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**American Association of
University Women St. Paul Branch**





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Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision 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.

Promise Statement

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that women have a fair chance.

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A NOTE FROM THE 990 NEWS EDITOR

Welcome to our 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.

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!

Please do not share our links with nonmembers.

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 revisit one you loved the first time and enjoyed!

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF AAUW-ST. PAUL

From the Treasurer

Members who require reimbursement should send the online form to 990treasurerrequest@gmail.com. Use this email as well to request a form or find the form on the desktop of the branch computer. Forms may also be accessed through this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tKOh-CgueJqqAlGBhj3PDXlkk3h7J5qx?usp=sharing>

All program honorarium requests should be sent to Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com

From the Nominations Committee

A new Nominations Committee has been formed: Co-chairs Molly Bonin and Judy Ford, and members Carol Gregorson, Barbara Kroll, and Linda Trouten.

Our Website

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.

Our Programs

Prospective members may be invited as guests up to three times to participate in our programs.

Help Needed!

Pam Steuart is looking for committee members with experience with WordPress to update our website weekly. Any questions, please contact Pam Steuart at psteuart@gmail.com.

Thanks!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just when I thought it couldn't get worse—we lost Ruth Bader Ginsburg. What a remarkably brave and courageous woman to continue to fight for all of us while battling for her own life. Her memory will be an inspiration to us all. This is what AAUW National had to say about our dear Ruth:

In



The following is a statement by AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches: America lost one of our most beloved role models tonight, a pioneering jurist and iconic feminist who blazed new trails, not only in her own life, but in the lives of the countless women she championed — and inspired. On behalf of AAUW and its members and supporters who recognized Justice Ginsburg with a 1999 AAUW Achievement

Award, we extend our condolences to her family, her colleagues and to every American whose lives and hearts she touched. The nation owes it to her — and to all women — to honor her final wishes and refrain from naming a replacement until after a new president is inaugurated.

September started our new program format every Tuesday. Wow! I am so proud of the VP of Programs Carol Hanson and all the Chairs and their teams. Their incredible work has provided such great programs for our enjoyment. Thank you.

We have many members holding positions that work behind the scenes to keep our organization working smoothly and soundly. Thank you to those who keep our financial picture healthy, keep our house beautiful, keep our records up to date, keep our artifacts and historic records safe, keep our membership informed and keep our website working and updated.

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Thank you **AAUW St. Paul members** for trusting in us to provide as many opportunities as possible in order to keep you informed, engaged in learning and contributing to our communities in need as we navigate our shared COVID-19 world. I am in awe of your loyalty to AAUW-St. Paul. Please keep checking your email for announcements of what is happening. Please check our website at aauwstpaul.org for the current issue of the *990 News* and other important information.

Starting out on a sad note is great incentive to end with a few smiles. I often find we need as many chances to smile or laugh as we can get. The best quote I've heard recently: "I'm not turning my clock back in November. Who needs more of 2020?" (Author unknown)

My very best to you and keep holding on tight!

Pam Lande, President

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**What if they close grocery stores and we have to hunt for our food?
I don't even know where Little Debbie lives 🙄**



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

We are continuing to learn and grow with our programs! What a fall! This is not usual in any way, but I don't need to point that out. I appreciate everyone's willingness to join our programs and keep AAUW-St. Paul as vibrant as it has been in the past. With all that we are missing, our programs and wonderful speakers are still here. Thank you and I hope to see you in person when we can.

11:00 a.m. Programs

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81368069151?pwd=NU10SEFhN3ZBTEZ6L1JjMyt6WIFEZz09>

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

Book Committee's Report

WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

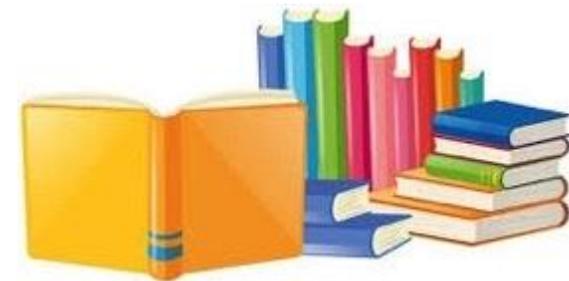
The Book Ends have been hard at work. We've priced the books that were given to us over the summer. We've re-organized, cleaned, and painted in the salesroom, and re-shelved books. We're eager to have you visit us.

The West Saint Paul Boy Scouts gave us an afternoon in August to take books that aren't for our usual buyers to other outlets. We appreciate their help (and strong arms!)

The Book Ends are in the basement on Wednesday mornings and enjoy meeting everyone (with proper precautions, of course).

If you can't come on Wednesdays, the space is open during normal house hours (not Tuesdays), and purchases are on the honor system. There is a bowl on the table for your money.

The Book Ends
Ann Heider, Tersenia Schuett, Sharon Ahern,
and Kathleen Flynn



November 10, 2020
11:00 a.m.

SECOND TUESDAY
Alzheimer's and Exercise
Sue Greimel



Ms. Sue Greimel is a retired electrical engineer who decided at age 50 to return to graduate school to study Alzheimer's disease and to earn a master's degree in Neuroscience from the University of Minnesota in November of 2013.

Ms. Greimel began as a volunteer in the Aerobic Exercise and Alzheimer's Disease Study (FIT-AD Trial) and was tasked with developing the REDCap database. Ms. Greimel then progressed to a part-time paid position and ultimately became the Assistant to the Principal Investigator. She was also the Project Manager for that program and several other exercise-related studies. She has co-authored publications, including "Strategies to Engage Older Adults with Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia in Exercise: A Multiple Case Study." Ms. Greimel has just re-retired due to impacts of COVID-19.

Sandy Crum, Women's Issues Committee

Opulence and Splendor: The Italian Influence **1:00 p.m.**
Cléa Galhano, recorder, Don Livingston harpsichord, Guest artist: Joe Jones, Dulcian and Bassoon

In a program featuring compositions of 17th Century composers, Brazilian recorder artist Ms. Cléa Galhano has performed in the United States, Canada, South America, and Europe as a solo and chamber musician collaborating with a wide variety of artists. She has appeared at numerous music festivals both in America and through Europe. As a featured soloist, Ms. Galhano has worked with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, New World Symphony, Musical Offering, and Lyra Baroque Orchestra. Currently, Ms. Galhano is the Executive Artistic Director of the St. Paul Conservatory of Music.



Opulence and Splendor: The Italian Influence, continued.

In addition, she is a faculty member at Macalester College and Music Director of the Recorder Orchestra of the Midwest.



Keyboardist Donald Livingston collaborates with musicians from across the musical spectrum. As founding director of the Twin Cities Early Music Festival and director of Ensemble Sprezzatura, he has performed with such ensembles as Bach Sinfonia, Música Antigua (Panama City), La Donna Musicale, Lyra Baroque, and Glorious Revolution

Baroque, Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, as well as with numerous soloists. Mr. Livingston has sung with the Rose Ensemble and the Pro Arte Singers under the direction of Thomas Binkley and Paul Hillier at the Historical Performance Institute of Music at Indiana University where he studied organ and historical keyboard performance. He is currently organist at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Austin and Lecturer of Organ and Harpsichord at the University of Texas Butler School of Music.

Dulcian and Bassoonist Joseph Jones began studying the bassoon at age 12. Several years and many concerts later he is a professional bassoonist. In 2013 Mr. Jones was awarded a McKnight Foundation "Next Step" grant to help purchase a baroque bassoon and explore his love of baroque music. Currently pursuing a graduate diploma in historical performance at the Juilliard school, he is kept busy playing with the J415 ensemble. Other groups he has performed with on baroque bassoon include American Bach Soloists, Lyra Baroque Orchestra, and Oratory Sacred Bach.



Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

November 17, 2020
9:30 a.m.

THIRD TUESDAY
Great Decisions
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11:00 a.m.

Farming with Love for Mother Earth
Kayla Pridmore

We are all aware that where our food comes from matters. We know that row crops and factory farms create significant pollution and erosion which have a negative impact on both our ecosystems and our health. This presentation will be about the Women’s Environmental Institute (WEI) and what the Institute is doing to solve the problems.



Our speaker is Ms. Kayla Pridmore, and she will discuss both sustainable and regenerative farming that is being done by the WEI, and how they are partnering with farmers to change farming practices. She will also present ways that all of us can contribute to being part of the solution in our everyday lives.

Marilyn Baeker, Public Policy and Environment Committee

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

Carol Hanson will be leading the discussion of the following poems found in the booklet from last year: “Woman” is on page. 22 and “Dawn Revisited” is on page 24. They are both included as well in this publication on page 12. Please join us via Zoom to discuss these poems.

Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com for more information.



2:30 p.m. Summit Avenue Readers
See page 14 for more Information.

December 1, 2020
11:00 a.m.

FIRST TUESDAY
The Legacy of Apartheid in
South Africa
Henry Berman



South Africa’s state-sponsored system of racism called apartheid ended in dramatic fashion in 1991 with the inspirational leadership of Nelson Mandela. But the transition to a participatory democracy has been uneven at best. The initial high expectations have not yet been realized. We will examine the tragic legacy of apartheid and the current challenges for this pivotal African nation.

After 34 years of working for Ecolab. Mr. Henry Berman retired, and he has been a member of the Great Decisions Speakers Bureau for several years. His focus has been on the Middle East and Africa.

Fran Field, Global Issues Committee

1:00 p.m.

Trailblazers Among Us
J. R. Hardman



Reenactress is a documentary film that explores the history and experiences of female Civil War reenactors and living historians who dress as male soldiers to fight on the battlefield. Ms. J.R. Hardman is Operations Manager for Sundance Institute Artist Programs in Park City, Utah. She manages event logistics including venues, catering, staff and presenter travel, volunteers, community outreach, and on-site execution for public sessions, community screenings, and intensives for artists and audiences throughout the country.

Kay Hoskins, Board of Director

December 8, 2020

SECOND TUESDAY 9:30 a.m.
Great Decisions
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GREAT DECISIONS

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THIRD TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.

China's Road into Latin America by Margaret Myers

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence?" Grab a cup of coffee and join us with this Zoom link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150837058>

December 8, 2020

SECOND TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

BONUS Great Decisions morning! Despite COVID-19 and all the changes in our lives, we wanted to be sure this topic was discussed! In 2000 it was estimated that at least 700,000 people were trafficked into slavery annually worldwide. This includes forced labor, sex trafficking, and forced marriage. Billions of dollars have been allocated to efforts to eliminate these practices. What is the international community doing to combat slavery and trafficking? What are the experiences like for those being trafficked?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84861051836>

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

POETRY COMMITTEE---AAUW Poetry Booklet

Dear AAUW Poets,

More poem types for the AAUW COVID collection

The past poem types have included the haiku and the prose poem. Our next poems are FREE VERSE which is a poem without a rhyme and regular meter. The HAIBUN is even easier, and maybe more fun.

First do a prose poem. Perhaps a little shorter. Make it something you have feelings about. THEN COMES THE FUN---comment, summarize, rebut, anything you want (!) in three lines. I like the 5-7-5 syllabication of the HAIKU.

Another interesting poem is the ABECEDARIAN poem.

Use the whole alphabet. Each line starts with A to Z and if you make each line roughly the same length, it looks better. Or use a word like COVID. The important thing isn't that it's artsy. The important thing is that's it's your *true* experience, discovery, comment, or statement.

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 to
provide titles
for your poems!



AAUW Poetry, continued.

It is our first official start of the AAUW's collection of poems from our members relating to our experiences of COVID. It will all start with Pauline! This poem is written and titled by Margo Hinke for the robot created by her five-year-old granddaughter, Sydney, while the family stayed with her during COVID time.

Pauline **by Margo Hinke**

Gramma's junk drawer is loaded with stuff
 To create art there's always enough.
 Pieces of wire, wooden pegs, plugs and string,
 Key rings, nuts, bolts, and many curious things
 Plastic straws and forks, widgets, and paper plates,
 Held together by glue and lots of scotch tape,
 All come together during Covid-19.
 To form a robot named Pauline.

COVID-19 Musings **by Pam Lande**

Can't know what will be.
Oh I miss physically seeing loved ones.
Video "Zoom" helps open the world.
I can be grateful for small things.
Donate what I can to help those struggling.

1 World hurting
9 Deaths on 9/12. So sorry this happened to you.

Change in the Air **by Pam Lande**

Trapped by our own breath-wearing masks protect to a degree.
 How long will it be until we are able to roam and move free?

There is a peace and gentleness that the quiet brings to me.
 Maybe this "virus" time will initiate a slowing in lifestyles. We'll see.

AAUW Poetry, continued.

This spring, when COVID-19 became an issue, my son and daughter-in-law came from NYC to stay in Minnesota. I was taking care of my seven-year-old granddaughter, Cici and her five-year-old sister Sydney (the one who made the robot that inspired my poem) for a couple of weeks while their parents worked. Cici is gifted and has been reading since she was two years old. When she isn't reading, she likes to write, especially poetry. She and her sister live in an apartment in NYC, so coming to Minnesota and staying in a home surrounded by the woods by a lake was a new experience. They went on nature hikes every day and found toads that they adopted as pets and kept and fed for a couple weeks at a time. Each girl had a toad.

Cici's toad inspired this poem that she wrote with no prompting and no help from anyone else. She changed the poem from toad to "frog" because in her words, "It was easier to rhyme."

My Pet Frog
by Cici Davey-Gislason, age 7

We were wildly exploring.
 We thought it was literally boring.
 We found a frog; it was on a log.
 It was extremely cute.
 Like nature's GOLD, it was loot!
 We'll treasure her forever.
 Despise her? Never!
 She homes herself in a bucket-we really lucked it!
 "CROAK." Hey, Hopster, I'm trying to write a poem here!
 "Ahh," "Croak." "Ugh...."

Please keep sending those poems in!

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Committee Chair

Donations for Schools

Temperatures are beginning to drop. AAUW-St Paul is collecting school supplies and winter clothing for St. Paul City School which serves pre-school through grade 12 children and their families.



The school supplies help the students continue their lessons, both at home (for most of them) and at school (for the children of emergency workers and the homeless). From the youngest preschoolers at the Primary School to the seniors at River's Edge Academy, 90% of the student body qualify for the free-and reduced lunch. It is the generosity of people in the community who provide these students with many of their basic needs.

While working from home, with varying office hours at the three school buildings, the social workers are doing all they can to help the families hardest hit by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, let alone their pre-existing conditions. I have already delivered bags of supplies and winter clothing to the school for distribution among the families, and from the over-stressed staff I received words of their gratitude.

Please keep the school supplies and winter wear coming. Thank you for helping these kids, ages toddler to senior high, who are trying to continue their education during this difficult time. Thank you!

Kim Blair, Donations for Schools Coordinator

kimblair928@gmail.com or 651-773-0684

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 login information is located on the computer.



Community Outreach

The past seven months have been trying for everybody, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, societal injustice to people of color, and the economic uncertainty for families who lost their employment, and their homes. The tent colonies in the city parks give evidence to the increasing hardship many wage-earners suffered. AAUW-St. Paul's Community Outreach is working to help our neighbors.



While the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted our nation with more than 200,000 dead in a half year, (that is rapidly approaching the death toll experienced by a four-year period of major warfare), the pandemic has also forced changes to our society. Our branch has the opportunity to form new partnerships and become more visible in the community.

AAUW-St. Paul has its legacy of helping people in our community through the Annual Book Sale, College Scholarships for local women and the Action Fund supporting causes benefitting women and children, etc. As a Scholarship Trust alumna said, in order to benefit our society, we can BE THE ACTION. There are boxes for food, school supplies, hygiene items, and winter clothes in the branch office at 990 Summit Avenue for our neighbors in need:

- **School Supplies.** St Paul City School & Rivers Edge High School serve more than 600 students, pre-school through Grade 12. Needed: dry erase markers, backpacks, glue sticks, facial tissues, pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pocket folders, rulers, single subject notebooks, note cards, composition notebooks, loose-leaf lined paper, hand sanitizer, Clorox cleaning wipes, band-aids, Chapstick, etc.

Community Outreach, continued.

- **Hygiene.** Ujamaa Place helps young African American men (primarily aged 18-30) who have experienced repeated cycles of failure. Ujamaa Place seeks help from the women in our community to provide these young men with hygiene products to not only survive the pandemic but also to restore their dignity to their peers, family and friends. Needed: All sizes of soap, shampoo, deodorant, facial tissues, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, etc.
- **Winter Clothing.** Ninety percent of St. Paul City School and River's Edge High School students are economically disadvantaged and people of color. COVID and its after-effects escalate their families' unemployment and homelessness. Needed: coats, boots, hats and mittens/gloves, etc. Let's help these kids stay warm so they can concentrate on their studies.
- **Food.** On average, Interfaith Action, Department of Indian Works annually feeds 18,000 meals to hungry families. There is a greater need this year. What is needed: snack foods, boxed and canned milk, soup mixes, dried potatoes, pinto beans, baked beans, rice, spaghetti and sauce, chicken, tuna, beef stew, tomatoes, applesauce, fruits, juices, peanut butter, jam, etc. **And:** vinyl gloves, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, toothbrushes, etc. Financial gifts are also accepted online at interfaithaction.org/donate OR by check, payable to Interfaith Action of Greater St Paul, 1671 Summit Avenue, St Paul, MN 55105.

Thank you to everyone who contributes time, money, supplies, and clothing. If you have additional ideas how Community Outreach may help other causes in future, please send your ideas to plan for action in 2021-2022 to kimblair928@gmail.com or 651-773-0684. Thank you!

Kim Blair, Community Outreach

Joy Davis's Literature Seminar Selections

W O M A N

Nikki Giovanni (b. 1943)

she wanted to be a blade
of grass amid the fields
but he wouldn't agree
to be a dandelion

she wanted to be a robin singing
through the leaves
but he refused to be
her tree

she spun herself into a web
and looking for a place to rest
turned to him
but he stood straight
declining to be her corner

she tried to be a book
but he wouldn't read

she turned herself into a bulb
but he wouldn't let her grow

she decided to become
a woman
and though he still refused
to be a man
she decided it was all
right



Joy Davis's Literature Seminar, continued.

"Dawn Revisited"

Rita Dove (b. 1952)

Imagine you wake up
with a second chance: The blue jay
hawks his pretty wares
and the oak still stands, spreading
glorious shade. If you don't look back,

the future never happens.
How good to rise in sunlight,
in the prodigal smell of biscuits—
eggs and sausage on the grill.
The whole sky is yours

to write on, blown open
to a blank page. Come on,
shake a leg! You'll never know
who's down there, frying those eggs,
if you don't get up and see.



Please consider submitting a poem to be published!

In a prose and poetry anthology entitled *A 21st Century Plague: Poetry and Prose of a Pandemic*, writer/editor seeks submissions of 36 lines of poetry, counting spaces. Short prose: 1,000 words max, double spaced. Include all contact information.

Deadline: November 30. Please submit via e-mail with work embedded. E-mail: eclift@vermontel.net.

Mystery Hour Book Club

Contact cjoliver333@gmail.com for further information.



November 24, 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.

January 26, 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 23, 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?

Mystery Hour Book Club, continued.

March 23, 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 27, 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.

May 25, 2021

Murder on The Red River
by Marcie Rendon

Life on the plains of the Red River Valley of Northwestern Minnesota is the only world known by 19-year-old Cash Blackbear, an Ojibway woman who drives sugar beet trucks in the 1970s. She also finds herself unexpectedly attending freshman classes at Moorhead State in the 1970s. Many new experiences challenge her. Can they be worse any than in what she has already survived?

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

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 **November 17, 2020** **2:30 p.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** **2:30 p.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** **2:30 p.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** **2:30 p.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** **2:30 p.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** **2:30 p.m.**

The Good Neighborhood **by Therese Anne Fowler**

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

Shannon LeClair, Discussion Leader

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 Stuart is our Webmaster, and you can contact her at pstewart@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!

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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.



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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



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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 990treasurerrequest@gmail.com.