



# 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.

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## Message from Teresa Sagen, Branch President

On September 27, I represented our Branch at the AAUW Fall Conference in Burnsville. Presentations and discussions included ideas for programs and membership, along with the announcement that AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, will be attending our state convention in April. I would like to thank all the members, who on October 3<sup>rd</sup> picked up litter along our assigned stretch of Highway 169. Special thanks to Jeanne Tomlinson for organizing and leading this worthwhile project.

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## October Meeting

**What:** Exploring Ely Senior Housing Alternatives and Tour of the new Spectrum Units, by Jen Potterjoy from Spectrum Home Care  
**When:** Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 PM  
**Where:** The Spectrum Unit, closest to Conan Street, on Second Ave. (near Bloomenson Hospital)

## Adopt a Highway Program

On Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, MJ Davis, Lucy Diesslin, Cindy Park, Teresa Sagen, Jeanne Tomlinson and Judy Viken met at the Boathouse Brewpub for breakfast and a planning session. Then, with maps in hand, they cleaned up a two mile stretch of Highway 169. Each team of two picked up litter along both sides of a .7 mile section. Although this group was smaller in number than the group of volunteers in the spring, they made up for it with energy and dedication. They finished before noon! The weather cooperated with a sunny brisk autumn day. **Thank you to everyone who participated.**

*Editor's Note: Everytime I drive this stretch of highway I make a mental note about how great it looks. I do have a question – What did you do with the abandoned refrigerator?*

## **Regina Johnson Recognized as Member for 50 Years**

At our September Branch meeting, Darlene Nemanich, Vice President Membership, presented a certificate to Regina Johnson, recognizing her membership in AAUW for more than 50 years. She has always been a member of our Ely Branch. Achieving this milestone entitles Regina to become a lifetime member of AAUW.

## **Herbergers' Community Day**

Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> is Herbergers Community Day. This is our primary fund raising event, and allows us to grant scholarships, give books to babies born in Ely, send delegates to the state convention, contribute to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund, pay for program expenses, and make donations to local organizations. Last year we raised \$1,500.

In order to be eligible to sell Herbergers' coupon books on November 15, we are required to sell coupon books in our community, sell coupon books at Herbergers on November 8 from noon to 2:00 PM, and be in the top 25% of pre-sale sellers. The board is asking each member to purchase at least two coupon books, and encouraging members to purchase more. The coupon books are \$5.00 each, and will be available at the October meeting. We are looking for volunteers to sell at Herbergers on November 8 and on November 15.

## **Ely Candidate Forum**

The AAUW Ely Branch is again co-sponsoring a community forum, providing citizens of Ely an opportunity to get to know the candidates for city offices. The forum, moderated by Ward Nelson, will be held at the Vermilion Community College auditorium on October 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Other sponsors include Vermilion Community College, Ely TV, The Timberjay, The Ely Echo, WELY, and Ely Rotary Club. Please contact Judy Viken 365-3683 if you are interested in helping.

## **AAUW Educational Foundation**

This year, fifty years after its founding, the Educational Foundation will provide more than 260 fellowships and grants. Community Action Grants provide seed money to women, AAUW branches, and to colleges for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to math, science and technology projects that focus on K-12, and community/college collaboration. What are your thoughts about the Ely Branch initiating a program and applying for a grant?

## **Membership**

Our branch is fortunate to have a vibrant membership, excellent programs, and meaningful opportunities to serve our community. Please help to "spread the word," by inviting a guest to come with you to our October meeting.

## **AAUW Minnesota Website**

Keep up with news on the state level by going to the AAUW Minnesota website. The web address is [www.aauwmn.org](http://www.aauwmn.org). Click on branches and look at the Ely web page, where you can find copies of our newsletter (just in case you misplaced yours).

## **Announcements**

**Range Women's Advocates** Members are invited to an open house to celebrate the Range Women's Advocates 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Thursday October 16, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM, 301 First Street S. Virginia

**Take Back the Night** Sunday October 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Olcott Park in Virginia