

990 NEWS

May, June, July,
and August
2020

American Association
of
University Women
St. Paul Branch



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our online *990 News*! There have been conversations at some board meetings about publishing the *990 News* online since our first effort in 2017. That idea has been deferred until now. At this time, more of you are comfortable with electronic formats and Internet publication enables us to communicate with you more often. Moreover, it is the environmentally responsible way to go.



In light of COVID-19, it makes sense to have an electronic format so that we can respond to changing circumstances. We need the flexibility and ease of the electronic format now more than ever. We will send supplements as we have more to share with you.

I appreciate your patience with this format. You will see that the summer trips are not scheduled; when it is safe to do so, they will be scheduled and you will be notified. Some of our events have been scheduled, but all of these dates are tentative and will be finalized when possible.

Please feel free to connect with me! My contact information for suggestions and comments is below. Please stay safe and well!

Until we meet again,
Carol Hanson
Editor of the *990 News*
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What’s on Hold?

The events listed below are on hold until further notice. We are optimistic about the future and hope to see you at these events when they are possible again.

Annual Book Sale

Mystery Hour Book Club (Please see p. 8.)

Weisman Art Museum Tour

Kids in Need Event

Dodge Nature Center Event

All Board of Directors Meetings

Tentatively Scheduled

August Tea (Please see p. 4)

September Wine and Cheese Prospective Member Event
(Please see p. 7)

What’s Been Cancelled?

Summit Avenue Readers for March and April

All History Theatre events



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello, AAUW Friends,
As I end my two-year term, I look back on all of the good times, and I am sad about COVID-19 and how it is impacting our nation and each of us.

I have been blessed in getting to know many of you better during my presidency and I treasure our new friendships. I

look back at all of the great speakers we have had such as Gwen Waltz, Faith Sullivan, Brian Newhouse, Be Vang, and Lori Sturdevant. That alone would be enough, but we have also had museum tours, theater outings, Tech Tutors, bridge clubs, book clubs, and wonderful Great Decisions discussions to mention a few more of our fantastic offerings. I know all of this keeps me informed and active. The August Tea with its Style Show was a real hit.

The sad part, of course, is the COVID-19 pandemic. This stopped us, and the rest of the world, in our tracks. We will get through this and when we get together later, we can share our stories of how we survived the Pandemic of 2020.

Wishing you health and friendship and I hope to see you in the fall.

Nancy Creighton, President
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FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello, Wonderful AAUW Members,
As your president-elect, I'm really looking forward to becoming your president this June. We're on this journey together and I anticipate learning with you, laughing with you, and being challenged by and with you.

I want to sincerely thank Nancy Creighton for her guidance and kindness during the past two years. Nancy once told me one of her favorite moments every week was to come early on Tuesdays so she could have personal conversations with those who also came early to our meetings. Her graciousness and welcoming nature define her presidency.

Little did any of us know what challenging times we would find ourselves in at the end of our program year. We are all in quarantine in our homes hoping for the best outcome possible. Rest assured that your officer, administrative, and business teams are working on next year's speakers and programs. Everything will be ready when we are able to gather together again. It is my sincere hope and prayer that you and your families will be safe and healthy until we can meet again.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Pam Lande, President-Elect
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Membership News

New Members:

We are happy to welcome new and returning members to our AAUW-St Paul Branch since we last went to press.

Patricia Foley Janet Hey Sheila McCarr Patty Paulus

Membership Renewal:

Despite Covid-19, we are forging ahead with our Branch Dues Renewal process with hope that we will eventually get to the other side of this crisis. Your continued commitment to AAUW and all that it does for women and girls is vitally important.

You should soon receive an email from Nancy Beck outlining this year's process for membership renewal. In April, we usually pass out renewal notices and receive payments at the clubhouse from over half of our members. Last year, many of you chose to **print the renewal form** at home and **mail it to me** with your check. We are hoping that most of you will be able to do that this year, saving us time and money. If that is not possible, your statement will be mailed.

There will be two forms attached to the email: **Dues Renewal Statement** and **Credit Card Information**. Please print and mail your renewal statement with your check **OR** the credit card form to Nancy Beck's address below.

Tell your friends! There will be a fall Prospective Member Event on (tentatively scheduled) September 16, 2020. See the September preview page in this 990 News.

If your contact information (phone, address, or email) has changed, please notify: Carol Sheggeby csheggeby@gmail.com
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*The St. Paul Branch of AAUW
cordially invites you to an
Afternoon Tea
tentatively scheduled for
August 5, 2020
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*



Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and tea served at 2:00 p.m.

*Our afternoon tea will include champagne, fun,
prizes, and more!*

Wear your best afternoon tea party hat!

*\$40 per person
Guests are welcome!*

*Respond to the Sign Up Genius invite.
Use SignUpGenius in advance without a fee.
Reservations by phone: 651-227-5885 OR
Email with the names of the persons
attending to reservations@stpaulclub.com*

Reservation deadline is Friday, July 31st

*Funds raised from the Tea will go to
AAUW St. Paul projects.*



Book Committee Report

Thank you for all of your wonderful donations! Please continue with your kindness and keep in mind that we cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, periodicals, textbooks, or books in bad condition. Books that are yellowed with age, mildewed, torn, or otherwise marked should be recycled.

We will continue to accept donations when our clubhouse is open again.

We are very grateful to members, their families, and many friends who donate books.

The Book Ends

Ann Heider, Tersenia Schuett, and Kathleen Flynn



Our hope is to reconvene for regular
AAUW meetings on
Tuesday, September 15, 2020.
We'll keep you posted!



Trailblazers Among Us

The women of AAUW St. Paul are an amazing group! Remember when five wonderful women spoke about their careers this past December? We plan to have another presentation so that we can hear from more of our members.

Do you have an interesting hobby? Post-retirement passions? Have you made clothes, made and sold pottery, or traveled to many countries? Have you volunteered somewhere where you made a significant impact? Was your career one that others would like to hear about? Do you have stories from your life that others would enjoy hearing?

If so, please plan to be a presenter for 10 to 20 minutes on Tuesday December 1, 2020, at the afternoon session of AAUW. Call Judy Regan at 612-790-8178 or email her at jannregan@gmail.com to express your interest. She can help you with the technology (PowerPoint, etc.) that you may need.

Judy Regan



Tentative Board Meeting Dates May, June, July, August 2020

	Executive Board Meetings	10:00 a.m.		
May 4	FIRST MONDAY	August 3	FIRST MONDAY	

	Board of Directors Meetings	10:00 a.m.
June 1	FIRST MONDAY	

Thank You!

At this meeting we will be thanking the members who are leaving this committee and have contributed so much to us over the years and welcoming the new members!

AAUW St. Paul Members Continue Tradition of Generous Giving During Health Crisis

As our History Theatre outing schedule came to an abrupt halt this spring, we had an opportunity to support the History Theatre as it struggled with a lost half-season. Sixteen of our members, with reservations pending for as many as three more plays at \$25 per seat, decided to give the cost of their tickets to the History Theatre as donations. As a group, those 16 are giving a total of \$875. Additional donations of \$75 are going to the Scholarship Trust and \$25 to the branch.

At the same time, we have \$877 in SignUpGenius reservations for lunches and evening programs that were cancelled in March. The 27 women who were offered a refund are choosing---the majority---to donate their refunds. We have \$311 in donations for the Scholarship Trust, \$142 for the branch, and \$213 for the House Preservation Fund. We await the distribution decisions for another \$69.

Alta Oben, Treasurer



ONLINE PROGRAMS!

Access the AAUW St. Paul Website at <https://aauwstpaul.org/>
Under PROGRAMS select PROGRAM VIDEOS

The password is 990

Choose a program from the many wonderful programs (or watch one you loved the first time) and enjoy!



2020 Vision: The Gender Agenda

Watch a recording of the webinar presented by AAUW CEO Kim Churches held on January 28, 2020.

This was the inaugural webinar in our 2020 convening series, which will cover our equity priorities for this year at the federal, state, and local levels.

This is an inspiring webinar on AAUW's 2020 Gender Equity Policy. This agenda not only includes the important challenge of gaining equal pay for equal work, but it includes such items as closing the retirement gap that may affect you personally.

The webinar will also answer the question on many of your minds about where our National dues get spent on our behalf. I think you will be impressed by what you hear and want us to schedule future presentations like this. I hope it will also inspire you to demand the branch discuss potential actions we might undertake to do more to further measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/qsmGINRPdK8>

Donations for Schools

St. Paul AAUW has been exceedingly generous in their assistance to schoolchildren in St. Paul. This summer, as you might clean out closets and travel, please remember the disadvantaged



children returning to school in the fall. In preparation for the cold season, there are many children, some of whom are couch surfing on a nightly basis, or completely homeless, who will need hats, gloves, jackets, and boots of all sizes, from toddlers to teens.

In addition, I have been reminded that the students without a permanent space to sleep at night must also carry their personal care items in their backpacks. Therefore, as you travel, please collect travel-size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. We can also use socks, hand wipes, facial tissue packets, wrapped sanitary napkins, and ChapStick®. I am certain the girls especially, will appreciate your gifts of personal care and hygiene products. We can assemble packets in the fall to distribute to St. Paul schools.

Children love stickers! They may come in your mail from organizations like Easter seals, national parks, and St. Jude. Teachers use these stickers to encourage their young students to do well on their assignments. Stickers that have positive messages such as *good job reading*, *smiley faces*, *happy greetings* or *you're great!* etc., are especially welcome. If you have stickers, please bring them in the fall too, or contact me.

We must continue to encourage our youth! Thanks so much for all your help.

Kim Blair, Donations for Schools Coordinator.

September Wine & Cheese Prospective Member Event

Do you know other women who would enjoy the stimulating programs, company, and friendships of an AAUW membership?

**The Wine & Cheese Prospective Member Event
is tentatively scheduled for
September 16, 2020
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Members are invited to come and bring prospective members to this fun yearly event.

The Membership Co-Vice Presidents and the Membership Committee will send invitations in August/September to those you suggest. Please send the names, postal addresses, and email addresses of potential members to membership@aauwstpaul.org.

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2019-2020 Membership Committee



Mystery Hour Book Club

Greetings, Friends,

Once we are able to meet together, whenever that may be, we will discuss each of these books in turn following the dates listed. When AAUW begins again, a permanent list of books and discussion dates with times will be made available.

Carolyn Oliver

Mar. 24, 2020 *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

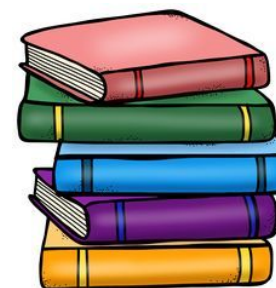
In Queensland, Australia, ranches are enormous, your nearest neighbor might be three miles away, and the sun and wind are unrelenting. In this challenging location, one of three brothers is found dead in a desolate spot where he had no reason to be. Was his death natural, or foul play? With no clues,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

April 7, 2020 *The Missing Corpse* by Jean-Luc Bannale

Most everything you've ever wanted to know about Bretagne (Brittany), or oysters, will be revealed 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.

May 26, 2020 *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

Minnesota, in 1932, was in the midst of the Depression, a hard time to endure even if you weren't an orphan at the Lincoln Indian School, and weren't even Native American like all the other students. This is the story of how four of the children escaped, planning to canoe down the Mississippi to St. Louis, where their only relative lived. Many smaller mysteries are encountered along the way, but the biggest is: How can—and will—they get there?



June 23, 2020 *The* *Katherine Hall Page*

Body In The Wake by

Faith Fairchild has an exceptional habit of finding dead bodies. Expecting to spend a relaxing summer in the Fairchild summer cottage on Sanpere Island off the coast of Maine, Faith and her friend swim into a drowned victim, which sets off a whole set of unanticipated problems: involving preparations for a big Labor Day wedding, horrible new neighbors, and a couple more dead bodies.

July 28, 2020 *After She's Gone* by Camilla Grebe

A small town in the forested hills of south-central Sweden has lost its textile factory, iron mine, and machine factory. It's moldering away with immigrant refugees living in the deserted buildings, and the Swedes grumbling about the government paying for food, lodging, and education for the refugees, when it hasn't helped those who have always lived there. Then cold cases are reopened. Are the townsfolk responsible for the dead or missing residents?

Aug. 25, 2020 *What Rose Forgot* by Nevada Barr

Why is Rose in a hospital gown? The reason is finally explained as Rose and her plucky granddaughter manage to figure out what's going on, and how to stop the nefarious maneuvers from continuing. Think "Miss Marple" and "Nancy Drew," in a 2020-style in a memorable story.

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

PROPERTY and HOUSE NEWS

The Property Committee met in January and prepared a proposal to present to the Finance Committee for project funds to enhance our AAUW house. Items were considered from online reviews, from the new and experienced event coordinator, Tracy, who gave ideas for the house that would enhance future sales, and from members.

On January 14, 2020, the Finance Committee approved the \$40,000 dividend. The committee has been meeting and working hard to choose and complete projects but, sadly, our projects have come to a halt until June.

I am sure many of you have noticed the new paint in the coatroom, back entry, the foyers to the house, and the Great Hall and new up-lighting in the library and Great Hall. New fireplace doors have been ordered for the library and the dining room. A new-to-us but gently used table was purchased for outside the Great Hall doors to be used for wedding gifts. The new sofa arrived in February. New windows for the sunroom have been ordered. After they are installed, the sunroom will be painted, and we are looking forward to finding a rug and some outdoor furniture to add to the ambience.

Future projects include the purchasing of new large cement pots for the gardens. A television for the Summit Room (old Groom's Room) and another for an electronic bulletin board between the two Great Room doors. The Property Committee voted to change the name of the Bride's Room to the Grand Room and the name of the Groom's Room to the Summit Room in order to be more inclusive.

We are hoping members enjoy the new colors and other improvements. Hopefully, we will start in June to finish the rest of the projects. Have a wonderful summer and see you next September.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair
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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
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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.



BRANCH NEWS

Reminder: AAUW Branch Meetings are scent free

Member Communication

Our branch communicates with members via email, our 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 psteuart@gmail.com

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 and/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 and emailed to members. For articles and pictures to be submitted, contact Carol Hanson at 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, when hard copies are sent.**

BRANCH PERKS



AAUW Bridge Groups

Clubhouse Bridge meets at our 990 Summit Clubhouse on the first Wednesday at noon, September through November and March through June. (Clubhouse Bridge does NOT meet December, January, February, July, and

August.) For more information or information on joining as a regular or substitute member, please contact: Mary Lou Sabin at sabinml@icloud.com

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.



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 AAUW St. Paul. The link is on our branch home page at aauwstpaul.org under the Current Members tab. Click on the *Get Your Gertens 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.

All contributions to AAUW at the national and branch levels are tax deductible.

You can learn about the many fine national programs supported by AAUW at AAUW.org. Click on the [Donate](#) link to make an on-line donation. You may also contribute to AAUW National Funds with your check. Please make your check payable to AAUW and indicate on the memo line the AAUW program area you have chosen, or simply indicate "AAUW Fund," allowing your contribution to be used where it is most needed. Mail it to AAUW Funds, Suite 1000, 1310 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Contributions to the branch, including to the House Preservation Fund, as well as the Scholarship Trust (a separate organization of the branch), are much needed and appreciated.

Please make your check payable to the Scholarship Trust for that fund and mail to Scholarship Trust Treasurer, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.



For contributions to the AAUW St. Paul Branch or the House Preservation Fund, please make your check payable to AAUW St. Paul and mail to AAUW St. Paul Branch Treasurer, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS continued

If you are donating to the House Preservation Fund, please indicate that fund on the memo line of your check. If not designated, your contribution will be used by the branch to further its mission.

Don't forget, you can have a check sent directly from your IRA as part of your annual Required Minimum Distribution. Provide the appropriate tax ID to your financial advisor and have them send the check to the appropriate address listed on the opposite page.

National AAUW 52-6037388

Branch or House Preservation Fund 41-0719838

Scholarship Trust 41-1373110

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contribution to AAUW Funds 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 Funds on-line, choose the *I want to make this donation In Honor Of / In Memory of Someone* box on the payment page after you have chosen the [Donate](#) link on AAUW.org.

To make a memorial contribution by mail to AAUW Funds or the branch, follow the instructions on the left 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 contact Alta Oben at alta.oben@gmail.com