



May - Summer 2016 American Association of University Women—St. Paul Branch

You are invited to Tea !

Our **Afternoon Tea** will take place on August 10, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 PM. The doors will open at 1:30 PM with lawn games and music. Tea will be served at 2:00 with a program, door prizes and fun for all.



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The cost is \$25 per person when paid by August 5th and \$30 on August 10th. Please contact AAUW reservations at reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com or call 651-227-5885 by August 5th.

Please include the names of persons attending. Checks may be made out to St. Paul AAUW and dropped in the Ways and Means mail box or mailed to 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

This tea is a fundraiser for the Branch Scholarship Trust and AAUW Funds.

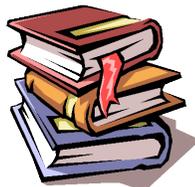
—Kathy Andrews, *W & M Chair*

Spring Book Sale 2016 Results

During this year's four day sale, we collected a total of \$4,514.80. Total sales for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June, 30, 2016 were \$5,639.55. Three thousand one hundred and eighty-six books were sold! As in previous years, the bulk of sales occurred on the first day of the sale.

Thirty of our members worked the ten shifts over four days of the sale. A special thank you to all the members and staff who assisted us.

We owe our success to the dedicated efforts and suggestions of committee members.



Thanks to committee members
May Cederberg, Margaret Durham, Kathleen Flynn,
Ann Heider and Tersenia Schuett.

—Sharon Ahern and Julie Hanson—Co-chairs

Springtime is Recognition Time at St. Paul AAUW

On April 19, the St Paul AAUW held its yearly special event, the Annual Meeting. This event was formerly held in the evening, but recent years have changed it to another luncheon/program day, with special food and entertainment as well as a lot of formal business items.

These items included Proposed Budgets for the Branch and the Property (House), which both passed with unanimous votes. We no longer have to vote on the Business Budget as they a separate entity, as is the Scholarship Trust.

There was recognition of Past Branch Presidents, and of outgoing, incoming and ongoing Board Members. There was approval of the recent Branch bylaws and standing rules revisions .

There was recognition of the 50 year members present, including one new such member, Delphine Hedtke (on left in photo below). She is pictured with all the 50 Year Honorary Life Members who attended.



Four members were honored to be chosen Named Gift Honorees. We are allowed one such honoree by Association for every \$750 we donate to certain AAUW Funds for the year. Our president identifies the choices, and they are given special certificates and listed on the Association website as well as the state convention booklet.

Toward the end of the meeting we traditionally introduce and give a standing ovation to our house staff, a group we depend on and appreciate. (I hope they know that we do!)

Also on the list, a thank you and a gift from us to our outgoing president, Carol Oeltjenbruns. We are all appreciative of your work, Carol!

The day started with a lot of fun, the "Grace Notes" entertained us with wonderful renditions of popular McGuire sisters type music and humor.

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Great State Convention in Duluth

If you've never attended a MN AAUW state convention, I'm here to convince you to give it a try next year, by talking about the recent Duluth event. It's always cool (even literally) to go to Duluth, and this time was no exception. We had to wear jackets outdoors, but the sun was shining—both out and in!

The weekend began on Friday evening with a wonderful reception at the ancient, classy Kitchi Gammi Club, a well known club that didn't allow women members until 1985! There was a historical presentation about the place, as well as appetizers and treats for all.



On Saturday morning, we began with a continental breakfast in the Great Lakes Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, where the business meeting was also held. First were several welcomes, including a lovely Ojibwe welcome by native Linda LeGarde Grover.

Following the welcomes, the keynote speaker (shown here) was and is, the first female mayor of Duluth, Emily Larson. She was very energetic, very well spoken and told us her story as a mother, a social worker and a recently enthusiastic politician. She is working hard to make Duluth a better place and to do her best to represent all of us as a working woman! She shyly told us she is having lunch this week with Amy Klobuchar.

At noon lunch we heard from a very inspiring young LAF plaintiff, Aileen Rizo, who is fighting through a situation familiar to us, in that she was hired as a math consultant, and later learned that she had been hired at an absurdly lower salary than a much less qualified man in the same department. To read her story, check the aauw.org website. She is an inspiring woman.

Afternoon workshops were equally inspiring, and the evening banquet was delightful. Just ask the St Paul delegates who attended: Marlys Larsen, Kim Blair, Lois Hollingsworth, Karen Kirkwood and me, Carol Sheggeby.

Hilly Duluth at dusk from the hotel.



Shocking and Disheartening: Domestic Violence

A look at the problems and solutions of domestic violence was presented to us by Rosalyn Parks, a very knowledgeable and impressive director of the **Advocates for Human Rights**, which is committed to improving women's rights. She and her group have worked in countries around the world, including Croatia, Mongolia, Moldova and many others.

She talked about the past passivity in looking at domestic violence in these countries, but says now that the governments are getting involved, things are changing. There is training for workers to give them guidance in reporting and handling the issues involved.

We were shocked to find out that it is a global epidemic and that in the countries mentioned, 1 in 3 women are abused. Ninety five percent of all abused are women. Abuse often occurs by an intimate partner. In most countries there have been state barriers to addressing and controlling the problem.

A major problem in addressing the issue falls in three categories:

- Trying to leave the abuser.
- Economic barriers in leaving. (Need source of monies to support oneself.)
- Society's attitude toward the crime. The abused is often shamed.

Ms. Park is optimistic about the road ahead for domestic abuse, because a lot has been learned as to how to approach it and it is finally becoming a societal and government commitment.



Carol Oeltjenbruns and Rosalyn Park

New St Paul AAUW Rouser Debuts at Tuesday Meeting

On Tuesday, April 19, Jane Frazee and her helpers introduced us to the new, original St. Paul AAUW Song they have created. The chorus was repeated, led by the creators. The verses were sung to the tune of the old, old favorite “*Bill Grogan’s Goat*” – which we all sang when we were kids. It works!

Jane’s song and remarks follow:



This is the chorus:

AAUW AAUW AAUW (St. Paul Branch) Sing 3 x
Education for women and girls!

The verses:

**On most Tuesdays
 We meet and greet
 And celebrate
 Our friendships sweet.**

**Our programs always
 Stimulate
 And lunch as well
 Is truly great.**

**We all read books
 And sell them too
 Great Decisions
 Teach us who’s who.**

**We like to talk
 And listen too
 Our book clubs show
 This is all true!**

**Scholarships
 For a hundred years
 Deserving girls
 Have earned our cheers.**

**Our home and garden
 Sure to please
 We’re glad you came
 With your degrees!**

Cheryl Brown was a great help working with me on the text for the verses and the tune for the chorus. Kathy Andrews gave helpful suggestions about presentation and Linda Trouten helped with the singing presentation.
 Jane Frazee



Named Gift Honorees: Jan Quist, Carol Sheggeby, Julia Lyon. The 4th honoree is Cheryl Brown, shown with Delphine Hedtke, as Cheryl presented her with her 50 year membership certificate.

Below:

Grace Notes mimic a wedding in song & accessories.



Our terrific staff does a lineup for us at the Annual Meeting.

Below: Past Pres. Mary Chorewycz presents gift to outgoing Pres. Carol Oeltjenbruns.

(We only allow presidents who have difficult names to spell)



Membership News

New Members. Please extend a cheerful *Hello* to the newest members of the Saint Paul Branch of AAUW:

Patricia Amerson
Mimi Renfro Jennings
Pamela Stuart

If you know of someone interested in **joining AAUW**, please suggest they take a look at our website. A branch brochure and application form can be found on the JOIN US tab.

<http://jqvist.aauwstpaul.org/join-us/>

Membership Renewal. It's time to replenish AAUW budgets for the FY 2017 fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). Your membership renewal dues are expected no later than June 1, and shortly afterwards all member dues will be forwarded to the State and National AAUW organizations.

Although some say the early bird gets the worm, at AAUW St. Paul your early bird membership renewal could get you \$49! If your dues are received (or post-marked) by **May 15**, you will be included in the **Early Bird Drawing**: 5 lucky members will receive a \$49 refund. Go for it!

Misplaced your **renewal form**? Check our Branch website and find "membership renewal" under CURRENT MEMBERS. <http://jqvist.aauwstpaul.org/membership-3/> Or email a request to: membershiptreasurer@aauwstpaul.org

Changed your **contact information**? The next Branch Directory will be prepared and printed early in the Fall, so be sure to send any changes to Carol Sheggeby or membershiptreasurer@aauwstpaul.org.

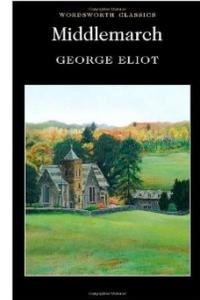
Special Gifts. A very special THANK YOU to every member who has added a donation to their dues payment. Your extra gifts can add up to a huge difference in what we can achieve as a Branch on behalf of deserving women and girls. Your gift can honor a special person or occasion, too.

Membership Treasurer. Pam Johnson was elected the new Membership Treasurer at the Annual Meeting. You may continue to use the self-addressed envelopes and mail your dues to Cheryl Brown as we transition over the next months.

Cheryl Brown, Membership Treasurer
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The Joy Davis Literature Group

will continue discussing George Eliot by reading her sprawling novel *Middlemarch* during the summer. They will be ready then to spend two sessions next Fall in lively conversation.



Looking Ahead

Check out the 990 Bulletin for the **Summer Programs** to be held: "Lock and Lunch" Cruise on the Mississippi in July, and Circus Juventas in August. **Book groups** will also be ongoing over the summer.



Evening Programs for our next program year are planned one each in October, November and March. Weather is so unpredictable in winter and driving a concern so that we do not have evening programs in Dec, Jan. and Feb.

Fall Programs have some fantastic speakers coming. Star Tribune editorialist John Rash, with Star Tribune, who is a popular speaker with our members and John Choy, St. Paul city attorney and dynamic speaker will be updating us on his current focus in the Twin Cities.

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The **Timely Report** is a branch newsletter that is published bimonthly, except over the summer. It is distributed via email, with some hard copies available at Tuesday meetings the same week they are sent out. They are not sent by USPS. All are invited to submit articles or photos that are relevant to the branch, preferably articles no longer than 150 or 250 words. Send articles or questions to Carol Sheggeby at csheggeby@gmail.com

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