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- Education
- Health
- Mental Well-Being
- Public Policy

Focus Day

• May 1: International Day: Germany

Leadership Message From the President and Evening Vice President . . .

I can't believe I am already writing the text for the spring Bulletin. The year is flying by--as they all seem to. For that reason, make sure you spend time doing what you enjoy with folks who are important to you--that is AAUW for me.

By the time you read this, I hope I will not be watching the weather for snow day closures and spring will be in the air. Who am I kidding??

As I mentioned in my fall message, I had hoped to focus on membership in 2016-17. As of January, we have added more than fifty new members to our family, so many that we had to move the New Member Lunch to a bigger space. Hurrah! Keep inviting your friends to share the amazing learning opportunities we offer with our ninety programs per year. We do have room for more members, and in the spring, membership dues go "on sale."

Planning has started for next year, and I urge all of you to fill out Involvement Sheets to choose your participation for 2017-18. Nominations for open positions have been announced, and some new members will take charge. I am looking forward to working with them and watching new program committees plan excellent programs for next year.

Also, our biannual National AAUW Convention is June 14-17, in Washington, DC. Together with other branch members, I will learn about the bigger picture of AAUW and our influence on the national scene. Consider joining us!

As always, there is much going on at AAUW. Enjoy the spring and welcome back to our snowbirds.

Now a few words from our Evening Vice President....

I especially want the fifty new members to know that they may attend all of our Tuesday evening programs. They are included in your membership. The first meeting of the new year will be April 18. We begin with a social time, enjoy a lovely dinner, and then listen to Jackie Hoff, Collections Manager for the Science Museum of Minnesota. Evening programming continues through November. Of special note is the Lynx game on Tuesday, July 25. Put the date on your calendar, and join us while we cheer on our team. See you in the evening!

Shari Parsons, President Jan Paulsen, Evening Vice President

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 Desk in the lower level by the coffee table. 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.

Do You Have a Memory to Share?

Were you born and raised in a German community in the United States? Or do you have German ancestors with unique experiences or contributions? What were some of the German festivals and celebrations you experienced? The International Day Committee is inviting people to share their German experiences with all of the AAUW members. Please write a paragraph or two about the memories you have, and we will compile them in a booklet and share them with members during International Day on May 1. Please send your story by email to Georgia Wiebe or Shirley McKinney, or give it to one of them them on a Monday. Thanks for your participation.

Officers of the Branch 2016 - 2017

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Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2016 - 2017

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Awards and Recognition Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. Annual lunch reservations will apply.

Membership . . .

AAUW is one of the premier women's organizations in the United States.

I consider myself fortunate to be a college graduate. I feel sure you do, too. College broadened my career horizons and widened my world view. It opened the door to new experiences, new friendships, and new challenges.

And now, at leisure after the working years, I am a member of one of the premier women's organizations in this country, AAUW. Thanks to living in the Twin Cities, I am fortunate to belong to a chapter with weekly (rather than monthly) programming--and outstanding programming at that.

I think of my AAUW involvement as a continuing chain. I have well-forged links to my car pool, the Readers and Writers Committee, and the Bulletin staff. I also have informal links to fellow home economists and the officers with whom I served when I was branch secretary, not to mention my fellow knitters.

How many links do you have on your AAUW chain? How about congenial committee members? Neighbors? Former colleagues? Co-workers in planning spring get-aways, galas, focus days, and fund-raisers?

The esprit de corps of our branch is infectious. We're so proud of our meeting place, the beautiful Gale Mansion. We look forward to the gourmet lunches presented by our talented kitchen staff. When the Membership Committee, aided and abetted by many committee heads, put on the highly-successful open house last fall, we all beamed.

Then there are the scholarships that we award to outstanding Minneapolis students, often young women of color, the first in their families to attend college. How great it is that we can help support them for all four years. So, let's invite friends as guests to our meetings, showing them what a unique group we have, how stimulating our programs are, and how worthwhile our activities are. When bringing your guest to Presidents' Hall, be sure to stop at the Membership Table to pick up a name tag and prospective-member kit.

Ann Burckhardt for the Membership Committee

Leslie Swenson, Membership Co-Vice President Ann Vanvick, Membership Co-Vice President Mary Beaumont, Evening Membership Vice President

Save the Date for the 2017 Eduvacation

Check out the details for the 2017 AAUW National Convention in the winter issue of AAUW *Outlook* magazine--with the photo of the White House on the cover. The convention will be held between June 14-17, 2017, in Washington, DC.

Marketed as an "eduvacation," the convention allows you to combine both an education and vacation opportunity.

Workshop sessions will give you the possibility to develop leadership skills and connect with women leaders.

Pre- and post-convention tours will offer you options to experience cultural and historical sites.

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund . .

Meet Selamawit Girmachew

Though she has only been in this country for nine years, Selam (as she likes to be called) has accomplished a great deal.

Arriving here from her native Ethiopia at age 12 to live with her parents, she first had to perfect her English. Thanks to English as a Second Language classes and encouragement from her family, she quickly mastered our language.

At school, she found that she loved math and science. "They are fascinating--that keeps me interested," Selam explained. At Roosevelt High School, she was part of the International Baccalaureate and College in the Schools programs, studying, among other things, chemistry and calculus. When graduation came, she was ranked third in Roosevelt's class of 150.

As college neared, Selam applied for scholarships. Her application and interview at the Gale Mansion led to her being chosen as one of two 2015 winners of \$12,000 in scholarship funds for her four years of college. She also won scholarships from Minneapolis Rotary and the Wallin Foundation. "Nine people were on the interview team for Rotary," she reported, "I was quaking."

She chose to attend the University of Minnesota. Starting out in the College of Education and Human Development, she soon switched to the College of Biological Sciences. This past semester she declared her major, biochemistry, and minor, pharmacology.

This year Selam became a community advisor (formerly called resident advisor) at her dorm. There was extensive training this summer on how to carry out the role

of counselor and policy enforcer. To her surprise, another Minneapolis AAUW scholarship holder, freshman Kristy Lor, is among the thirty students she advises.

This talented student is a skilled time manager. Besides her challenging class work and dorm responsibilities, she works eight hours every two weeks as an office assistant at Territorial Hall. This semester she hopes to volunteer in a micro-biology lab with a PhD candidate with whom she "just clicked." There goes another four hours per week.

When we met December 29, Selam was looking forward to her family's Christmas celebration on January 7. "We are Eastern Orthodox Christians," she said. "So we get two of each religious holiday. Our New Year's is September 1, and our Easter is about four weeks later than the American Easter."

Ann Burckhardt for the Scholarship Fund

Sharon Bigot, President, Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund Board



Pictured is AAUW scholarship winner Selam Girmachew.

Passage Community Spring Shower April 24, 2017

Twice yearly we collect household supplies for the families at Passage Community. This transitional housing program for 17 homeless families is located in the Gale Mansion neighborhood. While there, families receive help with finding permanent housing and employment, education, and child care goals.

Items needed this spring are: laundry and dishwashing detergent, household cleaning supplies, rubber gloves for cleaning, paper products (toilet paper and paper towels), and disposable diapers. Checks are also welcome and should be made out to Passage Community. Money is used for emergencies and special situations. Cars will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion where volunteers will receive your donations from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on April 24. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Jennifer Johnson

Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive for Men and Women May 1, 2017

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

On Monday, May 1, *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 me at 612-741-2216.

Denny Scharlemann

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.
- Please do not save seats before lunch.
- Remember that the excellent waitstaff appreciate a sincere "thank you" when they serve your meal.

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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline

July 5 is the due date for September, October, and November Bulletin items. Thanks! Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387

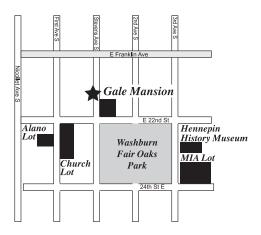
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Parking Options . . .

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 free. Free parking is available on Mondays in the small lot of the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Avenue South.



Best Sellers--No Overdue Fees

How can you beat that?

The writer, Nicholson Baker, wrote: "Books: a beautifully browsable invention that needs no electricity and exists in a readable form no matter what happens."

The AAUW Library has these beautifully browsable inventions including best sellers, books by women authors, Minnesota authors, non-fiction books, mysteries, biographies, and memoirs. We also have a limited number of DVDs. And, as I said before, there are no overdue fees. These are your books, and we want you to enjoy them.

The library sells slightly used books donated by our members. Hardcovers 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.

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

Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Chair, Library Committee

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. Sign up for available seats when you come on Monday morning.

We always have a lively discussion.

Watch for announcements outside the Presidents' Hall where you can sign up to reserve a place for lunch with us.

Monday Literature . . .

September Lila

Marilynne Robinson

October The Other Typist

Suzanne Rindell

November Me Before You

Jojo Moyes

January The Danish Girl

David Ebershoff

February Old Filth

Jane Gardam

March The Nightingale

Kristin Hannah

April In Times of Fading Light (Germany book)

Eugen Ruge

The book discussion group meets the fourth Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Literature . . .

May **Drama Reading**

June I Am Malala

Malala Yousafzai

August The Art Forger

Barbara Shapiro

The evening book discussion group meets select Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

House Management Committee . . .

The Gale Mansion continues to be a place of elegance and beauty. Fine meals with our meetings during the holiday season and the fun of working together resulted in warm friendships and fond memories for members.

Projects recently completed in the house include switching the Gale electricity source from coal to wind power. The Association Room was renovated. Do go to see how nice the room looks with new paint, curtains, and without cracks in the walls.

Another exciting change is the removal of old, stained, and frayed carpet in the lower level lobby and hall. It was replaced with new vinyl wood-grain planks which match the floor in the Presidents' Hall. The look and feel of the lower level is enriched. Stay tuned for even more improvements to come.

A sincere "Thank You" goes to volunteers from the House Committee who made new seasonal decorations for the second floor and put the holiday decorations up throughout the Gale. The house really looked beautiful!

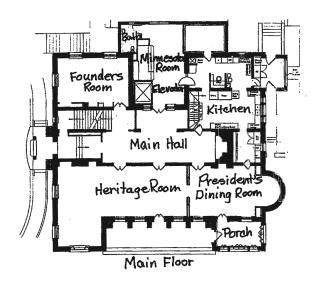
Carol Sheldon, House Management Chair

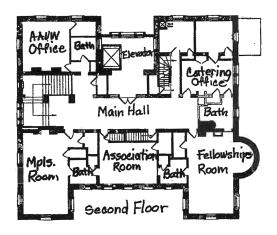
The President's Table . . .

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





Interest Groups . . .

4th Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Special interest groups meet at 9:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month. 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 15 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 ninety-year-old organization committed to the importance of education in a democracy. This will be followed by a half-hour discussion.

April 24

Topic: United States Foreign Policy and Petroleum

• 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

March 27

Join us for lively interactive discussion on newsworthy events and more

Know Your Device

Facilitator: Esther Fabes

Members of this group will answer each others' questions about smart phones, iPads, and general technology mysteries.

• Travel Presidents' Hall

Leader: Janet McLandsborough

March 27

Topic: Travels Abroad

University of Minnesota students Luke Featherstone, Ben Osborn, and Nick Mason will share their studies and travels abroad.

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

AAUW Funds

I would like to give a great big thanks to the Minneapolis Branch members who generously donated to one or more of the AAUW Funds in 2016. Through donations and bequests, we raised over \$19,400 to help promote equity for women and girls! The Minneapolis Branch helps to raise funds because equity is still an issue.

Your next opportunity to help will come April 28-29 at the AAUW State Convention held in Willmar, Minnesota. Each year a silent auction is held to benefit AAUW Funds Legal Advocacy Fund. Last year Minneapolis Branch members donated items which brought in \$930! It is not too early to start thinking about items you may already have that would make good auction items. When you are out shopping, keep a look out for a terrific bargain that you can donate to the cause. You and a few friends could consider putting together a themed basket. Some themes to consider: Tea Time, Morning Coffee, Books and Bookmarks, Wine, Knitting, Crafts, Ceramics, Scarves, Photos and Frames, Jewelry, Gardening, Children's Games, or Art. Keep us in mind if you are downsizing. It seems like just about anything sells, and the auction is fun.

Bring items and place them in the AAUW Funds Auction Box in the lower hallway anytime after March 20, or talk to Jan Paulsen. Be sure to fill out the donation form. All donations to AAUW Funds are tax-deductible.

Janice Paulsen, Chair, AAUW Funds

Toiletries

Traveling? Free items from your dentist? Bring your new toiletries and place them in the specially marked box in the coat room. At this time these items are given to the local Groveland Food Shelf. For those with little, it means so much. Contact Lil Lindsey with any questions.

AAUW Funds

Tributes or Memorials

AAUW Funds are an excellent way to honor a special friend on a birthday, anniversary, or occasion unique to him/her. They are truly fine memorial gifts. Fill out the form below and return it with a check made out to AAUW Funds. A special Tribute or Memorial card will go to the person you are honoring or to the family of the deceased.

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Please help carry on the AAUW Funds' good work. Your gifts are tax-deductible. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to **AAUW Funds**. Designate the **specific fund** in the memo line.

Monday, March 6, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 Presidents' Hall OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

Building a Better World through Young Minnesotan Women

Speaker: Saanii Hernandez, Vice President, Women's Foundation of Minnesota, where she co-leads the newly-launched Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota (WFM) made history when it launched the *Minnesota Girls Are Not for Sale* campaign in 2010. It convened over 100 leaders from all over Minnesota and created a strategic, multi-sector blueprint to combat child sex trafficking. WFM still continues this work. Today, we will learn about the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota, a statewide public-private partnership between WFM and the Governor's Office of the State of Minnesota, which began late October, 2016.

Sharon Bigot

10:45 - 11:45 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Sleep and the Brain

Speaker: Michael Howell, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Minnesota

Howell is a neurologist who specializes in sleep disorders. He is program director of the Clinical Sleep Medicine Fellowship at Hennepin County Medical Center. His clinical interests include sleepwalking and related disorders such as REM Sleep Behavior Disorder, Sleep Related Eating Disorder, sleep seizures, and other violent sleep behaviors.

Shiela Robertson

11:45 - 12:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee (2:15)

Marketing Committee (2:15)

Public Policy

Library

Minnesota Room
Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15 MENTAL WELL-BEING Presidents' Hall

Bipolar Disorder: What It Is and What It Isn't

Speaker: Todd Mulliken, MS, LPCC, Family Counselor, Mulliken Counseling Center

Bipolar disorder is a lifelong, chronic condition that affects two to three million Americans. Mulliken will attempt to clarify what this complex and often misunderstood disorder really is and what it isn't. He will discuss effective evidence-based treatment modalities, as well as identify how friends and family can best support a loved one struggling with this disorder.

Julie Mowery

Monday, March 13, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 Presidents' Hall SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Social Media and Internet Safety

Speakers: Jessica Harstad, Vice President, Platinum
Staffing
Kathy Hotakainen, Community Outreach
Specialist for the FBI, Minneapolis Division

The FBI is seeing a significant increase in sextortion activity that is affecting thousands of American children. It only takes one wrong click on social media or the internet for a child to become a victim. Our speakers will cover five main risks: inappropriate content, online privacy, sexting, online sexual solicitations, and cyberbullying. They will talk about FBI cases in which Minnesota children have become victims based on their activity on social media and the internet. Learn how you can help children safely navigate today's technology. Several handouts will be provided.

Ann Vanvick

10:45 - 11:45 Presidents' Hall CULTURES, CLANS, AND COMMUNITIES

Empowering Hmong Farmers

Speaker: Pakou Hang, Executive Director, Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA) hmongfarmers.com

HAFA's mission is to advance the prosperity of Hmong American farmers through cooperative endeavors, capacity 24 building, and advocacy. It provides training and business development opportunities for alternative markets such as co-ops, restaurants, and schools. It also gives the farmers security knowing that they will have long-term use of the land which also allows them to plant perennials.

Joyce Prudden

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING
Changes to Minneapolis Branch Bylaws
and Standing Rules will be read.

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Phyllis Gilbert Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee

Association Room

1:15 - 2:15 WRITERS AND READERS Presidents' Hall

The Wedding Heard 'Round The World

Speakers: Michael McConnell

Jack Baker

More than forty years before the Supreme Court's ruling on gay marriage, McConnell and Baker exchanged vows in the first legal same-sex wedding in the United States. Their memoir, *The Wedding Heard 'Round the World*, is the story of their ground-breaking experiences, their long campaign for marriage equality, and their insistence on equal rights for all citizens.

Vicki Dunn

Monday, March 20, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Modern Approaches to Make Foods Safe

Speaker: Dr. David Baumler, Assistant Professor of Molecular Food Safety Microbiology,

Department of Food Science and Nutrition,

University of Minnesota

baumlerlab.com

The average person eats more than 1,000 meals per year, and likely has been sickened by foodborne disease. Recent changes in consumer eating, food safety regulations, and genomics technology are leading to new advancements in food safety. Modern approaches to make foods safer will be presented--ranging from using natural organic antimicrobials to harnessing genomics technology.

Elaine Strom

10:45 - 11:45 MENTAL WELL-BEING Presidents' Hall

Meeting at a Busy Intersection: Change, Loss, Grieving, and Hope

Speaker: Ted Bowman, Family and Grief Educator, Author

Things happen! Some are welcome, planned, and the culmination of dreams. Other things shatter dreams, hopes, and plans. And often life is a mix of such things. In this session, perspectives on loss and grief will be discussed alongside perspectives on reasonable hope for the good and the challenging times of lives.

Betty Beach

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
Scholarship Committee (2:15) Minnesota Room

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

The Goldstein Museum of Design: Over Forty Years of Design Stewardship

Speaker: Dr. Jean McElvain, Associate Curator, Goldstein Museum of Design, University of Minnesota

McElvain will provide insight into how a focused group of objects collected by two professors in the early twentieth century grew to a collection of over 32,000 objects today. Through photographs of a variety of collection pieces, McElvain will show how objects are used in contemporary exhibitions and learning environments.

Jane Wobken

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, March 27, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 18

BOOK DISCUSSION

Heritage Room

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Discussion Leader: Mollie Keys

This novel explores a seldom seen part of history--the role of women in the panorama of World War II. It is a story that celebrates the resilience of of two sisters in German-occupied and war-torn France.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Topic: **Drawing**Leader: Ann Little

Our very own resident artist will give a lesson on how to draw trees and landscapes with pencil and charcoal.

HOT TOPICS Founders Room

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OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

"Brexit"--How and Why

Speaker: Dr. Kelly Donahue, Adjunct Professor of History, University of St. Thomas

Since the shocking news broke that the British voted (51.9%) to leave the European Union, what can we learn about the broader international ramifications? The British have long believed themselves to be set apart from the continent in a geographical sense but also in a cultural and political sense. Is the Brexit just one more step in a very long, complicated history between the British Isles and the continent?

Pat Deckas Becerra

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

> Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee
New Members
Technology Committee

Association Room
Fellowships Room
Minneapolis Room

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

An Inside Look at a Women's Prison

Speaker: Tracy Beltz, Warden, Shakopee Women's Prison

Leading to her present warden position, Beltz first worked with the state as a security counselor. She will present background on the prison, makeup of the prison population, and the programs offered at the facility. Beltz will show what potential new construction projects offer for the future.

Barb Link

Monday, April 3, 2017

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

Beyond Good and Bad

Speaker: Graydon Royce, retired Theater Critic, Star Tribune

"Is a theater critic a consumer-affairs expert for people wondering whether a show is any good? Well, you should have some clearly stated opinion, but the job requires something more of a writer and observer in putting theater into context and understanding." Thoughts from Graydon Royce.

Marge Goldberg

10:45 - 11:45 Presidents' Hall SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Cannabis Conundrum: Science and Politics of America's Most Controversial Plant

Speaker: George D. Weiblen, PhD, Curator and Interim Scientific Director, Bell Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota

Hemp is a plant with strong fibers, nutritious oil, and potential in energy and industrial use. Unfortunately, because it is in the same plant family as marijuana, it was illegal to harvest hemp in Minnesota until mid-2015. Our speaker will talk about the politics and potential of a plant that grows wild all over Minnesota.

Kerry Noyes

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

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee (2:15)

Marketing Committee (2:15)

Public Policy

Library

Minneapolis Room

Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15 WRITERS AND READERS Presidents' Hall

The Real World of War

Speakers: Ruth Welsh, BS, Author

Laurel Means, PHD, Author, Editor, Publisher

From an idyllic boyhood in Minnesota, Dick Weissner, Welsh's late husband, found himself at the outbreak of WWII, plunged into the unexpected career of becoming a P47 fighter pilot on the Western Front. In 2013, AAUW member Welsh compiled her husband's candid words into a book, *The Real World of War*. It offers a graphically illustrated account of what war is really like, and how it changes lives. Her editor, Laurel Means, will join her, and together they will discuss the process of writing, editing, and publishing this compelling story.

Julie Mowery

Monday, April 10, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 MENTAL WELL-BEING Presidents' Hall

Grit: What It Is, Why Kids Need It, and How to Get It

Speaker: Dr. David Walsh, Founder, Mind Positive Parenting

"Grit," technically called "executive function," is critical for school and life success. It determines how we learn as opposed to what we learn and includes the ability to concentrate, manage impulses and behavior, passion, perseverance, resilience, focus, and motivation. Walsh will explain why it is important and describe "six threats that undermine it: toxic stress, sedentary lifestyle, lack of sleep, a culture of 'more, fast, easy, and fun,' misuse/overuse of technology, and disappearance of free play." He will provide practical strategies for assuring that 21st century youth develop grit traits to ensure their success and happiness.

Ginny Craig

10:45 - 11:45 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Superintendent's Vision and Hopes for Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS)

Speaker: Ed Graff, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools

Graff returned to his home state of Minnesota from Anchorage Alaska, and began as superintendent of MPS on July 1, 2016. Graff was chosen by the MPS School Board for his dedication to social/emotional learning and for his proven ability to cultivate a positive culture in a large diverse district. He will report on his first nine months and recommend what financial support the MPS requires from the current Minnesota Legislature session.

Kay Kessel

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING Membership vote on changes to Minneapolis Branch Bylaws and Standing Rules

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Phyllis Gilbert Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee

Association Room

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall CULTURES, CLANS, AND COMMUNITIES

Training to Last a Lifetime:
Positive Philosophy, Role-modeling, and
High Expectations Empowering Blind People

Speaker: Dan Wentzel, Executive Director, BLIND, Inc.

Have you encountered walkers with white canes on the sidewalks near the Gale Mansion? Have you wondered about the Pillsbury mansion just a block west of the Gale? Stop in this lovely building and you'll discover a learning/training center for those with vision impairments. Learn about programs at BLIND, Inc. and how they empower blind people to reach their personal, educational, and professional goals.

Sue Kearns

Monday, April 17, 2017

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

A Path to Racial Justice in Minneapolis

Speaker: Vivian Jenkins Nelson, Co-founder of INTER-RACE, a diversity think tank at Augsburg College, Diversity Trainer, Researcher

Because our speaker has lived on the north side of Minneapolis for many years, Jenkins Nelson will discuss some of the racial issues facing people living there. She will outline some of the steps she believes are necessary to bring about racial justice. She hopes to challenge us in the ways we can work to improve the racial climate in our city, state, and nation.

Shirley McKinney

10:45 - 11:45 THE ARTS Presidents' Hall

Public Art: Courting Controversy, Enhancing Cityscapes

Speaker: Lara Roy, Director, Continuing Education, Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Public art can enhance a cityscape, revitalize an urban area, and pay tribute to important events. However, public art projects can invite controversy regarding the artist selection and commission process, the form of the project, and the funding involved. This talk will examine some of the most controversial public art projects, reasons for the controversies, stakeholder reactions, and the resulting fallout.

Jean Heidenreich

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
Scholarship Committee (2:15) Minnesota Room
Spring Getaways Committee Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 LITERATURE Presidents' Hall

Kathleen Novak Has Her Way with Words

Speaker: Kathleen Novak, Poet and Novelist

Born and raised on the Iron Range of Minnesota, Novak is the granddaughter of Italian and Croatian immigrants. Her poems have been published in small literary magazines nationally, and she has won recognition in contests as diverse as AAUW and New York Public Radio. Novak will read selections of her poems and novels and tell us about her writing style.

Sheryl Sostarich

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.

aauwmpls@qwest.net

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

5:00 SOCIAL

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Collections at the Science Museum of Minnesota

Speaker: Jackie Hoff, Former Director of Collections Services, Science Museum of Minnesota

Hoff will discuss her background and how she became interested in museum collections. She will enlighten us about the Science Museum's history and its collections and the fascinating topic of how items are collected for the museum using the sciences of biology, paleontology, ethnology, and archaeology.

Cathy Hovancsak

Celebrate Graduates Give a Grad a Gift

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with the Give a Grad a Gift campaign. A free one-year membership to AAUW is a great way to celebrate her accomplishments! Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible, so don't forget interns or student teachers you might know. Give a Grad a Gift can also be applied to the Younger Women's Task Force. See the Membership Chairs for further information

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

(*Please note that this evening program is not listed in chronological order with other AAUW programs.)

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE--PLAY READING

Founders Room

Participate in the reading of a play facilitated by Esther Fabes. No preparation is necessary.

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

What Does a Theater Dramaturg Do?

Speaker: Jo Holcomb, Dramaturg, Guthrie Theater

When I met Holcomb last year, that is exactly what I asked her. Having worked on over forty productions at the Guthrie, as well as at numerous other theaters, she is well experienced to tell us. They cannot do productions without her!

Pat Day

View Recorded Presentations

If you have missed a Monday program, you may find it recorded on Vimeo. To view selected recorded presentations on your computer, find instructions printed on page 67 of your yellow Directory. Enjoy!

Monday, April 24, 2017

8:30 - 9:30 PASSAGE COMMUNITY SPRING SHOWER

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

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 18

BOOK DISCUSSION

Heritage Room

In Times of Fading Light by Eugen Ruge Discussion Leader: Sheryl Sostarich

Winner of the German Book Prize, this novel follows four generations of a family against the backdrop of the collapse of East German communism. Anthea Bell is the gifted translator, who is adept at finding the tone of the voice of the original manuscript. It is a provocative read with politics, love, and family themes.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: United States Foreign Policy and Petroleum

Leaders: Barbara Taft and Joyce Prudden

Petroleum may be a useful instrument of foreign policy. United States policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy to be energy secure.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Activity: **Quilting**Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

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

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minneapolis Room

Leader: Esther Fabes

Members of this group will answer each other's questions about smart phones, iPads, and general technology mysteries.

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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 WRITERS AND READERS Presidents' Hall

Milkweed Editions and Milkweed Books

Speaker: Daniel Slager, Publisher and CEO, Milkweed Editions

Milkweed Editions has been part of the Twin Cities publishing scene for over thirty years. This non-profit organization shares space in the Open Book complex on Washington Avenue, along with The Loft and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. In addition, Milkweed has opened a bookstore in this facility. Slager will tell us about the mission of Milkweed Editions and Milkweed Books.

Georgia Wiebe

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

> Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee Minneapolis Room
New Members Fellowships Room
Technology Committee Minneapolis Room
Minneapolis Room

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

Thursday Musical Student Program

What is more rewarding than listening to talented young musicians perform? Some of the winners of the Thursday Musical Student Scholarship Competition will appear on our stage today. Winners have received more than \$20,000 in music scholarships. So sit back and enjoy. Let the music begin!

Katherine Doepke

Monday, May 1, 2017

8:30 - 9:30 COLLECTION OF CLOTHING A truck will be parked in front of the Gale to receive your donations to *From Me to You*.

International Day

GERMANY

Minnesota is filled with people of German heritage. How and why did they come to this part of United States? Come hear the stories. Find out what is happening with the influx of immigrants to Germany today. Enjoy a hearty German lunch of the favorite foods of this land. Visit the coat room for a fine exhibit of German artifacts where you will find items for sale. Bring your curiosity and some stories.

9:30 - 10:30 Presidents' Hall

1848ers, Democratic Revolutionaries, and the German Mass Migration to the Midwest

Speaker: Dr. Joachim (Yogi) Reppmann, Former German Professor, St. Olaf College, Founder of the Stoltenberg Institute for German-Americans Moin-Moin.us

A small group of German individuals called "Forty-Eighters" immigrated to the United States in the mid-1800s after fighting unsuccessfully for liberty, democracy, and national unity. They came from the German state of Schleswig-Holstein to Scott County, Iowa. After settling in America, these unique and talented individuals provided an intellectual transfusion affecting not only their fellow German immigrants, but also the political and social history of the United States during one of its most critical periods.

Commemorating the Past and Facing Today's Challenges

Speaker: Leslie Morris, Associate Professor of German,
Department of German, Scandinavian, and Dutch
Studies, University of Minnesota

Morris will describe Germany's past--the horrific memories of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust--and how it has been commemorated. What are new challenges and political ramifications today as a result of the refugee crisis?

Bette Stacy

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

> Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall

Drinking Champagne on the Berlin Wall: From Giddy Celebration to the Hangover, From Unification to the Refugee Crisis

Speaker: Richard (Rick) McCormick, Professor of German, Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch Studies, University of Minnesota

McCormick will present an overview of the political, economic, social, and cultural changes in Germany since the "Fall of the Wall" in 1989 and the unification of East and West Germany in 1990.

Bette Stacy

Monday, May 8, 2017

Closing Day Programs Awards and Recognition

9:00 - 9:45 Coffee, tea, and treats

Dining Room

On the lower level, enjoy viewing art, crafts, and handiwork created by our members. SubText Books, our 1:15 program, will have books for sale, as will Marty Brounstein, our 9:45 speaker.

9:45 – 10:45 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Two Among the Righteous Few: A Story of Courage in the Holocaust

Speaker: Marty Brounstein, Author

Brounstein brings a true, inspirational story of courage, compassion, and rescue about a Christian couple in the Netherlands who, despite much risk and danger, saved the lives of over two dozen Jews during the Holocaust and World War II. He has a meaningful personal connection to this story and its heroes, which he reveals in his engaging storytelling presentation.

Karen Ringsrud

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Awards and Recognition Presidents' Hall

Review the past year, thank outgoing leaders for their work, and welcome new officers.

Shari Parsons

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12:00 Luncheon

Luncheon Hostess: Phyllis Gilbert Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Join us for the last delightful AAUW luncheon of the 2016-2017 program year. Annual reservations will apply. Wine will be available for purchase.

Scholarship Committee

Porch

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

Books to Enrich Your Summer

Speaker: Sue Zumberge, owner of SubText Books

http://subtextbooks.com

You may prefer light reading during hot days at the beach, or perhaps summer is your time to delve more deeply into a chosen topic. In either case, Zumberge will offer suggestions for books to enhance your summer days. SubText Books, St. Paul's independent bookstore, is located in downtown St. Paul. Books will be available for purchase during the day.

Karen Ringsrud



Spring Getaway

Tours in St. Paul and Minneapolis Monday, June 5, 2017

Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m.

We will travel by bus to visit sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul on Monday, June 5, between 8:15 and 4:00 p.m. The price will be \$55.

- Tour the newly renovated State Capitol
- Tour monuments on the Capitol Mall
- Visit Hmongtown Marketplace
- Have lunch at Charlie's Grill in the Depot Hotel
- Tour US Bank Stadium

Reservations begin April 17 at the Gale or

Mail checks to: Sharon Goodrie

3600 Black Oaks Lane N Plymouth, Minnesota 55446

Make checks payable to AAUW Minneapolis Spring Getaway.



Spring Getaway

Destination Waconia, Minnesota Thursday, June 8, 2017

Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

We will travel by bus to visit Waconia, which is about 30 minutes west of Minneapolis, Thursday, June 8, between 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. The price will be \$55.

- Tour Andrew Peterson Farmstead
 Peterson's diaries were the basis for Vilhelm
 Moberg's emigrant novels.
- Tour Waconia's historic homes and business district by bus
- Visit local, unique shops and coffee houses
- Have lunch at Lola's Lakehouse
- Taste wine at the award-winning Sovereign Estates Winery

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Tuesday, June 13, 2017

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE--BOOK DISCUSSION

Founders Room

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Discussion Leader: Beth Montgomery

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, Yousafzai spoke out. She refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. When she was 15, she was shot at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Since her miraculous recovery, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest winner ever of the Nobel Peace Prize. *I Am Malala* will help you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Impact of Title IX: University Marching Bands

Speaker: Elizabeth (Betsy) McCann, Assistant Director of Bands/Director of Marching and Athletic Bands, University of Minnesota

Women were barred from participating as members of large university marching bands until the passage and implementation of Title IX legislation. Women were admitted to the marching band at the University of Minnesota in 1972. Joining the university in 2016, McCann is the first female director of a marching band in the Big Ten Conference. McCann will share her story.

Marcia Thibodo

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

4:30 SOCIAL

5:00 DINNER

6:00 Car Pool to the Xcel Energy Center

7:00 Minnesota Lynx vs New York Liberty

Come join us and help cheer on our Minnesota Lynx! More information will be coming as the season approaches. Please save the date. Note: This is the fourth Tuesday in July. They do not have a home game on the second Tuesday.

Jan Paulsen



Events at Gale Mansion . . .

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

weddings rehearsal dinners anniversary parties bar/bat mitzvah parties birthday dinners

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE--BOOK DISCUSSION

Founders Room

The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro

Discussion Leader: Jan Paulsen

Boston painter, Claire Roth, has survived financially by painting reproductions. Aiden Markel, an influential gallery owner, offers Claire a show of her own works if she will forge a copy of a Degas. This painting, however, has been stolen in the 1990 heist from the Isabella Steward Museum. She reluctantly agrees, which sets her on quite an adventure. A good summer read, this mystery also provides an education in art history and the skills needed to make a decent art copy.

6:00 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Natural Connections: Understanding Our Relationship with Animals

Speaker: Meg Mertaugh, Lead Nature-Based Therapeutics Practitioner Specializing in Animal Interactions, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, University of Minnesota

Have you ever felt the healing bond between you and an animal? If so, then you are one of many who recognize how the human/animal bond is therapeutic. A growing number of researchers and human service professionals believe that many issues facing people today--depression, anxiety, stress--are due, in part, to our separation from nature, including animals. Learn how animals are being brought into the lives of the frail elderly and people with Parkinson's disease and eating disorders.

Ann Vanvick

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 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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