



Nov—Dec. 2016 St. Paul American Association of University Women-

Our 2016 Action Fund Update

The Purpose:

Promote the mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, as well as the specific initiatives of the national organization and the branch.

The Process:

The Finance committee determines the amount to be dispersed, with a view to what expenses will be necessary for the coming year from our investments. This amount can be up to 4% of the investments

2016-\$10,000 Approved for Action Fund

The following is a list of the organizations including a brief description of their mission that have been selected by the committee to receive moneys from the Action Fund for 2016. These have been approved by the Board and also by our General Membership.

- **Good Neighbor Center Tutoring Program - \$2,000**

Mission statement: The purpose of the Good Neighbor Center tutoring program is to mentor students from kindergarten through 12th grade. They meet every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Dinner starts at 6:30, at 7:00 then they break down by grade level and begin assisting the students with homework and tutoring. Scholarships are provided for those going on to college or technical schools. The program is free of charge to the participants.

- **Sarah's Oasis – Center for Women - \$2,000**

Safe and reliable house is provided to women as they start on the journey to independence. They are connected with services in the community to help the women with employment, job searching, volunteering, health needs, etc. as they regain their lives and sense of self. Services can continue even after they leave Sarah's Oasis.

- **Our Story – Center for Victims of Torture - \$2,000**

Care is provided from St. Paul Healing Center. The house was designed to meet the needs of torture survivors, with domestic furnishings, large windows and rooms with rounded or angled corners create an environment much different from the stark square rooms with glaring lights that most torture survivors experienced.

- **Women Veterans Initiative - \$2,000**

The organization is made up of women veterans that can help and assist other women veterans with social, health, housing and end of life needs. They can meet and reach out to each other because of their shared experience, etc. They also work at the state and federal levels in support of the Equal rights Amendment.

- **AAUW Funds - \$1,000**

- **Legal Advocacy Fund - \$1,000**

—Action Fund Committee: Jevne Kloeber, Joan Hummel, Mary Beth Crawley, Carol Sheggeby, and Carol Oeltjenbruns, Chair.

Let it snow!

This driveway project took much longer than anticipated but it is finally completed and we are happy to use the new heated back driveway.



The new super driveway has:

- 2" of insulation
- 1" of sand
- 4" of concrete.
- Rebar (for strength)
- Hundreds of feet of heated wire
- Stamped and Colored
- Sealed with super grip partials for a non slip grip
- Approval by Heritage Preservation Commission
- Approval by electrical inspector

Let the snow fly! No snow or ice would dare to accumulate on such a wonder of a driveway.

Our neighbor loves our driveway so much he has contracted with our contractor to do the same for his drive. Minus the heat...

—Brian Quist, Manager

Reminder: Holiday Brunch and Book Sale Tuesday December 6

See the 990 News for all details. 10:00 Book Sale & Punch, 10:30 Brunch with entertainment by Amy & Adams, providing smooth harmonic vocals and instrumental expertise will elevate your spirits “like a warm, cozy, crackling ’yuletide fire...”

Reservations are \$25 **Your check must be received by 9:00 A.M. Friday December 2**

You will totally enjoy this festive Holiday event!
—Committee: Dee Nelson, Judy Searles, Nancy Creighton

Book Sale

Thank you for all of the book donations this fall. We are busy sorting and shelving new acquisitions. We now have a small number of “member picks” for sale on the back table each Tuesday. If you haven’t been down to our Sales Rooms recently, we have many new books for exploration.

Please remember our upcoming Holiday Book Sale in conjunction with the Holiday Brunch on December 6. The sale will be held in the main floor library. This year we will again offer vintage books at fair market value as well as many books which would make wonderful holiday gifts.

—Book Sale Committee

Business Committee Notes

Meet your Business Board. At Tuesday lunches, look for the “Business Board Member” sticker on our name badges and ask us your questions about the St Paul College Club business. We would love to talk with you about the health and vitality of the business.

As you know, our organization consists of a non-profit organization (AAUW-St Paul Branch) and a for-profit business (St Paul College Club). St Paul College Club has enjoyed strong sales in 2016 (weddings and other events) and has a positive outlook for 2017. We’re grateful to manager Brian Quist and his able professional staff for this promising report.

- 2017 wedding bookings are strong: 44 weddings are currently booked for 2017
- Interestingly, all the Saturdays in 2017 from April 15th to October 7th are booked for weddings. The trends change from spring to fall to summer, but Saturdays will always be the hot ticket.

If you know of someone getting married or wanting to plan a large event, please suggest that they consider and visit the St Paul College Club venue.

—Jane Frazee and Juliana Simmons, Co-Chairs

Scholarship Trust Scholars Need YOU!

Over the summer, the Scholarship Trust scholars responded to four questions about how we could better serve them. This month the Trust provides their answers to two of the four questions:

If you belonged to an organization, what do you hope to get out of it?

Many responded they would join a group that was well defined and content driven, it would have a believable cause and it would offer an opportunity to connect to others with like interests and career ambitions. Chi Na Moua said she would belong to an organization that promoted, “Take Action, Be the Action”.

Is attending a Networking Group appealing?

The scholars had an **overwhelming** positive response to having a Networking Group and wondered if **they** could attend. Many said they want to get to know our women who have lived their life and had careers. Chi Na said this was perfect for Taking action and Being the action, taking the opportunity to learn from other, older, experienced women. The scholars are asking us to share our stories in the workplace and the community.

Submitted by Kim Blair, Chair
St Paul College Club, Inc. AAUW Scholarship Trust



HISTORY CORNER

Did you know... Between 1928 and 1932, membership in St Paul Branch grew by 106 members to a total of 481. To accommodate the growth, the Evening Section became more popular and a Junior Section was formed for members having graduated from college in the past ten years. There was a pronounced interest in world peace. It looks as though History really does repeat itself!

—Kim Blair and Dallas Lindgren, Historians

Get to Know Our Amazing Staff!

Chef Christophe



I come from Livarot in Normandy by the coast. I came to Minneapolis in 1995 after I got a transfer from the Hilton hotel in Paris. I took the opportunity to travel here because I wanted a new adventure. I learned under my brother's wing in the restaurant "le Tournebroche." I did an

apprenticeship for 2 years and graduated with a culinary degree. I consider my brother, Christian, to be my mentor and he taught me dedication and hard work.

My duties are to make sure everyone is fed and happy. I do the food ordering, prep and prepare the food the day of the event. We have to provide a different menu for AAUW members every week. I am proud to say that freshness and quality are my first concern.

—Christophe Bellanger

Lindsey Olson & Mackenzie Ohm, Event Coordinators



Lindsay



Mackenzie

We meet

with clients, plan timelines & details for events, coordinate rehearsals, ceremonies, events on the day of (from beginning to end of night), resolve any issues/problems on day of event, manage the kitchen staff for events, coordinate vendors for events, create staff schedule for events, office/event paperwork, coordinate & manage AAUW events, create marketing & advertising for the SPCC, manage social media accounts, sales (house tours, sample estimates & booking clients), handle & submit petty cash, cleaning/organizing of the house & any other duty necessary for events (valet, etc.).

Adriana Mejia, Assistant Event Coordinator

Adriana does event set up & preparation, office paperwork, office organization, voicemails, AAUW meeting set up, AAUW reservations, house staging, holiday decorating & any other miscellaneous tasks that are needed!



Because we are a small business, we all wear many hats and do whatever is needed to keep the St. Paul College Club a well-oiled machine. We understand it is quite the list, so please pick and choose with "among other duties" as you see fit!

Our Summer Challenges

As for the street being shut down when protesters were present, we did run into a few road blocks. The first weekend the street was closed down happened to be a wedding that utilized our valet services, for which we typically need our driveway. With only 2 days until the wedding, Lindsey's quick thinking brought out the idea of using shuttle vans to shuttle their guests from the church where the ceremony was held back to the College Club. With the shuttles we were able to keep the guests cars in a safe location while still giving them the peace of mind of not having to find a parking spot on the street near Summit.

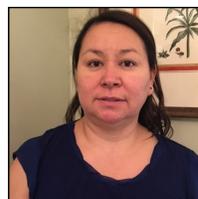
Another bump in the road caused by Summit being shut down was calming the minds of not only the brides who were having their weddings during the times of the protests, but also the minds of brides and grooms who will be having their weddings here in the future. The majority of the time we are answering the question "What do you do if the street gets closed down and there are protests again", to which of course we let them know the procedure and how smoothly past events have gone. However, we may have also lost prospective couples because of the unknown of what could happen.

However, on the flip side of things, Lindsey had a funny encounter that gave everyone a bit of a laugh. A couple of weekends ago, a squirrel snuck in an opened door! Lindsey, Christophe & a few of the servers shut all the doors to trap it in the Living Room. With 20 minutes of trying to shoo it out the front door, they had no luck! It climbed up the front curtain valance, one of the servers held up a large bag, while Christophe pushed it off balance with a broom. It fell right into the bag! We brought it outside & let it go. We were so happy it didn't run into the Great Hall during the toasts!

Thank you!

—Reported by Mackenzie

Auxiliary Crew



Lourdes and Esmeralda are our cleaning crew and Michael is our new set-up specialist.

News from Hospitality

Name Tags

Due to offering two styles, unavailability of a larger name tag container and increased membership, you are encouraged to take your name tag with you. Remember to bring it with you each week and wear it. It might be most convenient to keep your tag in your car glove box or purse. Thank you for your cooperation.

Weekly meals

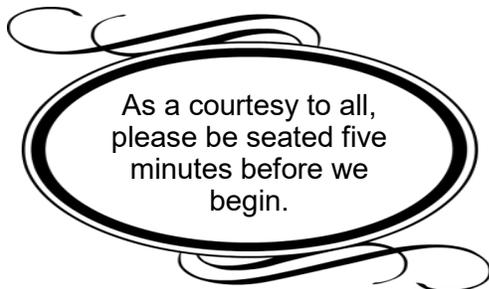
Lunch reservation details are on page 2 of the Nov. - Jan. 990 News. If you have concerns or problems, you may contact Jan Stoven, 651-738-9411, stovenjm@gmail.com for assistance. Making a reservation no later than noon on Friday, preceding the Tuesday meeting, is required to ensure being served. Thank you for your understanding.

A Helping Hand

Thank you to those who assist members who need help hanging their coat, locating a chair to hear the speaker, looking for a place to dine and more. At any time, any of us could break an ankle, learn we have an illness or need someone to listen when days are blue. It is gratifying to see members help others. Please remember too, to greet new members and include them. Our chapter has a solid reputation of being welcoming and friendly ... that is why women join St. Paul AAUW.

—Co-chairs: April Hollingsworth and Jan Stoven

A Reminder about our Program Starts



Women's Advocates Luncheon

Once again this year, some members of our branch joined together to attend the Annual Luncheon of the Women's Shelter that our branch helped found in 1974. At the free event, the opportunity to donate yielded over \$1,100 from the ten of us who attended



Our Very Own Website Hack

The question is not if, but when you will be hacked according to internet experts. Our site, AAU-WStPaul.org, was hacked in October. Google search identified the problem as “this site may have been hacked.” Google provides complicated and excellent help for recovery. I'd like to thank new member, Pamela Steuart, for working with me for many hours to remove the intruder and clean the code. The good news is that it was a failed attack and never included malware or viruses or attempts at phishing personal information. There was no danger to any computer of visitors to our site. Ours was a pharma attack where they attempted to send our visitors to sites selling drugs.

I have applied to Google to recheck our pages and remove the hacking warning from our search listing. We have improved security by changing our WordPress user names and passwords and have subscribed to a monthly security protection service for AAUWStPaul.org.

So you can confidently use aauwstpaul.org for club information. Please send jan@quistnet.com news from your committee or activity and ideas for site improvement. The website can be a good resource for our club communication with your help.

—Janice Quist, Webmaster

Directory Changes?

As you know, the 2016-17 Branch Directory has been mailed out to all members. As always there are some updates and corrections needed. Leslie will be asked to email out a list of those changes to all members. Please let me know if you have added changes to be made.

—Carol Sheggeby

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 or Mary Schrankler schrankler101@comcast.net

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