



NORTHWOODS NEWS

Ely Minnesota Branch Newsletter

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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

On Monday, November 3, eight AAUW members encouraged people in Ely to vote by putting up "Get Out to Vote" signs in store windows along Sheridan Street. Thank you for helping with this important effort. Also, thank you to the members who planned and helped at the Ely Candidate Forum the evening of October 20th. I am proud that AAUW continues its service to the Ely community!

November Meeting

What: Musical Evening with Eli Bissonett and LynnAnn Vesper
When: Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 PM
Where: U.S. Forest Service Kawishiwi Ranger Station, Highway 169
(opposite the International Wolf Center)

Herbergers' Community Day

Saturday, November 15th is Herbergers Community Day. This has become our primary means of raising money to fund our programs, including a scholarship and contributions to the Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

We are scheduled to pre-sell coupon books at Herbergers on November 8 from noon to 2:00 PM. We are hoping to be one of the organizations selected to sell on November 15th. Thank you to members for purchasing coupon books and for volunteering to sell at Herbergers on November 8th, (and hopefully on November 15th.)

Get Out to Vote

On November 4th, signs reminding people to vote are in store windows all along Sheridan Street in Ely, thanks to Nez Artisensi, Lucy Diesslin, Jean Green, Pat Merfeld, Teresa Sagen, Gail Shedly, Judy Viken, and Pam Webster. Special thanks to Judy Viken for providing the leadership for this project.

Ely Candidate Forum

The AAUW Ely Branch co-sponsored the Ely Candidate Forum on October 20th. Judy Viken and Nez Artisensi represented AAUW in planning this event. All candidates for City Council and the office of Mayor answered questions before both an audience in the Vermilion Community theatre as well as those watching on television. Ward Nelson was the moderator, assisted by timer Nez Artisensi. Mary Koski, Muffin Nelson, and Kelly Klun compiled questions from the audience; Darlene Nemanich and Lucy Diesslin answered questions and passed out nonpartisan AAUW voter guides at the AAUW information table in the foyer.

Membership

Welcome to new member Jen Potterjoy, RN and Assisted Living Manager at the new Spectrum facility in Ely.

Our branch currently has 41 members, and we always have room for more. One way to increase membership is for each member to bring someone, who may be interested in AAUW, to a meeting as a guest. If you know someone who would like more information, give her name to Darlene Nemanich. The following web pages are also a good source of information: www.aauw.org and www.aauwmn.org. Copies of this newsletter can be found at www.aauwmn.org, Branches, Ely.

Education Foundation

The Education Foundation has been supporting gender equality during its fifty years in existence through fellowships, grants, special awards and research. Fellowships are awarded for doctorate and post doctorate research, and for graduate study in fields where women are underrepresented. Grants are awarded for career development and for community action projects, which promote gender equity. Special international fellowships are given to non US citizens. In addition, the Education Foundation publishes research reports on gender equity.

AAUW Ely Branch “Piece of History”

Taken from the minutes of the September 30, 1942 meeting: “The president turned the meeting over to the program chairman, Mrs. Reigel, who introduced the speakers of the evening. Miss Vera Glemmenstad spoke of her summer at Harvard; Miss Vienna Somero on her trip to Seattle in war time; Miss Carol Herrick of her summer at the University of Mexico.”

Taken from the minutes of the March 19, 1943 special meeting:

“A special meeting of the AAUW was held at the home of Mrs. Adkins on March 19th. Lieutenant Sylvia Kaija, a former scholarship student and now an army nurse on a hospital ship, gave a most interesting account of her experiences. Lt. Kaija has made two trips to Africa on the hospital ship and was home now on a short leave to visit her family and friends.”