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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

– Mission Statement

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.

– Vision Statement

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that women have a fair chance.

– Promise Statement

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As a courtesy to all, please be seated five minutes before our announcements. Thank you!

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Email reservations/cancellations preferred
reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com

We are pleased to offer a wonderful luncheon to our members. Reservations are required and a limit of 140 reservations are accepted.

Luncheon Cost . . . $20

Meal prices include a 12 percent tip.
Meals must be paid for the day of the event, and can be paid by check payable to St. Paul AAUW or credit card for an additional $.50 fee.
Please have your checks made out ahead of time!

- You may **RESERVE** via email by noon on the preceding Friday, and you will receive an instant confirmation. Include your name, email address, date, event, and names of guests. If you do not receive a confirming email or are unable to email, you may call 651-227-5885. Please make your reservations no earlier than the week before, but before noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.
- In an emergency situation, you may cancel until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. You are still expected to pay for your reservations.
- A gluten–free vegetarian alternative meal is available upon requeSt. Please include this request in your reservation and identify yourself to your table server.
- If you plan on attending frequently, you may request to be added to the permanent reservation liSt. Please cancel before noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.
- Special Event Reservations are made separately and with deadlines as specified.

Dinner Programs:

Early registrations are encouraged. Both reservations and cancellations close at noon on the Friday before the event. You are expected to pay for the event unless you have cancelled by noon on the Friday preceding the event.
The cost of the evening meal is $22.

House Accessibility for 990 Summit Avenue

- The first floor is wheelchair accessible.
- There are two handicapped parking spots located behind the house, and there is an entrance ramp.
- Complimentary valet parking is available at regular meetings.

Parking Regulations.

- Stay 20 feet from a crosswalk and 5 feet from a driveway.
- Stay 10 feet from the STOP signs.
- Do not park in front of the Governor's Mansion

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last "president's letter" to all of you wonderful members of AAUW-St. Paul Branch. What a GREAT GROUP we are! (Does this sound like the Gopher football coach? Well, even if it does, I mean it, and he does too.)

I especially want to point out how fabulous our volunteers are and continue to be. Over one-fourth of our members actively helped in some way last fall. That's about 130 women!

Under the leadership of Chair Katherine Cram, our programs are the envy of most other branches. The members of Cultural Arts, Education, International (Global) Issues, Diversity, Public Policy/Environment, Women's Issues, Evening Programs, and Program Development Committees have brought us speakers like David Schultz, Tom Hanson, and Lori Sturdevant. Each week I marvel at the new insights I gain from women such as Native American Supreme Court Justice Anne McKeig and the wonderfully articulate transgender woman, Ellen Krug.

I also want to comment on the vibrancy of the book clubs. I sat in on the discussion of Hillbilly Elegy and learned as much from our members as I did from the book.

Our hands-on philanthropy projects have given new life to the word. Many members joined a sewing group to make sanitary napkins for women in Africa; many other generous women contributed mittens and hats to St. Paul children who would otherwise go without these cold weather clothes.

A big thank-you to our officers, board members, administrators, communicators, historians, planners, tour and event leaders! Another big shout-out to our basement bookies, our management, our business board, our literary and Great Decisions leaders, and our wonderful Scholarship Trust committee!

HOWEVER, I can't write this without saying that I continue to be challenged by the need for age diversity in our organization. I hope that members soon will soon get behind an evening "Smart Start" program helping women entering the work place that could bring young women to AAUW in the future. There is little to attract working women or those at home with families.

We also need to make connections and have conversations with women of color and of different cultural backgrounds. We may not convince these women to become members, but in the coming years, I believe we need to find a way to get to know them.

I love you all and look forward to being with you each week in the coming months!

Jane Tschida, President
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CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January, February, March, April, and May Preview 2018

January 8 SECOND MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

January 9 SECOND TUESDAY. 12
9:30 a.m. Tech Tutors
10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Off the Beaten Path
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Second Wave Feminism and Fashionable Dress

January 15 THIRD MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Business Board Meeting

January 16 THIRD TUESDAY 13
9:30 a.m. Tech Tutors 10
9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers Book Club
10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. This Old Horse
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions/Special Programs
1:00 p.m. Joy Davis' Literature Seminar

January 22 FOURTH MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Scholarship Trust Meeting

January 23 FOURTH TUESDAY 14
9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Breaking the Cycle of Abuse
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Where Are We Now? Child Protection Three Years After the Governor's Task Force

January 30 FIFTH TUESDAY 15
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Education in 2018
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Turkey, A Troubled Middle East, and United States Interests

February 5 FIRST MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

February 6 FIRST TUESDAY 16
10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Theatre Unbound
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Melanie Gilbert: Documentary Film Maker

February 12 SECOND MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Business Board Meeting

February 13 SECOND TUESDAY. 12
10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Tactics in Talking Climate Change
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. The Bride Price

February 19 THIRD MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting

February 20 THIRD TUESDAY 18
9:45 a.m. Great Decisions/ Special Interests
9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers Book Club
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Going to See the Animals and More!!!
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions/ Special Interests
1:00 p.m. Joy Davis' Literature Seminar

February 26 FOURTH MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Scholarship Trust Meeting

February 27 FOURTH TUESDAY 19
9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Art in the Hollow
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Minnesota Peace Initiative

March 5 FIRST MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

March 6 FIRST TUESDAY 20
10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Developing Civic Leaders
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Project Diva

March 12 SECOND MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Business Board Meeting

March 13 SECOND TUESDAY. 21
10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. The Next Great Extinction and You
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Creating Student Success

March 14 SECOND WEDNESDAY 22
Evening Program
Fair Elections and Current Events
5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Program

March 19 THIRD MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting

March 20 THIRD TUESDAY 23
9:45 a.m. Great Decisions/Special Interests
9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers Book Club
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Study Abroad and the Student Journey
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions/Special Interests
1:00 p.m. Joy Davis' Literature Seminar

March 26 FOURTH MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Scholarship Trust Meeting

March 27 FOURTH TUESDAY 24
9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. The Transformative Power of Group Singing
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. The Gender Pay Gap

April 2 FIRST MONDAY. 11
10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

April 3 FIRST TUESDAY 26
10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Why Am I Still a Nun in This Day and Age?
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Research that Inspires Hope: Diabetes

April 9 SECOND MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Business Board Meeting

April 10 SECOND TUESDAY. 27
10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. National History Day
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden Habitat

April 12-15 Annual Book Sale 28

April 16 THIRD MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting

April 17 THIRD TUESDAY 29
9:45 a.m. Great Decisions/Special Interests
9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers
10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements
11:00 a.m. Women on Both Sides of the Legal System
11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Meet our 2018 Scholarship Award Scholars
12:15 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions/Special Interests
1:00 p.m. Joy Davis' Literature Seminar

April 23 FOURTH MONDAY 11
10:00 a.m. Scholarship Trust Meeting

April 24 FOURTH TUESDAY 30
10:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club

April 24 FOURTH WEDNESDAY 30
5:30-7 p.m. Scholarship Awards Dinner
5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Scholarship Awards

May 1 FIRST TUESDAY 31
39TH Annual Poetry Day
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Rolls
10:00 a.m. Members Share Poetry
10:45 a.m. Brief Branch Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. Readings by Professional Poets
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Readings by Professional Poets

May 7	FIRST MONDAY	11
10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting	
May 8	SECOND TUESDAY	31
10:00 a.m.	Social Gathering	
10:45 p.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	To Be Announced	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting - Election of New Officers and Committee Chairs	
May 14	SECOND MONDAY	11
10:00 a.m.	Business Board Meeting	
May 15	SECOND TUESDAY	32
	James J. Hill Center Library Tour, History Talk, and Lunch	
May 21	THIRD MONDAY	11
10:00 a.m.	Property Committee Meeting	
10:00 a.m.	Scholarship Trust Meeting	
May 22	FOURTH TUESDAY	35
10:30 a.m.	Mystery Hour Book Club Location to Be Announced	

Come early on meeting days, any time after 10:00 a.m., to avoid the registration rush, and mingle with friends for coffee and conversation!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the St. Paul Branch of AAUW!

We are delighted to have added 31 new members this fall. Thank you to our veteran members who suggested the names of many of those who have joined our branch. We hope you will take a moment to say "Hello" to our new members. You can identify them by the star sticker attached to their nametags.

We know you will enjoy the programs and speakers and new friendships, as you also become part of the mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls. This 990 NEWS will help you navigate our branch activities. In addition to listing programs, it has information about lunch reservations, websites, and special interest groups. Do you want to know more about committee volunteer possibilities? Check the directory for the various committees. Have a question? Ask any of the contacts listed below or any members! They will be happy to answer any questions and get to know you.

Say Hello to Our New Members!

Beverly L Anderson	**Mardell Kiner**	**Cheryl Read**
Elaine Arndt	**Mary Knoepfler**	**Peggy Reichert**
Mary Beattie	**Renee Lane**	**Ellen Schnobrich**
Janet Cain	**Linda L Lindeke**	**Jennifer Semmens**
Ann Davis	**Maureen Mumbleau**	**Ellen Sutton**
Judith Day	**Marci Mylan**	**Margaret Swanson**
Linda Distad	**Mary (Missy) O'Neil**	**Debra Varner**
Linda Enterline	**Carolyn Nayematsu**	**Linda Webster**
Georganne Farseth	**Jan Parkman**	**Lorree Wilson**
Anne Ford	**Jane Potish**	**Leslie Yoder**
Maggie Grohs	**Mary Rafferty**	

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Tech Tutors
NEW IN 2018!

First Session: January 16 at 9:30 a.m.!

We are excited to announce that we will have an AAUW interest group for learning to use technology that's useful to us!

We will be focusing on learning how to transfer photos from your camera, smartphone (iPhone or Android) or tablet (iPad or Android) to your laptop, USB drive, or to a printing service such as Shutterfly.

Have you received or taken photos of your grandchildren or friends that you would like to transfer from your smartphone to your computer? We'll show you how! Our first session will cover how to transfer photos from your smartphone to your computer. There will be a short demo and practice.

Questions?

Contact either Pam Steuart (psteuart@gmail.com) or Alta Oben (alta.oben@gmail.com).

Pre-registration via email is required. Send your name and brand of smartphone to Alta Oben (alta.oben@gmail.com).

This session is limited to 15 people.

Future technology interest group dates and topics will be announced via email.

Meeting Dates
January, February, March, April, and May 2018

Executive Board Meetings . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

January 8	SECOND MONDAY
February 5	FIRST MONDAY
April 2	FIRST MONDAY
May 7	FIRST MONDAY

Board of Directors Meetings . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

March 5	FIRST MONDAY
June 4	FIRST MONDAY

This is a transition meeting for new board members.

Business Board Meetings . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

January 15	THIRD MONDAY
February 12	SECOND MONDAY
March 12	SECOND MONDAY
April 9	SECOND MONDAY
May 14	SECOND MONDAY

Property Committee Meetings . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

January 22	FOURTH MONDAY
February 19	THIRD MONDAY
March 19	THIRD MONDAY
April 16	THIRD MONDAY
May 21	THIRD MONDAY

Scholarship Trust Meetings . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

January 29	FIFTH MONDAY
February 26	FOURTH MONDAY
March 26	FOURTH MONDAY
April 23	FOURTH MONDAY
May 21	THIRD MONDAY
June 25	FOURTH MONDAY

AAUW St. Paul Branch Business Meetings
10:30 a.m.
in the Great Hall before Tuesday programs

January 16	SECOND TUESDAY
February 13	SECOND TUESDAY
March 13	SECOND TUESDAY
April 9	SECOND TUESDAY

Annual Meeting
May 8 SECOND TUESDAY 1:00 p.m.
Election of New Officers and Committee Chairs

CALENDAR DETAILS

January 9 SECOND TUESDAY

- **10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat**

Gather for coffee and conversation in the Library with a member of the Membership Committee, where you will meet new members, ask questions, and learn about AAUW St. Paul.

- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Off the Beaten Path: Antonín Dvořák, Leoš Janáček, Arvo Pärt, and Béla Bartók**
  Ora Itkin and Stephanie Arado

Russian-born pianist Ms. Ora Itkin brings to the keyboard a lifetime of piano performance. As an educator and faculty member at the University of St. Thomas, Ms. Itkin is a life-long advocate of an holistic approach to learning.

Joining her in today's concert is Ms. Stephanie Arado playing the violin. Ms. Arado has served for 22 years as Assistant Concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra. Currently she is an Artistic Director of the Bakken Trio, a chamber music consortium with which she has performed since 1991.

Cheryl Brown, Cultural Arts Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Second Wave Feminism and Fashionable Dress: Merging Dichotomies**
  Jean McElvain

Dr. Jean McElvain PhD, will share how mainstream women's fashion changed dramatically during a 25-year period starting in the 1950s. This lecture will look at promoted ideals of femininity from 1950-1975 and sets those ideals against a context of high-profile texts by second wave feminists.

Dr. McElvain has been the Associate Curator at the Goldstein Museum of Design since 2008. She lives in St. Paul with her husband and two children.

Marijo McBride, Women's Issues Committee

January 16 THIRD TUESDAY

- **9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers Book Club Discussion in the Library**
  Details on page 33
- **9:45 a.m. Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  Details on page 37
- **10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting**
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. This Old Horse**
  Nancy Turner

Nancy Turner has loved horses all her life. In 2012 her concern focused on the plight of unwanted horses and resulted in the creation of This Old Horse, a non-profit sanctuary for old, abandoned, and neglected animals. Join Nancy as she shares her stories and those of her residents of a most unusual retirement home.

The mission of This Old Horse is to create a sanctuary for aged and unwanted horses. It is a retirement refuge for horses that, alongside their human professionals, have worked hard for a living. As horses age, time and effort take their toll, and they are no longer capable of full-time work. Often their owners or handlers must move them out to make room for more able-bodied replacements.

This Old Horse gives these veterans a safe harbor for life where they may age in peace, loved, honored, and respected to the end.

In 2016, This Old Horse was honored as one of only about 30 equine sanctuaries in the United States to be accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS).

Nona Mason, Program Development Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall Latin America's Political Pendulum**
  Repetition of 9:45 a.m. program
- **1:00 p.m. Joy Davis' Literature Seminar in the Library**

January 23 FOURTH TUESDAY

- **9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club in the Gold Room**
  Details on page 34
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Breaking the Cycle of Abuse Evon Spangler and Rachel Schromen**

Rachel Schromen

Evon Spangler

Drawing from their years of providing pro bono legal services for victims of domestic abuse, founded Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy Center PSC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. AAUW members Ms. Rachel Schromen and Ms. Evon Spangler, will share with us how they, along with 27 other volunteer attorneys and collaborating organizations, work to stop the cycle of abuse."

Kathleen Ziegler, Diversity Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Where Are We Now? Child Protection Three Years After the Governor's Task Force Mark Ireland**

Reform of the child protection system began in large part due to a *StarTribune* exposé of the child protection system. This exposure led to Governor Dayton's forming a task force that made sweeping recommendations to the child protection system. Judge Ireland will discuss the challenges and triumphs of those recommendations and provide unique insight into the court's role in improving the lives of children through the child protection system.

Ramsey County District Court Judge Mark Ireland was elected in 2010 and reelected in 2016. Judge Ireland served as a judge in the Juvenile Court division for four years. He was involved extensively in improving the court's response to child protection.

Evon Spangler, Public Policy Committee

January 30 FIFTH TUESDAY

- **10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting**
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Education in 2018 Denise Specht**

Education is always in the news and when the legislature convenes education will be in the headlines again. Ms. Denise Specht will briefly update us on the new licensure, testing, technology, and legislative goals for 2018.

Ms. Specht was elected president of Education Minnesota in 2013 after a productive career in the classroom. She is an advocate for over 86,000 active and retired teachers, paraprofessionals, and college instructors so that they can provide the best education possible for the students of Minnesota..

Alice Faribault, Education Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Turkey, a Troubled Middle East, and United States Interests Ross Wilson**

Ambassador Ross Wilson is a distinguished senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, visiting lecturer in international affairs at George Washington University, and chairman of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Turkish Studies. Over the course of a 30-year career in the United States Foreign Service, he served as American ambassador to Turkey.

From 2010-2014, Ambassador Wilson was director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, where he led the Council's work on the former Soviet states, Turkey, and regional energy issues; he organized the Council's annual Energy and Economic Summit in Istanbul.

A native of Minnesota, Ambassador Wilson received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and master's degrees from Columbia University and the United States National War College. He is married to Margo Squire, formerly a career diplomat with the US Information Agency and State Department. They live in the Minneapolis area.

Barbara Waldschmidt,
International Issues Committee

February 6 FIRST TUESDAY

- **10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat**

Gather for coffee and conversation in the Library with a member of the Membership Committee, where you will meet new members, ask questions, and learn about AAUW St. Paul.

- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. *A Few Pearls*, Theatre Unbound Anne Bertram**

Ms. Anne Bertram from Theatre Unbound will give a report from the inaugural Berkshire Leadership Summit for women in theater.

Theatre Unbound will present the one-act play *A Few Pearls* by Rhiana Yazzie, featuring Lynda Dahl and Delinda "Oogie" Pushetonequa. *A Few Pearls* was part of Theatre Unbound's Spring 2017 production, *Mere Trifles,* a suite of one-act plays investigating women as both victims and perpetrators of violence.

Deb Olson, Women's Issues Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Melanie Gilbert Documentary Film Maker**

Ms. Melody Gilbert is an award-winning Minnesota-based documentary filmmaker and film professor who has directed, produced, shot (and sometimes edited) seven feature-length documentaries since 2002 through her production company Frozen Feet Films.

Some of the topics of her films include kids who can't feel pain, Eastern European students who come to the United States to work summer jobs, and the life story of former Vice President Walter Mondale.

All of Ms. Gilbert's films have premiered at prestigious film festivals around the world and been broadcast on networks internationally.

Debra Venker, Cultural Arts Committee

February 13 SECOND TUESDAY

- **10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting**
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Tactics in Talking Climate Change Jessica Hellmann**

Dr. Jessica Hellmann, Director of the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota, will speak about studies that show the relationship between climate change and conflict around the world.

Dr. Hellman has also done some recent research on global migration in relation to climate change and will discuss some insights on how to respond to this and other ecological and social issues.

Lois Wintersteen, International Relations Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. The Bride Price Mai Neng Moua**

Ms. Mai Neng Moua will focus on The *Bride Price*, her recent memoir that delineates her that she experienced trying to struggle between two cultures. She faced many challenges trying to reconcile the differences between the long-held customs of her family and her new life and vision as an American.

A refugee from Laos, Ms. Moua came to the United States in 1981. A graduate of St. Olaf College and a former student at the Humphrey School, she has written extensively about her experience as a Hmong-American. In addition to her own publications, she is the founder of Paj Mntaub Voice Hmoob Literary Journal and the editor of Bamboo Among the Oaks: Contemporary Writing by Hmong-Americans. Her artistic awards include the Bush Artists Fellowship, the Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant, and the Jerome Travel Grant.

Judy Leahy Grimes, Diversity Committee

February 20 THIRD TUESDAY

- **9:45 a.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  Details on page 36
- **9:45 a.m.** **Summit Avenue Readers Book Discussion in the Library**
  Details on page 33
- **10:45 a.m.** **Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m.** **Going to see the Animals and More!!! Brenda Teats**

Ms. Brenda Teats is the Director of Individual Giving for the Minnesota Zoo Foundation in Apple Valley. She will explain the big changes that are proposed for the Minnesota Zoo.

In the future, families hopefully can sleep under the stars, soar above the treetops or hike in the great outdoors within minutes of their doorstep. Another proposal that could turn the 1.8-mile monorail track into an aerial treetop walk may add a new dimension to a zoo visit. Ms. Teats will remind us of the continuing activities that will educate our families on the animals, and that zoos are not just for kids but have something for everyone.

Alice Faribault, Education Committee

- **12:00 p.m.** **Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  (repetition of 9:45 program)
- **1:00 p.m.** **Joy Davis' Literature Group in the Library**
  Details on page 35

February 27 FOURTH TUESDAY

- **9:30 a.m.** **Mystery Hour in the Gold Room**
  Details on page 34
- **10:45 a.m.** **Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m.** **Art in the Hollow Romi Slowiak**

Meet Ms. Romi Slowiak who will introduce us to The St. Paul- Changsha China Friendship Garden at Phalen Keller Regional Park. A well-known St. Paul arts activist, Ms. Slowiak, will speak about the soon-to-be-constructed classical China garden in the Lake Phalen area of St. Paul. Our city will soon receive a replica of a historic pavilion from our Chinese sister city, Changsha, marking the beginning of Phase One, which will begin in the spring of 2018.

The Garden is a cosmic diagram, revealing profound and ancient views of the world and our place in it. It is a lens into the values, art, and lifestyle of China's literati (begun in the Song Dynasty, 960 AD). Ms. Slowiak's talk will illuminate the principles of this art form and describe how our version will converge with and yet differ from Changsha. Ms. Slowiak is a board member of the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society which has spearheaded this sister-city garden project.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

- **12:00 p.m.** **Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m.** **Minnesota Peace Initiative Janet Dolan**

The Minnesota Peace Initiative serves to raise awareness, educate, and foster engagement related to peace issues and peacemaking efforts worldwide. Ms. Dolan will share a sampling of the stories and views of the experts they bring in for each lecture series.

Ms. Janet Dolan is the president of Act III Enterprises, working with organizations focused on peace and the development of emerging democracies. She spent 10 years as a trial lawyer and 20 years in corporate America before beginning what she calls Act III of her life. Her passion for global issues and concerns prompted her and her husband, William Moore, to found the Minnesota Peace Initiative in 2008.

Lois Wintersteen, International Issues Committee

March 6 FIRST TUESDAY

- **10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat**

Gather for coffee and conversation in the Library with a member of the Membership Committee, where you meet other new members, ask questions, and learn about AAUW St. Paul.

- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Developing Civic Leaders Tania Mitchell**

What is the role and responsibility of higher education with regard to civic development of college students? How do colleges and universities purport to develop engaged and active citizens, and what have been the results of those efforts and initiatives? Dr. Tania Mitchell will share results from a research study to understand whether (and if so, how) college experiences prepared alumni to be civic leaders after college.

Dr. Mitchell is an associate professor of higher education at the University of Minnesota where she was recently named a McKnight Presidential Fellow. The results of her research have been published in numerous books and journals, and she is involved in editing several professional publications.

Kimball Foster,
Program Development Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Project Diva Neda Kellogg**

Ms. Neda Kellogg is guiding young black girls to self-discover without limits. She will tell us about the six key areas her organization focuses on with girls from grades 3 through 12.

During the school year of 2007- 2008, Ms. Neda Kellogg toured with her girls' group to Dunwoody Academy. A tour such as this helps give black girls some tools to begin to prepare for a successful life. PROJECT DIVA was such a hit that it took on a life of its own. The following school year the girls requested that it continue and ten years later PROJECT DIVA is looking to expand!

Kathleen Ziegler, Diversity Committee

March 13 SECOND TUESDAY

- **10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting**
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. The Next Great Extinction and You Karen I. Shragg**

We are knee deep in the Anthropocene, the era dominated by our species, Homo sapiens. Ironically our great success as a species is also the source of our demise. This era, like all, has an end game. This time we know how it ends when we exhaust our resources and pollute our living spaces with the toxic notion that we can live beyond the laws of physics.

Ms. Karen I. Shragg is an author, naturalist, and overpopulation activist. Her latest book, *MOVE UPSTREAM: A Call to Solve Overpopulation* has taken her to China where she spoke to a Women's Academy. She has also co-written the children's book series, *Nature's Yucky,* and is the director of the Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield.

André Leavitt, Public Policy Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Creating Student Success Joe Gothard**

In his presentation to the AAUW, Dr. Joe Gothard, Superintendent of St. Paul's public schools, will describe his efforts to "listen and learn" from stakeholders in the educational process, and how he is drawing on their ideas and suggestions to help create the conditions for student success at every age. Dr. Gothard's welcome message posted on the St. Paul Public Schools website states:

What do you need to know about me? I believe in relationships. I am not alone in this. Nearly 7,000 dedicated staff members with a wide range of talents and skills give their best to your students every day. We truly believe in the potential of every child and young adult we serve.

Our schools, along with our neighborhoods and communities, are partners with you – our students and families. All of us are learning, together, how to create the best possible conditions for student success at every age.

Barb Devine, Education Committee

March 14, 2017
Evening Program

5:30 Social Time
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Program

Fair Elections and Current Events

Mr. Matt Entenza represented St. Paul for six terms as the minority leader at the Minnesota Legislature. Now a lawyer in private practice, Mr. Entenza has dedicated his practice to building stronger communities in collaboration with socially responsible nonprofits. He was called on by the Carter Institute as an observer on the recent election in Kenya.

Currently, Mr. Entenza is involved in anti-trafficking work with the Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking.

Matt Entenza

Mr. Entenza is our neighbor, and he is always informed on local and international events and will help us evaluate the news of the day.

Alice Faribault, Evening Programs

March 20 THIRD TUESDAY

- **9:45 a.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  Details on page 37
- **9:45 a.m.** **Summit Avenue Readers Book Club in the Library**
  Details on page 33
- **10:45 a.m.** **Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m.** **Hither and Yon: Study Abroad and the Student Journey**
  Heidi Soneson

Student interest in study abroad has undergone radical transformation over the last two decades. Dr. Heidi Soneson will share her 30-year perspective on student interest in study abroad, the reality of today's students, and study abroad Learning Abroad Center at the University of Minnesota continues to advance international understanding for USA undergraduates.

Dr. Soneson is a program director in the Learning Abroad Center at the University of Minnesota. She holds a Ph.D. in German Literature and has managed study abroad programs in the Learning Abroad Center since 1991.

Dr. Soneson currently oversees programs in France, Morocco, and Senegal and has managed programs in numerous countries over the years, including Australia, Austria, Ecuador, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, India, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Norway, and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Soneson studied abroad herself as a high school, college, and graduate student in England and in Germany. She believes that her continued daily contact with college students pursuing study abroad keeps her young at heart and international in spirit.

Lois Wintersteen, International Issues Committee

- **12:00 p.m.** **Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  (repeat of 9:45 program)
- **1:00 p.m.** **Joy Davis' Literature Seminar in the Library**
  Details on page 35

Equal Pay Day!

On April 10, 2018 women will have earned enough to equal men's average wages from 2017. WEAR RED as we raise awareness on March 27 to show women's wages are still "in the red" compared to men's wages

What You Should Know about AAUW and Equal Pay Policy

The gender pay gap is a primary issue for AAUW, and one that we have been working on for years. As early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for a reclassification of the United States Civil Service and for the repeal of salary restrictions in the Women's Bureau. In 1955, AAUW supported a bill introduced by Reps. Edith Green (D-OR) and Edith Rogers (R-MA) requiring "equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills." Congress finally enacted the Equal Pay Act, a version of the 1955 bill, in 1963.

Despite the Equal Pay Act, the wage gap persists; women are typically paid just 80 cents on average for every dollar paid to men — and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws has helped to narrow the wage gap, significant disparities still must be addressed.

To improve the scope of the Equal Pay Act, AAUW advocates passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This would give employers stronger incentives to follow the law, enhance federal enforcement efforts, and prohibit retaliation against workers asking about wage practices.

AAUW promotes Equal Pay Day to draw attention to the gender pay gap and build support for the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Think 80 cents is bad? The pay gap is even worse for women of color. AAUW also observes Asian American Women's Equal Pay Day in March, African American Women's Equal Pay Day in August, Native American Women's Equal Pay Day in September, and Latina Equal Pay Day in November.

March 27 FOURTH TUESDAY

- **9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour in the Gold Room**
  Details on page 34
- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Justice Choir: The Transformative Power of Group Singing Abbie Betinis and Ahmed Anzaldúa**

Rounding out Women's History Month, St. Paul-based composer Ms. Abbie Betinis will introduce Justice Choir, a national initiative she is leading to promote social and environmental justice by getting communities to sing together. The goal? Start Local: Stay Vocal!

Justice Choir was born out of the conviction that today's fervent issues need their own tunes and lyrics. They summoned composers across the country to write new songs to inspire social action, and the result is the *Justice Choir Songbook*, available online. AAUW members will be invited to sing along at our meeting.

Joining her in this inspiring program will be one of her *Justice Choir Songbook* co-editors, conductor-pianist Ahmed Anzaldúa.

Cheryl Brown, Cultural Arts Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. The Gender Pay Gap: Still Not Closed Amy Hietapelto**

Dr. Amy Hietapelto will discuss the current state of the gender gap in academia, as well as in the corporate world in the United States; explore causes; discuss second generation discrimination, and needed policy changes.

Dr. Hietapelto's research interests are in the areas of pedagogical/curricular issues in management education, organizational change management, teamwork, diversity, and the legal implications of college/university policies and practices. She has published many journal articles.

Alta Oben, Women's Issues Committee

April 3 FIRST TUESDAY

- **10:00 a.m. New Member Coffee and Chat**

Gather for coffee and conversation in the Library with a member of the Membership Committee, where you meet other new members, ask questions, and learn about AAUW St. Paul.

- **10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m. Why Am I Still a Nun in This Day and Age? Joan Mitchell**

Sister Joan Mitchell, CSJ, has spent the past 45 years writing, editing, and publishing religious educational materials. She has a passion for RECLAIMING women's importance in scripture and writing about it. Sr. Joan earned a BA degree from St. Catherine University, an MA degree from the University of Iowa, an MTS from Harvard Divinity School, and a PhD from Luther Seminary.

Kathleen Ziegler, Diversity Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Research that Inspires Hope: Diabetes Meri Firpo**

Dr. Meri Firpo's research may help find a stem cell transplant cure for diabetes that is similar to a bone marrow transplant.

Her work seeks an understanding of how human development occurs in embryonic stem cell propagation and works towards developing stem cell lines that can be used in transplantation therapies and research for genetically-caused diseases.

Dr. Firpo is an Assistant Professor in the Stem Cell Institute and the Department of Medicine and Division of Endocrinology at the University of Minnesota. She received her PhD from the Cornell University Medical College Graduate School of Medical Science and has participated in a number of MIN-Corps programs to help bridge the gap between her research findings and making treatments available to patients.

Joanne Gustafson,
Program Development Committee

April 10 SECOND TUESDAY

- **10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting**
- **11:00 a.m. National History Day Sarah Aschbrenner, Tana Ososki, and Aaron Ramsey**

Sarah Aschbrenner

National History Day is an inter-disciplinary research project for students in grades 6- 12. Ms. Sarah Aschbrenner, program manager of National History Day in Minnesota, is our featured speaker along with Ms. Tana Ososki and Mr. Aaron Ramsey, student participants in the 2017 competition at Murray Middle School, in the regional competition, and at National History Day competition at the University of Maryland.

Tana Ososki and Aaron Ramsey

Minnesota History Day competitions are lively and challenging and provide a unique and a multi-faceted learning experience for student participants.

Judy Leahy Grimes, Education Committee

- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. What You Can Do for Pollinators: Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden Habitat Heather Holm**

Learn about the types of native pollinators that visit our gardens and how we can foster all parts of their life cycles, including providing food, water, and nesting habitat. The top native plant species for pollinators will also be discussed.

Ms. Heather Holm holds degrees in Horticulture and Entomology. She published her first book, *Pollinators of Native Plants*, in 2014. Her second Book, *Bees: An Identification* and *Native Plant Forage Guide*, was released in February 2017 and has already won four awards for excellence. A July 15, 2017, *StarTribune* article called Ms. Holm the "Queen of Forgotten Bees" and described her mission to save native species.

Claire Benson, Program Development Committee

Annual Spring Book Sale

April 12, 13, 14, and 15 2018

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY

Members can make this a successful fundraiser for our Scholarship Trust by donating books in good sale- worthy condition. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, periodicals, textbooks, or books in bad condition. Books that are yellowed with age, mildewed, torn, or marked should be recycled.

We will continue to accept donations until April 1, 2018, when donations must cease so that we may prepare for the sale. We accept cash or checks made out to St. Paul AAUW for the books but not credit cards.

Volunteers are needed to set up and help during the book sale and to help with clean up after the sale. In early April there will be sign-up sheets at the clubhouse with dates and times available for volunteer opportunities when extra help is needed.

We are very grateful to members, their families, and friends who donate books and spread the word to make our sale successful.

Book Sale Committee

April 17 THIRD TUESDAY

- **9:45 a.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  Details on page 37
- **9:45 a.m.** **Summit Avenue Readers in the Library**
  Details on page 33
- **10:45 a.m.** **Branch Announcements**
- **11:00 a.m.** **Women on Both Sides of the Legal System**
  Fred Friedman

Mr. Fred Friedman will speak about women joining the legal profession, women as public defenders, and women and crime.

Mr. Friedman is an attorney, career public defender, and associate professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth. He is the longest serving chief defender in Minnesota history, having served 28 years as the Chief Public Defender of Minnesota's Sixth District.

Mr. Friedman is the chair of the National Association of Public Defenders strike force that upon request advises and assists public defenders, who view themselves, or their organizations, in political or legal crisis. His many awards include 1996 Minnesota Public Attorney of the Year, Minnesota Lawyer's Outstanding Service to the Profession award, and several prestigious lifetime achievement awards.

NOTE THE TIME CHANGES!

11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Meet Our 2018 Scholarship Award Scholars!

This is a special opportunity to learn more about the young women who have received scholarships from the Scholarship Trust. Our AAUW branch's fine achievement of offering scholarships to young women since 1909 demonstrates how we contribute to the AAUW commitment to work for the education of women. Our scholars amaze and delight us with their capabilities, achievements, and dreams of a promising future. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

- **12:15 p.m.** **Luncheon**
- **1:15 p.m.** **Great Decisions/Special Interests in the Great Hall**
  (repeat of 9:45 program)
- **1:15 p.m.** **Joy Davis' Literature Seminar in the Library**
  Details on page 35

April 24 FOURTH TUESDAY

- **10:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Club in the Gold Room**
  Details on page 34

The Scholarship Awards Dinner
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Fundraising event for the Scholarship Trust

You are invited to celebrate the 107th Anniversary of the St. Paul College Club, Inc., AAUW Scholarship Trust.

5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Program and Awards

The dinner is $22.00/person. Reservations are due by 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2018.

Please RSVP via email:
reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com

Please state the number attending and your name and whether a vegetarian dinner is preferred.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul College Club, Inc. AAUW Scholarship TruSt. For questions, please telephone 651-227-4477. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Paul College Club, Inc., AAUW Scholarship Trust
990 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

May Preview

May 1 FIRST TUESDAY

39th Annual Poetry Day

- **9:30 a.m. Coffee and Rolls**
- **10:00 a.m. Members Share Poetry**

Come early for coffee and rolls and then listen to fellow members read their original poetry. It's not too late to consider freeing up your inner poet and sharing your work with us! We know you're out there, poets, so let us hear from you! Contact Poetry Committee Chair Karen Zaske to sign up. (kmzaske@aol.com)

- **10:45 a.m. Brief Branch Business Meeting**
- **11:00 a.m. Readings by Professional Poets Details in the May, June, July, and August 990 News**
- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**
- **1:00 p.m. Readings by Professional Poets**
  Details forthcoming in the in May, June, July, and August *990 News*

May 8 SECOND TUESDAY

- **10:00 a.m. Social Gathering**
- **11:00 a.m. Program to be announced**
  Details forthcoming in the in May, June, July, and August *990 News*
- **12:00 p.m. Luncheon**

Cost of lunch is $25.
Checks should be made out to AAUW St. Paul.
Reservations are due by Friday at noon, May 4, 2018.

- **1:00 p.m. AAUW St. Paul Branch ANNUAL MEETING**

Save the Date: May 15, 2018

Tentatively 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

IN HER OWN NAME (ABOUT MARY HILL) at the James J. Hill Center Tour, History Talk, and Lunch

James J. Hill's most significant gift to Saint Paul, the Reference Library, was designed in the Italian Renaissance style, with massive columns of Kettle River sandstone framing the "Great Reading Room." Hailed by modern critics as a "high point in Beaux Arts architecture in Minnesota," the library opened to the public in 1921, entered the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and continues to honor the legacy of its founder through programs and research to support the entrepreneurial spirit in the 21st Century - as well as hosting cultural events for the broader community.

This event will include an introduction to the building and library, tour, historical talk, and boxed lunch in the magnificent "Great Reading Room." Details about the event and registration will follow.

The maximum registration is 50.

Katherine Cram,
Program Development Committee

Registering for Summer Events

Please follow the instructions provided with the event information. Prepayment is required for all registrations. Cancellations are allowed up to three weeks before the event. Refunds for cancellations or no-shows will not be granted within 21 days of the event.

Summit Avenue Readers in the Library

THIRD TUESDAY — January 16, 2018 — 9:45 a.m.

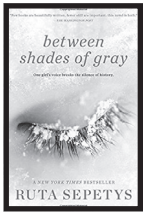
***Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren**

Lab Girl is a book about work, love, and the mountains that can be moved when those two things come together. It is told through Jahren's stories about her childhood in rural Minnesota.

Mikel Clifford, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY — February 20, 2018 — 9:45 a.m.

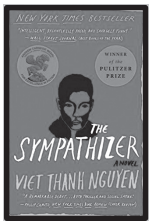
***Between Shades of Gray* by Ruth Sepetys**



Have you ever wondered what a human life is worth? That morning my brother's was worth a pocket watch. In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina is preparing for art school, first dates, and all that summer has to offer until she is deported along with her mother and younger brother.

Barbara Waldschmidt, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY — March 20, 2018 — 9:45 a.m.



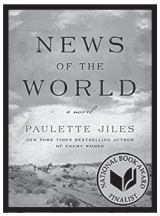
***The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen**

The Sympathizer is a sweeping epic of love and betrayal. The narrator is a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who comes to America after the Fall of Saigon. *The Sympathizer* is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship.

Jevne Kloeber, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY — April 17, 2018 — 9:45 a.m.

***News of the World* by Paulette Jiles**



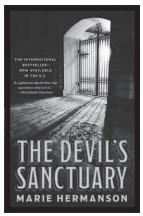
Set in post-Civil War Texas News of the World tells the story of 71-year-old Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd and his unlikely ward a 10-year-old girl rescued by the United States Army from the Kiowa Indians. The captain, while at times exasperated by his charge, is a tender-hearted man who does his best to protect her, understand her, and ease her painful transition back into the "civilized" world.

Kathleen Ziegler, Discussion Leader

Mystery Hour Book Club meets in the Gold Room

FOURTH TUESDAY — January 23, 2018 — 9:30 a.m.

***The Devil's Sanctuary* by Marie Hermanson**



A chilling tale of identical twin brothers who have some critical differences in behavior, which become apparent during their stay at a lovely resort in Himmelstal, Switzerland. Which twin is Max and which is Daniel? Could this scary plot really happen?

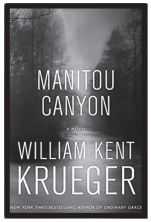
FOURTH TUESDAY — February 27, 2018 — 9:30 a.m.

The Secrets of Wishtide
(A Laetitia Rodd Mystery) **by Kate Saunders**

England in 1850 is a society so submerged in status and class consciousness that secrets are kept as a natural aspect of daily life. The stifling atmosphere causes continual difficulties for the families in this Dickensian journey to the past.

FOURTH TUESDAY — March 27, 2018 — 9:30 a.m.

Manitou Canyon (Cork O'Connor Mystery Series) **by William Kent Krueger**



Once again the dedicated former sheriff, now private detective, tackles a case that seems to be unsolvable. It's only two weeks before his daughter's wedding and houseguests are already arriving when he heads off into the November wilderness area of the BWCA with a young woman in search of her grandfather. Anxiety-producing events galore!

FOURTH TUESDAY — April 24, 2018 — 10:30 a.m.

***In Farleigh Field: A Novel of World War II* by Rhys Bowen**

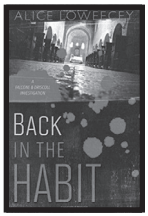
Kent, England, spring of 1941, is the setting of this beguiling mystery that introduces a likeable cast of upper class characters. The war is going poorly for the Brits, who lack the necessary armaments to keep Germany at bay. The Führer, busily bombing London, uses propaganda experts to urge the "patriotic" Brits to preserve their country's landmarks by letting Germany invade to keep them safe. Which aristocrats agree?

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

Mystery Hour Book Club

FOURTH TUESDAY May 22, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Back in the Habit *(A Falcone & Driscoll Investigation)*
by Alice Loweecey



Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the walls of a twentieth-first century convent? This probably isn't the most reliable source of information, but it is a lively story about modern nuns getting ready for St. Francis' Feast Day. The question is, why did Novice Bridget commit suicide, or maybe she didn't? A former nun goes undercover to find out.

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

Joy Davis ' Literature Seminar meets in the Library

Joy Davis will continue her literature seminars at 1: 00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 16, Third Tuesday "To Build a Fire"
by Jack London pp. 157-170
(The long, slow sentence of death!)

February 20, Third Tuesday "Bartleby"
by Herman Melville pp. 18-48
("The strangest scrivener I ever saw.")

March 20, Third Tuesday "Young Goodman Brown"
by Nathaniel Hawthorne pp. 1-12
(The Calvinist experience in New England)

April 17, Third Tuesday
"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"
by Ambrose Bierce pp. 171-178
("All bright and beautiful. All darkness and silence.")

All stories are found in Great American Short Stories (Dover Thrift Editions) paperback edition, publication date July 23, 2002, by Paul Negri (Editor)

Discussions are led by Joy Davis

GREAT DECISIONS

Discussions take place in the Great Hall
Offered at 9:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

THIRD TUESDAY **January 16, 2018**

GREAT DECISIONS: PROSPECTS FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Major internal and external conflict has plagued Afghanistan for at least four decades. The United States has conducted military operations in this country since 9/11. War with the Taliban persists; ISIS has entered onto the scene. Meanwhile, tensions between the United States and Pakistan have been gradually deteriorating. The United States has recently determined to send more troops into Afghanistan. Will this action accomplish what our government intends? This is now America's longest war. How long is "too long" for the citizens and government of this country and for the citizens, governments, and fighting forces within those countries? Will the definitively different style of the current president from his predecessors in any way sway the responses of Afghanistan and Pakistan?

Mary Chorewycz, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY **February 20, 2018**

GREAT DECISIONS: THE WANING OF "PAX AMERICANA"

In the wake of World War II, a liberal international order was carefully established. The term given to this deliberate action is "Pax Americana." Since 1945, Pax Americana has promised the world peaceful international relations and an open economy, buttressed by the United States military might. Now, in championing "America First," a form of isolationism, the current president has shifted to a political methodology for selective engagement wherein foreign commitments are limited to areas perceived to be vital to the United States own interests. Geopolitical allies and foes are paying close attention. What does this portend?

Pam Lande, Discussion Leader

GREAT DECISIONS

Discussions take place in the Great Hall
Offered at 9:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

THIRD TUESDAY **March 20, 2018**

GREAT DECISIONS: RUSSIA

Under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad. It is working to destabilize liberal democracies. Russia is causing international uproar for its interference in the 2016 presidential contest and elections in other Western countries. Putin's foreign policy approach includes other methodologies - including alliances with autocrats for "proxy wars" with the United States fought in the countries of Georgia, Ukraine and Syria. How does Putin conceive Russia's international interests? How do Russians perceive his strategies? How should the United States respond to Putin's attempts to spread right-wing authoritarianism?

Tersenia Schuett, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY **April 17, 2018**

GREAT DECISIONS: CHINA'S ECONOMIC POWER AND GEOPOLITICS

Over the past several years, China has implemented an expansive strategy for economic diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. While the United States has taken a step backward from multilateral trade agreements and stepped out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads for partnerships with other Asian-Pacific nations. Its initiatives include One Belt, One Road, and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are China's geopolitical objectives? What do China's actions and those of the United States mean for the international balance of power?

Mary Chorewycz, Discussion Leader

THE AAUW ROUSER

(Debuted in the Spring of 2016)
Written by Jane Frazee with contributors Cheryl Brown, Kathy Andrews, and Linda Trouten

Chorus

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Education for women and girls!
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Verses

Sung to the tune of "Bill Grogan's Goat"

1
On most Tuesdays
We meet and greet.
And celebrate
Our friendships sweet.

2
Our programs always
Stimulate.
And lunch as well
Is truly great.

3
We all read books
And sell them too.
In Great Decisions
We learn who's who.

4
We like to talk
And listen too.
Our book clubs show
This is all true!

5
Scholarships
For a hundred years!
Deserving girls
Have earned our cheers.

6
Our home and garden
Are sure to please.
We're glad you came
With your degrees!

REPEAT THE CHORUS

PROPERTY NEWS

The elegant AAUW St. Paul Branch Clubhouse with its attached Great Hall and beautiful lawn needs constant oversight, ongoing maintenance and repair, and occasional replacement of one of its essential parts. This is the responsibility of the Property Committee and our General Manager.

At the current time the extensive process of overhauling and replacing some components of our heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system continues.

Projects recently completed include, but are not limited to, major efforts to level and beautify our backyard which is the site of many of our St. Paul College Club (SPCC) client events, covering the third floor windows with insulation film to better maintain the temperature for activities on this level of the house, acquisition of new chairs for the groom's room, purchase of a white chaise lounge for dramatic picture opportunities in the bride's room, changes to the sales room in order to make it more functional for discussions with prospective clients, seasonal changes to the many floral pots around the lawn, and ongoing repairs to several kitchen appliances. Touch-up painting is still needed at several locations inside the house. Look around our mansion and grounds to observe these improvements.

This spring, we hope to commence a major project to repair and paint the exterior trim of our lovely mansion and then attach gutters. We will also need to replace the ramp into the back door for both handicapped accessibility and the transport of large items into and out of the clubhouse.

You can help to maintain our lovely property in two ways: Consider a donation to the House Preservation Fund and consider joining the Property Committee. The work of this committee is satisfying, sometimes challenging, and always interesting. Please speak to me or one of the members of the Property Committee to consider sharing your talents.

Mary Chorewycz (pronounced Ko re' vich)
Property Committee Chair

Planning an event?

When you recommend the St. Paul College Club to friends, neighbors, business associates and family members, you are helping St. Paul AAUW. It is our business operation. When the College Club (SPCC) does well, we benefit. Business profits have supported many of the renovations we have completed and those still in progress. Please share with those you know how the lovely, updated yet historic exterior and interior of our clubhouse can enhance any event. Let them know about the delicious menu options and the fine service provided by our capable and attentive staff. Please encourage those who are looking for the perfect location for their upcoming special occasion to contact the St. Paul College Club at 651-227- 4477. Our event planners are talented in assisting each customer to create a personalized and memorable event.

Thinking of donating a treasure?

Please contact the Property Committee Chair if you have an item that you think may be suitable for our clubhouse. The Property Committee will make careful decisions on whether to accept possible donations of furniture, lamps, and artwork. Acceptance of any item is dependent on how it will fit into the long-term decorating plan for this house/ business venue.

Mary Chorewycz, Property Committee Chair,
(pronounced ko re' vich), marychorewycz@gmail.com

BRANCH NEWS

Reminder: AAUW Branch Meetings are scent free

Member Communication

Our branch communicates with members in many ways, including our own website and two regularly written publications: the *Timely Report* and the *990 News*.

Our branch website address is http://www.aauwstpaul.org. Check us out! Jan Quist is our Webmaster, and you can contact her at jan@quistnet.com

The ***Timely Report*** is our branch newsletter and 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. All members are invited and encouraged to submit articles or photos that are relevant to the branch, preferably articles no longer than 150 or 250 words. Send articles, and photos, or questions to Carol Sheggeby at csheggeby@gmail.com

The ***990 News*** (this bulletin) is published three times a year and is mailed to members and is also available on our website. When you have articles, photos, and pictures to submit for inclusion, contact Carol Hanson at 612-210-6677 or *carolehanson6@gmail.com*. Please do not send PDF files.

Due Dates for *990 News* submissions:

November 20 for the January/February/March/April issue

March 20 for the May/June/July/August issue.

July 20 for the September/October/November/ December issue

Computer Access

The computer in the branch office is available for member use. It is a standard Windows machine that is connected to the Internet, email, printers, etc. The ID name and the password are located on the computer. Public libraries also provide free access to computers.

BRANCH PERKS

AAUW Bridge Groups

Clubhouse Bridge* meets at the 990 Summit Clubhouse on the first Wednesday at noon, September through November, and February through June. (Clubhouse Bridge does NOT meet December, January, July, or August.) For more information on joining as a regular or substitute member, contact Marilyn Hobbs for both at 651-771-2308, marilyn.hobbs5@gmail.com
Barbara Selinger, 641-739-3948

Dessert Bridge* meets at noon monthly at members' homes or 990 Summit Clubhouse several times each year. This schedule varies. For more information on locations and joining as a regular or substitute member, please contact Marlys Larsen at 651-483-6949

*Both groups welcome regular and substitute players. Each group maintains a list of substitute members to call from as needed.

Gertens Plant Cards

Help support the Scholarship Trust and AAUW Funds and beautify your home and garden by purchasing ***Gertens Plant Cards*** online. Cards will be mailed directly to you.Eleven percent of your purchase will be returned St. Paul AAUW. The link is on our branch home page **aauwstpaul.org** under the Current Members tab. Click on Plant Cards and then on the image of the card, and you will be taken to the Gertens order page.

Gertens Plant Cards can be used to purchase plant material at Gertens in Inver Grove Heights all year long. This includes, but is not limited to, annuals, houseplants, perennials, shrubs, trees, and poinsettias. The cards will not decrease in value or expire.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books continue to be sold for $30. Entertainment Books provide hundreds of up-to-50%-off and 2-for-1 offers from restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers, dry cleaners, car washes, and hotel accommodations. This fundraiser supports The Branch Scholarship Trust and AAUW Funds. Contact Carol Barry at 651-755-3660, or a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contribution helps promote the mission of AAUW and the St. Paul Branch: achieving educational equality and opportunity for women. You can learn about the many fine programs supported by AAUW Fund at AAUW.org. Click on the donate link to make an on-line donation. You may also contribute to AAUW Fund by mail. Please make your check payable to AAUW Fund and indicate on the memo line the AAUW program you have chosen, or simply indicate "AAUW Fund," allowing your contribution to be used where it is most needed. Mail it to

St. Paul Branch Treasurer
990 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

All contributions to AAUW Fund are tax deductible. The St. Paul Branch furthers the AAUW mission and provides its members with opportunities for personal lifelong development. Contributions to the branch, as well as the Scholarship Trust (a separate organization of the branch), are much needed and appreciated and are tax deductible.

You may also donate to the House Preservation Fund to maintain our beautiful building, but this donation is not tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to the Scholarship Trust for that fund and mail to Scholarship Trust Treasurer, 990 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. For contributions to the branch or the House Preservation Fund, Please make your check payable to St. Paul Branch-AAUW and mail to St. Paul Branch Treasurer at the above address. If you are donating to the House Preservation Fund, please indicate that fund on the memo line of your check. Otherwise your contribution will be used by the branch to further its mission and will be tax deductible.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contribution to AAUW Fund or the branch makes a truly fine memorial gift or commemoration of a special event, such as a birthday, wedding or anniversary. To make a memorial contribution to AAUW Fund on-line simply click that box on the donate page at AAUW.org. To make a memorial contribution by mail to AAUW Fund or the branch, follow the instructions above and add a note identifying for whom the gift is being made and the occasion, as well as the address to whom the acknowledgment should be sent.

Questions? Please call Linda Trouten at 651-653-7109.

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