

Opening Day, Monday, September 19, 2011

AAUW Minneapolis Continues Breaking Barriers

9:00 – 9:45 Dining Room

Welcome Back Coffee and Tea Time

Welcome back to the Gale Mansion. The front door will be open every Monday this year. Look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new ones as you gather in the Dining Room for coffee, tea, and treats. Special thanks go to Barbara Bollag and the Morning Coffee Committee!

9:45 - 10:15 Presidents' Hall

Preview Programs for 2011 and 2012

Carrie D'Andrea, Program Vice President, will introduce the Program Topic and Special Day Chairs who will tantalize us with the coming attractions for this year.

10:15 - 10:30 Presidents' Hall

What Happened Over the Summer?

Sheila Lind will bring us news on the Fire/Life Safety Plan. Julia Ollila and Tamra Nelson will tell us just how close we are to the Finish Line for the Capital Campaign.

10:45 - 11:45 Presidents' Hall

Leading the Way in Changing Times

Speaker: Reatha Clark King, PhD, Former President and Board Chair, General Mills Foundation

Drawing on her personal and professional experiences with different kinds of social change, Dr. King will recall the remarkable courage AAUW founders showed over 100 years ago as they defied inequitable societal standards for women. She will suggest that we recall this history as a way of reinforcing our courage to continue pushing for needed social changes. She will also emphasize the need for attention to international issues and how this leads the way to remove barriers.

Carrie D'Andrea

**11:45 - 12:00 Introduction of Former Presidents
and Fifty Year Members
President's Summer Report**

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Georgia Wiebe
Guest Hostess: Judy Spenser
House Management Committee Association Room
1:15 – 2:15 Presidents' Hall

Remembering and Preserving Our History

Speaker: Roxanne Givens, Founder of the Minnesota African American Museum

www.maamcc.org

The Minnesota African American Museum and Cultural Center, 1700 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, has a mission similar to the AAUW mission. This museum will educate

and engage participants through research, acquisition, and preservation and will offer interactive exhibits, programs, and workshops. Roxanne Givens will give us some of her hopes and dreams for this endeavor.

Sharon Bigot

Monday, September 26, 2011

9:30 - 10:30

MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 16

BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Last Time I Saw You by Elizabeth Berg

Discussion Leader: Kathryn Bean

How many of you would attend your 40th high school class reunion if you knew it was the last one? What kind of expectations might you have? This novel takes us inside the feelings of those attending their 40th class reunion in their Ohio town. See if your expectations are met.

TRAVEL Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Israel: From Touring to Serving**

Speaker: Harriette Krasnoff

After two trips to Israel, Harriette and her husband decided to combine the third trip with a volunteer program in the Israeli Army. It was an *adventure into the unknown*.

10:45 - 11:45 DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH Presidents' Hall

Is it Possible to End Homelessness?

Speaker: Cathy ten Broeke, Director, Minneapolis/
Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness

Homelessness may seem like an intractable social problem. However, homelessness as we know it today was virtually non-existent until the early 1980s, especially among families and children. Now children make up nearly half of all people experiencing homelessness in our state.

Cathy ten Broeke argues that we know precisely how to end homelessness and the question is not, "*Can we end homelessness?*" but rather, "*Will we end homelessness?*"

Learn about the movement to end, rather than manage homelessness in Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, and the United States.

Lil Lindsey

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun
Guest Hostess: Marlene Teien
International Guest Heritage Room
Nominating Committee Porch
Public Policy Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Climate Change: Evidence That it is Real and Not Just Hype

Speaker: Mark Seeley, Professor of Meteorology and Climatology, University of Minnesota, Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, and popular radio personality

Scientists are recognizing that the climate is changing in

character. Natural disasters are making the headlines. The Great Lakes Region is experiencing warmer winters, higher minimum temperatures, greater frequency in tropical-like dew points, and an increase in the variability of precipitation. These climate trends are linked to visible changes in the landscape and have serious implications. Various scientist/citizen perspectives will be shared.

Frances Potts

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Opening Evening Meeting

4:30 MOVIE DISCUSSION Founders Room

The Chorus

Leaders: Mariel Wolter and Fran Farley

In this gentle French drama from first-time director Christophe Barratier, music teacher, Clement Mathieu, lands a job at a boys' boarding school which is populated by delinquents and orphans--and run by a martinet headmaster. Sensing potential in the rambunctious ruffians, Mathieu forms a choir to rein in his charges through the transforming power of song, even at the probable cost of his career.

5:00 SOCIAL

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Heritage Alcove

Oh, What a Year!

Speaker: Lori Sturdevant, Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist

What a year it has been for Minnesota politics--a government shutdown, a Democratic Governor, a Minnesotan vying for the Republican Presidential nomination! Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist, Lori Sturdevant, will present her take on the whole scene.

It will be informative, insightful, and humorous. One of our favorite speakers, she has covered politics for a number of years and can bring a knowledgeable perspective to our state government and politicians.

Cathy Hovancsak

Monday, October 3, 2011

9:30 - 10 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency's Home Visiting Program for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Speakers: Michelle Lichtig, Community Relations Director at MVNA

Amy Goodhue, Co-Director Clinical Services at MVNA Family Health

www.mvna.org

MVNA public health nurse visits to pregnant and parenting teens have positive long term outcomes for two generations--the infant and the young mother. Through an intensive model, the public nurse provides education and support by developing a trusting relationship that continues until the infant is two years of age. The program collaborates with many organizations including the

Minneapolis Public Schools. The presentation will also include some of the outcomes from a program evaluation by Wilder Research.

Marlyn Barber

10:45 - 11:45 WOMEN LEADERS Presidents' Hall

**Documentary Filmmaking:
Where Do Ideas Come From?**

Speaker: Larkin McPhee, Producer, Writer, Director
Larkin McPhee is a Peabody and Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker.

Her newest PBS film, *Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story*, examines the consequences of farming practices on soil loss, water pollution, and the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Her previous films have explored topics ranging from personal finance, to nuclear power, to the illness of depression.

Mindy Rechelbacher

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson
Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing
Marionettes Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee Porch
Program Committee Association Room

1:15 - 2:15 APPLAUSE FOR THE ARTS Presidents' Hall

**Platinum Theatre Company:
Community Theatre *By and For* Seniors**

Speaker: Rich Fine, Executive Director, Platinum Theatre
Company

“We do not quit playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.” Formed when New Foggy Follies ended after eighteen years, Platinum Theatre Company enthusiastically embraces this philosophy of Oliver Wendell Holmes. Our speaker will discuss this and the process of bringing its first production, *Flamingo Court*, to the stage, a process that could be titled *The good, the bad, and the ugly*.

Harriette Krasnoff

Monday, October 10, 2011

8:30 - 9:30 PASSAGE FALL SHOWER TODAY

Vehicles will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations of cash, diapers, paper goods, household items, and cleaning supplies.

9:30 - 10:30 SOCIAL CULTURAL ISSUES Presidents' Hall

**Is the Global Fertility Decline Stalling?
First Results from the 2010 Census**

Speaker: Robert McCaa, Professor of Population History,
Ambassador, IPUMS-International
Minnesota Population Center
<http://www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa>
<https://international.ipums.org>

In October, world population will top seven billion. The

United Nations recently raised its forecast for the end of the century to 10 billion. Has the global fertility decline stalled? The IPUMS-International project at the University of Minnesota Population Center (MPC) may have the data to answer this question and many others. The MPC has amassed the world's largest collection of census data from more than 90 countries. The data are disseminated via the internet to researchers at no cost.

Phyllis Galbraith

10:45 - 11:45 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

**A Report from the Commissioner: Impact of K-12
Funding**

Speaker: Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Minnesota Commissioner
of Education

www.mde.commissioner@state.mn.us

In December, 2010, Governor Mark Dayton appointed Dr. Brenda Cassellius as Minnesota Education Commissioner. She was charged with the mission of improving educational achievement for children from Pre-K through Grade 12. Commissioner Cassellius promotes a variety of education policies and initiatives designed to challenge Minnesota students with rigor and relevance, while maintaining accountability for results. In her 20-year career as a classroom teacher, administrator, and superintendent, Dr. Cassellius distinguished herself throughout her profession and across partisan lines as a leader, innovative educator, and problem solver who is dedicated to serving the public interest.

Susanne Erickson

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

Reading of new Bylaws and Standing Rules

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Beth McCabe

Guest Hostess: Susie Erickson

New Members Association Room

Nominating Committee Porch

1:15 - 2:15 WOMEN LEADERS Presidents' Hall

Postscript for Victoria

Presenters: Polly Mann, Author

Ed Felien, SuSu Jeffrey, Sara Jane Olson,

and Beth Ann Peterson, Actors

Victoria Woodhill was the first woman to run for president of the United States in 1872. Polly Mann has written a play about her and will present it with a cast of four to be followed by a discussion of women's rights.

Mary Lou Nelson

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

4:00 - 5:00 FRANCE, FILM, and FEMMES Founders Room

Coco Chanel: a Fashion Icon

Leaders: Pat Deckas Becerra and Kathleen Lahouze

Discover more about the most influential woman in twentieth century women's fashion through a PowerPoint presentation about Coco Chanel's life. An excerpt from

the 2010 film, *Coco Chanel*, starring Shirley MacLaine will follow.

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE—BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Alcove
Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder
Discussion Leader: Ruth Aaskov

Dr. Paul Farmer, trained in anthropology and medicine, alternates his energies between his medical base in the United States and infection stricken areas of Haiti. This biography reveals an extraordinary, yet fallible individual who, with his unlikely teams and non-traditional methods, makes a difference in solving tough global health problems.

Despite the obstacles of politics, poverty, cultural differences, and diseases themselves, he remains a hands-on physician, focused on patient care and welfare, whatever the locale or social class.

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Heritage Alcove

Global Health and Its Challenges

Speaker: Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed, Chief of Staff at Axis Medical Center, Minneapolis
www.AxisMedicalCenter.org

As a family medicine physician, Dr. Mohamed has traveled and worked internationally. He will speak about tuberculosis, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and the toll these diseases exact on individuals. He will also discuss the overriding geopolitical interests of donor nations. This is sure to be a thought-provoking presentation.

Louise Winter

Monday, October 17, 2011

8:30 - 9:30 COLLECTION OF CASUAL BUSINESS
AND CAREER CLOTHING

A truck will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations of casual business and career clothing.

9:30 - 10:30 PUBLIC POLICY Presidents' Hall

Current Issues in Government Secrecy

Speaker: Heidi Kitrosser, Associate Professor of Law and
Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar

www.law.umn.edu/facultyprofiles/kitrosserh.html

The questions about government secrecy have continued from the Bush Administration through the Obama Administration, despite candidate Obama's pledge of transparency. What are the major legal arguments that presidents make to justify refusals to disclose information? What legal arguments might the White House make with respect to Wikileaks and its alleged sources? Do these arguments go too far?

Karen Rowley

10:45 - 11:45 POLITICALWORLD LANDSCAPE
Presidents' Hall

The Changing Arab World:

The 2011 Revolutions and Present Realities

Speaker: Basma Ibrahim DeVries, PhD, Professor of
Communication Studies, Concordia University;

Intercultural Trainer and Consultant; Facilitator
of Intercultural Competence Development

Uprising. Twitter. Civil Resistance. Unity in Diversity.
Making History. Tahrir (*Freedom*) Square. The 'Arab
Spring' has captivated the world and given new meaning to
using social networking as a revolutionary tool. Dr. Basma
Ibrahim DeVries, co-author of *Cultural Detective: Egypt*,
helps us explore cultural values and dimensions underlying
the changing landscape of the Arab world and provides
insights from an Egyptian's perspective.

Samiha Ibrahim

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

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Guest Hostess: Judy Spenser
Headlines/Viewpoints Fellowships Room
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Nominating Committee Porch
Technology Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH Presidents' Hall

Government Entitlements: Rights or Privileges?

Speaker: Arvonne Fraser, Author, Activist, Feminist, Wife,
Mother, and Grandmother

A hefty slice of the Federal Government budget pie is eaten
up by an increasing number of recipients. How do we deal
with a smaller pie with our huge debt and with other
groups eating from the same pie? What is government's

responsibility for its citizens' welfare?

Barbara Taft

Monday, October 24, 2011

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

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BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman

Discussion Leader: Pat Soulen

This book involves an unusual group of women who change the life of CeeCee, a troubled but bright, perceptive girl. Reading it will stir your feminist pride.

GREAT DECISIONS Presidents' Hall

Leader: Anne Shainline

Topic: **Should Americans Care About the Caucuses?**

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.

10:45 - 11:45 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

On and Off the Grid

Speaker: Mary Goulet, Rapid City, South Dakota, Retired Educator, Counselor, Author, and Motivational Speaker

Mary Goulet has come to expect the unexpected during retirement. In 1998, she and her husband moved to the

Black Hills to take advantage of the sunny days that would help power their non-electric house. Bob worked on their unique, fire-resistant house for seven years while Mary raised llamas, wrote articles for local publications, and published her first book of reflections and memoirs. She was working on her second book when a wildfire raged through the area, destroying 30 homes and taking one life. Out of the ashes of their home emerged her latest book, *Cascade of Flames*, first-hand accounts of evacuees and firefighters who survived this inferno, finding hope and healing out of personal tragedy.

Carrie D'Andrea

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12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun
Guest Hostess: Marlene Teien
International Guest Heritage Room
Nominating Committee Porch
Public Policy Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Active Wellness: Your Guide to Longevity and Vitality

Speaker: Sharon Lehrman, MPH, RD, LD, Dietitian

<http://www.nutritionhealthandwellness.com/>

Longevity studies reveal many secrets we can use to improve our health and reduce our risk for chronic diseases, Alzheimer's disease, and dementia. She'll discuss the latest *hot* research topics and *to-do* strategies for living longer AND healthier!

Phyllis Galbraith

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

4:30 MOVIE DISCUSSION Founders Room

Scent of a Woman

Leaders: Ginny Wheeler and Diane Boruff

Al Pacino earned a Best Actor Oscar in 1993 for his portrayal of Lt. Col. Frank Slade, an obnoxious retired military officer who decides to spend his retirement check on one last fling in New York City. He hires a young chaperone to accompany him. The ethical and moral issues raised by the film merit our attention as does the splendid acting of Pacino in the lead role. The elegance of the two-minute tango scene alone makes this worth seeing.

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 BUSINESS MEETING Heritage Alcove

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Heritage Alcove

A Tale of Two Visions:

Passing a State Budget in Turbulent Times

Speaker: Christina Wessel, Deputy Director, Minnesota Budget Project, an initiative of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

The 2011 Legislative Session revolved around a clash of two visions for solving the state's \$5 billion budget deficit:

one by a legislature focused on spending cuts and the other by a governor determined to raise progressive taxes. These different budget proposals reflected a deepening divide in public policy. She'll discuss the competing visions, describe how the state budgeting process works, or doesn't work, and consider how the outcome of the budget battle will impact Minnesotans.

Lonnie Skrentner

Monday, October 31, 2011

Focus Day
Advocacy

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines advocacy as the act or process of supporting a cause. The word first appears in the early 15th century.

9:30 – 10:30 **Why Do We Champion a Cause?**
Presidents' Hall

Speaker: David Schultz, PhD, LD, Attorney, Professor,
Graduate School of Management, Hamline
University

What human need motivates us to champion a cause? Where and when have we seen some of the best and worst results of advocacy? Our speaker, a frequent Almanac guest, brings extensive knowledge of philosophy, law, ethics, and political thought to the subject.

Geri Burns

10:45 – 11:45 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Presidents' Hall

Advocacy at the State Legislature

Speaker: Sherri Knuth, Public Policy Coordinator, League
of Women Voters Minnesota
LWVMN.org

How do we effectively advocate for our issues?
Sherri Knuth, who has extensive experience lobbying state legislatures, will give us pointers and tips on how to pass the legislation we seek or to stop a *bad* bill from progressing. She will share some of her experiences while lobbying the Minnesota State Legislature.

Dorothy Lilja

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Beth McCabe
Guest Hostess: Susie Erickson
Nominating Committee Porch

1:15 – 2:15 **AAUW:**
Past, Present, and Future of Advocacy

Presidents' Hall

Speaker: Nancy Rustad, AAUW National President
2001-2005

AAUW has a proud history of advocating for issues important to women and girls. As a past Minnesota State and National President, our speaker is knowledgeable about AAUW's accomplishments over the years. Branch members will demonstrate how to advocate now and in the

future using email, Twitter, Facebook, and AAUW's Programs in a Box.

Jan Paulsen

Monday, November 7, 2011

9:30 - 10:30 APPLAUSE FOR THE ARTS
Presidents' Hall

On Stage in Minnesota

Speaker: Leah Cooper, Executive Director, The Theater Alliance

Leah Cooper is a freelance stage director, nonprofit administration consultant, and Executive Director of the newly formed Minnesota Theater Alliance. She also serves on the Minnesota Arts Commission and the board of directors for Live Action Set. She will tell us about her travels to theaters all across Minnesota which brought about her founding of The Theater Alliance.

Anne Shainline

10:45 - 11:45 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Who is Seeking the Best for Our Kids?

Speaker: Mary Cecconi, Executive Director, Parents United for Public Schools

www.parentsunited.org

Where and how are the critical decisions about public schools made: what is taught, how is achievement measured, how is money allocated? Who decides if

schools receive funds based on student *performance* or student *need*? Increasingly, these decisions are being made in the legislative arena, within a polarized political environment. Add the role of philanthropic foundations who wish to be catalytic in school reform, and one may surely ask, "*Is there room for the public in our public schools?*"

Kathie Cerra

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson
Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing
Marionettes Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee Porch
Program Committee Association Room

1:15 - 2:15 SOCIAL CULTURAL CHANGE
Presidents' Hall

Addiction

Speaker: Kevin Spading, LICSW, LADC, CPP, Project Director, Minnesota Prevention Resource Center, Minnesota Institute of Public Health
MIPH.org

What is addiction? Do you know someone with addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling, gaming, overeating, or sex? How do we cope? What are the best practices in treatment? Our speaker has experience in addressing many kinds of addictions and trains professionals who address these issues.

Dorothy Lilja

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

4:00 - 5:00 FRANCE, FILM, and FEMMES
Founders Room

Women in the French Resistance

Leaders: Pat Deckas Becerra and Kathleen Lahouze
Explore fascinating yet little known stories of daring women like Lucie Aubrac and their involvement in the secret fight against the Nazi occupation in France. After a PowerPoint presentation, an excerpt from the French film *Lucie Aubrac* will be shown. A copy of the hard-to-find film will be available this fall for check-out in our library.

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE—BOOK DISCUSSION
Heritage Alcove

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Discussion Leader: Cathy Hovancsak

Henrietta Lacks died more than 60 years ago. Her cells, preserved by scientists without her or her families' knowledge, are still alive and have led to important medical breakthroughs. This book is an extraordinary journey from Henrietta's poor farmer roots, through the colored ward of a major hospital, subsequent medical developments, and closing with a glimpse of her family today.

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Heritage Alcove

What's So Mystical About Bear Bile?

Speaker: Dr. Clifford Steer, MD

Dr. Clifford Steer heads the Steer Lab at the University of Minnesota.

The lab incorporates several major areas of research, one of which includes studies on acids in bile. These acids inhibit cell disintegration which is common to disease progression in Huntington's disease, head trauma, acute stroke, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, acute stroke, myocardial infarction, retinitis pigmentosa, and acute renal failure! Dr. Steer will explain this cutting edge research in an interesting and understandable way.

Beth Montgomery

Monday, November 14, 2011

9:30 - 10:30 POLITICALWORLD LANDSCAPE
Presidents' Hall

**Our Greatest Moral Challenge:
Achieving a Truly Sustainable Population**

Speaker: David Paxson, Founder and President of World
Population Balance
worldpopulationbalance.org

According to an analysis, the world's 6.9 billion people are consuming resources more than 50% faster than the long term sustainable rate. We are consuming our resource base--eating our seed corn--at the global level! What must we do to change course? How can we prevent a global

catastrophe and create a truly sustainable society? Explore this compelling topic about a great moral challenge of our time.

Karen Rowley

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

Is it Time for a New Minnesota Miracle?

Speaker: Jay Kiedrowski, Senior Fellow, Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

What are the effects of the new Minnesota budget? What would be the features of a state budget that eliminates structural imbalance and doesn't rely on school shifts? As a former Finance Commissioner under Rudy Perpich, our speaker will help us work through this topic and possibly even come up with a *miracle*.

Joyce Prudden

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

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1:15 - 2:15 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

**Hearing Problems:
Could You Repeat That?**

Speaker: Mary Bauer, Specialist, Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Services, State of Minnesota

Mary Bauer is a consultant, technical adviser, and trainer on issues related to hearing loss. She herself is hard of hearing and includes personal experiences in her dynamic, knowledgeable, and humor-filled presentation. Mary will also speak about the challenges and frustrations of having or living with others who have a hearing loss.

Jeanne Bearmon

Monday, November 21, 2011

9:30 - 10:30 DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH
Presidents' Hall

**The State of Perpetual Punishment
for Offenders**

Speaker: Pamela Alexander, President,
Council on Crime and Justice
alexanderp@crimeandjustice.org

Frederick Douglas once said, "*Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails . . . neither persons nor property will be safe.*" Our speaker, a former judge, will discuss how these words still ring true today and what the Council on Crime and Justice is doing to address the causes and consequences of crime.

Shirley McKinney

10:45 - 11:45 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

**Thinking Like A Watershed:
The Long and Large View of Lakes**

Speaker: Ray Valley, Sentinel Lakes Coordinator and
Senior Research Biologist, DNR Fisheries
Research Unit

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/slice>

When we look at our favorite lake, but don't like what we see, we must realize that change has been slowly at work--one paved area, one developed shoreline lot, at a time. The solutions to lake impairments won't come overnight. Like degradation, restoration comes one restored creek, one wetland, and one shoreline, at a time. Sustaining Lakes in a Changing Environment (SLICE) is a long-term lake monitoring program focused on unveiling the invisible: evaluating what has happened to our lakes over time, determining where are they now, and what we can expect looking forward given changes to the climate and landscape. SLICE will prescribe the most realistic approach: protection, restoration, or adaptation toward lake conservation.

Karen Wilkinson

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1:15 - 2:15 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Book Suggestions for Holiday Giving

Speaker: Debbie Cohn, Sales Manager at The Bookcase,
Wayzata, Minnesota

www.bookcaseofwayzata.com

Debbie and one of her colleagues will offer suggestions of new book titles for adults and children available for holiday giving. They will bring books for purchase. Proceeds from their generous 20% coupon discount will go toward our Capital Campaign.

Carrie D'Andrea

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

4:30 MOVIE DISCUSSION Founders Room

Inside Job

Leaders: Karen Rowley and Lil Lindsey

This Academy Award winning documentary, which traces the financial meltdown of 2008, is co-sponsored by our AAUW Distribution of Wealth committee. Join us to see how Charles Ferguson, upon accepting the award, was moved to say, *"Forgive me, I must start by pointing out that three years after our horrific financial crisis caused by financial fraud, not a single financial executive has gone to jail, and that's wrong."*

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 BUSINESS MEETING Heritage Alcove

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Heritage Alcove

Minnesota Search and Rescue Dog Association

Speakers: SARDA Team Members

The Minnesota Search and Rescue Dog Association, MinnSARDA, was established in 1981. It has grown to be one of the most recognized canine search and rescue teams in Minnesota and the surrounding areas. The unit provides specially trained dog/handler teams to assist public safety agencies in searches and homicide investigations. This evening we will meet some of the dog/handler team members, learn of the training required, and perhaps observe demonstrations of their capabilities.

Mary Beaumont

Monday, November 28, 2011

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

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BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

Discussion Leader: Sheila Lind

Set in 1940-1941, this novel contrasts life in prewar, small town America with bomb-torn London. Three women dominate a story about love won and lost, a story of those who waited at home. It is a compelling account of some events leading to American involvement in World War II and the impact of communication of that time. Find out how two undelivered letters affect the outcome of the story.

TRAVEL Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Turkey**

Speaker: Charlotte Morrison

Charlotte Morrison will share her sea and land adventures
in Turkey.

10:45 - 11:45 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Toward a Healthier Minnesota

Speaker: Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH, Minnesota
Commissioner of Health

Our speaker will describe the role of the Commissioner of Health and the directions he is taking in managing the employees at the Minnesota Department of Health. He will discuss the major health problems that Minnesotans are facing. He will also speak to future plans for projects related to preventing disease and illness.

Mary Lou Christensen

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1:15 - 2:15 WOMEN LEADERS Presidents' Hall

My Life and Work in Racial Relations

Speaker: Josie Robinson Johnson, President, Josie
Robinson Johnson and Associates

Our speaker has been an outstanding community leader for over 40 years. Her accomplishments include leadership in the Urban League, teacher and Regent at the University of Minnesota, community organizer, and president of her own business. She will share her experiences with us.

E. Jean Hosterman