



May—August 2017 St. Paul American Association of University Women-

## St Paul AAUW Annual Meeting Finale of the Program Year—2016-17

Another great program year came to a conclusion with the Annual Meeting and Program on May 16, under the direction of Maestro/President, Jane Tschida. A day filled with a special speaker, a great lunch, and honors, awards and applause for everyone involved in St Paul AAUW.

**MN Attorney General Lori Swanson** was our morning speaker, and inspired us all with her timely talk about current politics. Question of the day: Will she run for Governor? Her answer: Don't know, she's thinking about it. Her lingering to schmooze with many, many of our members (see photo) may have given us a partial answer, but maybe it's just our charm that kept her chatting.



### Named Gift Honorees



Being designated as a Named Gift Honoree is a very special honor in AAUW. The award is reserved for members who have made extraordinary gifts of time and hard work to the branch and AAUW. For every \$750 contributed to AAUW Funds in the year, we are allowed to name one honoree. This year we earned awards for four members: Lois Hollingsworth, April Hollingsworth, Paulette Medin and Kim Blair. Jane Tschida shown with winners. Paulette (not pictured) has been our hard working Treasurer for the past four years, Lois and April have worked equally hard on Hospitality chores, and Kim has devoted herself to the Scholarship Trust as well as serving as Historian. Thanks and Congrats to all of you!

### Newly Named 50 Year Honorary Members

Three members were named to the esteemed category of "Honorary Life Members", after a continuous AAUW membership for 50 years. The honor brings free lifetime membership for Bev Nelson, Mildred Hartleben and Norma Cashill.



### Retiring Chairs Thanked

A large number of Retiring Committee Chairs were applauded and thanked during the meeting, including Judy Grimes, Sandy Crum, Peggy Hall, Kathy Andrews, Mary Crampton, Judy Searles, Jan Stoven, Juliana Simmons, Julie Hanson and Sharon Ahern. My sincere apologies if I've missed someone. Your efforts and loyalty to the club are greatly appreciated!



### Staff Appreciation Noted

As always, our wonderful professional staff made an appearance, and they were roundly applauded as they were introduced by our Manager, Brian Quist.

## Book Sale Report

April 20, 2017

We have completed our book sales season for 2016-2017. We have tried a few new things this year. You may have purchased books from our “selected reads” sales table this year or participated in our auction. You may have made a trip more than once down to our sales library or you may have purchased gifts at our annual Holiday Book Sale. We have made an effort to make books accessible every Tuesday on the main floor and to encourage members to visit the sales area downstairs. Our total annual sales for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are: \$5620.62.

Special thanks to ALL of you who made our Spring Sale such a success. Whether you donated, purchased, spread word of the event or worked the sale (or all of the above)—

***We couldn't do it without you!***

The Book Sale Committee also decided to make many lighter summer reading selections available to membership in mid-April. We hope that at the time of this writing everyone found something fun for summer reading wherever you may be!

We hope to see you again in the fall!

Book Sale Committee



## Book Committee Preserves History

Just to give you an idea of the dedication and thoughtful nature of our Book Committee, Tersenia Schuett informed me of a couple books they received for the sale, which they passed on to the proper owners. Someone donated a 1869 Universal Unitarian hymnal from the Unitarian Church in Charleston, SC, and the Book Committee contacted the church to see if they'd like to have it. It's quite timely, as the church is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. They are pretty excited to have it, and will be sending us some photos of its placement in the church archive. Ironically, Charleston AAUW meets at that church.

The Book Committee also received a couple plat books from rural Nebraska c. 1900. They were very pleased when Tersenia called and offered to send them back for their County Archives. They said they could cover the postage but couldn't give a donation to the Book Sale. That's okay, the Book Committee did their good deed!

Thank you Tersenia Schuett and Book Committee colleagues!

-Kim Blair

## Wondering about recent changes regarding Branch events, meetings, and meals?



First, you need to know that the Business and our AAUW Branch work together and are on the same team; we always have been. In the past, Branch events, meetings, and meals were set up and subsidized by the Business. This was done because the Business wanted to maintain a long-standing tradition of service to the Branch, offering and supporting successful events, meetings, and meals. However, only when the IRS became involved did the Branch and the Business - now two separate organizations - realize that past practices were not in accordance with IRS code. Changes were required to be in compliance.

Both the Branch and the Business hope for (and have budgeted for) continued successful events, meetings, and meals while adhering to the IRS rules with which we all must live.

Thank you for your understanding as we deal with these changes,

*-Brian Quist, Jane Tschida  
and the Business Board*

## Scholarship Trust Introduced Scholars at April 25th Dinner

The St. Paul Branch and Scholarship Trust celebrated its 106<sup>th</sup> year of giving college scholarships to young women. Photographs of alumnae and current scholars were on display. Current scholars addressed the audience attending the Scholarship Awards Dinner: Maddie Grunklee, graduating senior in Fisheries & Wildlife at the University of Minnesota, will continue researching wildlife in the Michigan Upper Peninsula this summer before traveling to Thailand to research the effects of climate change on tigers. Lacey Zawacki, at Metropolitan State University, told the audience of her Social Work studies and plans to attend graduate school. Taylor Freeman, at the University of Minnesota in Elementary Education, sent a letter describing her sophomore year and expressed gratitude for the scholarship.

A historical synopsis described the changes in women's education and accrual of scholarship monies since 1911. Educating more than 400 scholars was made possible by careful investment of monies received from estates, charitable gifts and fund raising

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events conducted by the St Paul Branch and the Scholarship Trust. The generosity of our donors helps minimize the debt owed by scholars upon graduation. The Trust currently supports 21 scholars pursuing fields in education, engineering, art and science; 4 plan to graduate in May. The purpose of the Scholarship Trust is to college educate young women, inspire the love of learning, and encourage each scholar to reach one's dreams.

The 2017 selected scholars came from a pool of 58 applicants from 23 St Paul area high schools.

The 2017 scholars:

Eloise Berdahl-Baldwin of Mounds Park Academy, attending Middlebury College (VT) beginning early 2018, majoring in an interdisciplinary combination of criminal justice reform, racial injustice and environmental justice "because each affects life as we know it." Before classes begin in early 2018, Eloise plans to engage in personal enrichment and further study social change at the American Civil Liberties Union Institute.

Siena Leone-Getten of Open World Learning Community, attending Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota this Fall, majoring in Political Science with a goal to work with a Congressperson in future. With a strong interest in American History and cinematography, Siena has produced documentaries on historical issues currently aired on You Tube. Topics include the harmful effects of DDT, Ella Baker and grass roots leadership, Ralph Nader explores auto safety, and more.

Ka Lia Xiong of Washington Technology Magnet, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Fall with a major in Biology. In high school Ka Lia has been an industrious participant of the American Chemical Society, the Navy Junior ROTC, Captain of the Badminton Team and read 150 books a year. She is adept at languages as well, in addition to English and Hmong, she has studied Japanese and Chinese. Interested in the environment and life changing events, Ka Lia is interested in making the world more sustainable.

The trustees are proud to add these fine young women to our roll of scholarship recipients.

*-Submitted by Kim Blair, Chair, Scholarship Trust*

## You are Invited to Tea!

**Our Afternoon Tea  
will take place on August 9,  
2017 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. Invite a friend, put on a fancy hat, if you wish, and enjoy a lovely Tea as we listen to delightful stories told by Jayne Becker, manager of the Alexander Ramsey House. Her topic will be: Fashion and Frills: Victorian Elegance and Style.

The cost is \$40 per person when paid by August 4<sup>th</sup> and \$45 on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact AAUW reservations at [reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com](mailto:reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com) or call 651-227-5885 by August 4<sup>th</sup>. 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**



## Poet Bao Phi,

who has risen from receptionist at the Loft to now being Program Director there, was our delightful speaker on May 8, shown here with Joy Davis. When asked why he hadn't brought any of his books to sell, he replied that he "felt funny about that". And that was *our* loss, I told him. So here are the names of his books.

Poetry: "*Thousand Star Hotel*"

Children's book coming out this summer:

"*A Different Pond*"

## Member Mary Catherine Ryan Honored

On Wednesday, April 26 I attended the annual Spring Luncheon of my high school, St. Joseph's Academy. At the luncheon, an outstanding alumna is honored each year with the Distinguished Alumna Award. This year it was Mary Catherine Ryan from the class of 1942. I wondered why I knew her. Then I pictured her at 990!

She is such an active lady, as many of you know. Our SJA alums help high school scholars who need financial assistance to go to college with a grant-in-aid program, which she not only facilitates, but endows as well.

She acknowledged, as she accepted the honor, that she herself was working for Dr. Joseph Ryan (an internist that many of you may remember) when she was in high school. He sent her on to St. Catherine's to attend school as she helped him with his work at the college. She's been "paying it forward" ever since.

She was director of Education for the Guild of Catholic Women which expanded to become the Guild Incorporated.

I know she won't tell many of this honor, so I'm telling on her!

-Kathleen Ziegler

*Note: Mary Catherine is a 50 year AAUW member.*



**Eliana  
and  
her  
Mom**

**Wunderkind Eliana Szabo,  
9-year-old professional musician**  
who entertained us royally on April 4<sup>th</sup> was an amazing surprise in her pianist role.

When asked after the program what she wants to be when she grows up, her response was; "Well, a concert pianist of course, and a secret agent --on the side." And she was not joking!

## Support our Mission for the Coming Year

If you were not able to pick up your dues renewal form at 990, you will receive it in the mail with a return envelope for sending your check. We do not yet have a credit card option for payment. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, dues are as follows: \$185 - Regular Member, \$136 - Association Life Member, \$127 - Dual Member. As always, donations are welcome. Your meeting the deadline of June 1 is much appreciated. Processing of membership information and depositing of checks will take place every two weeks. Given the size of our branch and that we are a volunteer organization, be advised that your check may not clear as quickly as it does for other payments.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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## Lisa Maatz Visits Once More



Always a treat, AAUW Staff Member Lisa Maatz stopped by our meeting on her recent trip to another branch in MN.

Though there wasn't much time for her to talk to us, she crammed good info and insight into a 20" talk to us at a spring meeting.

Karen Kirkwood was her chauffeur! Thanks to both!

**Have a Great Summer!**

