

March 2008



# The Clarion



American Association of University Women  
Winona Branch Winona, Minnesota

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## Notes from the President

Where is the warm weather? February 28<sup>th</sup> and it is snowing again. It is beautiful to look at, but aren't we ready for spring? I do have a few items to report that will help us look to the future.

Our branch has received a project that is short on notice and will be a challenge for us to complete. The project is called "Ambassadors for Change".

A Star Award will be presented to the AAUW branches who:

1. Achieve 5% "net gain" in membership.
2. Plan an AAUW program:  
Which links with a university/college, tech School or community college and/or Promotes an AAUW program that targets college students and invites them to attend.
3. Commit to one branch change in 2007-08.
4. Receive the AAUW Minnesota Resource DVD "Change". View the DVD and hold a follow up discussion.

The Ambassadors for Change Star Award Seeks to Challenge:

AAUW Minnesota Branches to:

1. Work on AAUW Minnesota State Goals
2. Initiate AAUW Association's Strategic Process "Action Plan"
3. "Shine" as an AAUW Branch Dedicated to Advancing Advocacy, Education and Research for Women and Girls

The deadline is April 15, 2008. Awards will be presented at the AAUW Minnesota State Convention.

I think we can do it. Please contact me with your thoughts on this.

The second project is from Nancy O'Reilly and it sounds like a great outing. Nancy suggests that members who have the time consider making a trip to an AAUW meeting in the Cities. One meeting choice is Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting begins at 9:30 with "Coming Home From the War"

presented by Major Cynthia Rasmussen RN, MSN, CANP, and at 10:45-11:45 “Respecting Women’s Moral Choices”. We break for lunch and the final program 1:15-2:15 is “From Playwright to Novelist”, with Pamela Carter Joerm, Minnesota author. Yes, their branch programs are an all day affair. The meeting and lunch is at Gale Mansion which has been the Minneapolis branch home since 1947.

Please email me [pnolan@hbc.com](mailto:pnolan@hbc.com) or give me a call 454-1507 if you are interested in either project,

**Think Spring! See you March 11, for our Branch meeting.**

### **March Branch Meeting**

Please note that there has been a change in the date for our March meeting. It will be on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, not March 13<sup>th</sup>. The place is the same, Gaudeamus Room at St. Anne’s Healthcare. (Park behind the building and enter at the lower level.)

We will gather at 5:30 p.m., have a short business meeting about 5:45 and a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and also your eating utensils. Beverage will be provided.

The program at 6:30 will be Suzanne Koeplinger, who will speak on “Sexual Trafficking”. Suzanne is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center in Minneapolis. She has served as the International Chair for AAUW Minnesota since 2003. We have invited members of other groups in the community to join us, so we look forward to a good turnout. Please contact Kay Shaw, 454-1747, with any questions.

### **AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

**American Association of University Women promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.**



### **DIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT**

**In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. The Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund also value and seek diversity. For all three corporations of AAUW there shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.**

## **AAUW Minnesota State Website**

<http://www.aauwmn.org>

## **AAUW Association Website and Email**

<http://www.aauw.org>

[info@aauw.org](mailto:info@aauw.org)

## **March Calendar**

March 11: Potluck and "Sexual Trafficking" program at St. Anne's. 5:30 p.m.

March 12: Board meeting 5:00 p.m. at Acoustic Café.

March 21: Clarion Deadline

## **Start Thinking Ahead for New AAUW Members**

Our primary membership drive usually centers on the Shape the Future event during the summer hiatus. This event offers new members reduced dues and the opportunity for the chapter to earn free memberships. As we progress into spring, please keep our AAUW chapter in mind. As you have suggestions for women who may be potential members, please share them with one of the executive officers. We will be sure to include them in the invitations later this summer. It is never too soon to promote AAUW. Thanks for your continued support and involvement!

Marsha Yancy

## **Special Interest Groups**

**Adventures in Dining** - NOTE THE DATE OF OUT NEXT OUTING! Signatures is hosting a local food forum on FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, "Luscious and Local! How and Why." There will be cooking and

demonstrations, presentations on fair trade, pasteurization, community supported agriculture. Speakers will be Erik Esse, Liz Haywood, Chef Monique Hooker, Signature's Chef Doug Dahlgren and Jennifer Jambor. Tickets are \$18.00 which include lunch and daylong access or \$15.00 for morning or afternoon and lunch. We will meet at Signatures. Starting time is 9:00 AM. Please RSVP me by Friday, February 29th so I can reserve lunch for us. I will try to go early to reserve a table or tables so we can eat together. Watch the newspaper for more information or contact Joyce Beard at 454-3916.

**Mona McMahon Bridge** – Bridge will meet at 1:00, March 12 at Jeanette Steiner's home.

**Gourmet** – The Gourmet group will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30pm at Jeanette Steiner's home. The theme is "Polish Easter."

**Literature** – The Literature Groups are reading "The Barn at the End of the World" by Mary Rose O'Reilly.

The Afternoon Group meets at 1:00pm, March 18 at Pat Nolan's. Discussion leader is Pat Nolan.

The Evening Group meets at 7:15pm, March 25 at Marion Carroll's. Co-host is Patte Peterson. Discussion leader is Mariann Alsum.

**Knit Pickers** – The Knit Pickers meet every Thursday at Callista Court at 2:00 p.m..

**"500" Group** – This group will meet on March 4 at Marianne Olson's home, at 6:30 p.m.

## **February Gourmet Interest Group**

In February the Gourmet Group with its theme of "diversity" met at the home of Chung Vang for a menu of Hmong food.

Chung Vang intends to open a Hmong eating place in Winona this Spring. He and his wife prepared many dishes, catering to both vegetarian and meat tastes.

After dinner, our host talked to the group about his history and Hmong culture and foods. It was an interesting and enlightening evening. The gourmet group will probably be his first patrons in the new restaurant.

## **E-mail Change**

Barbara Shields have changed her email address to [bshields@hbc.com](mailto:bshields@hbc.com). Please update your records for the change.

## **Legal Advocacy**

### Ink Jet Cartridges

Kash for Kids, the company who purchased our empty ink jet cartridges for recycling, is no longer accepting the cartridges. I have located another company which recycles ink jets and cell phones. So, you may continue to donate your empty cartridges.

### Items needed for LAF Silent Auction

A Silent Auction, which benefits the Legal Advocacy Fund, will be held at the Minnesota AAUW Convention in April. The money earned through this annual sale goes directly to the LAF fund, providing funds and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination on college campuses. This is the primary fundraiser for LAF each year.

Our Branch will need to submit a list of items for the auction by the end of March. Items may be homemade items, collectibles, or local products. LAF will also be contacting local businesses for donations of products or services.

If you have a donation, please call Sandy Beth 313-6524 (cell) or 457-6909 (business)

## **Minutes of Branch Meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2008 Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons, Winona State University (WSU)**

President Pat Nolan called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Susan Cooper moved to accept the January Branch Minutes as printed in the Clarion. Marian Hopkins seconded. Motion carried.

P. Nolan introduced Scholarship Recipient Sarah St. Laurent, who spoke on her semester studying acting in London, England, followed by a workshop in Dublin, Ireland.

P. Nolan introduced guest speaker, Pat Sween, from the Red Wing Branch, who spoke on outcomes of the National Association Convention which will impact all branches. Her husband Roger also spoke on changes in the bylaws.

Joan Greshik welcomed guest speaker Shaun Duvall who spoke on the Bridges/Puentes Program.

Submitted by Nancy Dickerson, Secretary

## Winona Branch of AAUW Treasurer's Report February 22, 2008

Checking account balance on hand January 27, 2008		\$2,126.23
Expense:		
Compass Group-Feb Meeting	37.90	
February Meeting Speaker	40.00	
Postage for Karen Specht	8.20	
Total Expense		86.10
Income:		
Coffee Fund-February Meeting	18.25	
Total Income		18.25
Balance on hand February 22, 2008		\$2,058.38
Winona National Scholarship Savings Account		
Balance on hand January 27, 2008		\$ 339.84
Balance on hand February 22, 2008		\$ 339.84
Winona National General Savings Account		
Balance on hand January 27, 2008		\$ 907.64
Balance on hand February 22, 2008		\$ 907.64
Edward Jones Investment Account		
Balance on hand January 27, 2008		\$19,492.20

Submitted by Margery Wallerich  
Finance Officer