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### *Program Topics*

#### **New in 2017 - 2018**

- Environment
- Women Speak

#### **Continuing**

- The Arts
- Education
- Health
- Our Place in the World
- Public Policy
- Science and Technology
- Writers and Readers

#### **Focus Days**

- October 30: Climate
- January 29: That's Entertainment
- April 29: International Day: Russia

## *Leadership Message*

### *From the President . . .*

Dear AAUW Minneapolis Members,

As I sit on the porch of my cabin, savoring the lovely breeze, sunshine, and birds at the feeder, it is time to think about fall and the start of AAUW. I look forward to my second year as your president for many reasons.

First, I enjoy the responsibility and opportunity to get to know so many of you. I am eager to welcome and meet new members who joined after our second fall open house, which hasn't happened at this writing. Last year's event was a great success, and I hope the same was true for this year.

Of course, I look forward to the fabulous programs that are planned for the year. Thank you to the committees that spent time making this happen. One upcoming program I am involved in is the afternoon of Opening Day. Branch members and I who attended the June National AAUW Convention in Washington, DC, will report what we learned, what is new on the national front and what it was like to "storm the Hill" on Lobby Day. It was an amazing experience that we want to share with you.

Also, our Diversity Committee will begin its first full year with the goal of helping us become a more inclusive and diverse branch. Because we want to preserve our current economic diversity, this fall we will try a new program called "Pay It Forward." Having lunch together on Mondays is a highlight, but there are members that find this expense difficult on a regular basis. So to encourage members to stay more often, but ease the expense, "Pay It Forward" will be an option. Please look for the details about "Pay It Forward" on page 7 in this bulletin.

This fall we also begin our search to fill the shoes of

Carol Jones, our office manager, who will be retiring in January.

Enjoy the last few days of summer, and I hope to see you on Opening Day--September 18th.

Shari Parsons, President  
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2016-2018

### *Guest Policy . . .*

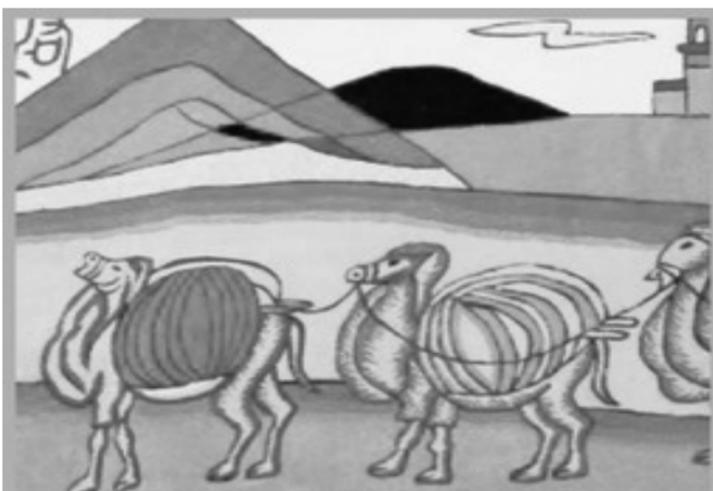
Prospective members and guests may attend up to three day or evening meetings each program year.

**Reservations:** When making a meal reservation for yourself and a guest, call **651-220-4777** by the prior Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Identify yourself and name your guest.

**Register:** Prospective members and guests must register when they enter the building. Register at the Membership Table in the lower level. Guests will receive name tags and be recognized during the meeting.

**Table Reservations:** To reserve a noon luncheon table with your guest, reservations must be made in person on Monday morning at the Arrangements Table on first floor.

**Remember to re-register your  
annual luncheon reservation!**



*Traveling the  
Silk Road*

*AAUW  
Annual Gala*

*2115 Stevens Avenue*

*October 27, 2017*

*5:30-9:00 pm*

*American Association  
of University Women*

## *Officers of the Branch 2017 - 2018*

<b>President</b>	Shari Parsons
<b>Evening Vice President</b>	Jan Paulsen
<b>Membership Vice Presidents</b>	Diane Boruff Lois Demers
<b>Evening Membership Vice President</b>	Mary Beaumont
<b>Program Development Vice President</b>	Karen Ringsrud
<b>Evening Program Vice Presidents</b>	Pat Day Mary Ellen Nielsen
<b>Marketing Vice President</b>	Harriette Krasnoff
<b>Development Vice President</b>	Shirley Graham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheryl Sostarich
<b>Secretary for Recording</b>	Julie Mowery
<b>Evening Secretary</b>	Ann Vanvick
<b>Directors at Large</b>	
<b>Day:</b> Karen Gray	
<b>Evening:</b> Cathy Hovancsak	

## *Board of Directors 2017 - 2018 Meeting Dates*

Officers, Directors, Area Representatives, Topic Chairs, and Chairs of Standing Committees have a vote. **All members** are welcome to attend.

*Tuesday, September 12, 2017	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4, 2017	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 8, 2017	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 7, 2018	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 7, 2018	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 4, 2018	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	9:30 a.m.

\*Dinner is served. Make your reservation by 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 651-220-4777.

Closing and Awards Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

## *Membership . . .*

### **AAUW Blends Learning and Sociability**

Our society loves to apply labels to people. For example, a child who loves to curl up and read is a bookworm. A parent who overdoes the supervision is a helicopter parent. A boss who comes on too strong, way too strong, is a Napoleon or, worse, a Hitler.

Another label I'd never heard until my daughter announced she was one: auto-didact; literally: self (auto)-taught (didact), self-educated. When a topic intrigued her, Barb brought home stacks of books about the subject. She decided to get a small furry pet, with the emphasis on small. Books on gerbils, hamsters, and guinea pigs appeared. Soon she got a hamster plus its paraphernalia.

This summer I learned a new one: polymath. It's a person of great and diversified learning. Upon reflection, I realized that most of us in AAUW's Minneapolis branch could be considered polymaths. During our three-program Mondays, we happily consume information about a wide variety of topics: clones and drones, mystery and history, Canada and cannabis, to name a recent few.

Today our culture is so diverse that it behooves us to stay current on a very wide range of topics. Belonging to the Minneapolis branch AAUW makes that a most enjoyable task. Since May, 12 committees have been working diligently to select and book the speakers that will extend our polymath abilities on Mondays from September through May.

At the same time, a host of other committees have been putting their energy into other phases of our life at the Gale. Hospitality is chief among them. Hostesses and cashiers keep the enjoyment of our gourmet lunches running smoothly. The membership committee members

not only welcome us at the big door upstairs, but also host a table outside the Presidents' Hall, greeting guests and offering packets about membership. Yet another committee plans and puts on the fall Gala--this year called *Traveling the Silk Road!*

By design, being a member of AAUW blends learning and sociability. In our elegant mansion, we cultivate knowledge and friendships.

If you have come as a guest, we invite you to stay as a member.

Ann Burckhardt, for the Membership Committee

Diane Boruff, Membership Co-Vice President

Lois Demers, Membership Co-Vice President

Mary Beaumont, Evening Membership Vice President

### *“Pay It Forward” . . .*

In order to help make lunches more affordable to those who find eating out each week beyond their budgets, members can obtain a “Pay It Forward” envelope containing \$16 in cash to pay for lunch. Ask Carol Jones in the AAUW office to show you where the box is. You are welcome to use an envelope once a month, but you do need to make a lunch reservation by the prior Thursday.

To keep the box “stocked” with envelopes, anyone who would like to fill an envelope with \$16 cash (correct change) can “Pay It Forward.” You can find empty envelopes for donations in the box. By being discreet, no one will know if you are donating or using the \$16. Let’s give this a try for fall, and hopefully it will allow some members to lunch with us more often.

Shari Parsons, President

## ***About Our House . . .***

Welcome to the Gale Mansion. We are proud of this historic building, which has been the Minneapolis Branch home since 1947.

Except on branch meeting days, all doors are locked for security and energy conservation. To gain admittance, press the intercom button at the front door and state your name as a member or guest to gain access. AAUW office manager, Carol Jones, is in the office M-Tu-W-Th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For meal reservations and cancellations, use the voice mail line, **651-220-4777**. Annual meal reservations may also be made at that number.

The beautiful Gale Mansion is available for weddings, parties, meetings, and other special events. Please encourage others to consider this facility for their special event needs.

### ***Bulletin Deadline***

October 4 is the due date for  
December, January, and February Bulletin items. Thanks.  
Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387  
**mloliphant@charter.net**

### ***Minneapolis Institute of Art Tour:***

#### **The Silk Road**

**Thursday, October 5: 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.**

Gear up for the fall Gala, *Traveling the Silk Road*, by focusing on the art from countries along its route!

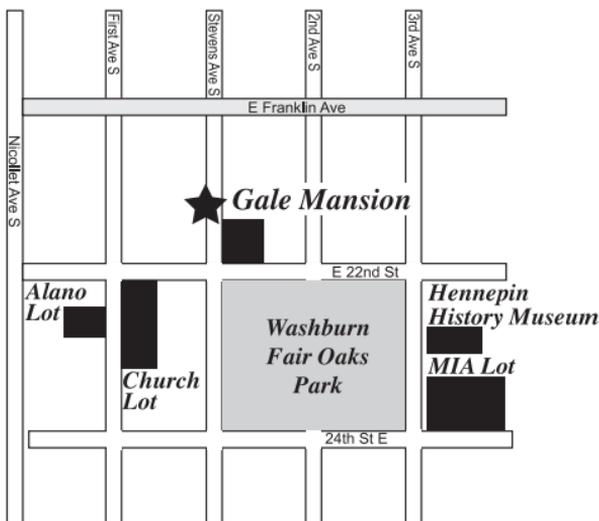
Sign up Mondays at the Gale! – **FREE**

## *Parking Options . . .*

A parking pool has been created for AAUW members on Monday mornings. A total of 40 parking spaces are available--20 at Alano and 20 in the church lot--kitty-corner from the Gale Mansion. The cost for a reserved spot at either Alano or the church is \$160 for the program year. As a member of the parking pool you are entitled to park at either location. Do not park in those spaces marked *reserved*.

To be part of the parking pool, contact Beth McCabe at 612-812-8355. She will collect the money and issue you a parking pass to be placed on the dashboard of your car on the day of the meeting.

Parking at the Minneapolis Institute of Art lot on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 24th Street is no longer a free parking lot. Free parking is available on Mondays in the small lot of the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Avenue South.



## *Passage Community Collection*

**October 16, 2017**

Every fall, we collect household supplies for residents at the Passage Community, a Simpson Housing Services transitional housing program for homeless families. Their apartment building, located near the Gale Mansion, houses 17 families. While there, families receive help with finding permanent housing, employment, education, and child care.

Items most needed are: disposable diapers (larger sizes), laundry detergent and dishwashing detergent, toilet paper and paper towels, and cleaning supplies. Checks made to Passage Community are also welcome.

A car will be in front of the Gale Mansion on October 16, between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. to receive your donations. Thank you for helping these families stretch their tight budgets!

Jennifer Johnson

## *Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive*

**October 23, 2017**

Recycle your gently used casual and career clothing and accessories including ties, belts, shoes, and purses. They will be used to help build a wardrobe for someone entering or re-entering the workforce or returning to school. **Fall** and **winter** clothing for **men** and **women** is appreciated.

On Monday, October 23, From Me To You representatives will be in front of the Gale Mansion between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. You will be able to drive up and park briefly while volunteers help unload your donations.

If you have questions please call Denny at 612 -741-2216.

Denny Scharlemann and Harriette Krasnoff

## ***Monday Literature . . .***

- September ***The Life We Bury***  
Allen Eskens
- October ***The Little Paris Bookshop***  
Nina George
- November ***News of the World***  
Paulette Jiles
- January ***The Paris Architect***  
Charles Belfoure
- February ***Delicious!***  
Ruth Reichl
- March ***Do Not Find Me***  
Kathleen Novak
- April ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** (Russian book)  
Amor Towles

The Book Discussion group meets the fourth Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Books will **no longer be sold** at AAUW.

## ***Tuesday Literature . . .***

- September ***Wintering***  
Peter Geye
- October ***Hidden Figures***  
Margot Lee Shetterly

Books selected for spring will be included in the winter Bulletin. The Evening Book Discussion group meets select Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

## *Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund*

### **Meet Lulu Bauermeister**

Scholarship winner Lulu Bauermeister is Chinese, adopted by the Bauermeisters when she was a baby. She is the second oldest of four Chinese girls in the family.

Over breakfast, June 26, Lulu revealed it was her 20th birthday. This young scholar's favorite comment is, "I'm so excited."

This past summer, she was excited to be one of the rowers in the boat entered by US Bank in the Dragon Boat Festival held on Lake Phelan. This was a fun part of her summer job as a corporate employee inclusion intern at the bank. "I just hope not to fall in," said Lulu, laughing. This is her second summer with US Bank working on diversity and inclusion projects, internal communications, and marketing.

This fall, she's excited to return for her junior year at University of Minnesota where she's majoring in physiology and minoring in public health and leadership. Her course load this fall will be organic chemistry, physics, and public health plus two field experiences, one at the University hospital--the other in leadership and career coordination. She named genetics as her favorite college subject. Like another of our scholars, Selam Girmachew, Lulu is planning to become a doctor.

Lulu is active in Minnesota Medical Leaders, one of several future-doctor organizations at the University. "There are 30 of us in the group, half women and half men," she explained. "We are focused on cooperating professionally--collaboration, not competition."

She is also looking forward to serve on the Homecoming Royalty Court this fall. After being nominated by her peers, she went through a group interview; it was right before spring semester finals and "pretty difficult." One of the 10 will be crowned Homecoming Queen--the others serve as her court.

Spring semester Lulu spent many hours on the field at the U with the track and field team. Now in her sixth year as a jumper, she is a record holder in triple jump and high jump.

“I started soccer when I was five,” she recalled. “And, I was on the girls basketball team at Washburn when we went to the state tournament.” She ran cross country in high school and still enjoys running.

Lulu has returned to China four times, going with a group from the Wishing Dream Foundation, taking blankets and toys to children there. She has also visited Haiti twice, terming the two-week visits “very humbling.” This June she was one of 900 participants in AAUW’s National Conference for Women Student Leaders at University of Maryland.

Besides the \$12,000 awarded her by our Branch, Lulu is supported by a scholarship from Wallin Education Partners.

Since the Scholarship Fund began in 2001, 18 women graduates from Minneapolis Public Schools have completed four years of college study with the help of AAUW Minneapolis Branch Scholarships for a total of \$216,000. Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund!

Ann Burckhardt for the Scholarship Foundation  
Sharon Bigot, President of the Minneapolis Branch  
Scholarship Fund



Pictured is AAUW 2015 scholarship winner  
Lulu Bauermeister.

## *House Management Committee . . .*

The Gale Mansion continues to provide our members with a beautiful place for working, learning, meeting new people, and building friendships. The House Committee is working hard to preserve that tradition.

Since the last bulletin, the renovations in the lower level reception hall have been completed including replacement of the florescent ceiling lights with dimmable energy-efficient LED fixtures, new quarter round for a more finished look, acoustic panels and new paint for sound reduction and to match the appearance of Presidents' Hall. Our catering manager reports that the changes are also appreciated by our catering customers, and bookings have picked up since the updates.

On a less glamorous note--repeated leaks led to the replacement of the Presidents' Hall roof and extensive repairs to the roof on the original mansion.

A very sincere "Thank You" to the hard-working group of volunteers from the House Management Committee who spent a day sorting, culling, cleaning, and discarding from the third-floor storage areas and to the volunteer gardeners who have kept the grounds of the mansion beautiful all summer.

Carol Sheldon, House Management Chair

### **Mitten Collection**

We will be collecting gloves and mittens again for the children of Whittier School. Bring your donations on Mondays from November 27 through December 11. Look for the "mitten box."

Doris Grimes, Outreach Committee

# *Holiday Lights Luncheon*

**Monday, December 11, 2017**

Social Time: 10:15 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m.

## ***AAUW Variety Show*** by **Our Talented Members**

AAUW members will entertain us with a memorable variety show. Don't miss it. We will be talking about it for years. ☺  
Lucky us--we have so much talent.

Wine Bar: 12:00 noon

Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Presidents' Hall

### **Subtext Bookstore of St. Paul**

Sue Zumberge will recommend great holiday gift books.

(Books will be available for purchase.)

### **GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

Tickets: \$20 per person--checks, please

Reservations open from Monday, November 13, until full.

**(Annual lunch reservations do NOT apply.)**

Sign up at the Gale on Mondays. Have names and payments for all at your table when you sign up.

Dot Lilja and Nancy Sjoquist, Co-Chairs

## *Nominating Committee*

In accordance with our bylaws, in March the branch needs to elect new officers for the following positions:

Elected for two-year terms:

- President
- Secretary for Recording
- Program Vice President
- Evening Vice President
- Evening Secretary
- Evening Program Vice President

Elected for one year:

- Director at Large, Day
- Director at Large, Evening

The Nominating Committee (listed below) welcomes suggestions for each position. You may also volunteer yourself for consideration. As the committee meets each week in the fall, we will narrow the candidates to a final slate which will be presented to all members in February, 2018. The nominees will be voted upon in March, 2018.

Please consult the bylaws for the responsibilities assigned to each position. To recommend a candidate, contact anyone on the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your participation in maintaining our branch's excellent leadership.

Day Members:

Marlyn Barber, Co-Chair	612-798-0854
Kerry Noyes, Co-Chair	952-237-9970
Judy Cronen	952-435-6333
Carol Johnson	612-724-3463
Shirley McKinney	952-378-1919
Julie Ollila	612-823-4630
Shiela Robertson	612-922-0988
Janet Triplett	763-544-1159

Evening Member:

Jan Paulsen	763-529-1986
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## *Courtesy Requests*

To make the AAUW meeting time a good experience for ALL, please:

- Check to see that your cell phone and all other electronic devices are turned off.
- Reserve the two front rows in the Presidents' Hall on the west side for those with walkers or wheelchairs.
- Reserve the last rows for hostesses who need to leave early.
- Leave seating open near the aisles and in the back for those who come late.
- Refrain from talking and whispering as soon as a speaker reaches the podium and during the presentation.
- Be sensitive to distractions caused by bags or containers.
- Stand, if you are able, when you ask a question.
- Refrain from unnecessary and lengthy comments.
- If you are unable to hear the speaker, please move closer to the front or raise your hand and politely tell the speaker.
- Wear only a moderate amount of fragrance or none at all. Some of our members are very allergic to fragrances.
- Sit at least four rows from the front if you do needlework or puzzles.
- At lunch, checks and cash reserve seats; all other seats are open.
- Remember that the excellent wait staff appreciate a sincere "*thank you*" when they serve your meal.

## *Interest Groups . . .*

### **4th Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**

Special interest groups meet the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Great Decisions and Travel alternate monthly.

- **Book Discussion** Heritage Room  
Leaders: Carmen Coleman and Mary Moriarty

The list of books selected for this year is found on page 11 of this Bulletin. Discussion of the book is facilitated by a branch member.

- **Great Decisions** Presidents' Hall  
Leaders: Barb Taft and Joyce Prudden

Great Decisions investigates topics of political interest. Background and analysis of issues are provided in a 25-minute DVD program which is distributed by the Foreign Policy Association, a 90-year-old organization committed to the importance of education in a democracy. This will be followed by a half-hour discussion.

September 25

Topic: **Saudi Arabia in Transition**

November 27

Topic: **Nuclear Security**

- **Handwork/Crafts** Dining Room  
Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

Each month will feature different arts and crafts. See each 4th Monday daily schedule in this Bulletin.

- **Hot Topics** Founders Room  
Leader: Lil Lindsey

October 23

Join us for lively interactive discussion on newsworthy events and more.

- **Know Your Device**  
Facilitator: Esther Fabes

This users group will answer each others' questions about smart phones, iPads, and general technology mysteries.

- **Travel** Presidents' Hall  
Leader: Janet McLandsborough

October 23

Topic: **Japan** by Carol Sheldon

- **Writers' Group** Library  
Leader: Bev Erickson and Sue Peterson

Join fellow members who enjoy writing of all kinds.  
No experience is necessary.

### **For a More Pleasant Lunch:**

Please introduce yourself to your tablemates.

Please lower the volume of your lunch conversations.  
This will allow all guests to enjoy their visits.

If you need to leave the table after you are seated,  
please leave your check to hold your space.

Mollie Keys, Arrangements Chair

# *Traveling the Silk Road*

## *Annual Gala*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

### **Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!**

Please come and bring your friends.

Starting at 5:30, our Gala party and fund-raiser  
will feature a fabulous dinner  
and exciting things to buy.

The ticket price is \$125 with \$75 tax deductible.

Valet parking will be available.

Donate a theme basket or other interesting items for  
the silent auction.

#### **Eat:**

restaurant certificates

chocolates

package of goodies to be made later, i.e. dry soup  
mix, bars with recipe

#### **Drink:**

wine or special liquor

assortment of beers

coffee or tea specialties

#### **Be Merry:**

entertainment activities/tickets

hobby items

toys for grandchildren or activities

pet care, pet happiness trinkets

#### **Enjoy:**

special treasures that others might enjoy

Please bring items to the Gala reservation table and fill  
out a donation slip. All contributions are tax deductible.  
All profits support the AAUW mission, Scholarship  
Fund, and community outreach. Questions about auction  
items? Contact Rae Cornelius or Nell Wegmann.

## ***Tuesday, September 12, 2017***

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION  
Presidents' Hall

### ***Wintering* by Peter Geye**

Discussion Leader: Cathy Hovancsak

Elderly, demented Harry Eide escapes his sickbed and vanishes into the forbidding, northernmost wilderness near Gunflint, Minnesota, for the second time in the last 30 years. This event changes the lives of his son whom he took with him on his first journey into the wilderness and the woman who has loved Harry all this time. This story spans 60 years of adventures, feuds, and family secrets. The highly acclaimed author is a Minnesota native.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

### **Minnesota Parks and Trails**

Speaker: Erika Rivers, Director of the Minnesota DNR  
Parks and Trails Division

Rivers will talk to us about the many rich facets of our wonderful state parks and trails. She has a BA in Journalism and a PhD in conservation biology, both from the University of Minnesota. Rivers began her career with the DNR in 2004, and in April, 2014, was appointed to her current position. Among her many accomplishments, she was the project manager on the Lake Vermilion State Park development project.

Sandra Hirsch

# ***Opening Day, Monday, September 18, 2017***

## ***AAUW Minneapolis***

### **Enjoy the Day!**

9:00 - 9:45

Dining Room

#### **Welcome Back Coffee and Tea Time**

Enjoy this day, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Enjoy the delicious cookies and beverages provided by the faithful and efficient Coffee Committee. Enjoy learning about programs planned for the year by the capable and hardworking program committees. Enjoy meeting a woman of impact--the president of St. Catherine University.

9:45 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

#### **A Taste of Programs to Come in 2017-18**

Karen Ringsrud, Program Vice President, will introduce Topic and Focus Day chairs, who will give us a preview of programs for this year.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

#### **Meet A Woman of Impact**

Speaker: ReBecca Koenig Roloff, President, St. Catherine University

During a distinguished career in the private and nonprofit sectors, Roloff has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, commitment to inclusion, and ability to achieve financial stability through fundraising, while at the same time serving the community. She will share her story about her path to becoming president of a university.

Sheila Lind

11:45 - 12:00

Presidents' Hall

**Recognition of Past Presidents  
President's Summer Recap**

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

**AAUW National Convention 2017**

Speakers: Convention Delegates, AAUW Members

Get a taste of what the AAUW National Convention was all about. Our branch attendees are eager to tell you about the great speakers we heard and what it is like to "storm the Hill" in Washington, DC.

Shari Parsons

***The President's Table . . .***

If you've been invited to sit at the President's Table for lunch, follow these suggestions.

- Call the office with your reservation by the prior Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- Make your lunch payment to the Guest Hostess before the 9:30 a.m. program.
- Leave the Presidents' Hall when the president invites you at the end of the announcement period.
- Find your seat at the table which will be marked with your place card.

Susie Erickson

## ***Monday, September 25, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30 **MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS**

Please see the Bulletin page 18.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Heritage Room

***The Life We Bury*** by Allen Eskens

Discussion Leader: Ann Burckhardt

Set against a brutal Minnesota winter, this is a satisfying, suspenseful novel. A struggling college student's English assignment turns into a mission to solve a 30-year-old murder. This book is compulsively readable.

**GREAT DECISIONS**

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Saudi Arabia in Transition**

Leaders: Barbara Taft and Joyce Prudden

Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the decline in oil revenue. Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman is attempting to transform the country and shifting power to the younger generation. The United States points out the lack of democracy, women's rights, and human rights in Saudi Arabia. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

**HANDWORK/CRAFTS**

Dining Room

Activity: **Cards**

Leaders: Ann Vanvick

Make interesting and attractive all-purpose cards.

**KNOW YOUR DEVICE**

Minneapolis Room

Leader: Esther Fabes

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**WRITERS' GROUP**

Library

Leader: Bev Erickson and Sue Peterson

Join fellow members who enjoy writing of all kinds. No experience is necessary.

10:45 - 11:45 PUBLIC POLICY Presidents' Hall

**Health Reform and Women's Health:  
What It Means for Minnesota Women**

Speaker: Lauren Gilchrist, Senior Policy Advisor

Gilchrist is the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's senior policy advisor on health and human services and will provide an update on current women's health issues in Minnesota. She will give an overview of how the current debate on federal and state health policy changes may impact women's health in our state.

Marge Goldberg

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee	Association Room
New Members	Fellowships Room
Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

**Cybercrime and Cyberwarfare:  
How is the United States Affected?**

Speaker: Michael Johnson, MS, Security Technologies,  
University of Minnesota

Every day we read in the news about a new cybersecurity threat. Which of them is real for the average American? What should or can we do about them? Where are we headed? What is the effect of the *internet of things*? Is it more dangerous or not? How well protected is the United States?

***Monday, October 2, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**The Modern Cancer Researcher:  
Interdisciplinary Approaches, Outreach, and Advocacy**

Speaker: Madeleine Oudin, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Gertler's Lab, MIT; Assistant Professor, Tufts University, Department of Biomedical Engineering, as of January, 2018

With one in two men and one in three women in the United States diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes, the impact of scientific research has been huge in preventing, diagnosing, and treating the problem. Oudin will discuss her research at MIT in cancer metastases which are responsible for 90% of the deaths linked to cancer.

Heidi Girsch

10:45 - 11:45

WOMEN SPEAK

Presidents' Hall

**Life in an American Concentration Camp:  
The Japanese American Experience During WWII**

Speaker: Sally Sudo, Retired Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools

Sudo was six when her family was forced out of its Seattle home. It was 1942, and President Franklin Roosevelt's executive order initiated the removal of an estimated more than 120,000 residents of Japanese descent, two-thirds of whom were American citizens. She and her family were incarcerated behind barbed wire in a concentration camp. For years, Sudo carried the feeling that, if the government was doing this, there must be something wrong with her.

Lil Lindsey

11:45 - 12:00      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
12:00 - 1:15      LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson  
Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee	Association Room
Gala Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch
Public Policy Committee	Fellowships Room
Technology Committee	Association Room

1:15 - 2:15      EDUCATION      Presidents' Hall

**Issues in Funding Public Higher Education:  
Minnesota and Beyond**

Speaker: Matt Kramer, EDD, Vice-President, University  
Relations, University of Minnesota

State support for higher education has been a critical factor in the success of the American higher education model. But over the past thirty years, under Democratic, Republican, and other administrations, support has declined significantly in Minnesota and across the country.

What are the causes of this declining funding? What are the effects of these reductions on Minnesota public higher education, and what are the implications for the future of higher education?

Kathie Cerra

**BAD WEATHER  
CLOSING OF AAUW**

Check your email or call 612-870-1661  
for a recorded message.

***Monday, October 9, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

WRITERS AND READERS

**Mystery and Intrigue in Minnesota**

Speaker: Allen Eskens, Author

Eskens draws on his background in journalism and law in his four award-winning novels. In his blog, he discusses *profluence*, the sense of compulsion that a writer instills in the reader, that makes the reader want to keep reading. He will share his journey into writing and insight into his *profluent* style, which makes his Minnesota-based mysteries so intriguing.

Vicki Dunn

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

**Protecting Minnesota's Environment**

Speaker: Kathryn Hoffman, Executive Director,  
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
(MCEA)

Hoffman joined MCEA as a staff attorney in 2010, and became executive director in January, 2017. Hoffman will speak to us about laws and regulations affecting mining, air and water quality, clean energy production, and other environmental concerns. She will give us an update of the latest news from the Legislature and regulatory agencies.

Kathleen Chesney

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Diversity Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch
Program Committee	Association Room

1:15 - 2:15 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

***Cardiac Arrest: Five Heart-Stopping Years  
as a CEO on the Feds' Hit-List***

Speaker: Howard Root, Retired CEO of Vascular  
Solutions, Inc., Author, *Cardiac Arrest*

*Cardiac Arrest* is the eye-opening true story told by CEO Root, who decided to fight back against false charges that threatened to destroy his company and put him behind bars. From the boardroom to the courtroom, Root tells the inside story of the case that sparked outrage in the pages of *The Wall Street Journal* and triggered a congressional investigation.

Lil Lindsey

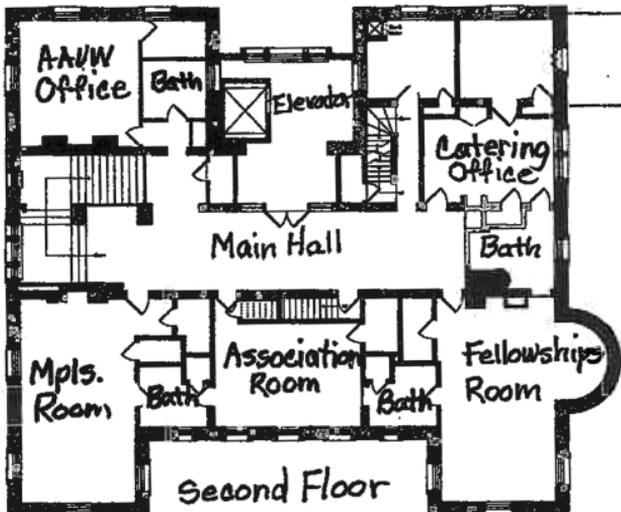
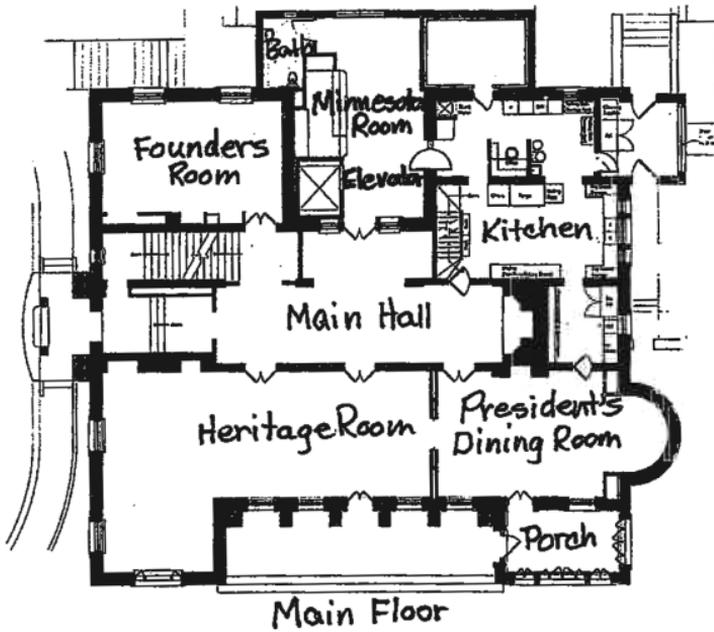
**Use the  
AAUW Email**

Did you know that the Minneapolis Branch has an email address? Messages come into the computer of the office manager, Carol Jones, at the Gale Mansion.

New email address:

**[aauwmpls@galemansion.com](mailto:aauwmpls@galemansion.com)**

# Gale Mansion Floor Plan



## ***Tuesday, October 10, 2017***

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION  
Presidents' Hall

***Hidden Figures*** by Margot Lee Shetterly  
Discussion Leader: Mary Ellen Nielsen

Before the computer became an inanimate object or Sputnik changed the course of history, before Brown vs. Board of Education or Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream* speech, a group of black women served as human computers at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton, Virginia. These woman mathematicians helped America gain dominance in aeronautics, space research, and computer technology. Come join in a lively discussion of the fascinating hidden story of these remarkable women.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

**Safety of Women:  
Issues in Policing for Women and Human Trafficking**

Speaker: Melissa Chiodo, Commander, Minneapolis Police Department

With 21 years of service in the Minneapolis Police Department, Chiodo is now in charge of the Trafficking, Domestic Assault, and Sexual Assault units. She will speak to us about safety for women, issues in policing women, and efforts against human trafficking.

Esther Fabes

## ***Monday, October 16, 2017***

### **8:30 - 9:30 Passage Community Fall Shower**

A car will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations.

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

### **Overcoming the Rural-Urban Education Divide**

Speakers: Fred Nolan, Executive Director, Minnesota Rural Education Association  
Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metro School Districts (AMSD)

Financing education and school policies are equally important to urban and rural schools districts. There is the perception that an urban-rural chasm exists in Minnesota, but these executive directors will explain their strong partnership at the legislature and in school districts. Because of the growing immigrant population and issues of financing education, these leaders have brought together their separate coalitions to advocate for equity for all Minnesota districts.

Kay Kessel

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

### **All the Lights On: Re-imagining Theater with Ten Thousand Things**

Speaker: Michelle Hensley, Artistic Director, Founder, Ten Thousand Things Theater

Hensley will describe the discoveries she and her company

have made by bringing outstanding professional theater directly to audiences in prisons, shelters, and housing projects, as well as to the general public, creating a model now used by theaters around the country.

Marge Goldberg

11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15      LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Headlines	Fellowships Room
House Management Committee	Association Room
Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 - 2:15      PUBLIC POLICY      Presidents' Hall

### **Elder Abuse**

Speaker: Michael Freeman, Hennepin County Attorney,  
1990-1999 and 2006 to present

Elder abuse is the intentional, unintentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult. It can occur anywhere--in the home, in nursing homes, or other institutions. It affects seniors across all socio-economic groups, cultures and races. Every year an estimated five million older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23.5 cases go unreported.

Mary Moriarty

## ***Monday, October 23, 2017***

8:30 - 9:30

### **Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive**

*From Me To You* representatives will be in front of the Gale Mansion between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Drive up and park briefly while volunteers help unload your donations.

9:30 - 10:30 **MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS**

Please see Bulletin page 18.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Heritage Room

***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George

Discussion Leader: Mollie Keys

This charming story follows a floating bookshop down the river Seine. Monsieur Perdu, a very unique bookseller, shares his love for books, his wisdom, and his own quest along the way.

HANDWORK/ CRAFTS

Dining Room

Activity: **Beading**

Leader: Ann Vanvick

Make a one-of-a-kind beaded name tag or glasses holder for yourself (\$5), or make one to be sold to raise funds for our branch.

HOT TOPICS

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

Join us for lively interactive discussion on newsworthy events and more.

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minneapolis Room

Leader: Esther Fabes

This users group will answer each other's questions about smart phones, iPads, and technology mysteries.

## TRAVEL

Presidents' Hall

Leader: Jan McLandsborough

Topic: **Japan**

Carol Sheldon will show photos from her "Japan's Cultural Treasures" trip. Shrines, temples, geishas, paintings, sculpture, beautiful gardens, and friendly people are all part of modern Japan.

## WRITERS' GROUP

Library

Leader: Bev Erickson and Sue Peterson

Join fellow members who enjoy writing of all kinds. No experience is necessary.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

### OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

#### **China's Current Challenges**

Speaker: Dr. Ted Farmer, Professor Emeritus, History and Global Studies, University of Minnesota; History and Far Eastern Languages, Harvard University

China's economic development has generated a wide array of problems. This talk will offer a sketch of current controversies such as demographic shifts, overseas expansion, suppression of domestic opposition, strengthening of the dictatorship, and cult of the leader. Farmer will suggest perspectives from which we might view them.

Pat Deckas Becerra

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee

Association Room

New Members

Fellowships Room

Nominating Committee

Porch

(Please see the 1:15 program on the following page.)

(Program continued from previous page.)

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Nail Laminated Timber (NLT):  
Using an Ancient Building Material  
in a New Modern Way**

Speaker: Amado Guevara III, Senior Architect, Associate  
at DLR Group

Minneapolis' new "T3" building was built using NLT construction. It is the tallest modern wooden building in the United States. Guevara thinks it is the future of urban construction. The final product has many advantages. It is as sturdy and fireproof as steel or concrete, but lighter, quicker to build, and more environmentally friendly. It stores carbon dioxide rather than releasing it.

Carol Sheldon

***Public Policy Invitation . . .***

Join the Public Policy Committee for lunch in the Fellowships Room on the first Monday of the month. We often have speakers on timely subjects. Other times we plan how to be effective, active citizens. We always have a lively discussion.

Sign up for available seats when you come on Monday morning outside the Presidents' Hall..

## ***Books, Books, Books. . .***

Author Isabel Allende says, “The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night.” Well, I don’t know if I believe that, but our AAUW Library is home to many, many great books that are waiting for you to check out. There are best-sellers, books by women authors, Minnesota authors, non-fiction books, and mysteries. We also have a limited number of DVDs.

Remember, there are no fines for overdue books. We’re just grateful when they come back (two weeks, please). These are your books, and we want you to enjoy them.

The library sells slightly used books donated by our members. Hardcover are \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents. Proceeds from the used books allow us to buy more books for the collection. **PLEASE BRING US YOUR USED BOOKS.** We prefer fiction not older than five years. They sell extremely well.

Come in and check us (and a book) out. We look forward to seeing you.

Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Chair, Library Committee

### ***Events at Gale Mansion***

Schedule the Gale Mansion for your special occasion. Call Jessie Kelly at the Gale Catering Office at 612-870-1662 to schedule:

weddings  
rehearsal dinners  
anniversary parties  
bar/bat mitzvah parties  
birthday dinners  
celebrations of life

***Monday, October 30, 2017***

***Focus Day***

**CLIMATE**

“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better.  
It’s not.”

*The Lorax*, Dr. Seuss

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents’ Hall

**Keys to Understanding Minnesota’s  
Changing Climatology**

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld, Senior Climatologist,  
Minnesota DNR State Climatology Office

Minnesota’s most obvious and critical climatic changes are often different from the more-familiar global ones, and in some cases defy intuition. Understanding the subtle differences between global and local challenges is critical to communities and units of government that are planning for a changed future. This discussion will focus on recent efforts to provide Minnesota with a consistent, scientific baseline of climatic information that illustrates how common Minnesota weather hazards are (or are not) responding to global climate change.

Elaine Kirk

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents’ Hall

**Pathways to Solving the Climate Crisis**

Speaker: Dr. Jessica Hellmann, PhD

Director, Institute on the Environment (IonE),  
University of Minnesota; Chair in Excellence,  
Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior,  
College of Biological Sciences

IonE is a globally recognized scholarship and education think tank dedicated to translating environmental

knowledge to real-world solutions. Hellmann will talk about promising trends in reducing greenhouse gases, specific steps that people can take to reduce emissions and encourage the transition to a renewable economy, and what it means to adapt to climate change. Her research and that of her students has shown that differences in the way populations respond to climate change are key to predicting and managing their future.

Beverly Erickson

11:45 - Noon            ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15            LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

### **Building Political Will for an Ethical Energy Future**

Speaker: Joseph Robertson, Global Strategy Director,  
Citizens' Climate Lobby

Citizens' Climate Lobby believes that politicians don't create political will. They respond to it. Robertson will tell us about work being done around the world to expand the civic space and will explain how ordinary citizens can move their leaders towards action that will preserve a healthy climate and a livable world.

Mary Haltvick

### **Holiday Lights Luncheon**

Make plans for the annual Holiday Lights Luncheon. AAUW members will present a **Variety Show** for your enjoyment. See page 15 for details.

## ***Monday, November 6, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

### ***Treating Type 1 Diabetes in Real Time***

Speaker: Marcia Meier, BAN, RN, CDE, Program Manager, Patient Services, International Diabetes Center, Park Nicollet Health Services

There are no breaks or vacations from the constant, complex, daily management of Type 1 Diabetes. Demands and high expectations for compliance, often bordering on perfection, come from the medical world, families, the workplace, and from the patients themselves. Are these goals realistic? Attainable? How do you work with someone who flatly says NO? Meier will describe attainable and real treatment modalities for people with this chronic disease so that they can achieve their own, individual, best outcomes and live fulfilling lives.

Julie Mowery

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

WRITERS AND READERS

### ***Locally Laid***

Speaker: Lucie Amundsen, Freelance Writer, Author, and Chicken Farmer

Amundsen will take us through her travails of opening the first commercial-scale, pasture-raised egg company in the Upper Midwest. Both the company and her memoir are titled, *Locally Laid*. Using the unusual pairing of humor and academic research, Amundsen will talk to us about the bigger story of farming through her personal pratfall into mid-size agriculture.

Betty Beach

11:45 - Noon            ANNOUNCEMENTS  
12:00 - 1:15            LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson  
Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

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Public Policy	Fellowships Room
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1:15 - 2:15            ENVIRONMENT            Presidents' Hall

### **The Future City**

Speaker: Thomas Fisher, Director, Minnesota Design  
Center, University of Minnesota

Our cities reflect our economies, and the emergence of a sharing, on-demand, and peer-to-peer economy will bring profound changes to how we live, how we work, and how we move around. Fisher will talk about the changes this will bring and why it will improve the affordability, equity, and sustainability of our cities.

Leslie Swenson

### ***Who is That? What is Her Name?***

You will find a pictorial album of our members' photos in the library. It is kept on a table by the non-fiction books. If we don't have your photo, please bring one to the Membership Desk or give it to Jan Paulsen. Please put your name on the back.

***Monday, November 13, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

**Making the News or Faking the News?  
Freedom of the Press in a Time of Distrust**

Speaker: Jane E. Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota.  
Director, Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law

Public trust in the mainstream news media has plummeted after years of criticism from all parts of the political spectrum. The rise of "news" sites such as social media, blogs and other nontraditional sources not bound by ethical principles has led to an explosion of unfiltered "fake news." What are the consequences for society if the dissemination of fabricated information becomes an integral part of political debate and governance?

Catharine Abbott

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

**A Possible Answer for  
the Achievement Gap in Minnesota**

Speaker: Rep. Ron Kresha, Minnesota House  
Majority Whip, Former Teacher

Kresha has proposed a tax credit bill to incentivize individual and corporation donations in support of a K-12 scholarship that students could use to attend private or parochial schools. He states, "There are kids that, through

no fault of their own, are born into a situation that they can't control. When we eliminate their choices, we eliminate their paths out. Let's open up possibilities.” Come with an open mind to hear about this education bill, which aims to help our low-achieving students become successful.

Becky Farber

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Diversity Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch
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1:15 - 2:15 WOMEN SPEAK Presidents' Hall

### **Women of NASA**

Speaker: Duchess Harris, PhD, Professor of American Studies, Macalester College

The movie *Hidden Figures* revealed the number of women who worked behind the scenes to help make NASA successful. There were 11 African American women who worked as "human computers" without recognition or praise. Miriam D. Mann was one of the mathematicians and the grandmother of our speaker. Harris will tell us about her grandmother and the other women of NASA.

Kathleen Kohler

## *AAUW Funds. . .*

### **Your Contributions in Action**

Five different funds plus one unrestricted fund are under the AAUW Funds umbrella. All promote **equity for women and girls**. They are:

- The Legal Advocacy Fund for Protection
- The Educational Opportunities Fund for Education
- The Public Policy Fund for Advocacy
- The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Research
- The Leadership Programs Fund for Leadership Training
- Unrestricted Donations

Minneapolis Branch members have been very generous. As announced at the Minnesota State AAUW Convention, our branch placed second in total giving and tenth in per capita giving. In 2016, \$20,281.16 was donated to these important funds. Your gifts to AAUW Funds are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Thank you!

Note: Herberger's Community Day Sale coupon booklets will again be sold. Each \$5 collected supports AAUW Funds. The goal is to sell 120 booklets. That's \$100 for each fund listed above. What could be easier!

Janice Paulsen, Chair, AAUW Funds

### ***Evening Membership Dues***

Annual dues of \$150 are significantly reduced for **evening only** members. If you are a member and come on Mondays, you are an evening member, too. Fall meeting dates are September 12, October 10, and November 14. Enjoy a fine dinner and hear a wonderful program. The full bar is open in the Minnesota Room. Friends and spouses are welcome. Parking is easier. If you know potential members who are not able to attend daytime meetings, refer them for evening only membership. Contact Evening Membership Vice President, Mary Beaumont, for details.

***Tuesday, November 14, 2017***

**Donation Night for Simpson Shelter**

In addition to a social time this evening, we are collecting personal care items for the Simpson Shelter, located near the Gale Mansion. Please bring your donation(s) this evening for delivery to Simpson.

Items we are collecting for donation include: shampoo, bar soaps, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, foot powder, disinfectant spray for shoes and feet, combs, and brushes. In addition, there is a need for all sizes of new men's boxers, women's bras, and sox.

Mary Beaumont

5:00 SOCIAL

6:00 DINNER

7:15 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

**Elder Law**

Speaker: Mary Frances Price, Lawyer

Price is a partner in a women-owned law firm which provides effective and ethical legal guidance, planning, and answers, helping clients make difficult decisions. In addition, help is given navigating the complicated issues that arise during times of transition or when planning for the future.

She focuses her practice on estate planning, revising an existing estate plan, or dealing with the legal, medical, and financial impacts of aging, chronic illness, and disability.

Mary Beaumont

***Monday, November 20, 2017***

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

**OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD**

**Latin America: A Region of Ever Changing Politics**

Speaker: Dr. Gary Prevost, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University

Forty years ago the region was dominated by military dictatorships and violent civil conflicts. Today it's dominated by political democracy. The region's longest civil war, in Colombia, was recently ended through mediation headed by Cuba. In the early 2000s political parties of the left won almost every election. Recently parties of the right have won as disappointed electorates chose a new political direction.

Mary Haltvick

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Cybercrime**

Speaker: Mark Lanterman, Chief Technical Officer, Computer Forensic Services

You've read the headlines. Unfortunately, the question now is not if your information is going to be accessed or stolen, but when. No organization is immune to these attacks. Lanterman will discuss recent high profile cybercrime events, including web site breaches impacting retailers, banks, and government agencies. Security threats that specifically target our nation's critical infrastructure will be discussed with a focus on the Dark Web, the Internet of Things, phishing, and Wi-Fi attacks.

Lil Lindsey

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Headlines

Fellowships Room

House Management Committee

Association Room

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

SPECIAL PROGRAM

**Inner Workings of the Gale Business**

Speakers: Jessie Kelley, Director of Catering

Jeff White, Executive Chef

When you joined the Minneapolis branch, you also became part owner of the catering business. Today, your employees will give a glimpse of operations outside of Mondays: tours, advertising, hiring wait-staff, menu development, kitchen essentials, etc. Be an informed employer!

Sheila Lind

***Scheduling Monday Meetings***

Contact **Esther Fabes**, Meeting Scheduler, if you would like to schedule a meeting any time on Monday. Requests to reserve a room on any other day of the week should be made through Carol Jones in the office.

## ***Monday, November 27, 2017***

### 9:30 - 10:30 **MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS**

Please see Bulletin page 18.

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION** Heritage Room

***News of the World*** by Paulette Jiles

Discussion Leader: Elaine Kirk

Captain Kidd travels from one town to another in post-Civil War Texas to read world news to local audiences. He agrees to deliver 10-year-old Johanna, who had been kidnapped by Indians, to her relatives near San Antonio, an arduous and dangerous journey. Therein lies the tale!

#### **GREAT DECISIONS** Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Nuclear Security**

Leader: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan challenge United States' nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a "dirty bomb," made from captured nuclear materials, looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, what is the way forward for United States nuclear security policy?

#### **HANDWORK/CRAFTS** Dining Room

Topic: **Quilting**

Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

Continue quilting lessons with clever techniques. Show and tell and questions are always welcome.

#### **KNOW YOUR DEVICE** Minnesota Room

Leader: Esther Fabes

This users group will answer each other's questions about smart phones, iPads, and technology mysteries.

#### **WRITERS' GROUP** Library

Leader: Bev Erickson and Sue Peterson

Join fellow members who enjoy writing of all kinds. No experience is necessary.

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

**Adventures Underground:  
Searching for Cures to Save the Bats**

Speaker: Christine Salomon, PhD, Associate Professor,  
Center for Drug Design, University of Minnesota

Since 2007, bat populations in the United States have been declining precipitously due to a devastating fungal disease called White Nose Syndrome (WNS). Salomon leads a research program to harness microbes from nature to develop possible treatments. Learn why bats are so important for humans and the environment, the challenges to fighting WNS, and how you can help.

Phyllis Galbraith

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee

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Porch

1:15 - 2:15

WRITERS AND READERS

Presidents' Hall

**Writing and Resistance**

Speaker: Sun Yung Shin, Writer, Editor, and Author

In discussing her work, Sun Yung Shin will talk about how her origins as an orphan from Korea and her upbringing in the Chicago area influenced her passion for justice and writing as a form of resistance as well as necessary beauty.

Sharon Bigot

## ***Meal Reservations and Cancellations:***

**Call: 651-220-4777**

**Reservations:** Call 651-220-4777 to reserve lunch or dinner before these deadlines:

- **Monday luncheon:** before 1:00 p.m. Thursday
- **Tuesday dinner:** before 1:00 p.m. Thursday

Check the small bulletin board in the coat room to confirm your Monday reservation.

### **Meal costs:**

- **Monday luncheon:** \$16 • Late reservations: \$18
- **Tuesday dinner:** \$25 • Late reservations: \$27

Evening social time:

Wine: \$6 per glass

Non-alcoholic beverages: \$2 per glass

### **Cancellations:**

- **Before Thursday at 3:00 p.m.:** call 651-220-4777
- **After Thursday at 3:00 p.m.:** call 612-870-1661 at the AAUW Office, and leave a voice message to cancel. *If you fail to cancel your lunch reservation, it is your responsibility to pay for that lunch by bringing a check to the office or by adding the additional amount to your next lunch fee.* You will not receive a bill from the office.

**Table reservations:** Lunch tables for Monday may be reserved only if you have guests. Table reservations may **not** be made by phone. Meet with the guest hostess at the Arrangements Table in the first floor hallway before 9:30 a.m. on the Monday of your reservation.

**Annual reservations:** Place your name on the annual reservation list by calling the reservation line at 651-220-4777. Remember to **cancel** when you cannot be present.

**Meal information:** Because we believe our excellent catering staff can accommodate all meal needs, it will not be possible for members to bring their own meals to the house. Our ability to provide healthy meals to a large number of people in a short time at a reasonable cost depends largely on volume. If you require a special diet, indicate that request when calling for a meal reservation. Our staff prepares low-fat, low-sodium meals without MSG. If you have made a reservation for a special meal, that will be your meal. **Please do not switch meals.**

**Alternative meals:** Please request a form for alternative meals from the catering office at 612-870-1662. If you have medical restrictions, provide a current statement from your health care provider outlining the restrictions. Detail restrictions if your diet is restricted for religious or ethical reasons. Please help the staff by providing suggestions of food items which will work for you.

On the day of the meal, pick up your **special diet card** in the lower level lobby. Display this card at your table, and alert the server as to your meal request.

A vegetarian meal is the only available alternative meal on Tuesday evenings.



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