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NEWS**

**September
and October
2020**

**American Association of
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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A NOTE FROM THE 990 NEWS EDITOR

Welcome to our third online 990 News! Your positive remarks have been worth their weight in gold as we work on getting information to you electronically. I really appreciate all the positive comments I've received about our efforts to get information to you electronically.

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

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**PREVIOUSLY RECORDED 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!

Letter to the Editor: AAUW on Title IX Rollbacks

May 20, 2020

TO THE EDITOR: Re “DeVos’s Rules Bolster Rights of Students Accused of Sexual Misconduct”

In justifying new Title IX regulations regarding accusations of student sexual assault, Betsy DeVos, the secretary of education, said schools are required to “act in meaningful ways to support survivors of sexual misconduct.” In fact, the new rules significantly weaken protections for students and turn back the clock on the welcome progress we’ve started to make in the last decade.



Obama-era Title IX guidance laid out specific procedures on how publicly funded schools must deal with campus sexual misconduct. Since then, we have begun to see more survivors coming forward to seek justice. Now, in the midst of a national emergency, that guidance has been overturned and replaced with rules that will likely deter reporting of rape, assault, and harassment. The new rules are bad enough, but the timing of this change seems hardhearted and ill advised.

Colleges and universities are facing enormous challenges on every front. Students may not return to campus this fall, but schools now have the administrative burden of overhauling their processes before the semester begins. Wouldn’t it be wiser to focus all our efforts on helping academic institutions and their students manage the crisis at hand?

Kim Churches, Washington

Kimberly Churches is chief executive of the American Association of University Women.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Before COVID-19:

- Rise at 6:00 a.m.
- Get ready fast and drive to the Y.
- Water aerobics for 45 minutes and coffee with friends
- Head home to get ready for AAUW meeting beginning at 10:45 a.m.
- Hear great speaker at 11:00 a.m.

- Have a wonderful lunch made by Christophe at noon.
- Hear another great speaker at 1:00 p.m.

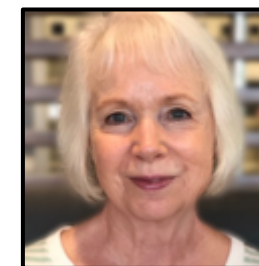
During COVID-19: (see picture above)

- Rise whenever—put two feet on the floor—try to navigate without tripping.
- Read the newspaper and drink too many cups of coffee.
- Still in my ratty bathrobe at 11:00—what?
- Should I clean out a closet or maybe paint the bathroom? Not today!
- Book club Zoom at 1:00 p.m.

You get the picture. What has happened to our lives as we try to navigate the impact of the virus and figure out what risks we are willing to make? Do we go to a restaurant or fly somewhere to see family or close friends? Can I safely go to my son's wedding in Ohio? (It's in October and I just can't miss it!)



I've decided the answer to a better outlook is to start a gratitude list. So here are some of the items I'm grateful for: time to think and not be in a hurry, talking on the phone with family and friends, seeing my grandchildren, listening to music, baking goodies, reading more books, writing a letter, and watching *Hamilton* on the Disney Channel. I am also very grateful for you.



Thank you for supporting AAUW St. Paul and the important scholarships for the young women who are counting on us. They will change the world. Until we meet again, be healthy and take care of yourself and families. Enjoy the wonderful new programs that are planned for you starting in September. Now I have to get back to that box of Oreos.

THIS AND THAT---Things to do online:

- Take a virtual tour of MIA <https://new.artsmia.org/programs/tours/> (you may have to be patient while navigating this site)
- Michael Osterholm podcast on Masks and Science <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/podcasts-webinars/special-ep-masks>
- Angela Davis on MPR—many topics! https://www.mprnews.org/shows/angela-davis?kenshoo_ida=searchintent&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRCfARIsAKcXh6HbdVmLUW0fr_5iCF0HV57LAK3Oxs7Pnc6Mb8m0g94j4_gX7IE_tPQaAhP_EALw_wcB
- Making a request to vote by mail <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

I care about all of you so until we meet again, stay safe, and keep holding on tight!

Pam Lande, President

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

Thank you for your patience and willingness to give online programs a try for September and October. As stated in previous communications, we are taking our schedule in two-month increments, and we will be evaluating and tweaking our process as we move forward. For the next two months, we will have our programs, with the exception of the program featuring the First Lady of Minnesota, Gwen Walz, and maybe one or two others, posted on YouTube several days before the Zoom meeting discussions. The Zoom meetings will take place at regularly scheduled times and the link is as follows:

11:00 a.m. Programs

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81368069151?pwd=NU10SEFhN3ZBTEZ6L1JjMyt6WlFEZz09>

1:00 p.m. Programs

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82437553978?pwd=NzR1dnBHTXYxcDFHaEo4dEtQSnlxQT09>

Please try to view the programs that are on YouTube in advance and have your questions ready to ask as much as possible. The format used will be that the speaker coordinator will introduce the speaker and the questions will be sent via the chat feature of Zoom. The coordinator will then ask the question of the speaker. All others will be muted for the Zoom to eliminate unnecessary sounds from your homes. Please try to check in a bit early so that we can be ready to begin on time. However, you may join the group at any time. Thank you for your cooperation and we are all looking forward to seeing you via Zoom!

Carol Hanson
Vice
President of
Programs



9/8/20

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all of you who renewed your commitment to AAUW and the St. Paul Branch. Despite all the repercussions of COVID-19, you continue to help women and girls get the education, opportunities, and jobs they deserve. Although we had several members who moved, others who are unable to participate, and some who have died, we currently have **290 members**; and I continue to receive a few more renewals each week. When we finally move past this crisis, I hope you will encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of our mission.

Nancy Beck
Membership Treasurer



THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF AAUW ST. PAUL

Watch this space for more information on the actual workings of AAUW St. Paul. Be assured that many people are involved in making our organization as great as it is, including you! We need you to make this work. Currently we are in need of a Fundraising Committee Chair. Please consider it! There is plenty of support for this position and we are looking for someone who would like to be a part of our team. As you can see from the tags on the articles, many of us wear many different hats and we need more people to make the load lighter for all.

Please check out our website for up-to-date information on our organization. If you have any questions about AAUW St. Paul, you may direct them to Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com and she will search out the right people to answer them.

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 and their interesting pursuits.

Do you have an interesting hobby? Post-retirement passions? Have you been your own dressmaker, created pottery, photographed spectacular scenes, or traveled the world? 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



Board Meeting Dates (VIA ZOOM)

Board of Directors (Full Board) 10:00 a.m.
September 14 SECOND MONDAY

Executive Board Meetings 10:00 a.m.
October 5 FIRST MONDAY

ZOOM TIPS

New to Zoom Meetings?



ZOOM is a video/teleconferencing system. You can join a ZOOM meeting using your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

JOIN BY COMPUTER

- Close any program on your computer that uses your camera.
- Click the Zoom link that has been sent to you in an email, and Zoom should automatically and quickly download to

your computer.

- When the download has completed, click on it to launch Zoom.
- Once Zoom has launched, a screen should pop up asking for your name. This will identify you during the meeting.
- You should now be part of the meeting. Click the green button that says "Join Audio by Computer" to allow for computer audio.
- Turn on VIDEO for your camera

JOIN BY SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

- Download the free Zoom app from your device's app store.
- Once downloaded; follow the instructions to set up your account. You will only have to do this once.
- Click the "Join" button displayed on the app home screen.
- The app will then ask you for the meeting ID and Password. You will find this information in the email from the host.
- You are now part of the meeting. You will want to "Join Audio by Computer" to allow for audio.
- Turn on VIDEO for your camera

Please allow extra time to get online! This is especially important if this is the first time you have used ZOOM. The ZOOM website has video resources that can show you how to join a meeting. Feel free to visit their Help Center for instructional videos and articles at

<https://support.zoom.us/>

Let's Talk about Race Zoom Conversation

Marjorie Williams, Discussion Leader

September 9, 2020 SECOND WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m.

More than 150 years after the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, most U.S. adults say the legacy of slavery continues to have an impact on the position of black people in American society today. More than four out of ten say the country hasn't made enough progress toward racial equality, and there is some skepticism, particularly among blacks, that black people will ever have equal rights with whites, according to a new Pew Research Center survey.

Last month we began a discussion about race and I have agreed to continue the conversation. My graduate degree in history had an emphasis on 19th and 20th century American history, Reconstruction through Jim Crow and through the Civil Rights movements of the sixties. There is much to learn. We hope to do a series of conversations via zoom while we wait for the pandemic to subside. The Pulitzer Center's work on topics regarding race will be the backbone of these discussions. You will not have to read books or even essays in order to join in the discussion. Video clips and parts of podcasts will be included in the discussions. We will be exploring personal and societal bias, historically and through present. We will be discussing Minnesota Nice and racial attitudes.

When you register, you can receive information via email or by mail that will be appropriate to the topics. Please email me Marjorie Williams, milliam@comcast.net or call 651-274-4036 or 651-777-0446 for more information. You will receive a Zoom invitation in an eblast. You do not need to have a camera on your computer, as there are numbers that you can dial to join the conversation by phone.

GREAT DECISIONS



September 29, 2020

FIFTH TUESDAY 9:30 a.m.

Artificial Intelligence

Jan Hertel, Discussion Leader

Artificial intelligence is one of those topics that most of us don't understand very well. Think about computers learning to think and process data as humans do, but faster and handling larger amounts of complex data. The United States doesn't have a unified strategy now for this vital technology that affects everything from military security to ocean life, affecting the US and other countries. Today, Great Decisions and our speaker, Tom Hanson, will investigate this vital and interesting technology.

Join us with this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84020104161?pwd=Yi9DZkQxdUFxOVNvNUxJS2NaVUh1Zz09>

October 20, 2020 FOURTH TUESDAY 9:30 a.m.

The United States and the Northern Triangle

Judy Ford, Discussion Leader

El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have come to our attention in recent years as the source of many undocumented immigrants entering the United States. How has our history contributed to this influx? Are our current policies effective, moral, and supporting US interests? Today's session will examine relationships with these neighbors to our south. Join us with this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86763458653?pwd=ZTdHSG9ISUFpYjVQT3piK25zY3VkUT09>

Contact Jan Hertel at jmhertel@gmail.com with any questions.



Book Committee Report

Book Sale News
OPEN THIS FALL!

If you are like the Book Ends, you need more books!

While there are no Tuesday meetings scheduled, we're offering a solution.

The Book Ends will be working in the basement on Wednesday mornings, and welcome all of you to browse our large selection.

For everyone's protection, we are limiting the number of visitors in the space to eight at any one time, and offering specific arrival times. Face coverings are required.

To arrange a visit, please send an email to books@aauwstpaul.org, indicating which Wednesday and at what time you would arrive. There are slots on the hour and half hour between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

We've lots of books ready to se and look forward to seeing friends.

The Book Ends

*Ann Heider, Tersenia Schuett,
and Kathleen Flynn*

POETRY COMMITTEE---AAUW Poetry Booklet

Dear AAUW Poets,
These are unusual times! We really have a duty for those who follow us to record how this affected our surroundings, our politicians, the world, but most importantly, us personally.



The prose poem is a great way to start. It is a paragraph on steroids! One topic per poem. There can be different facets of that one topic. The world abounds with paragraphs that are prose poems and don't know it. If you want a sounding board, you may send your poems to Kenne402@umn.edu

I want you to have a choice of at least two types of poetry to write each month. Another type of poem is the traditional Japanese **haiku**, a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in 5/7/5 syllable count lines. Often focusing on images from nature, **haiku** emphasizes simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression.

*We are glad to use
Our freedom in COVID time.
My mask honors you.*

Please send your poems to Marla Kennedy, chair of the Poetry Committee, at Kenne402@umn.edu using the subject line COVID-19 POETRY so that I know what it is I am receiving. Don't forget your titles for your poems!

I look forward to hearing from you and reading your fantastic poems!

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Committee Chair

September 15 THIRD TUESDAY
9:45 Summit Avenue Readers
See page 17-18 for more information

LIVE AT 11:00 a.m.!!! Q&A TO FOLLOW.
11:00 a.m. One Year Later
Gwen Walz



It has been a whirlwind of a year! Minnesota's First Lady, Gwen Walz, is returning to provide insight into the past year and let us know of her vision of the future. First Lady Walz has a background in education, as well as a history of working toward justice reform and advocating for the LGBTQ movement. Ms. Walz has worn many hats throughout the year balancing Minnesota politics, family, and career. She has made this journey with us, and we look forward to hearing from our very special neighbor! First Lady Walz lives in St. Paul (right next door to our clubhouse) with her husband Governor Tim Walz, their two children, Hope and Gus, and family pets, Scout and Afton.

Carol Hanson, Program Development Committee

1:00 p.m. COVID-19 Pandemic: The Frontlines
Katie Anderson



Dr. Katie Anderson has an MSPH/MD/PHD from Emory University in Internal Medicine and is an infectious disease epidemiologist. Dr. Anderson did her residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals and began dividing her time between Minneapolis and Bangkok, Thailand, where she studied dengue fever and other mosquito-borne illnesses. Last fall she and her family moved to Syracuse, New York, where she works at Upstate Medical University. Recently she has worked on an Emergency Response Team dealing with the Coronavirus and, in June, began working with a team to monitor people living with someone treated or tested for coronavirus at Upstate University Hospital.

Sandy Crum, Women's Issues Committee

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September Virtual Prospective Member Event

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

Virtual Prospective Member Event
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. This event is limited to 50 people so that our Zoom will be manageable.

Make it a fun event with your prospective member. Invite her to your home perhaps. Offer some wine and appetizers. Or make a small gift bag for the prospect and drop it off at her home. We really want to make prospective members feel included, this year especially!

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

Becky Davidson becky_dvdn@yahoo.com

Sue Talley talleysue@aol.com

2020-2021 Membership Co-VPs

September 22**11:00 a.m.****FOURTH TUESDAY****Sulfide Mining****Paula Maccabee**

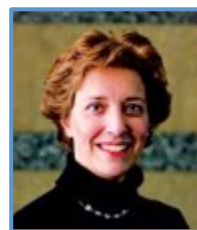
Sulfide mining threatens Lake Superior, the Boundary Waters, and even the Mississippi River watersheds of Minnesota. The PolyMet/Glencore mine is the first sulfide mine ever proposed in Minnesota, and it would serve as the snowplow behind which many other dangerous mines would follow. Ms. Paula Maccabee, 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. Ms. Maccabee will also discuss what all of us can do to protect regulatory integrity, clean water, health, climate, and justice in Minnesota.

Nancy Scanlon, Public Policy and Environment

1:00 p.m.**Votes for Women****Michelle Witte and Kate Roberts**

Ms. Michelle Witte is the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Ms. Kate Roberts is the Senior Exhibit Developer



Kate Roberts

at the Minnesota Historical Society. They worked with teams from both of their institutions on *Votes for Women*, an online exhibit that explores how the landmark 19th Amendment was one step in the struggle to overturn barriers to voting rights that persist to this day.



Michelle Witte

Visit the exhibit at www.mnhs.org/votesforwomen to learn about Minnesota women who shaped our political landscape before and after 1920.

Sandy Crum, Women's Issues Committee

September 29**9:30 a.m.****FIFTH TUESDAY****POSSIBLE Mystery Hour Book Club**

See page 14 for more information.

9:30 a.m.**Great Decisions**

See page 7 for more information.

11:00 a.m.
**The Drive Toward Artificial Intelligence
and Personal Data**
Tom Hanson

One of our favorite speakers, former U.S. Foreign Service Officer Mr. Tom Hanson, will offer his thoughts on the latest developments in artificial intelligence and data scraping. Learn how this might affect you in your everyday life as well how it may

impact global power relationships. [LINK:](#)

Mr. Hanson currently serves as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Formerly he was a United States Foreign Service Officer in several European countries and the Republic of Georgia. Among other activities, Mr. Hanson is Chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Co-Chair of the Minnesota China Business Council.

1:00 p.m.**Joy Davis's Literature Seminar****Poetry Revisited**

See page 16 for more information.

Carol Hanson will be leading this next discussion of the poems found in the booklet from last year. Please join us to discuss this poem. Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for more information.

October 6 FIRST TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Learning Through Dance: How and Why Teach It In Schools
Andrea Davey-Gislason

Ms. Andrea Davey-Gislason is a New York City-based teaching artist and choreographer who believes in the transformative power that dance can have in every child's life. Teaching for the National Dance Institute (NDI) in the NYC public schools, Andrea has taught dance and musical theater for over a decade. NDI, a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by ballet star Jacques d'Amboise "uses dance as a catalyst to engage children and motivate them toward excellence both in school and in life." Besides teaching dance, Ms. Davey-Gislason directs the Irene Diamond Summer Institute. She is a consultant for dance at the Lebanese Center for Special Education, an non-governmental and non-profit organization committed to developing children's confidence, artistry, and trust in others through dance in public schools in cities across Lebanon.



Margo Hinke, Education Committee

1:00 p.m. Turnout: Making Minnesota the State That Works
Joan Growe and Lori Sturdevant



Joan Growe

Turnout: Making Minnesota the State That Works is the title of a new book by former Secretary of State Joan Growe and AAUW favorite speaker, Lori Sturdevant. The book is a history of voting in Minnesota and Joan Growe's part in making Minnesota voter turnout in our state tops in the nation. Don't miss this well-researched and entertaining conversation by Ms. Growe and Ms. Sturdevant about the book and one of the most important issues in America today.



Lori Sturdevant

Jane Tschida, Public Policy and Environment Committee

October 13 SECOND TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. St. Paul League of Women Voters
Amy Perna and Heidi Kloempken



Amy Perna

In addition to this important work, Ms. Perna also is the Finance and Facilities Director at Hamline Church and Ms. Kloempken works for the Minnesota Historical Society as a Teacher Educator delivering teacher workshops and developing curriculum to be used in K-12 classrooms. Join us for a very timely discussion!

Sandy Crum, Women's Issues Committee

Do you believe that a healthy democracy requires informed and engaged citizens, open and responsive government, and the opportunity to take action? So do these leaders in the St. Paul League of Women Voters! Ms. Amy Perna and Ms. Heidi Kloempken are co-presidents.



Heidi Kloempken

1:00 p.m. A Performance of Schubert, Rachmaninoff, and Barber
Sahar Hassan, Mezzo Soprano
Mimi Tung, Pianist



Sahar Hassan

Egyptian-American Ms. Sahar Hassan maintains a busy schedule as a chamber musician and frequent oratorio soloist. As artistic director of The Twin-cities-based Ladyslipper Ensemble, she is committed to bringing lesser-known works to life.

A native of Hong Kong, Ms. Mimi Tung began piano studies at age four. In the Twin Cities, she has performed numerous times on The Schubert Club's Courtroom Concert series and Thursday Musical's Artist Series as a solo pianist.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee



Mimi Tung

October 20 THIRD TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Great Decisions
See page 7 more information.

9:45 Summit Avenue Readers
See page 17-18 for more information.

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

Many people think that they know the Middle East: Israel versus the Palestinians, Israel versus its Arab neighbors, and Israel versus Iran. 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. 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

1:00 p.m. Joy Davis's Literature Seminar
Poetry Revisited



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October 27 FOURTH TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. POSSIBLE Mystery Hour Book Club
See page 14 for more information.

11:00 a.m. A Young Man's Attitude Gives Him the Strength to Beat Cancer Five Times
Casey O'Brien

In his freshman year of high school, Mr. Casey O'Brien was the quarterback of his football team. The son and the grandson of football coaches, he'd grown up loving the game, playing on teams and being the ball boy for both his father and grandfather. He noticed a pain in his left knee, which was attributed to growing pains. When it persisted he sought answers and found out he had osteosarcoma—a rare form of bone cancer. Mr. O'Brien's story of strength, faith, and survival is an ongoing tale—one that is both moving and uplifting.

Nancy Scanlan (and Casey's grandmother)
Representing the Diversity Committee



1:00 p.m. The Art of Collaborative Negotiation
Eirik Davey-Gislason

Have you ever found yourself in challenging situations trying for an equitable solution? The ability to negotiate is one of many educational competencies, and there has never been a greater need for collaboration than today. Join Mr. Eirik Davey-Gislason for an introduction to collaborative style of negotiating and for tips on how to create concessions and arrive at innovative solutions in future negotiations. Originally from Minnesota and an instructor for the Real Estate Negotiation Institute, Mr. Davey-Gislason is a proud graduate of St. Olaf College and is a member of the its Alumni Board. He lives in New York City and is the author of blog, *Unreal Estate*. He has been featured and quoted in *The Real Deal*, *Curbed*, and *Brick Underground*.

Margo Hinke, Education Committee



Donations for Schools

Like many other members during the past five months, I too have ransacked my closets and organized the piles and boxes to find winter jackets, sweaters and socks, and school supplies for St. Paul school children. In August, the Interfaith Council on Summit Avenue and the Wilder Foundation collected school supplies and backpacks in preparation for school beginning at home on-line or at school socially distanced to prevent the spread of COVID-19. You can be certain that there will be a greater number of couch-surfing or homeless school children with the continued economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic who will need school supplies and personal hygiene kits.



We are looking for ongoing collection and delivery of the supplies you may have available to help these children continue their schooling. I am contacting the new administration of the St. Paul City School district to learn of their pre-school through grade 12 needs. This past year St. Paul City School merged with urban St. Paul high school, River's Edge Academy, that together serve 600 students, racially mixed, 90% free- and reduced lunch. These families depend on government food programs and community generosity. Last year when I delivered a number of adult-sized coats and sweaters, the social workers were thrilled to receive items for the older students and parents.

I will keep the membership informed of school donation opportunities benefitting children from toddlers to senior high students, who are trying to continue their education during this difficult time. Remember to store up winter wear and travel-sized toiletries, as the children will need them in a few months when temperatures drop. Thank you!

Kim Blair, Donations for Schools Coordinator

St. Paul College Club, Inc. AAUW Scholarship Trust

Organized in 1909, a main focus of the St. Paul College Club was to help young women with financing for college. A formal scholarship trust was created in 1932 to help achieve that goal. In the 1980s, the trust became a tax-exempt 501c3 non-profit organization named the **St. Paul College Club, Inc. AAUW Scholarship Trust**.

The generosity of our St. Paul AAUW members through estate bequests, fund-raisers, memorial gifts, and charitable gifts has allowed the principal of the trust to grow. Since 1911, more than 400 women from the St. Paul area have earned bachelor's degrees with the assistance of our funds. Today, the rising cost of higher education, and therefore, the ever-increasing student debt burden, is an alarming reality of our times. It's more important than ever to support young women in their pursuit of a college education. With additional donations from our members and friends, we can ensure that we will have the funds to continue our support of our scholars with their educational goals and their dreams.

If you would like more information about the Scholarship Trust or would like to donate, contact one of the Trustees.

Kathy Andrews
Mary Crampton
Lois Hollingsworth
Betty Johnston
Carole Pesek
Judy Searles
Barb Waldschmidt

THANK YOU!

Mystery Hour Book Club

Before COVID-19, we always met at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month to share our thoughts and questions. I do not know how this tradition will continue. We might meet via Zoom or in the Gold Room in person, but we WILL meet. Contact cjoliver333@gmail.com for further information.



September 2020 *The Ghosts Of Harvard* by Francesca Serritella

Cadence Archer arrives on Harvard's campus determined to understand the suicide of her beloved brother, Eric. Losing Eric has left a black hole in Cady's life. Was it really murder? Many unexpected situations fill her first three challenging months, but she finally has answers to her questions.

October 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. This is a memorable story.

November/December 2020 *Bloody Genius* by John Sanford

In a mystery set in the Twin Cities, at the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas, BCA detective Virgil Flowers is ordered to help a Minneapolis homicide detective solve the killing of a respected professor. A series of strange clues provide puzzling results, and a second murder is committed before the case is eventually solved.

Mystery Hour Book Club, continued.

January 2021 *Searching For Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok
A Chinese family, split by oceans, cultures, and languages, with secrets so fiercely held that they may never be known, deals with the sudden disappearance of the oldest daughter, Sylvie, who was a success in all she did. Going to Amsterdam to search for Sylvie is Amy, her younger, shy, and loving sister. Will Amy find Sylvie?

February 2021 *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?

March 2021 *The Deep, Deep Snow* by Brian Freeman
Policing Northern Minnesota is the responsibility of Tom Ginn, sheriff of Mittel County. With small towns miles and miles apart, in the middle of forests and lakes, the disappearance of a ten-year-old boy causes disruption throughout the county. Despite extensive searching by local law enforcement, many residents, and the FBI, no sign of him is found.

April 2021 *Nothing More Dangerous* by Allen Eskens
Fifteen year-old-Boady is growing up in the Ozarks. He lives with his hard-working widowed mother and has all of the woodlands to run free in. Boady can only dream of moving away from the ingrained racism of the small town of Jessup, MO. The unsolved disappearance of Lila Poe and the new Black family across the road change Boady's life forever.

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

What's New? Community Outreach!

These are trying times for everybody, from the COVID-19 pandemic, societal injustice to people of color, and survival for families losing their income and homes. AAUW supports advocacy, education, gender equity, and economic security. The new Community Outreach initiative, formed on July 6, 2020 by the AAUW St. Paul Branch Executive Board, is working to help our community neighbors.

The objective of Community Outreach is to provide volunteer service opportunities AND pursue partnerships in the community to find stakeholders to help diversify our membership. Diversification may be described as inclusivity of race, ethnicity, age, economics, political inclinations, etc. The philosophy is to include, rather than exclude, other entities that share our interests. Branch partnerships have the ability to move our branch interests (diversity, continuing education, college scholarship, and volunteerism) forward while expanding our worldview by developing relations with corporations, civic organizations, and interest groups.

Pam Lande and Kim Blair discussed the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic is making great changes to our society; and therefore, our branch has the opportunity to expand volunteerism, take the initiative to form new partnerships, and become more visible in the broader community. An ad hoc diversity committee met to discuss how AAUW St. Paul could become a more diverse organization working with and serving under-represented persons.

What is AAUW St. Paul currently doing for our community? My friends, we have the long-successful Annual Book Sale, college scholarships for women who are new graduates and returning college students, the Action Fund supporting 17 entities in the broader community these past five years providing gift cards to those residing at Women's Advocates, volunteering at Kids in Need, providing winter wear for St. Paul City School children, and numerous other acts of benevolence by individual members.

While the COVID-19 pandemic curtails in-person group volunteerism in the near term, there are proposed suggestions for our branch to both PLAN and PERFORM in the coming months:

- Donate books for the 2021 Book Sale
- Donate winter clothing and personal hygiene materials for the increasing number of homeless school children
- Include local scholars and alumnae who have asked to participate in our volunteer efforts
- Recruit partnerships with entities that have corresponding goals to AAUW that benefit and effectively reach women and young girls (e.g., Dress for Success, St. Paul Public Schools, Apple Inc., Ann Bancroft Foundation, Wilder Foundation, etc.)
- Further develop relations with organizations where we have been helping (e.g., Kids in Need, St. Paul City School Women's Advocates, Interfaith Council with food and school supplies distribution, etc.)
- From home or in-person, we can be online buddies to encourage school children, work to get Internet access for homeless children to attend online learning, adopt a school, craft blankets for children placed in foster care, help teachers review student presentations, etc. There are projects to help NOW, and projects to PLAN and PREPARE for later when life re-opens safely.

We creative, fortunate, and educated AAUW St. Paul members have a responsibility, to reach out to our neighbors in the community and give a "hand." Thank you to the following persons for supporting Community Outreach and giving suggestions to move AAUW St. Paul forward during these troubled times to not only take action, but BE THE ACTION: Pam Lande, Jane Tschida, Barbara Waldschmidt, Sue Talley, Becky Davidson, Carol Byrne, Brian Quist, and Alice Faribault. Won't you join us? Please send your ideas for actions that we can do in 2020-2021 and ideas to plan for action in 2021-2022. Feel free to contact me kimblair928@gmail.com or 651-773-0684. Thank you!

Kim Blair, Community Outreach

AAUW – St. Paul History Archives

The History Archive file cabinets and shelves have been more effectively organized to better accommodate our records. I am pleased to have file drawers for past president files, membership treasurer files, and branch history files. Member-authored books have been shelved and the *990 News* issues from 1935-1951 await hardcover binding for preservation.

**Did You Know . . .**

The house at 990 Summit had been newly redecorated for the fall opening of Evening Section, Thursday, October 6, 1960. After a 6:00 p.m. dinner, television personality Barbara Davis presented the story of the Von Trapp Family of the movie and play *Sound of Music*. On Tuesday, October 18, 1960, Mr. Marzitelli of the Minnesota State Highway Department spoke on the topic “What Do the Freeways Mean to St. Paul?” addressing the social aspects regarding housing for displaced persons and the economic advantages to the city of the large network of federal highways (I94, I35E&W, etc.).

Forty years later, October 3, 2000, programs included the 9:30 a.m. Coffee Conversation, “The Prairie School of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts,” the 11:00 a.m. Women’s Issues program “Commission on the Economic Status of Women,” and a cultural arts program “Archives of Medieval & Renaissance Europe & Africa.” Wednesday night the Travel Interest group met for member Billie Franey and husband Neil’s slide presentation, “The Ancient Wonders of Egypt,” of their recent travels.

The present: St. Paul revisits the lasting impact of the federal highway displacement of the residents of the Rondo Neighborhood, and the lack of pay equity of women in salaried or wage employment, and continues to enjoy the art tours of the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Weisman Galleries, and the Russian Museum of Art thanks to our member docents.

Kim Blair, Historian

Joy Davis’s Literature Seminar

Sadly, our dynamic Joy Davis has retired from leading her wonderful seminar. While we all know that Joy cannot be replaced, she wishes us well in continuing her seminar. Carol Hanson will be leading the discussions in September and October. We will continue with our spring program of Black women writers.



September 29 We will discuss the poems “I Sit and Sew” by Alice Moor Dunbar-Nelson and “We Real Cool” by Gwendolyn Brooks.

October 20 We will discuss the poems “The Slave Mother” by Frances Harper and “The Universe: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack” by Tracy K. Smith. Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for more information.

**One Book One Minnesota explores racism close to home.**

Welcome to the second chapter of One Book One Minnesota. When Minnesota started this program with *Because of Winn-Dixie*, it was in response to the isolation and resource gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The desire was to bring Minnesotans together to share in the collective joy of reading and come together as a virtual community.

Since then, the Minneapolis police murdered George Floyd, and led by Black community members and activists, the world erupted in grief, protest, and perhaps finally a reckoning that we must confront institutional and systemic racism – and that means all of us. Reading *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, edited by Sun Yung Shin in community offers some Minnesotans the opportunity to see their experiences broadly shared and others a chance to educate themselves—and to discover ways to act on their convictions. If there is enough interest, a discussion of this book could be planned. Please email Carol Hanson at carolehanson@gmail.com if you are interested.

Summit Avenue Readers

We will be meeting via Zoom until we can resume meeting in the Library. Please contact Kathleen Ziegler at ziegler.kat@live.com for information on meeting specifics.

THIRD TUESDAY **September 15, 2020** **9:45 a.m.**
Where The Crawdads Sing **by Delia Owens**

Who does not like strong female heroines? Kya, the “Marsh Girl” is the 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

Corrected date!

THIRD TUESDAY **October 20, 2020** **9:45 a.m.**
The Giver of Stars **by Jojo Moyes**

This book is a wonderful story of women coming from disparate backgrounds with difficult and unfulfilling lives through a shared passion. *Giver of Stars* is a compelling read with memorable characters in a historical setting.

Sue Clausen, Discussion Leader



Summit Avenue Readers, continued

THIRD TUESDAY **November 17, 2020** **9:45 a.m.**
Brother, I'm Dying **by Edwidge Danticat**

It's a memoir that is beautifully written. From the age of four when her parents leave Haiti for New York, the main character is brought up by her beloved Uncle Joseph and Tante Denise. At age 12, she is torn between her excitement to finally join her family in New York and her sadness at leaving her dear uncle behind. This is a gripping story of family, immigration, separation, great sadness, and great love.

Judy Leahy Grimes, Discussion Leader

FIRST TUESDAY **December 1, 2020** **9:45 a.m.**
Middlemarch **by George Eliot**

This classic is a study of English provincial life. The narrator comments, “The world no longer makes room for exceptional persons to live epic lives; nevertheless, those who do so are the unsung heroes of the mundane who live faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”

Kathleen Ziegler, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY **January 19, 2021** **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 she 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

Summit Avenue Readers, continued

THIRD TUESDAY **February 16, 2021** **9:45 a.m.**
The Night Watchman **by Louise Erdrich**

This is the story of Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession all the way from rural North Dakota to Washington in the early 50s. It is a true story fictionalized to bring the characters to life in a warm, loving, and humorous style, and relates her admiration for a truly remarkable man—her grandfather.

Nancy Scanlan, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY **March 16, 2021** **9:45 a.m.**
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism **by Robin DiAngelo**

What is White Fragility? In this groundbreaking and timely book, antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-dialogue. In this in-depth examination, DiAngelo explores how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Deb Varner, Discussion Leader

THIRD TUESDAY **April 20, 2021** **9:45 a.m.**
The Good Neighborhood **by Therese Anne Fowler**

The Good Neighborhood tells the story of a neighborhood in a North Carolina town which is changing and the changes bring about clashes with race, class, and personal values.

Shannon LeClair, Discussion Leader

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
 paulette.medin@gmail.com

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



PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee members for the 2020-21 year are Joanne Dubois, Linda Webster, Carol Hanson, Tamra Maughan, Diane Follmer, Peggy Hall, Nancy Anson, Pam Lande (current AAUW President), Nancy Creighton (AAUW Past President), Brian Quist, and Paulette Medin (Property Chair). I want to thank Alice Faribault and Jan Quist for their many years of service on the Property Committee as they are moving on to other projects.

We met for the first time since February on Monday, July 13, 2020 in the backyard of the house. Brian Quist gave us a tour of the house showing the many projects that were finished this last year. I handed out a House Tour

Recommendation list from the previous year and as we went through the house we saw what had been finished. We will be working on the rest of the list after we are able to return to the AAUW house.



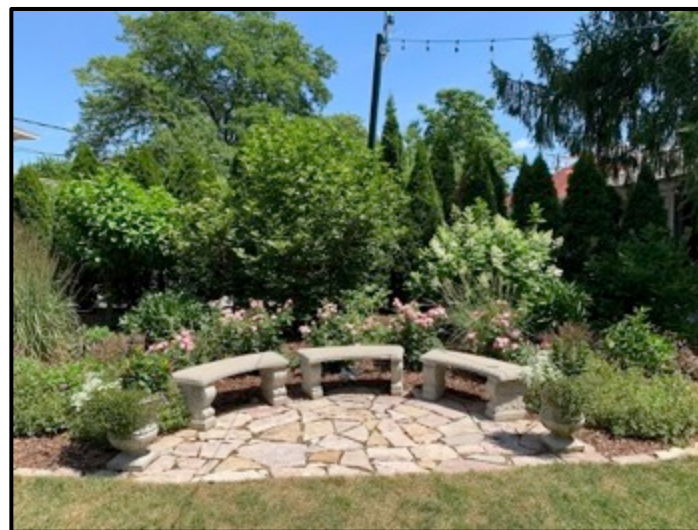
Due to the \$40,000 dividend from the Business that the Finance Committee granted to the Property Committee there have been many updates to the house. Most of you saw the fresh paint colors and the new sofa at the last winter meeting. In addition, a television has been added to the Summit Room (formerly known as the Groom's Room), and a vertical flat screen television for an electronic bulletin board to be placed between the Great Room's doors has been purchased.

The uplighting in the Library has been installed and the fireplace doors in the Dining Room and the Library have been installed. The new windows in the sun porch make that area beautiful and energy efficient.



We have three committees making up the Property Committee: Lawn and Garden, Interior Decorating, and Inventory. If any members are interested in joining the Property Committee, please email Paulette Medin at paulette.medin@gmail.com.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair



BRANCH NEWS

Reminder: AAUW Branch Meetings are scent free

Member Communication

Our branch communicates with members via email, our website- and two regularly published 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. This can change as circumstances change. 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:

We are trying to be as fluid as possible in our member communications. Please contact Carol Hanson for more information.

***Contact Carol Sheggeby at csheggeby@gmail.com if you are not receiving your hard copy of the *990 News*--- when (and if) 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 (listed below) 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 the acting Treasurer, Paulette Medin at paulette.medin@gmail.com.