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University Women
St. Paul Branch





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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!***

We are pleased to offer a wonderful luncheon to our members. Reservations are required and up to 130 reservations are accepted.



You may register for lunch by signing up on your weekly SignUp Genius Invitation or by emailing or calling the College Club at:

reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com or 651-227-5885

Luncheon Cost \$23

Meal prices include a 17 percent tip.

Meals must be pre-paid via SignUp Genius or paid for the day of the event, and can be paid by cash, check (payable to St. Paul AAUW), or credit card (for an additional \$.75 fee).

Please have your checks made out ahead of time!

- Please RESERVE by noon on the preceding Friday. You will receive a confirmation from SignUp Genius or the College Club. Include names of guests. If you do not receive a confirming email or are unable to email, you may call 651-227-5885. Unless using SignUp Genius, please make your reservations no earlier than the Wednesday of week before
- All cancellations must be received by noon on the Friday preceding the luncheon or you will be expected to pay for your reservation.
- If you plan on attending frequently, you may do so by using the SignUp Genius program via weekly reminder or website signupgenius.com
- Special Event Reservations are made separately and will follow the deadlines as specified.
- A gluten-free vegetarian alternative meal is available upon request. Please include this request in your reservation and identify yourself to your table server.

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 \$25.

House Accessibility for 990 Summit Avenue

- The first floor is wheelchair accessible.
- There are two handicapped parking spots located behind the house. There is a wheelchair accessible ramp at the rear.
- 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



Come early!

Any time after

10:00 a.m.

*to avoid the registration rush
and mingle with friends for coffee
and conversation!*



FROM THE PRESIDENT



I really look forward to seeing you this winter and spring! It appears that winter is here! I feel ready for it with my coat, mittens, boots, shovel, and battery charger. While we can anticipate the cold and snow, are we ever really ready for it? My hope is that all the snowstorms begin after our Tuesday meetings or on the weekends so getting to and from the meetings will be easier. I would not be surprised, if by the time you receive this, we will have had our first “official” snowstorm.

We have had some great fall programs starting in September with a lively presentation by our new neighbor, Minnesota’s First Lady, Gwen Waltz. We learned about raising a family in the Governor’s Residence, a day in the life of a First Lady, and even the contents of a busy woman’s purse! Our other topics have been so diverse---Women in Farming; Addressing Climate Change; Science through Art, Music, Spoken Word, and Girls on the Run; to mention a few. I hope some of us will be able to attend Ten Thousand Things Theater this year.

Tech Tutors will continue their mission of making technology accessible to members by offering very informative sessions led by Pam Steuart and Alta Oben. Learn how to sell on Craigslist and how to use smart phone apps to improve your memory. Check it out; you will learn so much!

It is exciting that we have over 30 new members who continue to add new vitality to the organization. AAUW is continually challenging me and engaging my mind, and this upcoming 990 News lists many more opportunities. I am looking forward to learning about Faith Sullivan’s journey as an author; a presentation about Missing and Murdered Native American Women; Natalie Warren telling us about her 2,000-mile expedition; MPR’s Brian Newhouse’s account of the Minnesota Orchestra’s trips to Cuba and South Africa; more details about Single Payer Healthcare Reform; and a program concerning Aging in Place.

In addition, there are field trips, cultural outings, volunteer opportunities, and, of course, all of the Great Decisions Sessions that help us understand the world. As I look back through the 990 News for the last years, I am totally AMAZED by the diversity and originality of the programs . . . in addition to the programming, we have contributed to volunteer programs to benefit kids in need, we have socialized over tea, we have managed a terrific book sale, and we supported a terrific scholarship program.

In January, Diana Pierce will lead off our new year by providing an insight into her new endeavor entitled *What’s Next? with Diana Pierce*.

Nancy Creighton, President
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CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January, February, March, April, and May 2020

January 6	FIRST MONDAY	10
10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting	
January 7	FIRST TUESDAY	11
10:00 a.m.	New Member Coffee and Chat	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	<i>What's Next?</i> with <i>Diana Pierce</i>	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Missing and Murdered Native American Women	
January 14	SECOND TUESDAY	12
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Beloved Minnesota Author	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Collide Theatrical Dance Company	
January 21	THIRD TUESDAY	13
9:45 a.m.	Great Decisions	
9:45 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Journey to Equity	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Great Decisions	
1:00 p.m.	Joy Davis's Literature Seminar	
January 28	FOURTH TUESDAY	14
9:30 a.m.	Mystery Hour Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Hudson Bay Bound	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Our Personal Environment	
February 3	FIRST MONDAY	15
10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	
February 4	FIRST TUESDAY	16
10:00 a.m.	New Member Coffee and Chat	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	A Life of Books and Dogs	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	International Diplomacy with the Minnesota Orchestra	

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February 11	SECOND TUESDAY	17
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Miss Minnesota Organization and Pageant	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Shadow of Doubt: The Ann Bilansky Case	
February 18	THIRD TUESDAY	18
9:45 a.m.	Great Decisions	
9:45 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Environmental Disinformation	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Great Decisions	
1:00 p.m.	Joy Davis's Literature Seminar	
February 25	FOURTH TUESDAY	19
9:30 a.m.	Mystery Hour Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Single Payer Healthcare Reform	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Accepting all Cultures and People through Baseball in Kyrgyzstan	
March 1	FIRST SUNDAY	20
2:00 p.m.	History Theatre: <i>Superman Becomes Lois Lane</i>	
March 2	FIRST MONDAY	10
10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	
March 3	FIRST TUESDAY	21
10:00 a.m.	New Member Coffee and Chat	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Pushing Boundaries and Forms	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Minnesota Tool Library	
March 10	SECOND TUESDAY	22
9:30 a.m.	Tech Tutors	9
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Home for a Lifetime: Aging in Place	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Norway Center in Minneapolis	

March 17	THIRD TUESDAY	23
9:45 a.m.	Great Decisions	
9:45 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Global Migration	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Great Decisions	
1:00 p.m.	Joy Davis’s Literature Seminar	
March 24	FOURTH TUESDAY	24
9:30 a.m.	Mystery Hour Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Sulfide Mining	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	AAUW Funds Scholar	
March 25	FOURTH WEDNESDAY	25
	Evening Program	
5:30 p.m.	Social Time	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	
7:00 p.m.	Program	
March 26	FOURTH THURSDAY	26
10:00 a.m.	History Theatre: <i>Not in Our Neighborhood</i>	
March 31	FIFTH TUESDAY	27
9:30 a.m.	Tech Tutors	9
9:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Women’s Prison Project	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Fostering Global Awareness in Youth	
April 2	FIRST THURSDAY	28
10:00 a.m.	History Theatre: <i>Not for Sale</i>	
April 6	FIRST MONDAY	10
10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting	
April 7	FIRST TUESDAY	29
10:30 a.m.	Mystery Hour Book Discussion	
10:00 a.m.	New Member Coffee and Chat	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	State of the Birds: A Half-century of Population Change in Midwest Birds	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Minnesota’s Efforts to Close the Pay Gap	

April 14	SECOND TUESDAY	30
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	2020 AAUW Scholarship Recipients	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Behind the Scenes of Television Journalism	
April 21	THIRD TUESDAY	31
9:45 a.m.	Great Decisions	
9:45 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers Book Discussion	
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	The New Middle East	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Great Decisions	
1:00 p.m.	Joy Davis's Literature Seminar	
April 23-26	Annual Book Sale	32
April 28	FOURTH TUESDAY	33
10:45 a.m.	Branch Announcements	
11:00 a.m.	Poetry: Mary Moore Easter	
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Poetry: Ken McCullough	
May 5	FIRST TUESDAY	34
10:00 a.m.	Social Gathering	
11:00 a.m.	Program (To be Announced)	
12:00 a.m.	Luncheon	
1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting	
May 14	SECOND THURSDAY	35
1:00 p.m.	History Theatre: <i>Runestone! A Rock Musical</i>	



SAVE THE DATES

**Be sure to check out the
History Theatre dates so that
you don't miss signing up!**

New Tech Tutors Sessions for 2020!



Pam Steuart and Alta Oben are planning some informative technology sessions you won't want to miss.

Tech Tutors sessions start promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the Gold Room on March 10 and March 31.

Sessions are limited to 14 people each and pre-registration is required. Send your reservation to techtutors@aauwstpaul.org and specify the session you are reserving. Your reservation will be acknowledged by return email. If you cannot attend after registering, please cancel promptly so we can accept another reservation in your place. *These sessions are not limited to Apple or Microsoft operating systems!

March 10

How to Sell on Craigslist!

You will learn how to create an effective ad that sells! We'll cover writing effective ads, creating compelling photographs, how to use the Craigslist.org website, how to respond to inquiries, and to establish security. During class we will demo creating an actual ad on Craigslist for one of the attendees!

March 31

Train Your Brain Using Technology! Rescheduled!

Want to learn something new, improve your memory, or feel happier? There are many smart phone apps that claim they can help you with this! Join us to learn more about several apps that claim they can produce the results we all desire!

Questions?

Send any questions about the sessions to techtutors@aauwstpaul.org

If you have any suggestions for future technology topics, please email us at TechTutors@aauwstpaul.org.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At a fun and informative event this past September, prospective members enjoyed appetizers and wine while learning about the activities, programs, and mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls. We are delighted that the following women have joined our branch in conjunction with this event!

We hope you will take a moment to say ‘hello’ to our new members--- you can identify them by their name tags as their name tags display a star sticker—and ask them to join you at lunch. We have found such a fun variety of interests and abilities in our new members. Please encourage them to participate in your branch committees and activities.

Say Hello to Our New Members!

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| Martha Anderson | Margaret Kosar |
| Diane Baker | Sally Krupich |
| Gay Bartholic | Pamela Langworthy |
| Diane Blake | Helen Mairs |
| Carol Engebretson | Juliet Mitchell |
| Byrne | Gloria Olsen |
| Dulcie Campana | Anita Olson |
| Ronda Kay Cooper | Jeanne Pietrini |
| Patricia Dalton | Jan Price |
| Carol Hall | Susan Davis Price |
| Patricia Hammond | Carolyn Rehn |
| Anne Helmholz | Mary Lynn Sauer |
| Jean Iwen | Judith Swanholm |
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Board Meeting Dates

Executive Board Meetings 10:00 a.m.

January 6 - FIRST MONDAY February 3 - FIRST MONDAY

April 6 - FIRST MONDAY May 4 - FIRST MONDAY

Board of Directors Meetings 10:00 a.m.

March 2 - FIRST MONDAY June 1* - FIRST MONDAY

*This is a transition meeting for new board members.

AAUW St. Paul Branch Business Meetings 10:30 a.m.
in the Great Hall before Tuesday programs on Second Tuesdays
January 14 February 11 March 10 April 14

January 7 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 your questions, and learn about AAUW St. Paul.

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

11:00 a.m. *What's Next* Diana Pierce

Since the earliest times of human cognition, we've told stories. Stories define us. Ms. Diana Pierce has always been fascinated by those who share stories of struggle and ultimately choose positive change. What made them do it? What might we learn from it? How might that positive change guide future decisions?



Sharing stories is why Ms. Pierce became a journalist. Continuing to share these stories with a focus on stories for a 50+ audience is my current passion on *What's Next?* with Diana Pierce. These interviews are posted on Facebook and YouTube. Her hope is that these new stories inspire others to reflect and respond in their own positive way. Also, if you have a story that needs to be shared, she'd love to add it to the mix.

Ms. Pierce had more than a 30-year career at KARE-TV (Mpls-NBC) as an anchor/reporter. In addition, she's featured in videos for the Minnesota Senior LinkAge Line and Blue Cross Blue Shield- Minnesota. Diana is also, a speaker for Women in Leadership events.

Carol Hanson, Women's Issues Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. *Missing and Murdered Native American Women* Mary Kunesh Podein



Ms. Mary Kunesh Podein was elected to the Minnesota House in 2016, representing Columbia Heights, Hilltop, New Brighton, and St. Anthony Village. She is also a library media specialist at Robbinsdale Middle School. During this legislative session, Representative Podein authored and passed legislation to create a task force to study the crisis of Indian Women in Minnesota. She also serves on the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, the board of the Indian Child Welfare Act Law Center, and the Tiwaha Foundation. Representative Podein has three adult children and lives in New Brighton with her husband and rescue dog Missi.

Kathleen Ziegler, Global Issues Committee

January 14 SECOND TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Beloved Minnesota Author
Faith Sullivan**



Ms. Faith Sullivan is a beloved Minnesota author. She has written eight award-winning novels that take place in the fictional town of Harvester, Minnesota. Small-town life and the struggles of living in the hard times following World War II are the focus of her works. Her new novel, *Ruby and Roland*, was published 2019.

Devoted to her readers, Ms. Sullivan has visited hundreds of Book Clubs and is an indefatigable champion of literary culture and her fellow authors. She loves to tell her story of not planning on being a writer, but once she started, off she went for over 40 years.

Ellie Niederkorn, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Collide Theatrical Dance Company
Regina Peluso**

Join us for the behind the scenes story of how Ms. Regina Peluso danced her way from coast to coast eventually finding her way back to her hometown of Minneapolis to found Collide Theatrical Dance Company in 2013.

Ms. Peluso now choreographs, directs, and writes new works for Collide. Her pieces are rooted in classical musical theatre jazz dance and inspired by of Jerome Robbins and Bob Fosse. She also heads up a jazz and ballet dance academy for children, teens, and adults just a few miles from AAUW in the Prior Avenue Creative Enterprise Zone. Her next project will be her creation of *Romeo and Julie*, told entirely through the medium of dance, and performed at the Cowles Center in Minneapolis.



Ms. Peluso holds a BFA in Musical Theatre and a minor in Dance from The Boston Conservatory of Music and a certification from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, and has studied under Broadway's most notable choreographers and dance instructors.

Cheryl Brown, Cultural Arts Committee

January 21 **THIRD TUESDAY**

**9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers
Book Discussion**
Details on page 35



**9:45 a.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
The United States and Mexico:
Partnership Tested**
Judy Ford, Discussion Leader
Details on page 38

NOTE: The afternoon session is different from the morning session!

**1:00 p.m. State of the State Department
and Diplomacy**
Maggie Grohs, Discussion Leader
Details on page 38

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Journey to Equity: Supporting and
Clarifying Goals and Action**
Be Vang



In 2019, Ms. Be Vang, principal of Harding Senior High, was recognized by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA) with the Division Leadership Achievement Award for her work as former principal of Mississippi Creative Arts School.

She was honored for her "exemplary leadership and sustained efforts that have made noteworthy contributions to the operation of effective school learning programs."

Ms. Vang, a graduate of the Saint Paul Public Schools, taught there for 11 years, earned an MA in Education at Winona State and her Administrative License from the University of Minnesota.

Margo Hinke, Education Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
State of the State Department and
Diplomacy**
Details on page 38
Maggie Grohs, Discussion Leader

**1:00 p.m. Joy Davis's Literature
Seminar in the Library**
Details on page 39



Readings will be announced at the preceding meeting.

Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for a copy of the poetry booklet that is available for a nominal fee.

January 22 THIRD WEDNESDAY

10:15 a.m.

Docent-led tour of The Museum of Russian Art
5500 Stevens Ave, Minneapolis, MN

This is a private tour for AAUW members. The exhibits are “After the Explosion: Documenting Chernobyl”; “Mystical Imprints; Marc Chagall, Ben-Zion, and Ben Shahn”; and “Soviet Posters from TMORA collection.”

Admission is:

Adults \$12/Seniors \$10/Members free.

You can visit the website (TMORA.org) for more information.



The Museum of Russian Art
a member supported, non-profit organization

OUR MISSION

We create education, enlightenment and engagement through the art of Russia.

Based in Minneapolis, The Museum of Russian Art is the only one of its kind in North America.



There is free parking in the church lot across the street.

Museum opens at 10 a.m. and the Izba gift shop is a wonder to behold!

Contact Julia Lyon to sign up for the tour:
juliabl@comcast.net and 651-702-1367.

January 28 FOURTH TUESDAY



9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour in the Gold Room
Details on page 36

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Hudson Bay Bound
Natalie Warren**



Ms. Natalie Warren was one of the first two women to paddle 2,000 miles from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay, recreating Eric Sevareid's route from Canoeing With the Cree. On that expedition, she was exposed to issues surrounding small town economies and societies, agriculture, industry, energy, and the environment. Her book *Hudson Bay Bound* (University of Minnesota Press) will be out Spring 2021! Ms. Warren was nominated for Canoe & Kayak's 2012 Expedition of the Year and since then has paddled the length of the Mississippi River and won first place in the women's voyageur category in the 2016 Yukon River Quest, paddling 450 miles in 53 hours.

After paddling to Hudson Bay, Ms. Warren formed a non-profit organization called Wild River Academy to present "urban" rivers as a natural, dynamic classroom for youth and to engage communities in their local water trails.

Ms. Warren currently lives in Minneapolis with her husband and dog and is working toward her PhD in Communication Studies at the University of Minnesota.

Meg Swanson, Program Development Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Exploring Our Light Body, Chakras, and Energy Wellness
Kathy Connors**



How can we expand our understanding of health and wellness beyond just our physical body and our brain? In this presentation, Ms. Connors will provide an understanding of our subtle energy body, including the light body, chakras, and how our wellness is affected by these energy centers.

Ms. Kathy Connors, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Educator, has 15+ years of study and experience in Healing Touch, Feng Shui, Dowsing and Healing Meditation.

Marilyn Baeker, Public Policy Committee

February 4 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 your questions, and learn about AAUW St Paul.

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. A Life of Books and Dogs
Laurie Hertzell**



Ms. Laurie Hertzell is Senior Editor for Books at the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, where she has worked for more than 20 years. Her journalism and fiction have appeared in many newspapers, *magazines*, and journals. She has reported from the Soviet Union and Cuba. She was writer-in-residence at the James Thurber House in Columbus, Ohio, and was a Knight-Ridder/Duke Fellow at Duke University.

Ms. Hertzell served as faculty at Harvard University. She is the author of three books, including *News to Me: Adventures of an Accidental Journalist*, winner of a 2011 Minnesota Book Award. She has an MFA in creative nonfiction from Queens University in Charlotte, NC, and is president of the National Book Critics Circle.

Mikel Clifford, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. International Diplomacy, with the
Minnesota Orchestra
Brian Newhouse**

Mr. Brian Newhouse is the Managing Director for Minnesota Public Radio's classical programming, and for over 35 years hosted the Friday night live broadcasts of the Minnesota Orchestra. He accompanied the Minnesota Orchestra to Cuba in 2015 and South Africa in 2018, and hosted the broadcasts of those concerts as well. He will talk about these two trips with the Minnesota Orchestra, their rich experiences in those countries, and the impact of the trip on the musicians and those who accompanied them.



Mr. Newhouse holds degrees in Voice and English from Luther College and had an active professional singing career alongside his work in radio. He won a Peabody Award for writing the radio documentary *The Mississippi: River of Song*, and he has authored the memoir, *A Crossing*. He and his family live in St. Paul.

Lois Wintersteen, Global Issues Committee

February 11 SECOND TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. The Miss America Organization and Pageant
Kathryn Kueppers**



Ms Kathryn Kueppers, Miss Minnesota 2019, will speak about how the Pageant has influenced her life. The Miss America Organization is nearing its 100th anniversary; it is the largest organization providing scholarship assistance to women. Nevertheless, there remain many misconceptions about the benefits and relevancy of such competitions. Ms Kueppers will also compete in the 2020 Miss America competition. Recognized as the largest provider of scholarship assistance for women in the world, the Miss America Organization is nearing its 100th anniversary. Still, today there are many misconceptions about the benefits and relevancy of competitions such as this.

Ms. Kueppers will bring us up-to-date on how the organization seeks to improve the lives of young women through education and community service. She will share her interesting, personal story how it has changed her life. As part of her presentation, Ms. Kueppers will perform some jazz songs and answer your questions.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Shadow of Doubt:
The Ann Bilansky Case
Jayne Becker**



In 1859, Minnesota newspapers covered the murder trial of Ann Bilansky, a St. Paul woman accused of poisoning her husband. Convicted of the crime and executed in 1860, Bilansky became the only woman legally executed in the state of Minnesota. Using letters, newspaper accounts, and journal entries from those involved in the case, historian Jayne Becker explores the public reaction to the trial, the powerful role played by the press, and the political fallout from the verdict. Discover the many ways this case played a significant role in Minnesota history and learn about the questions that still surround it today.



Ms. Becker is an educator, public historian, and museum consultant. Ms. Becker spent seventeen years with the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) and currently works for Three Rivers Park District in program development, interpretation, community engagement, and outreach.

Debra Olson, Women's Issues Committee

February 18 THIRD TUESDAY

**9:45 a.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
Climate Change and
the Global Order**

Jan Hertel, Discussion Leader

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**9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers Book
Discussion**

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10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Environmental Disinformation
Mark Pedelty**

Dr. Mark Pedelty is a Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Minnesota, as well as an affiliate Professor of Anthropology and Fellow at the Institute on the Environment. His research deals with music and sound as environmental communication.



Dr. Pedelty also produces, directs, and composes music videos for which he has won numerous awards. He has published books and articles about music, media, and the environment and teaches environmental and musical communication, and media studies. Through song and an exchange of ideas, he will share his research and “discuss the ways in which well-funded organizations purposefully mislead around issues of climate change and public lands.”

Margo Hinke, Education Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Great Decisions
in the Great Hall**
(repetition of 9:45 a.m. program)

**1:00 p.m. Joy Davis’s Literature
Seminar in the Library**
Details on page 39



Readings will be announced at the preceding meeting.

Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for a copy of the poetry booklet that is available for a nominal fee.

February 25 FOURTH TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour in the Gold Room
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10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Single-Payer Healthcare Reform
Laurel Gamm**



The future of American health care is an important question! Ms. Laurel Gamm will provide information and insight on the pros and cons of Single-Payer Health Care. Ms. Gamm graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and trained at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, MI. She returned to Minnesota and has worked in New Ulm for over 25 years.

In 2012 Ms. Gamm went to the Central African Republic to work as a pediatric hospitalist with Doctors Without Borders. After returning home she and her husband moved to St. Paul where she works for Minnesota Community Care doing primary care for adults experiencing homelessness. She is a long-time member of Physicians for a National Health Program activist.

Andre Leavitt, Public Policy and Environment

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Accepting All Cultures and People Through Baseball in Kyrgyzstan
Michael Zamacona**

The United States Department of State recently sent Mr. Michael Zamacona to Kyrgyzstan to teach baseball. He will talk about why the United States Department of State would embark on such a mission and about his experiences there.



Mr. Zamacona has been a teacher in the St. Paul Public School District for 20 years. He has been the Head Baseball Coach for Harding High School for 12 years and is presently in his fifth year of teaching science to kids detained at the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center.

Lois Wintersteen, Diversity Committee

history theatre

Sunday, March 1, 2020 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25.

Please feel free to bring guests, but you must pay for all tickets with your registration.

REGISTRATION is open now!

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Don't wait to reserve your seat; send your check in right away!

1982 & Beyond

Superman Becomes Lois Lane tells the story of the gender transition of Bob Sylvester, a former President of the Saint Paul City Council and successful investment banker, to Susan Kimberly, the first transgender woman to become the deputy mayor of a major American city. This is Susan's story written in her own words with passion and humor that has been a hallmark of this remarkable St. Paul figure. Funny, smart, and insightful, this play is not to be missed!



March 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 your questions, and learn about AAUW St Paul.

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

11:00 a.m. Pushing Boundaries and Forms Kao Kalia Yang



Hmong-American author, Ms. Kao Kalia Yang, will reflect on her journey into writing, her adventures along the way in the St. Paul Public Schools, her time at Carleton College, her experiences at Columbia University's School of the Arts, and the making of her artistic career. Ms. Yang will also speak about her books, *The Latehomecomer*, *The Song Poet*, *A Map Into the World*, *What God is Honored Here?: Writings on Miscarriage and Infant Loss By and For Native Women and Women of Color*, and her forthcoming book, *The Shared Room and Somewhere in the Unknown World* (2020).

Ms. Yang will also talk about her commission to write the libretto for *The Song Poet Opera* by the Minnesota Opera. Be prepared for an honest, engaged conversation on Ms. Yang's life and her work.

Joanne Czeswik, Education Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Access Over Ownership: The Minnesota Tool Library and the Sharing Economy Zachary Wefel and Thomas Ebert

How long has your power drill sat collecting dust? How long have you waited to fix a leaky sink because you didn't own a basin wrench—or knew that's what you needed? Mr. Zachary Wefel and Mr. Thomas Ebert, co-founders of the Minnesota Tool Library, will join us to share an alternative to buying and storing our own tools, and a way to break down barriers and develop a more inclusive community.



As the Minnesota Tool Library nears its fifth anniversary Mr. Ebert and Mr. Wefel will discuss the path they've taken in establishing the Tool Library, growing it to become the first tool library in the United States to operate multiple branches, and expanding its membership to over 1,000 members, many of whom are women who are becoming empowered with tools.

Kay Hoskins, Program Development Committee

March 10 SECOND TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Tech Tutors
Details on p. 9

10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

11:00 a.m. Home for a Lifetime: Aging in Place
Alissa Boroff



Ms. Alissa Boroff's presentation will focus on defining and discussing features and benefits of universal design to promote aging in place. She will also discuss the physical effects of aging as they relate to and are affected by the built environment. She will look at common barriers and solutions and options for implementing universal design or home modifications to promote aging in place.

Ms. Boroff, Access Solutions, Director, holds degrees in interior design and occupational therapy. This combination of experience and education provides her with skills and insight to create functional and pleasing environments to meet the needs of clients and promotes safe and independent living for people of all ages.

Marijo McBride, Women's Issues Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. National Norwegian Center
in the United States**
Christina Carleton

Norway House is a forward-thinking, international business and cultural organization in Minneapolis, dedicated to establishing, renewing, and advancing connections between contemporary Norway and the United States through education and partnerships centered around the arts, business, and culture.



Ms. Christina Carleton is the Executive Director of Norway House. Born in Oslo, Norway, Christina came to Minnesota in 2003. She studied at the University of Minnesota and later earned her master's degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She was Norway's Honorary Vice Consul for the State of Minnesota for nine years. She will talk about plans for the future "National Norwegian Center in the United States." Ground breaking is planned for 2020.

Ms. Carleton's passions in life are being with her two boys, Sebastian and Henrik, and husband Steven, being active with outdoor sports, cooking, and seeing Norway House succeed and flourish!

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

March 17 THIRD TUESDAY

**9:45 a.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
India and Pakistan
Judy Ford, Discussion Leader
*Details on page 38***

**9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue
Readers Book Discussion
*Details on page 33***



10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Global Migration
Suda Ishida**

Dr. Suda Ishida will provide global context about the reasons around ongoing refugee and migrant crises. Her presentation will include a look into how foreign policy and geopolitics affect situations in different regions of the world. The role mainstream and social media play in influencing public opinion will also be explained.



Dr. Ishida is a Professor of Communication Studies and the director of the Certificate in International Journalism program at Hamline University. Born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Suda worked as a teacher in an Indochinese refugee camp run by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Thailand right after her graduation. She went on to become a news reporter in several Bangkok-based media organizations, including *The Nation* daily newspaper and the Associated Press (Bangkok bureau). Dr. Ishida earned an MA in international communication from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, and a PhD in Mass Communications and Journalism from the University of Iowa.

Jan Anderson, Global Issues Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
*(repetition of 9:45 a.m. program)***

**1:00 p.m. Joy Davis's Literature
Seminar in the Library
*Details on page 39***



Readings will be announced at the preceding meeting.

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March 24 FOURTH TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Discussion
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10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

11:00 a.m. Sulfide Mining
Paula Maccabee



Sulfide mining threatens Lake Superior, the Boundary Waters, and even the Mississippi River watersheds of Minnesota. The PolyMet/Glencore mine is the first sulfide mine ever proposed in Minnesota, and it would serve as the snowplow behind which many other dangerous mines would follow. PolyMet has obtained state and federal permits, but WaterLegacy

and other groups are fighting back. Paula Maccabee, WaterLegacy's Advocacy Director and Legal Counsel, will share the concealment and irregularities that have been exposed that allowed a weak and inadequate PolyMet water pollution permit to be issued. You'll hear the latest on the victories obtained and challenges faced opposing the PolyMet sulfide mine. She will also discuss what all of us can do to protect regulatory integrity, clean water, health, climate, and justice in Minnesota.

Ms. Paula Maccabee is a graduate of Amherst College, B.A. summa cum laude (1977) and Yale University Law School (1981) with 38 years of experience in public interest law, policy, strategy, and communications.

Nancy Scanlon, Public Policy and Environment

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. AAUW Funds Scholar
Sasha Maria Suarez

Ms. Sasha Maria Suarez will examine the community organizing done by White Earth Ojibwe women in Minneapolis. In her dissertation she argues that Ojibwe women's community work, as well as the early foundations of the Minneapolis Indian community, are foundational and affect the present-day adaptation of indigenous tribal and intertribal identities in urban spaces. Ms. Suarez expects to obtain a PhD in American studies in May of 2020.



Alice Faribault, AAUW Funds

March 25, 2020 Evening Program

Concerns about Russian interference in elections and Chinese intellectual property theft have highlighted the importance of the internet in national security conversations. Security professionals are increasingly grappling with new and old adversaries in the cyber environment. At the same time, the introduction of the internet into new venues is enabling the spread of hateful racial and ethnic messages in fragile states. Better understanding of the cyber environment, stakeholders, and policy options is critical to both U.S. national security and global stability.



Christi Siver is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the College of St Benedict and St John's University. She did her undergraduate work at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR, her Masters in International Relations and International Economics at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and her PhD in political science at the University of Washington. She teaches courses on international relations and international security. Her current research interests include international humanitarian law, military technology, and comparative law.

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program

Cost: \$25.00 per person

You may begin making your reservations on March 10, 2020. Both reservations and cancellations end at noon on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Payment: Pay by SignUpGenius in advance, cash, check, or credit card at the event.

*Jan Anderson and Jane Tschida,
Evening Program Co-Chairs*

history theatre

Thursday, March 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

The cost is \$25.

Please feel free to bring guests, but you must pay for all tickets with your registration.

REGISTRATION:

Open now

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Don't wait to reserve your seat; send your check in right away and join us on March 26 at the History Theater.

The year is 1924. This drama recounts the horrific events and shameful history of housing segregation in St. Paul's Groveland Park neighborhood. William and Nellie Francis, both civil rights advocates and leading citizens in St. Paul's growing African- American community, dared to move from their home in the Rondo neighborhood to the "home of their dreams" in this all-white neighborhood. Little did they know neighbors would burn a cross in their front yard in an attempt to terrorize them and force them to abandon their dreams.

March 31 FIFTH TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Tech Tutors

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. Women's Prison Book Project
Sara Olson**

Since 1994, the Women's Prison Book Project has provided books for female prisoners. WPBP is a small band of dedicated women currently working out of Minneapolis' Boneshaker Books. Every prison has its own rules about sending books—number, form such as paperback or hardcover, and if certain topics off-limits, etc. Prisoners send a request of up to three books suggesting an author or subject. These requests are honored as much as possible by volunteers looking through their supply of donated books.



Mikel Clifford, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Fostering Global Mindsets
Tim Odegard and Sylvia Oxenham**

You are familiar with the Great Decisions program, in which members of AAUW participate; but do you know about the Classroom Connection Program or the International Trivia Competition? Come and learn more about Global Minnesota and its successful outreach to communities and schools to foster global mindsets.



Meet Global Minnesota's Mr. Tim Odegard, Program Director since 2015, and Ms. Sylvia Oxenham, K - 12 Education Program Manager, also since 2015. They both coordinate programs and resources to serve the mission of Global Minnesota, which is to advance international understanding and engagement through globally focused educational opportunities for people of all

ages across the entire state. From the second-grader to the CEO, their programs connect individuals, organizations, and communities to the world. Mr Odegard will give a brief overview of the different program areas of Global Minnesota. Ms. Oxenham will explain in more detail the different K - 12 global education programs offered to our Minnesota students.



Joanne Czeswik, Education Committee

history theatre

Thursday, April 2, 2020

10:00 a.m.

The cost is \$25.

Please feel free to bring guests, but you must pay for all tickets with your registration.

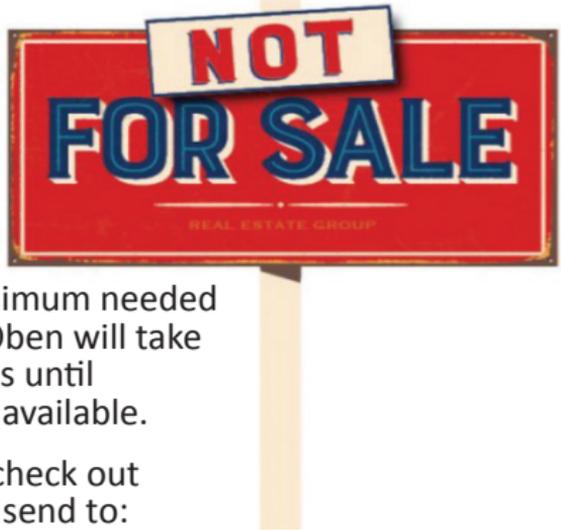
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Don't wait to reserve your seat, send your check in right away and join us on April 2 at the History Theater.

The time is the late 1950s and early '60s. Arnold Weigel, a rising star in the Twin Cities real estate business, puts his career on the line when he begins to represent families of color as they attempt to buy homes in the all-white neighborhoods of Minneapolis and St. Paul. In the wake of the destruction of the Rondo neighborhood, there is a great need for housing for those displaced by St. Paul's urban renewal plan.

April 7 FIRST TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Mystery Hour Book Discussion
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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 your questions, and learn about AAUW St Paul.

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. State of the Birds:
A Half-century of Population
Change in Midwest Birds
Todd Arnold**



Dr. Tom Arnold will speak about population trends of birds in our ecoregion. There are some serious declines, but also some success stories, so it's not all doom and gloom. He will enlighten us about patterns, likely causes of the bird declines, and end with some things we can do to help.

Dr. Arnold's research interests focus on the ecology and conservation of wetland-and prairie-dependent wildlife, particularly waterfowl. Recent research has focused on better methods of estimating population size of wetland and grassland wildlife, estimation of population vital rates (e.g. nest success, brood survival), and development of population models to guide management activities and predict future population trajectories. Dr. Arnold has a PhD from the University of Western Ontario.

Jerri Smith, Public Policy and Environment Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Minnesota's Efforts
to Close the Pay Gaps
Rebecca Lucero**

Ms. Rebecca Lucero is the Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) whose vision is to create a world where everyone can lead lives full of dignity and joy. This vision cannot be realized until every Minnesotan receives equal pay for equal work.



Commissioner Lucero will discuss how pay discrimination perpetuates racism and prevents Minnesota's children, families, and communities from prospering. She will also share how we must continue to take action to intentionally work to put an end to disparities and inequities in power, money, access, and resources.

Alta Oben, Women's Issues Committee

April 14 SECOND TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Branch Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. 2020 AAUW Scholarship Recipients
Kathy Andrews**



The Scholarship Trust is excited to introduce our newest scholarship winners at the meeting this morning! Come and find out more about these talented young women whose

college education we are supporting.

Current scholarship recipients will also be on hand to share how they use their scholarship monies to have a fuller, enriching college experience. Be inspired by these remarkable young women who have benefitted by your financial gifts to our Scholarship Trust!

Kathy Andrews, Scholarship Trust

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Real Life Behind-The-Scenes
Of Television Journalism
Deb Lyngdal**

Ms. Deb Lyngdal is a long-time photojournalist with KARE-11 television. Her impressive background includes practicing photography, editing film, and preparing segments for television. She has many interesting, sometimes funny, stories after having met a variety of celebrities, including Julie Andrews the Steele Family, prominent politicians, and many others.



Ms. Lyngdal will delight by recapping highlights of her photojournalist career. She is adept at carrying much heavy photography equipment to on-site locations, necessary to produce, and edit film for the interviews she does. There are many stories that she can tell us! Ms. Lyngdal has won numerous prestigious awards for her photojournalism. She lives in St. Paul.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

April 21 THIRD TUESDAY

**9:45 a.m. Great Decisions in the Great Hall
Red Sea Security
Maggie Grohs**
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**9:45 a.m. Summit Avenue
Readers Book Discussion**
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10:45 a.m. Branch Announcements

**11:00 a.m. The New Middle East
Andrew Latham**



Many people think that they know the Middle East: Israel vs. the Palestinians, Israel vs. its Arab neighbors, and Israel vs. Iran. They think of the Middle East as a part of the world where the Israeli-Palestinian problem is the core problem and where the so-called Two State solution (Israel and Palestine living side-by-side in peace) is thought to be the solution. While once an accurate representation of the situation in the region, it no longer is. There has been a revolutionary transformation in the geopolitics of the region--- one with enormous consequences not only for the countries in the region, but for the United States as well.

Mr. Andrew Latham is a professor of Political Science at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He regularly teaches courses in Medieval Political Thought, Conservative Political Thought, War (including just war-theory), and International Security. His most recent publications include an academic book entitled *Theorizing Medieval Geopolitics: War and World Order in the Age of the Crusades*, and his first novel, *The Holy Lance*. In addition to academic journals, he has also published in Christian magazines such as *First Things*, *Crisis*, *Commonweal*, and *Touchstone*.

Jan Parkman, Global Issues Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Great Decisions
in the Great Hall**
*(repetition of 9:45 a.m.
program)*



**1:00 p.m. Joy Davis's Literature
Seminar in the Library**
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Readings will be announced at the preceding meeting.

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April 28 **FOURTH TUESDAY**

41st Annual Poetry Day

9:30 a.m. Welcome to Poetry Day
Join us for coffee and rolls

10:00 a.m. AAUW Poets Read Their Original Poetry

10:45 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. *The Body of the World*
Mary Moore Easter



Ms. Mary Moore Easter, who founded and directed the dance program at Carleton College, is also a forceful and mesmerizing speaker who has been described as being “in the tradition of Maya Angelou.” Her recent collection of poetry, *The Body of the World*, was a 2019 Minnesota

Book Award finalist. It contains some of her most personal poetry, ranging from her time spent in Paris in the 1960s to a conversation between Jefferson’s mistress Sally Hemmings and Harriet Jacobs, who hid in an attic for seven years to avoid contact with her slave master. The book’s centerpiece is a sequence of sonnets that respond to the terracotta army buried with the first emperor of China.

Karen Zaske, Poetry Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Inspiration
Ken McCullough

Mr. Ken McCullough draws inspiration from the mountains of Montana and Wyoming, and the bluff lands of the Upper Mississippi. He has published ten books of poetry and his work has appeared in a wide variety of magazines and anthologies. He worked closely with Cambodian poet U Sam Oeur, survivor of the Pol Pot regime, on the translation of U’s memoir and a bilingual edition of his poetry.



Mr. McCullough’s most recent books of poetry are *Sicomoro*, *Oropéndola* (published in Colombia), *Broken Gates*, and *Dark Stars*, as well as a book of stories, *Left Hand*. A recipient of numerous grants and awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, Mr. McCullough’s long career has been spent in education.

Karen Zaske, Poetry Committee

May 5 FIRST TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Social Gathering

11:00 a.m. Program to be announced.

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**Cost of the luncheon will be announced.
Checks should be made out to AAUW St. Paul.
Reservations are due by Friday at noon, May 1, 2020.**

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

- **Annual Report**
- **Review and Acceptance of Proposed Budgets**
- **Election of Officers and Chairs**
- **Introduction of appointed members**
- **Reports from Scholarship Trust, Business, and Property Committees**
- **Introduction of Full Board of Directors for 2021**
- **Recognition of Gift Honorees**
- **Recognition of Past Presidents, 50-year Members, Outgoing Chairs**
- **Recognition of Staff**

history theatre

Thursday, May 14, 2020

1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25.

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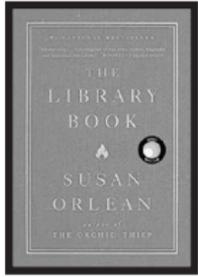
Don't wait to reserve your seat, send your check in right away!

The year is 1898: When Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman digs up a rock on his property near Kensington, Minnesota, with a story written in carved runes that indicate that the Vikings were the first Europeans to set foot in Minnesota, he is praised for his discovery! But soon, a controversy erupts and the cries of "Fake! Fraud! Liar!" turn his life upside down.

This is one of Minnesota's craziest stories and Jensen and Rue have created a whimsical rock & roll musical that lays out this continuing controversy! WHAT IS THE TRUTH? Step back in time with us and enjoy the ride! Rock on!

Summit Avenue Readers in the Library

THIRD TUESDAY January 21, 2020 9:45 a.m.



***The Library Book* by Susan Orlean**

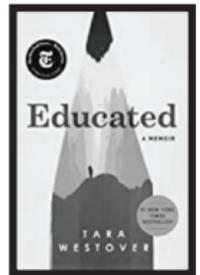
This is a beautifully written and richly reported paean to libraries everywhere and the Los Angeles library in particular. This book is a “riveting mix of true crime, history, biography, and immersive journalism” . . . Booklist starred review.

Nancy Scanlan, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY February 18, 2020 9:45 a.m.

***Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover**

This book is a memoir that brings to the heart of what an education is and what it offers to life. There is heartbreak as the author struggles with family loyalty in a family isolated from mainstream society.



Ellie Niederkorn, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY March 17, 2020 9:45 a.m.



***Becoming* by Michelle Obama**

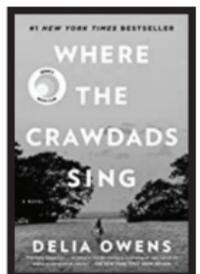
Michelle Obama is a particularly intriguing person for many reasons you may already know; she’s also conversational, politely open about herself, and has created---as the not entirely grammatical phrase is---a good read. Besides these obvious reasons for choosing her book, I’d also enjoy hearing a roomful of intelligent women talk about it.

Mikel Clifford, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY April 21, 2020 9:45 a.m.

***Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens**

Who does not like strong female heroines? Kya, the “Marsh Girl” is center of a jaw-dropping murder mystery, courtroom drama, love story, and coming-of-age tale - set in the coastal marsh of North Carolina. Kya is rejected by her community and abandoned by her family. She learns self-reliance from Nature. “Kaya laid her hand upon the breathing, wet earth, and the marsh became her mother.” This is Ms. Owen’s first novel, after a career as a wildlife scientist in Africa and as an award-winning nature writer.



Katherine Cram, Discussion Leader

Mystery Hour Book Club in the Gold Room

FOURTH TUESDAY January 28, 2020 9:30 a.m.

***Girl Waits With Gun* by Ann Stewart**

Constance Kopp is unmarried, taller than most men, and is living a secluded life the wilds of 1914 New Jersey with her two sisters. After the sheriff enlists her help in settling a dispute between her family and the ruthless owner of the silk factory, bricks, bullets, and threats call for decisive action, and Constance finds herself up to the challenge.

FOURTH TUESDAY February 25, 2020

***Broken Ice* by Matt Goldman**

Most of the population of Warroad, Minnesota, is in St. Paul for the Hockey Tournament. P.I. Nils Shapiro is hired to find a missing girl who didn't return from the game. Nils is severely wounded while investigating, but still manages to unwind the tangled situation, and bring the guilty parties to justice.

FOURTH TUESDAY March 24, 2020 9:30 a.m.

***The Lost Man* by Jane Harper**

In Queensland, Australia, ranches are enormous, your nearest neighbor might be three miles away, and the sun and wind are unrelenting. In this challenging location, one of three brothers is found dead in a desolate spot where he had no reason to be. Was his death natural, or foul play? With no clues, it is difficult to find the answer.

FOURTH TUESDAY April 7, 2020 9:30 a.m.

***The Missing Corpse* by Jean-Luc Bannale**

Most everything you've ever wanted to know about Bretagne (Brittany), or oysters, will be made known to you as this perplexing mystery unfolds. Police Commissaire Dupin spends four frenzied days trying to track down a body that disappeared only hours after being discovered in Belon, on the Atlantic coast of France. The story he disentangles is logical, but complicated.

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver



GREAT DECISIONS

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

January 21, 2020 9:45 a.m.

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration, and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?



Judy Ford, Discussion Leader

January 21, 2020 1:00 p.m.

State of the State Department and Diplomacy

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended. Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

Maggie Grohs, Discussion Leader

February 18, 2020 9:45 and 1:00

Climate Change and the Global Order

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

Jan Hertel, Discussion Leader

March 17, 2020 9:45 and 1:00

India and Pakistan

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

Judy Ford, Discussion Leader



GREAT DECISIONS

continued

Discussions take place in the Great Hall.

April 21, 2020 9:45 and 1:00

Red Sea Security

The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?



Joy Davis's Literature Seminar in the Library

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

January 21, 2020	Third Tuesday
February 18, 2020	Third Tuesday
March 17, 2020	Third Tuesday
April 21, 2020	Third Tuesday

We will continue our poetry studies with the poetry booklet created by Joy Davis.

Readings will be announced at the preceding meeting.

Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for a copy of the poetry booklet that is available for a nominal fee.

Discussions are led by Joy Davis

PROPERTY NEWS



Greetings from the Property Committee's Chair Paulette Medin.

I would like to introduce the members of the Property Committee. The Lawn and Garden sub-committee members are Tamra Maughan, Alice Faribault, Peggy Hall, Carol Hanson, and Nancy Anson. Members of the Interior Decorating sub-committee are Jan Quist, Diane Follmer, and Linda Webster. Joanne Dubois and Carol Hanson are on the Inventory sub-committee.

There have been many projects that we have been working on this summer and fall. The new ramp was started in August and is used for handicapped access and transferring chairs and other equipment from the house to and from the garage. The edges of the new ramp are limestone slabs cut to match the house. The tile and railings will be added after the concrete cures. The new curved steps add a graceful setting for a bride's entrance and the extra cement space at the bottom of the steps will be useful for outdoor weddings for the bar setup. The new ramp is a great accomplishment and addition to the house!

Another project we have been working on is the addition of a new fireplace door for the living room. It was installed toward the end of October. A third project is to find blackout shades for the east side of the great hall to cut down on noise and light during weddings.

Last year we had a basement cleanup day and this year on Monday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. we cleaned the third floor and put window film on all the third floor leaky windows to save on heating costs.

We are always looking for new members for all of the committees, especially the Interior Decorating sub-committee. Please contact any committee member or me if you are interested in joining. We meet the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Gold Room.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair
paulette.medin@gmail.com

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 of 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.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair





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.

Our branch website is <http://www.aauwstpaul.org>. Check us out! Pam Steuart is our Webmaster and you can contact her at **need email**.

The **Timely Report** is a branch newsletter that is published bimonthly, except over the summer. It is distributed via email, with some hard copies available at Tuesday meetings the same week they are sent out. The *Timely Report* is not sent by USPS. All members are invited and encouraged to submit articles preferably no longer than 150 or 250 words, or photos that are relevant to the branch,. Send articles, 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. For articles and pictures to be submitted, contact Carol Hanson 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

***Contact Carol Sheggeby at csheggeby@gmail.com if you are not receiving your hard copy of the 990 News.**

Computer Access

The computer in the branch office is available for members' 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, and August.)

For more information or information on joining as a regular or substitute member, contact:

Marilyn Hobbs, 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, 651-483-6949.

*Both groups welcome regular and substitute players. Each 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.



Thank you for all of your support!

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 can even give some of your retirement RMD or stock.

You may also donate to the House Preservation Fund to maintain our beautiful building, but your donation will not be 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 AAUW and mail it to the 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 online 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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