



NORTHWOODS NEWS

Ely Minnesota Branch Newsletter

December, 2008

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

Vision: 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.

Message from Teresa Sagen, Branch President

November proved to be a busy and productive month for the Ely Branch. Beside our efforts with "Get Out the Vote," our branch provided a wreath in the Hospice Respite Festival of Trees and participated in Herbergers' Community Day. I hope to see all of you at our December meeting when we will continue toward making our goal of an average attendance of 30 members. Come prepared to participate in our LAF auction and in our free will offering for the Ely Food Shelf. I look forward to celebrating the beginning of the holiday season with all of you.

December Meeting

What: Holiday Shopping Evening
When: Tuesday, December 9
Where: Mealey's from 7:00 to 8:00 PM; Wise Guys Pizza at 8:00 PM

Mealey's has generously offered to give ten percent of all our purchases during the evening to our organization. We have invited the women of Vermilion Community College to join us, and look forward to meeting them. The "more the merrier," so be sure to bring your friends. After shopping, we will go to Wise Guys for pizza. The pizza tab will be picked up by the branch, with each individual responsible for her beverage.

We will hold a raffle for home baked holiday bread and a wreath. Proceeds will go toward our 2008 contribution to the Legal Advocacy Fund. Thank you to Katherine Scheuer and Cindy Park for making these items. It is our tradition to collect contributions for a local organization at our December meeting. This year our contributions will go to the Ely Food Shelf.

Barnes&Noble.com and AAUW

Through a new partnership, AAUW members receive a 5% discount when shopping at www.bn.com/aauw. (From now until December 19th, the discount is 10% !)

Hospice Respite Festival of Trees

Don't miss a chance to admire the AAUW wreath in the lobby of the Grand Ely Lodge. Darlene Nemanich and Geri Koschak have outdone themselves! This beautiful "Rhapsody in Blue" wreath will surely bring a high bid, helping Northwoods Hospice Respite with their fundraising efforts.

Herbergers' Community Day

We have just completed another successful fundraising effort through our participation in the Herbergers' Community Day coupon sale. Marge Forsberg reports that we sold 183 coupon books, which translates into \$915. Thank you to all members who participated, with special thanks to Marge for getting us organized, to Nez Artisensi, Phyllis Olson, Barb Johnson and Maxine Jacks for selling coupon books on our pre-sale day, and to Lora DeWeese, Jeanne Tomlinson and Pat Merfeld for selling on Herbergers' Community Day.

AAUW Ely Branch "Piece of History"

Taken from the minutes of the December 5, 1944 meeting:

"Miss Somero reported that she could not find a gift for the former Miss Michaelson for the sum of \$3. It was suggested that instead of purchasing silver salt and pepper shakers the gift might be a piece of glassware. Miss Somero was instructed to try to obtain glassware in the Meadowrose pattern.

"A petition from Mrs. C.A. Muehling, Hibbing, on supporting the principle of an international police force was read. Mrs. McMahan made a motion that the Ely Branch of the A.A.U.W. back the petition. Motion carried. The secretary was instructed to sign for the organization and then the individual members also signed the petition.

"The business meeting adjourned.

"Mrs. Shinn, Program Chairman, took charge of the meeting. The Junior Girls Sixtet sang 3 songs, accompanied by Miss Skeel. Helen Skufca read a Christmas story. Mrs. Zygmanski played three piano selections. The members sang Christmas carols, directed by Miss Skeel and accompanied by Miss Benglund.

"Lunch was served by Mrs. Leino, Miss Johnson, Miss Kraft, and Miss Ratzlaff.

"Christmas gifts were exchanged.

"31 members were present."