



Jan Feb, 2019 - St. Paul Branch American Association of University Women

## Looking Ahead to Poetry Day



April 30<sup>th</sup> marks our 40<sup>th</sup> annual Poetry Day, and this year it actually falls in National Poetry Month. The stars must be aligned to make this one special!

You can help make it even more special, not only by your attendance, but also by contributing to the program. The 10:00 hour, preceding the programs by featured poets, will again be devoted to original poems written by our own members.

So, friends, pick up your pens or fire up your computers and bring us your words of wisdom – we're waiting to hear from you. We only have time to include ten readers, so please contact Karen Zaske, 952-249-2725, or [kmzaske@aol.com](mailto:kmzaske@aol.com) to get your name on the list.  
—Karen Zaske

## Membership News

Earlier this year, AAUW National discontinued half-year dues for new national members. **New members reported between January 1 and March 15 will be current through June 30, 2019.**

So, if you know friends or relatives who are considering joining, now is the window where they can get **15 months** of membership for the price of 12 months. Member dues are \$195: National \$59 (\$56 is tax-deductible), State \$9, Branch \$107, House Preservation Fund \$20. Our Membership Application is available on our website.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Beck, Membership Treasurer, [nancybeck17@gmail.com](mailto:nancybeck17@gmail.com) or 651-308-6558.



## Special Event Reminder History Theater *Sisters of Peace* April 4th 1:30pm \$25

Registration:  
Minimum of 30 attendees needed by January 28.  
Registration closes February 8  
NO REFUNDS after February 22

Send your \$25 per person check—made out to AAUW St. Paul—to Alta Oben, 8505 Flying Cloud Dr. Apt. 232, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. Include the names of all attendees, any special seating requirements, and your email with your check.

You may also put your check in the envelope on the back table at Tuesday meetings through February 5th. If you are buying a single ticket, have no special seating requirements, and your name is on your check, there's no need to fill out anything else except add your email address.

If bringing guests or have any have special needs, fill out one of the available forms and attach it to your check with provided paperclips.

Questions: Contact Alta at [alta.oben@gmail.com](mailto:alta.oben@gmail.com) or 952 232-7418

## Late 990 News

Thank you for your patience with the late 990 News. As much as we don't like to be in this situation, sometimes it happens. Our staff of volunteers is as dismayed as you are, but we are hoping every day to see that bright blue and green document arrive. Please continue to check the website for up-to-date information at

<https://aauwstpaul.org/new-990/>

We look forward to see you at our wonderful programs! Your 990 News should be delivered shortly.  
—Carol Hanson

## Festive Holiday Lunch Truly Festive!



Judy Searles and  
Becky Davidson

On Tuesday, December 4th, 120 folks attended our annual December holiday event — a full house, indeed. Thanks to Chair Judy Searles and her event committee, Nancy Creighton, Mary Knoepfler, Tamra Maughan and Alta Oban, it was a very successful and enjoyable event.

As always, the food created by Chef Christoff and his staff

was great, including delicious Beef Bourguignon and French Silk Pie.

Ambiance was delightful and seasonal, with poinsettias everywhere. We enjoyed meeting AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches and hearing about what's happening with our National Organization.



Grace Notes

And finally, wonderful entertainment was provided by a favorite musical group, the Grace Notes, a trio we've enjoyed several times at our events over the years.

As always, our Hospitality

Committee took care of checking us in for the event. Pictured here are chairs Becky Davidson and Sue Talley.

Thanks to everyone who made the day a great success!



## History Corner



### Did You Know...

That of our members who first joined our Branch of AAUW in a year ending in 9, we have one who joined in 1959: Pat Lancaster; Mary Beth Crowley joined in 1979; five joined in 1989: Janice Hertel, Evelyn Klein, Carol Barry, Kim Blair and Joanne Wang; and another five joined in 1999: Judith Koppy, Barb Columbus, Audrey Glynn, Phyllis Merrill and Janice Quist; and seven joined in 2009: Jackie Frazzini, Judy Searles, Tamara Sparks, Virginia McDonald, Margaret Ferber, Dallas Lindgren and Joanne Routzahn.

Congratulations to these 19 women. Let us see how many women join our branch, or re-join, in 2019!

—Kim Blair

## Holiday Book Sale A Success

Thanks to all members who purchased books at the Holiday Book Sale. We sold 219 books adding \$460.00 to the Scholarship Fund and the House Fund.

We also thank the dedicated and hard working women who spend Wednesday mornings sorting, pricing and shelving those books so generously donated. They are Margaret Durham, Kathleen Flynn, Ann Heider and Tersenia Schuett.

Our major fundraising event, the Spring Book Sale, will be held in mid April. Please remember that we are always looking for more books. Drop off all your donations in the clubhouse basement level.

*Susan Krocheski & Linda Gebhard  
Book Sale Chairs*



## AAUW Training 10 Million Women to Negotiate Their Financial Futures by 2022

**AAUW St. Paul is doing its part by offering both in-person and online Salary Negotiation Workshops.**

Although most of us are no longer in the work force and affected by the gender pay gap, our children, grandchildren, and younger friends probably are. They could benefit from a negotiation workshop.

The Twin Cities' in-person workshops are being jointly sponsored by the St. Paul and Metro West branches of AAUW. Each has a limit of 40 attendees.

The first workshop is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at St. Louis Park Middle School from 9:00-11:00 am. The second workshop is scheduled for April 13, 2019 at Central High School in St. Paul from 2:30-4:30 pm. The in-person workshop charge is \$20. See our website on how to register.

If an interested person is too busy to attend the in-person workshop, AAUW now offers a free one-hour online version. They can navigate directly to the topics that interest them — whether that's pay gap facts or negotiating tips — rather than being required to move through the course sequentially.

Why is negotiation so important? AAUW research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men. Women who work full time take home 80 cents for every dollar a full-time male worker is paid. Over a lifetime, those lost potential earnings add up. Women who negotiate increase their potential to earn higher salaries and better benefits packages. By negotiating fair and equitable salaries, more people will be better able to pay off loans, buy the things they want and need, and even save for retirement.

—Alta Oben, Treasurer

## AAUW CEO Visits Our Branch



We were honored to have Kim Churches, our AAUW CEO, attend the St. Paul Branch Holiday Brunch on Dec. 4. Her two-day Minnesota visit included stops at the Minneapolis and Hastings Branches.

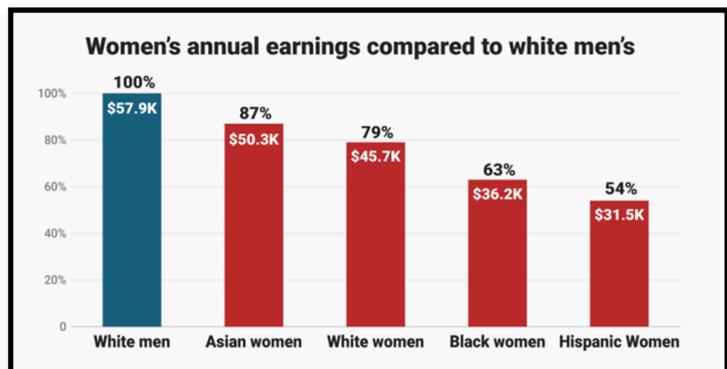
Kim has been with AAUW for 1-1/2 years and has enlivened our organization with her fresh ideas, enthusiasm and personal vigor.

Her message to us included information about our new Strategic Plan. She also spoke of the importance of unrestricted donations that allow these gifts to be used where most needed. Her goals for AAUW are exciting and involve the support of branches and members. She believes that AAUW will train 10 million women by 2021 in pay equity strategies through our Start Smart and Work Smart programs. The St. Paul Branch has stepped up and is sponsoring two Work Smart sessions this Spring.



Kim thoroughly enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of the St. Paul Branch. Thanks to all who welcomed her.

—Karen Kirkwood, St. Paul Branch member and  
Director on AAUW National Board





### Convention Schedule

#### Friday, April 25 - Afternoon

Activities begin at 2:00 pm

Social Hour at 5:00

Banquet at 6:15

#### Saturday, April 27

Opening Ceremony—9:00 am

Informative Speaker

Breakout Sessions by MN Women  
including Military Veterans,  
Worldwide Motorcyclist, Melissa  
Scala, Speaking on Women in  
Today's World.

Uniquely Themed Silent Auction

"Garden Décor and Accents"

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](mailto:csheggeby@gmail.com).

#### **AAUW websites:**

St. Paul: <http://aauwstpaul.org>

MN: <http://aauwmn.net>

Association : <http://www.aauw.org>