's).

Kathy Burlison



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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.