



Sep-Oct 2018 St. Paul Branch American Association of University Women

A Delightful Program

Our Program year started off with several weeks of great programming, as always. Among those was a visit by Maria Nhambu, Africa's child, America's daughter, as the headline in the 990 says. Born in Africa, she has lived a full and not always easy life.



She has written three books of memoir, and has created a fitness program called "Aerobics with Soul". An amazing woman. Here she explains to us that she is wearing "my African dress", which is colorful and includes matching head gear.

Our August Tea Event Wins Again

On Wednesday, August 8, seventy paying guests arrived at 990 Summit Avenue, adorned in summery dresses; many of them wearing lovely hats.



Becky Davidson and Sue Talley

They entered the Tea Room accompanied by the piano renderings of Jim Andrews.

Tea, scones, small salads, sandwiches and desserts were thoroughly enjoyed, due to our wonderful Chef, Christophe.



The entertainment followed; provided by Erin Schwab, Twin Cities actor/singer, and her accompanist Jay Fuchs. They regaled the room with songs and stories of Judy Garland – wonderful!

Tech Tutors Sessions Are Back

We have three sessions scheduled:

October 9, 9:30 - 10:30 - iPhone Tips and Tricks
November 13, 9:30 - 10:30 - TBA
April 9, 9:30 - 10:30 - TBA

Registration is required because we have limited seating.

To register or suggest topics for meetings, please send an email to

techtutors@aauwstpaul.org.



Bring Your Questions!

—Pam Stueart

The afternoon ended with door prizes, and with many attendees remarking it was the best Tea event ever. The committee outdid itself and almost \$1,000 was made for our Scholarship Fund and AAUW Funds!

—Mary Schwab



Bonnie Soll and Karen Kirkwood



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Fall Hospitality Update: Changes for 2018-19 and Reminders

Thank you for everyone who once again agreed to hostess and pour wine. And a really big thank you for those who are new to our hostess group: Dallas Lindgren, Nona Mason, Judy Searles, Linda Trouten, and Jerri Smith.

The introduction of the credit card process was very successful last year. There is a change in the process for this year. The cost for using a credit card will be **\$20.75** because we are charged a 3% handling fee by Square.

The major change for this year is a change in the time when lunch may be cancelled. Cancellations must be made by NOON on Friday prior to the luncheon. AAUW will be charged for the count of lunches as of noon on Friday. This will be true even in the case of inclement weather. That means that if you have not made a cancellation by noon on Friday, you will be charged. The Hospitality Chairs will contact you for the payment after the luncheon.

Remember:

You will not be able to pay for lunches in advance

You will not be able to pay for a luncheon after the date of the lunch

Permanent lunch reservations can be made.

You should be contacted by one of the Hospitality Chairs about your desire to remain on the list created last year. If you want to be added to the list please contact either Becky Davidson or Sue Talley.

Please remember to cancel your reservation for a single luncheon if you are unable to attend. You will be charged if you have not cancelled by noon on the Friday prior to the luncheon.

We look forward to meeting and greeting each of you this year. Being a hospitality volunteer is a great way to get to know your fellow AAUW members.

Please call Sue Talley (612-849-0066) or Becky Davidson (612-987-7629) if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you.

—Becky and Sue, Hospitality Chairpersons

MAIA — The 1st Free Access Women-Owned Business Directory in the United States

After AAUW Tuesday programs ended in June, I went to the J.J. Hill Library and got on the MAIA mailing list of events.

On September 18, I attended a panel discussion on women's leadership and diversity. I introduced myself to some of the attendees and panelists hoping to spread the word on our potential Salary Negotiation Workshop. I met the founder of MAIA, Kateri Ruiz, and felt our membership should know about this community and its website.

Did You Know? If each female in the U.S. spent just \$20 a month at a woman-owned business, the females of the U.S. would drive \$37.7 billion more to women-owned companies than all Venture Capital funding did in 2017.

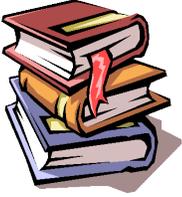
MAIA is a community of women-conscious consumers. MAIA is a movement that demands women's perspective **equally** in the products and services that we purchase. This movement comes in the form of a free-access directory that allows consumers to find and spend their money with businesses that have proven gender equality at the highest levels of leadership. Every business in the MAIA directory is 50% or more woman-owned.

Sign up for free at maia.community and follow MAIA on Instagram, Facebook and [Twitter@maia.community](https://twitter.com/maia.community).

—Alta Oben



MAIA COMMUNITY



Book Ends

With the coming of fall, the Committee has begun to sort all the donations made over the summer, for which we thank you. Some of you have already been downstairs, getting your fall reading started, and you can attest to the generosity of our members!

The Spring Sale was shortened because of the blizzard that weekend, but still earned a respectable \$3500.

If you are looking for an enjoyable way to spend most Wednesday mornings, consider joining the Book Ends. You can share opinions on books, movies, and many other topics, and know that you are helping raise funds for the Scholarship Trust and other Club endeavors. It's fun and worthy!

The Holiday Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Brunch in December. 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 that would make wonderful holiday gifts.

Again, please consider donating books suitable for gift giving for the upcoming sale.

—*The Book Ends - Margaret Durham, Kathleen Flynn, Tersenia Schuett, Ann Heider*

Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy Center

962 St. Clair Ave St. Paul, MN 55105

Two of our members, Rachel Schromen and Evon Spangler, are co-founders of this organization in St. Paul MN. They are committed to helping victims and survivors of domestic violence. They provide free legal assistance to those in need. They provide training and education to survivors of abuse, and help where needed. AAUW St. Paul branch has donated to them for several years.

Many thanks to Rachel and Evon. We appreciate your important work!

—*Nancy Creighton, President St Paul AAUW*

Book Sale: Ongoing and Events

Welcome to a new season at AAUW St. Paul. This is just a reminder to members old and new that we hold a major fund-raising event in April. Our Spring Annual Used Book Sale. This sale is open to the public and funds raised provide financial support for scholarships to young women, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and the AAUW Foundation. We accept donations of new and gently used books throughout the year except during the month of April.

Also remember you can always visit our downstairs library to browse and buy as well.

—*Susan Krocheski & Linda Gebhard*
Book Sale Chairs

Summer Fun in Ely

This past summer, AAUW members Paulette Medin and Nancy Penn took part in an Ely Folk School Walnut Potica* making class.



They learned how to make the renowned pastry associated with Ely's Slovenian heritage. The instructor was Mary Louise, Ely AAUW member.

When a local funding source for scholarships dried up, Mary Louise prepared and baked fifty loaves of potica bread to sell as a fund raiser for the Ely scholarships. A single batch of five loaves requires 4 hours to make. Mary is a retired teacher, who is also a founding member and on the Board of Directors of the Folk School.

*pronounced poe-teat-sa

Kids in Need:

AAUW St.Paul member volunteers helped pack 506 backpacks with school supplies at the **KIDS IN NEED** Headquarter in Roseville this summer. It was wonderful to see the grandchildren, children, and friends that came along to help. Hopefully this worthwhile cause will be an annual event.

—Alice Faribault



As a courtesy to all,
please be seated five
minutes before we
begin.

The **Timely Report** is published bimonthly from Sept. - May. It is distributed via email, with some hard copies available at Tuesday meetings. All are invited to submit articles or photos that are relevant to the branch, preferably articles no longer than 150 words. Send articles or questions to Carol Sheggeby at csheggeby@gmail.com.

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