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NEWS**

**May, June, July,
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2021**

**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!

Please feel free to connect with me! Contact me at any of the addresses below. Please stay safe and well!

Until we meet again,
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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 664.

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-CgueJqqAlGBhj3PDXIkk3h7J5qx?usp=sharing>

All program honorarium requests should be sent to Carol Hanson at vpprograms@aauwstpaul.org

From the Nominations Committee

A new Nominations Committee is being formed. Please stand by for more information!

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.

The new password for the protected pages on our website (aauwstpaul.org) such as the 990 News is 664. The old password (990) has been "retired."

Our Programs

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

Help Needed!

Please consider taking over The Museum of Russian Art tour coordination. Contact Carol Hanson at carolehanson6@gmail.com or Julia Lyon at juliabl@comcast.net for more information.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A President's Musings

Ahhh May—and summer is coming soon. Do we dare take a breath and slowly start to reclaim the parts of our lives that we so miss? I hope you've been able to stay healthy and get your vaccine. Our membership getting vaccinated, and the virus receding will be integral to us coming back together this summer and fall.



I'm excited to see you at our "Celebrating Us" May 11, 2021 annual meeting on Zoom and our "Garden Party Reunion Gala" on June 8, 2021 **IN PERSON!** The August Tea is always a charming and delicious event and I can't wait to wear a dress and see all the fun hats you'll be wearing. We have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to this year.



The years 2020 and the start of 2021 brought both heartbreak and learning. Below are some words and phrases we've learned or re-learned:

Shelter-in-place	Social distancing	Proper hand washing
Mask wearing	Droplets	Aerosols
Curbside pickup	Zoom	Asymptomatic
Super-spreader	Flattening the curve	Self-isolation
PPE	N95	Ventilators
Long haulers	Antiviral drugs	Lockdown

There will be positive things which result from this pandemic. Winston Churchill was right when he said the following during World War II: "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste." Here are a few benefits that come to mind:

- smarter and more proficient use of technology
- better and more genuine relationships with friends
- more affordable digitized education
- more awareness and attention to hygiene
- more volunteering in our neighborhoods and organizations
- gratitude for healthcare workers, teachers, food suppliers, and delivery drivers
- moments of thoughtfulness and restoration.
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As we slowly close this AAUW year, I feel so proud that we handled what we could the very best we could. You were all a part of that and I thank you so very much. I hope you can feel my "virtual" hug!



Hang on tight until we see each other again.

Pam Lande, President

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SCHOLARSHIP TRUST REPORT

The Trustees of the St. Paul College Club, Inc. AAUW Scholarship Trust have chosen the 2021-22 winning scholars. We had almost 40 applications from outstanding young women. The decisions were difficult yet exciting. Here are this year's outstanding recipients:



SALMAH ELMASRY attends Mounds Park Academy. She will go to Georgetown University majoring in International Studies and Women's Initiatives.

KATHERINNE FOX attends North Saint Paul High School. Katherinne has been accepted at both Harvard and Stanford and is in the process of deciding which one she will attend. She wants to major in public health with plans to attend graduate school to become a Physician Assistant.

EDIE WEINSTEIN is a senior at Visitation Academy. Her decision is between Barnard College and University of Dublin where she will double major in English and Music in order to use her creative juices.

All three women are exceptional. They are poised to put their positive stamp on our world.

In addition, the Trust awarded a Returning Woman Scholarship of a one year \$2,000 stipend to AURORA GARCIA. This is the second year for Aurora to receive this scholarship. She attends St. Catherine University majoring in Sonography. She is married with children and lives in Burnsville.

Thank you to our members and donors for your support of the Scholarship Trust.

Judith Searles, Scholarship Trust

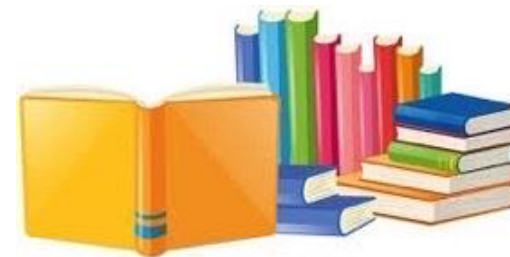


BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

**** COME AND VISIT THE ONGOING BOOK SALE ****

The Book Sale, usually held in April, will not take place this spring.

The Book Ends have spiffed up the basement bookstore like never before! It's been reorganized and scoured to welcome members for shopping on Wednesday mornings, or any time the house is open. Come on down and check it out!



We have several hundred current books including many newer mysteries. Please think about how much further your purchasing power goes when you spend your book dollars here, and before you hit the "BUY" button on your Amazon account. Our Scholarship Trust thanks you for your support.

With hopes to make up for the cancellation of our last two big April book sale events, a "Pop-Up" book sale will be held May 26 and 27, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Plan to stop by, and please invite your friends and neighbors. Masks will be required, and we will be monitoring for safe shopping. Stock up now for summer reading!

Tersenia Schuett for the Book Ends

***The Book Ends Committee Members:
Ann Heider, Tersenia Schuett, Sharon Ahern,
and Kathleen Flynn***

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

We have certainly had the test of fire with our programs this past year. We are happy that we could provide the same quality programs that we have had in the past, even though we have not been able to meet in person. I hope for changes in the near future so that we can go back to our beautiful house and wonderful lunches.

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=NU10SEFhN3ZBTEZ6L1JjMyt6WlFEZz09>

1:00 p.m. Programs

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82437553978?pwd=NzR1dnBHTXhYxcDFH aEo4dEtQSnIxQT09>

Please try to view the programs that are on YouTube in advance and have your questions ready to ask. 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!



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How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

STEM Title IX Pathways to Jobs

Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy Research



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

Pay Equity Title VII Retirement Security

Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Career Workplace Training

Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the address below or made online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

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May 4, 2021

SECOND TUESDAY

41st Annual Poetry Day

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

Many of you have done it before. I hope hope hope that previous readers will ship me an email. and volunteer to read; just as important, I hope that new writers will take the opportunity to read on zoom. It's a lot easier than in person!

More about types of poems, rather than wading through myriad types of poems, just create a category on the spot. Well easy. I recently wrote a 'scientific' poem. My friend wrote a "letter" poem. You can make up your style.

When the morning of poetry day comes, I hope all those who are sending their poems to the Historical Society and the Smithsonian will be reading their poems. The poems and pictures will be in our poetry day booklet.

Every time I say that I must hope that our Poetry Book Goddess, Carol Sheggeby will make us the beneficiary of her favors again.

HERE'S AN OLD ONE I FOUND:

A Birthday Poem by Marla Kennedy

Even though you're ninety-three
don't forget that I love thee.

You can do that! Get writing!



Below are two COVID poems from Judy Urban.

THE FIRST POEMS SHE EVER WROTE! I told her I loved her first poem and wished I had written her second one, and boy did I mean that!

Nature Lesson **by Judy Urban**

In the middle of an ice storm, a flock of finches appeared at our feeder.
Brilliant yellow feathers now a dingy beige,
Yet they drew me to my window with their sweet chirps and twitterings.
In polite fashion, like elderly ladies at a tea,
They took turns swooping down to the feeder, snatching up a seed, and
Darting back to the bare branch of a nearby tree.
All the while joined in a chorus of excitement at discovering this little
Pocket of nourishment, to see them through the coming blizzard.
A surprising harbinger of spring in the dead of winter.
Did you send them to me?
A reminder of the many blessings surrounding me,
Even in the monotonous dead of this COVID winter?
The beauty of your love breaks gently through the routine of my days.
You are there.

Good Morning **by Judy Urban**

Cold, grey, windy day.
I open the kitchen cupboard,
Shiny clean dishes stacked in cheerful piles
Greet me. Ready for the day.
At your service.
One takes small pleasures where one finds them
On this COVID morning.

LIFE GOES ON CATEGORY**Emergency Medicine Service in the Upper Midwest**
by Carol Oeltjenbruns

A gentle, thoughtful, kind man discussed the plan with his wife
Should he accept the challenge to organize the emergency room?
Yes, he would with stipulations--
It becomes a department and I am in charge without your interference.
So begins the development of a brand-new branch of medicine—
Emergency Medical Services –
Considered to be the second in the United States by six months.
Curriculum, procedures, equipment, training for residents, nurses,
And even ambulance drivers.
Standards and guidelines for care and procedures.
Inventions of new equipment – the aorta compressor, intubation tubes,
Training materials for the new procedures

Just because we never did it before doesn't mean it won't work.
We need a breath, a heartbeat as soon as they arrive—
No, no, no, no we can save lives if we get it before they arrive.
Ambulance drivers need to be trained and given equipment.
Teamwork that's what we need to get the job done.
Crisis Intervention, Suicide Hotline, Poison Control. We need it all.
All the training, all the ideas; so much to do to start saving lives.
We need to get the word out to all of Minnesota—
Seminars, hands-on training on site, consultation for assistance,
And sharing expertise.



Teamwork that's what we need, not just in the
department
But all the departments in the metro when
disasters come.
All to save lives here and around the world.
Ever a gentle, kind, quiet man guided the
revolution
Ernie Ruiz left us November 2020.

DANGER CATEGORY**The Bright Side**
Lande**by Pam**

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.

DAILY WORRIES CATEGORY**COVID-19****by Pam Lande**

C an't know what will be.
O h I miss physically seeing loved ones.
V ideo "Zoom" helps open the world.
I can be grateful for small things.
D o what I can to help those struggling.

1 World hurting

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

COVID-19 HAIKU**by Carol Hanson****On Hold**

COVID-19 is
Interrupting me and mine
My life is on hold

The Children**by Margo Hinke's grandchild**

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.
 All to save lives here and around the world.
 Ever a gentle, kind, quiet man guided the revolution
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My Mother, Irene by Margo Hinke

My Mother, Irene, is 104
Young for her age, looks 80, no more.

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Mother of nine, with 29 grands and 59 greats!
On the phone all day, via GrandPad until late
The aides attend to her needs, day to day
Her confinement is tough, but anyway
Entirely aware, up on family news
Readily healthy, tired of get-together taboos
 -
In her apartment day after day._
Reminiscing, reflecting, awaiting reprieve
Enclosed for months, who would have
 believed?
Never imagined Covid, the virus endemic
Every day praying for the end to the
 pandemic.

**Let's Hear It For:****by Marla Kennedy**

Two below,
 a meeting today
 on zoom.
 Hooray hooray hooray

My Favorite Covid Game**by Marla Kennedy**

Them - children's eyes
 not sad, but on their *qui vive*
 eyes saying
 "This is a little different"

Me - trying to be *a touch of Harry in the night*,
 "You look so darling in your mask"
 Mom: "Say thank you."
 Them: "Thank you"
 Two eyes give me a big smile,
 Works every time,
 Like taking candy from a baby.

Next Time**by Marla Kennedy**

I would have the nerve to write letters to the editor telling the bully boys
 that if they have a mother or grandmother, they are the ones they are going
 to die.

What I've Learned**by Marla Kennedy (haiku)**

It could be much worse.
 I'm pretty good company

11:00 a.m.

The Body of the World
Mary Moore Easter

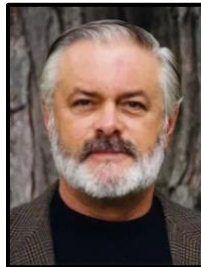


Ms. Mary Moore Easter, who founded and directed the dance program at Carleton College, is also a forceful and mesmerizing speaker who has been “in the tradition of Maya Angelou.” Her recent collection of poetry, *The Body of the World*, was a 2019 Minnesota Book Award finalist. It contains some of her most personal poetry, ranging from her time spent in Paris in the 1960s to a conversation between Jefferson’s mistress Sally Hemmings and Harriet Jacobs, who hid in an attic for seven years to avoid contact with her slave master. The book’s centerpiece is a sequence of sonnets that respond to the terracotta army buried with the first emperor of China. *Please tune in to this link before the discussion* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZFHO8Ebmy8>

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Committee Chair

1:00 p.m.

Inspiration
Ken McCullough



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

Mr. McCullough’s most recent books of poetry are *Sicomoro*, *Oropéndola* (published in Colombia), *Broken Gates*, and *Dark Stars*, as well as a book of stories, *Left Hand*. A recipient of numerous grants and awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, Mr. McCullough’s long career has been spent in education. *Please tune in to this link before the discussion* <https://youtu.be/bnFBRk7iTA>

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Committee Chair

May 11, 2021

SECOND TUESDAY

CELEBRATING US!

10:00 a.m. to noon.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED BUDGET—MEG SWANSON
3. BYLAWS CHANGES ACCEPTANCE—CAROL GREGORSON
4. REPORTS FROM PROPERTY AND SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
5. NOMINEES FOR 2021-2023 POSITIONS—JUDY FORD and MOLLY BONIN. ELECTION OF SLATE OF NOMINEES
6. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS and CHAIRS
7. RECOGNITION OF HOUSE STAFF—BRIAN QUIST
8. RECOGNITION OF THE BOOK ENDS
9. RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS
10. RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS
11. AAUW HONOREES AND OTHERS
12. INTRODUCTION OF THE FULL BOARD FOR 2021-2022
13. THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS



Join us for our GARDEN PARTY REUNION GALA



June 8, 2021

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come and visit with your friends!
Masks will be required. More details will
be provided later.

AAUW's Happy Hour Zoom Meeting

Third Tuesdays

May 18, June 15, July 20, and August

Treat yourself and tune into the Zoom meeting!

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83380708751?pwd=elhUVDVuc2R6TzBVZ1NmcEJyQ3FBQT09>



Meeting ID: 833 8070 8751

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT



This year, communication and technology, more than ever, have become key for our organization and so the following organization changes have been made:

The name of the Visibility/Publicity Committee has been changed to the Communications

Committee. This committee will have the following members: *990 News* Editor, eBlast Manager, Web Manager, Social Media Manager, Newsletter Manager (*Timely Report*), Public Relations Manager, and Technology Manager. All external publicity should be channeled through the Communications Chair. This change will help us be more cohesive and will help strengthen our brand.

Here's our committee so far: Carol Hanson will continue as the *990 News* Editor, Leslie Sworsky will continue as the eBlast Manager, Carol Sheggeby will continue as our *Timely Report* Newsletter editor, and JoAnne Tomczak will be our new Web Manager and is transitioning into this role right now.

JoAnne has previous website experience, and she worked on representative Liz Reyer's campaign website. She also works on her acupuncturist's website! Welcome JoAnne!

I am looking for a public relations manager, and a social media manager. If you are interested, please let me know, psteuart@gmail.com.

Pam Steuart, Communications Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee continues to work on projects on our property. The Lawn and Garden Subcommittee voted to have Cecelia plant our planters and gardens this spring.



Joanne Gustafson, a returning member who is a Master Gardener, is taking over as chair of the subcommittee. Other members are Nancy Anson, Tamra Maughan, Margaret Hall, and Carol Hanson. This photo was taken last summer as the Property Committee was enjoying looking at the house and gardens.



Let's Talk about Race

Please watch for more information on the great "Let's About Race" discussions! We are happy to announce that they will be continued. The Pulitzer Center's work on topics regarding race will be the backbone of these discussions. We will be exploring personal and societal bias. Please email Marjorie Williams at milliam@comcast.net or call 651-274-4036, or 651-777-0446 for more information.

Mystery Hour Book Club

Discussions are led by Carolyn Oliver

Contact cjoliver333@gmail.com for further information.

Mystery Hour takes place on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Link for the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81554763172?pwd=VjRXTFIBWUpONUFpY2RncWhUeHJkZz09>

9:30 a.m.

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 in which to run free. Boady can only dream of moving away from the ingrained racism of the small town of Jessup, Montana. The unsolved disappearance of Lila Poe and the new Black family across the road change Boady's life forever.

10:00 a.m.

May 25, 2021

***Murder on the Red River / Girl Gone Missing*
by Marcie Rendon**

Two books follow the adventures of Cash Blackbear, growing up in the 1970s in the Fargo-Moorhead area on the plains of the Red River Valley. Read both books, or either one, to understand her life and confront the challenges and mysteries she encounters. (The Minneapolis author is a member of the White Earth Nation, playwright, poet, and community arts activist. < https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bneb0_aOj0>)

10:00 a.m.

June 22, 2021

***The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron**

Set in the wilds of Maine, this is the suspenseful tale of an estranged son thrust into the hunt for a murderous fugitive—his own father. The *Poacher's Son* is taut and engrossing, the first in a series featuring Game Warden Mike Bowditch. Hold on tightly—the rushing water is dangerous!

10:00 a.m.

July 27, 2021

***The Wolf Wants In* by Laura McHugh**

Rural Kansas is full of many more secrets than one would expect. Crime and opioid overdoses are on the rise and untimely deaths entangle Sadie Keller and Henley Pettit, who are trying to uncover family mysteries without becoming victims themselves. The atmospheric and chilling setting intensifies as things unravel . . .

10:00 a.m.

AUG. 24, 2021

***The Searcher* by Tana French**

Set in the western countryside of Ireland, this begins as a compelling novel of rural Irish life, but soon takes a mysterious turn. As seen through the eyes of an American outsider, Cal Hooper, a retired Chicago cop, thought buying a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape after twenty-five years on the Chicago police force. He was wrong.



Summit

Avenue

Readers

The Summit Avenue Readers will be moving to the first Tuesday of the month beginning in September of 2021. They will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. More details will be released closer to the first meeting.

Also, the Summit Avenue Readers' book selections will be announced when they have finished selecting their books.

Watch for more news! Everyone is welcome!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



Offices	Nominees	Term (all 2021-23 unless noted)
President-Elect	Carol Hanson	
VP Program	Marjorie Williams	2021-22
VP for Membership	Becky Davidson Sue Talley	
VP for Fundraising	Mary Chorewycz	
Recording Secretary	Maggie Grohs	
Branch Treasurer	Margaret Swanson	
<u>Standing Committee Chairs:</u>		
Communications	Pam Steuart	
Historian:	Kim Blair	
Public Policy	Jerri Smith. JoAnne Tomczak	
<u>Program Committee Chairs</u>		
Global Issues	Jan Anderson	
Diversity	Deb Varner Barb Gilbertson	
Outstanding Women (formerly known as Women's Issues)	Jane Tschida	2021-22
Evening Programs	Jan Anderson	
<u>Nominations Committee</u>	Still in the process of filling positions	

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is our AAUW group that meets from September to April to discuss topics of international importance. These topics, the briefing books, and the videos which support our discussions are from the Foreign Policy Association.



Here are a few things to watch in the news while we aren't meeting during the summer:

China in Africa
The melting Arctic
The Korean Peninsula
Globalization
International organizations in a global pandemic

It's certain there will be news and developments to watch! We'll order new books this fall and begin with a whole new group of topics in February, 2022.

Several members have asked if we could post the video online in advance as we post speaker videos. We don't have permission to do that. If you would like to preview the film, you can do this individually on the Vimeo site. They do have a "COVID rate" at this time. If you're interested, let me know and I'll send you the details.

The very best part of Great Decisions is the discussions we have. Our members have such rich backgrounds and deep interests that we all walk away having learned more about the topic and about each other.

Please consider joining us! It's a great way to connect with other members as we learn together.

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

PUTTING A FACE WITH A NAME Janice Quist

Hello,
Often at AAUW, I am introduced as “Brian’s mom” and it makes me smile since I am proud of what he has accomplished for our club. It is an honor to be able to introduce myself, Janice Quist, to many of the new members I see at our Zoom meetings. I have been an AAUW member for twenty-two years, since I retired from teaching art at South St. Paul High School. AAUW member, Kay Hoskins, was my teaching colleague, travelling partner and is my good friend. At AAUW St. Paul I have

been active in behind-the-scenes support for our business, finance, and web pages.

I was a single mother to my sons, Carlton and Brian, since Brian was a one-year-old. Their father spent much time with the boys and developed strong relationships with them. I did Grandma-sitting for my grandsons Ethan (18), Owen (15) and Adam (12) on Wednesdays for 15 years. They are Brian’s boys.



My son Brian



Adam, Ethan, Owen, and DIL Shelley



I love visiting my timeshare condo on Lake Superior at Two Harbors six weeks a year where I can enjoy nature, photography, and watercolor painting. Television and knitting complement each other for me, especially when watching talking heads. Carol Hanson recently introduced me to a knitting project called Knitted Knockers, so I am making comfortable knit

prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. I’ve also knit many afghans and hats. My house has two bay windows with good lighting where I grow and propagate violets.



AAUW membership adds quality to my life and is where I learn, meet, and work with competent, strong, and interesting women. We achieve much working together as volunteers. I encourage new members to volunteer for a committee or job for a richer experience.

Garden parties this summer will be a good step on the way back to normality. I hope to meet you there.



My son Carlton

Blast from The Past

by Janice Quist



In my experience, our Branch has always been solid, with good programs, leadership, and lunches. But maybe, in today's flush of financial business success, war

stories about the painful past of the business will be interesting.

Fifteen years ago, the St. Paul College Club business and its finances were in bad straits, which later became desperate straits. We lost \$100,000 on the business one year and in another were more than 90 days delinquent on our basic bills, such as groceries, phone, utilities. We only survived that emergency when one of our past presidents, who lived in Florida, was contacted and sent us \$25,000. We seriously thought that we would not be able to keep up the operation of the house and talked of selling it.

Consultants were brought in and were expensive. They were interested in holding meetings of the stakeholders which were unproductive, but they wrote beautiful reports.



One suggestion a consultant made was to convert our building to a bed and breakfast to be able to afford it. The other consultant questioned our financial data, did we have enough? Was it reliable? He was right, we didn't have enough data on profit and loss, and it was not reliable.

It was difficult to change the situation since our employees were ineffective and entrenched. Their talk during coffee breaks was about how they could sue us if they were fired. We did fire the manager, and she did sue. One lawyer bill was \$10,000. The employee didn't get a settlement, but we were still out \$10,000 to the lawyer. Another employee was often compromised and erratic on the job. When we fired him, he had his lawyer call to intimidate us.



Members who remember those times have asked how we came through it, and the answer is that there were multiple factors: Many members volunteered their time and some their husbands' time too. Carolyn Oliver's husband spent a year setting up our QuickBooks accounting system and Dee Nelson's husband actually rebuilt the corner of the house over the kitchen entry along with many other work contributions. Another important factor was spending less money by renegotiating vendor contracts. Were we paying more for services because of our Summit Avenue address? So, we renegotiated, and with careful oversight, there was no loss of the quality of service. We cut our insurance costs by half and reduced the trash expenses, the linens, the flowers, the phone, the yard care, snow removal, and so on.

We are blessed with generous bequests from former members, which we have used to remodel and upgrade the house. A new slate roof, redesigned Great Hall, seven rebuilt chimneys, redone wooden floors, and new carpets, new windows, doors, ramps, and driveway are all a part of a short, incomplete list. Our Property Committee is active and funded with business dividends and bequests. The current project is a complete upgrade of the audio visual and sound system which should be done in the fall when we will be there to enjoy it!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Thank you for your ideas and assistance in making Community Outreach a success in 2020-2021 (Pam



Lande, Carol Byrne, Sue Talley, Becky Davidson, Jill Wall, Jane Tschida, Mary Rafferty, Kathy Rafferty, Alice Faribault, Nancy Scanlan, and Molly Bonin).

The details of our success are highlighted in the 2021 Annual Report.

Moving forward for 2021-2022, the following has been suggested:

- 1) Food Collections from the broader neighborhood of the college club, such as inviting the local colleges to participate in our Drive Through-Drop Off. Interfaith Action has been grateful for our support and we ought to continue supporting the food shelf.
- 2) Winterwear Collection, inviting another local organization to join our collection program to benefit the children and families of St Paul City School.
- 3) If you have surplus produce from your garden this summer, there are neighborhood organizations, or members, who would love to accept your surplus crop.
- 4) I seek new outreach opportunities for AAUW St. Paul to provide both in-kind donations and volunteer service-dates with local charitable organizations. The following have been recommended: Dress for Success, Listening House, Kids in Need, Second Harvest Heartland, Knitting Squares/bl ankets for orphan and foster children, Feeding the Dream (Frogtown area produce distribution), etc.

AAUW St. Paul can participate in the "It takes a village . . ." mission, to take care of each other in our community, persons of all ages, all genders, all races, and all religions. Do you have a special cause in the community where AAUW St. Paul could help? I need Your help! Please contact me!

Thank you!

Kim Blair, Community Outreach

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WeTALK REPORT

WeTALK is an opportunity for members to chat with each other. A topic is announced and then members come together to converse or just listen. There are a wide variety of topics including: family, science, technology, finance, hobbies, travel, etc. We hold our Zoom meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. all year around. There are also in-person discussions that will be held in the Library monthly once we resume meeting at the house. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members, laugh, learn new things, get ideas, share expertise, and even build new friendships. All are welcome!

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600957991?pwd=REQ1RFgwMXQ5M3hLekd5SEUzRGVvdz09>

Contact Judy Regan at jannregan@gmail.com or 612-790-8178 if you have questions/comments

WeTALK Topics for Summer and Fall 2021

Second and Fourth Thursdays	Discussion Topics
May 13	Plants in the Home or Garden
May 27	Famous People You Would Enjoy Dining With (Past or Present)
June 10	Wedding Gowns Past and Present
June 24	Health: Medical Care, Exercise, Diet
July 8	NO MEETING 4 th JULY WEEK
July 22	Writing Your Autobiography
August 12	The Minnesota State Fair
August 26	Security Inside and Outside our Homes
September 9	Streaming Television/Movies
September 23	Getting Started on Investing
October 14	Apps on our Phones (news, games, religion, etc.)
October 28	Home Decorating and Maintenance
November 11	Gift Selection and Giving
November 25	NO MEETING THANKSGIVING
December 9	Genealogy
December 23	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS WEEK

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The pandemic has provided time to reorganize where needed and continue filling in the gaps where able. I look forward to resuming this work with committee members Jan Anderson and Linda Spiess. I encourage officers and committee chairs to direct their unneeded notes and files to the Historian's mailbox at the Branch Office or contact me at minblair928@gmail.com.

These records are important to have as they tell our Branch story. Thank you.

Kim Blair, Historian

WEISMAN MUSEUM UPDATE



The Weisman museum and shop reopened February 11, 2021. They will be open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. There are no timed entries and no reservations. WAM student and community programming and arts education will continue online. In-person

group tours are suspended for now, but virtual tours and workshops are available on request by contacting wamtours@umn.edu

The Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum is an art museum located at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The museum was founded in 1934 and is named in honor of art collector Frederick R. Weisman. The architectural style is deconstructivism.

Museum capacity is limited to 25 percent or less at all times (no more than 120 people).

Mary Jo Skaggs, Weisman Tour Coordinator

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.



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 Shegbeby at cshegbeby@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. To submit articles and pictures, 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 Shegbeby at cshegbeby@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](https://www.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 Treasurer, Meg Swanson
m.e.g.swanson@hotmail.com

Thank you!