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- Environment
- Women Speak

Continuing

- The Arts
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- Public Policy
- Science and Technology
- Writers and Readers

Focus Days

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

Leadership Message

From the President . . .

Leaves have fallen from the trees, the landscape is no longer vibrant with colorful shades of rust, red, gold, and orange. We are entering the monochromatic phase of the year when tones of gray and uninteresting browns dominate until the landscape is freshened by the clean white snow! (Let's just hope that it doesn't fall on a Monday!) I love the way we live differently in the winter--reading the morning paper by the fire instead of on the porch, grilling a little less, and wearing that cozy old sweater. It's good that our pace slows a bit.

Things slow some at AAUW, too. Tuesday evening programs take a break until April, and some members flee to warmer climates for a few months or maybe week or two.

There is good news, though, for those of us who spend the winters in Minnesota: fabulous programs continue every Monday at AAUW! Our chef continues to create delicious lunches that allow us to dine with new and old friends each week. Winter is a great time to bring guests since often we have a little more space. So please follow up with the friends you invited to the open house and encourage them to attend a meeting. Our new office manager, Karen Hancock, will be with us starting November 27, 2017. Please make an effort to meet her and extend a welcome.

As we move into December, I wish you dry roads, easy parking, and sunshine. If there is a need to close because of a blizzard this winter, watch for an email from me and then stay home and read a good book! See you Monday!

Shari Parsons
President, Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2016-18

Officers of the Branch 2017 - 2018

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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.

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.

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

Membership . . .

AAUW: Like-minded Women, Sisters, Under the Skin

Having a wonderful brother, but no sisters I was early attracted to groups with potential sisters. As a child I joined Camp Fire Girls taking the Indian name *snanah*, meaning merry-hearted.

At college, I found a house full of sisters in Gamma Phi Beta social sorority. We were a lively group of “personality girls.”

Then, some 10 years ago, I was invited to my first meeting of what has become the best sisterhood of all: AAUW. Thanks, Mariel Walter. Here were women who share my belief in women’s rights and my desire to keep up-to-date on books and art, science, and health. Though I like to think of our organization as a sisterhood, we do welcome men as members--and a good-natured lot they are.

Like siblings in a large family, we share the work--and the fun. The work may be committee work, planning, and presenting programs. But, it may also be other work--things like cashiering at lunchtime, gardening, decorating, telephoning, and mailing. The fun is catching up on personal news over coffee and treats, getting acquainted with new members across the lunch table, and dolling up for the Gala--not to mention cheering for the Lynx on a summer night.

As AAUW sister/members, we’re loyal and true. We organize our budgets so that we can contribute regularly to the branch’s sought-after scholarships. We may write our estate plans to endow the upkeep of the Gale Mansion or the Scholarship Foundation. We willingly step in at the podium or committee meeting when another member is ill or has a family emergency.

Many of us have had the great pleasure of inviting like-minded women to join this vital group, become sisters under the skin. Why not make that phone call today, inviting a friend, neighbor, or former colleague to attend an upcoming meeting with you? As Mariel did for me, you can find satisfaction in watching the new sister you've invited become a part of the AAUW family and thrive.

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 Karen Hancock 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 this year, and hopefully it will allow some members to lunch with us more often.

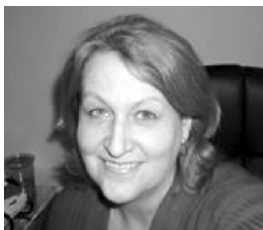
Shari Parsons, President

Thank You Carol . . .



We will miss Carol Jones, our office manager of 14 years, as she moves to her next life phase--retirement. She has been our go-to person for AAUW, helping members with a multitude of projects. She has kept us on track with the auditors, maintained the finances, billing, payroll, and more for AAUW Minneapolis Branch and the Gale Event Center. In retirement, Carol hopes to travel and spend time with family. We wish her a happy and healthy future.

Welcome Karen . . .



Recently from Michigan, Karen Hancock joins AAUW/Gale Mansion on November 27, 2017. Karen has spent the past 20+ years working in the non-profit sector--as the Development Manager for the United Way of Hastings and Tax Site Manager for Prepare and Prosper in St. Paul. Karen moved to Minneapolis in April, 2017. When she is not traveling visiting her five children and four grandchildren, she enjoys discovering the many "nooks and crannies" of her new city. We are pleased to welcome Karen to the AAUW/Gale Mansion and look forward to her sharing her management and technology skills with us.

Courtesy Requests

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

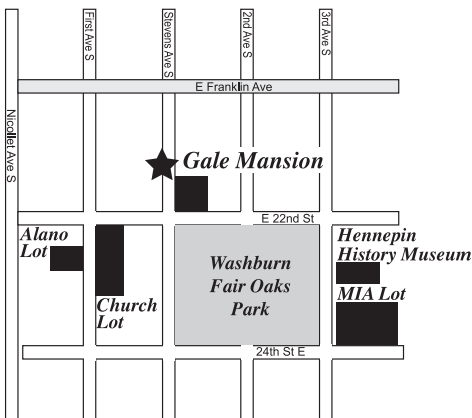
- Check to see that your cell phone and all other electronic devices are turned off.
- Reserve the two front rows in the Presidents' Hall on the west side for those with walkers or wheelchairs.
- Reserve the last rows for hostesses who need to leave early.
- Leave seating open near the aisles and in 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.

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 Arts 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.



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, Karen Hancock, is in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make meal reservations and cancellations by **noon Friday**. 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.

Traveling the Silk Road

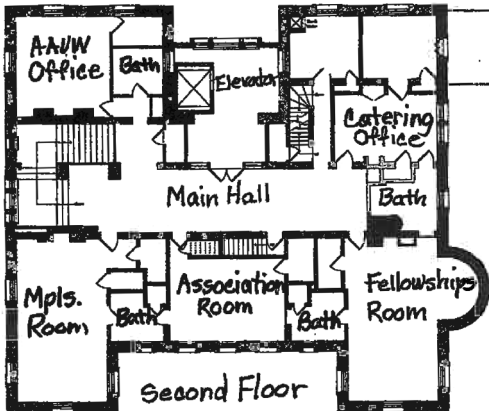
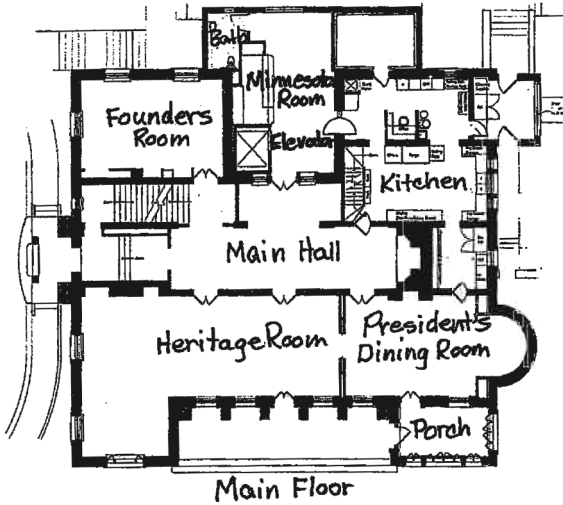
Thank you to all AAUW members who made the 2017 Gala a huge success!

We traveled on an enchanted silk road enjoyed by all.

Thank you to our great committee members and to those who contributed auction items.

Ellen Hughes and Rae Cornelius, Co-Chairs

Gale Mansion Floor Plan



House Management Committee . . .

The Gale Mansion remains the center of great activity and source of pleasure and pride for our members as we go about our AAUW commitments.

The major task finished since the last Bulletin was repair of the deteriorating mansion chimneys. Also, a new light fixture was placed on the ceiling of the stairway to the lower level which greatly improves the lighting and safety of that stairway.

Soon the House Committee members will be decorating for the holiday season. We would welcome anyone interested in helping with this fun project.

We are committed to keeping the Gale Mansion a lovely place for all members. If you have suggestions or see a problem that needs fixing, please tell a committee member --or better yet, join the House Management Committee.

Carol Sheldon, House Management Chair

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 a check to hold your space.

Mollie Keys, Arrangements Chair

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 the 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

Mitten Collection

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

Doris Grimes, Outreach Committee

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.

Tuesday Literature . . .

- September ***Wintering***
Peter Geye
- October ***Hidden Figures***
Margot Lee Shetterly
- April ***Chilbury Ladies' Choir***
Jennifer Ryan
- May ***Sisters in Law***
Linda Hirshman
- June ***Under a Flaming Sky***
Daniel James Brown
- August ***The Nakano Thrift Shop***
Hiromi Kawakami

The Evening Book Discussion group meets select Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Thank You, Susan Barton!

The Minneapolis Scholarship Board is very grateful for the fabulous gift of \$100,000 the Scholarship Fund will receive from the estate of longtime member, Susan Barton. We have already received the first portion of her gift, \$37,500. The rest of her very generous gift will be given in 2018.

Susan served on the Scholarship Fund Board and was touched by the financial need and the outstanding abilities of the young women from Minneapolis Public High Schools who were applicants for annual scholarships. She was proud to award scholarships to applicants who would be the first in their family to attend college. Her gift will be placed in the Scholarship Endowment Fund to grow into even more scholarships.

Minneapolis AAUW members will remember Susan for her beautiful smile, for the excellent questions she asked during our speakers' Q & A time, and for her very positive attitude in spite of her physical challenges from MS. Longtime members will remember Susan's extraordinary ability to get people to donate to the Capital Campaign Fund instituted when the Gale Mansion was remodeled.

We will miss seeing Susan right up front in her wheelchair. We will miss seeing the loving way her husband, Vince, would bring Susan to and from AAUW. We will miss her ready smile and her wonderful laugh!

Vince wanted the members to know that Susan's ability to raise money for her favorite charities spilled over beyond AAUW. One of the Bartons' other interests was Books for Africa. Books for Africa is honoring Susan by installing a plaque in a library in Rwanda. The plaque states that this library is a Susan Barton Memorial Library.

The AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund was started in 2001. Since that beginning, 18 young women from Minneapolis Public High Schools have completed four years of college study with the help of AAUW Minneapolis scholarships for a total of \$216,000.

Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund! Donations can be made to the growing Endowment fund or to the general fund. An especially fun way to donate is using the Scholarship Fund greeting cards available in the library.

The AAUW Scholarship Fund is a 501 (c)(3). Donations are tax deductible.

Sharon Bigot, President of the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund



Susan Barton

AAUW Funds

Your Contributions in Action

Under the AAUW Funds umbrella are five programs worthy of your support.

1. The **Legal Advocacy Fund** supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Programs include Legal Case Support, Travel Grants, and Campus Outreach Projects.
2. The **Educational Opportunities Fund** supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Programs include hundreds of fellowships and grants.
3. The **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** supports AAUW research which provides analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls.
4. The **Public Policy Fund** supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Programs are in the areas of Government Relations, Civic Engagement, and Field Organizing.
5. The **Leadership Programs Fund** supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Programs include the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, and Campaign College.

You will receive a letter asking for end-of-the-year support. Minneapolis Branch members have been very generous. As announced at the Minnesota State AAUW Convention, we placed second in total giving. Last year \$20,281.16 was donated to these important funds. We were 10th in per capita giving at \$54.96. This is one way the Minneapolis Branch lives out the AAUW Mission: to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Your gifts are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

Janice Paulsen, Chair, AAUW Funds

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.

AAUW Funds Tribute or Memorial

In HONOR of _____

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In MEMORY of _____

Send ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

to _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Donor's Name _____

Donor's Address _____

Donor's City _____ State/Zip _____

Amount \$ _____ Date _____

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.

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 13 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.

February 26 A topic of current interest will be chosen.

- **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

January 22

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

January 22

Topic: **Baja California** by Kathleen Chesney

Use the AAUW Email

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

aauwmpls@galemansion.com

BAD WEATHER CLOSING OF AAUW

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

Monday, December 4, 2017

8:30 - 9:30 EARLY START - TREATS Heritage Room

9:30 - 10:30 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Sulfide Mining in Northern Minnesota: Imminent Threat to Minnesota's Clean Water and Values

Speaker: Paula Maccabee, Advocacy Director, Council for
Water Legacy

The PolyMet open-pit copper-nickel mine is in a highly contested state permitting process. Sulfide mining may be a threat to Lake Superior, Boundary Waters, and Mississippi River watersheds with pollution and habitat destruction. Maccabee will explain why most of what we think we "know" about the regulation of water pollution in Minnesota is inaccurate. She will reveal the risks that sulfide mining poses to clean water, ecosystems, climate change, health, environmental justice, and sustainable economics in Minnesota.

Noelyn Porter

10:45 - 11:45 Presidents' Hall

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

How the World Looks at US

Speaker: William Davnie, Foreign Service Officer, retired

How a country is seen has both "soft" and sometimes "hard" effects on that country and others. Perceptions of the United States have shifted dramatically, and even erratically, over the past two years, with a sharp change since November, 2016. Davnie will bring his foreign service experience to bear on how shifts in opinion can affect substantive changes in the international order to which we are accustomed.

Victor Barela

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Public Policy Committee	Fellowships Room
Scholarship Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Association Room

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

Inside The Song

Speaker: Scottie Miller, Singer, Songwriter, Pianist, and
International Touring Musician

Miller recently released his tenth CD and has a song featured on the new album by the Grammy-winning gospel group, The Blind Boys of Alabama. Miller will perform, discuss his songwriting process, reveal his inspiration, and explain how songs get from the napkin to the recording studio and finally to the stage.

Claire Ruebeck

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.

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, identify yourself and name your guest.

Register: Prospective members and guests must register at the Welcome Desk in the lower level when they enter the building. 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.

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 Friday noon.
- 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

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 have so much talent!

We will be talking about it for years. ☺

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 are 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

Monday, January 8, 2018

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Wild About Architecture

Speaker: Bette Hammel, Architectural Journalist for *Architecture Minnesota*, *Midwest Home*, and *Architectural Record of New York*. Author of *Legendary Homes of Lake Minnetonka*, *Legendary Homes of the Minneapolis Lakes*, and *Great Homes of Summit Avenue*

Hammel will discuss her latest book, *Wild About Architecture*, which is a retrospective of several selected magazine articles from her work as an architectural journalist from 1985-2000. Her talk will include some of her favorite local buildings such as the Ordway Music Theater and LaSalle Plaza as well as landmarks of international fame such as the Lost City of Petra. She will tell a travel story about six Minnesota blondes sailing the Adriatic Sea to Dubrovnik, Croatia, to view the rebuilding of the city badly damaged in the Bosnian War.

Mary Aspnes

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

Global Warming Solutions: Minnesota Leadership

Speaker: J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director,
Fresh Energy

Hamilton is an acclaimed national speaker on climate action that benefits the economy. With her 25-year-old nonprofit, Fresh Energy, she has implemented nation-leading solutions to global warming. Hamilton represented Fresh Energy at the international climate

negotiations in Bonn, Germany, in November, 2017, and will have new information about Minnesota leadership in the international sphere.

Mary Haltvick

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee

Association Room

Diversity Committee 2:15

Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

**A Personal Perspective on the Perplexing
United States-Japan Relationship**

Speaker: Sarah Walbert, Regional Trade Manager for Japan and Korea, Medical Device and Biopharma Industries, Minnesota Trade Office, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Japan is the third largest economy in the world. Their corporate profits have been the highest ever reported. So why does it take missiles flying over Japan for our media to give attention to our ally? Beyond military headlines, does Japan matter? How have the politics and economics of our relationship changed in the Trump era? Explore some of the subtle signs pointing to a new kind of interest in Japan, led by a global culture which includes Minnesota's own former Ambassador to Japan, Walter Mondale.

Sharon Bigot

Monday, January 15, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

9:30 - 10:30 WOMEN SPEAK Presidents' Hall

The Real Meaning of It Takes a Village

Speaker: Titilayo Bediako, Founder and Executive Director, WE WIN Institute

It Takes a Village is a powerful African proverb popularized by Hillary Clinton which been misunderstood and reduced to rhetoric. WE WIN Institute's Women of Distinction program demonstrates that as with a village--family, community, and loving, caring adults--all children can succeed and thrive. WE WIN utilizes a multicultural and Afro-centric approach with a culturally specific curriculum that addresses the social and personal problems of students over the past 20 years.

Stephanie Carlson-Ventura

10:45 - 11:45 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Keep Your Eyes on the Pies!

Speaker: Rose McGee, Sweet Potato Pie Philanthropist, Storyteller, Cultural Educator, and Story Circle Facilitator.

Our speaker believes there is power in the community coming together to make sweet potato comfort pies. On the weekend of MLK Day in 2015, McGee organized a group of volunteers who baked 86 pies representing the age Rev. King would have been that year. The event has been repeated many times. Today she will share the results of her pie-making philanthropy.

Shirley McKinney

11:45 - 12:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

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Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Our Homeless Population

Speaker: Cathy ten Broeke, State Director, Heading Home Minnesota

On any given night, it is estimated that there are 10,000 Minnesotans who are homeless, including nearly 3,500 children with their parents. The homelessness of any person or family is both a human tragedy and a community failure, resulting in the loss of human potential and public and private dollars. Heading Home Minnesota is the umbrella initiative for the many public and private efforts across the state to prevent and end homelessness. Heading Home Minnesota is a statewide initiative to end the cycle of homelessness.

Veronica Johnson

Bulletin Deadline

January 3 is the due date for
March, April, May, and Summer Bulletin items. Thanks!

Marilyn Oliphant
mloliphant@charter.net

Monday, January 22, 2018

Please see page 18

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure

Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

During the Nazi occupation of Paris, architect Bernard accepts a commission to devise hiding places for Jews and designs a new factory for the Reich. Tensions and danger rise as he is drawn into the plans of both the occupiers and the Resistance. This is the story of an ordinary man's heroism during WWII.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS: Knitting Dining Room

Leaders: Wendy Woodfill and Susie Erickson

Wendy and Susie will share some of their knitting expertise. Bring your own knitting and knitting ideas to share.

HOT TOPICS

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TRAVEL Presidents' Hall

Leader: Jan McLandsborough

Topic: **Baja California** by Kathleen Chesney

Discover a wide diversity of landscapes, historical sites, and wildlife. See photos of grey whales, wine, goat cheese makers, and 400-year-old Franciscan missions.

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

**Twin Cities PBS (TPT): The 2020 Plan
The Future of Public Media in Minnesota and Beyond**

Speaker: Jim Pagliarini, CEO and President, Twin Cities
PBS

Twin Cities Public Television has just completed a major update of its strategic plan and is looking to the future for how it may better serve our local community and beyond. Pagliarini, who just celebrated his 20th year as head of TPT, will share his thoughts and seek your input and reactions to their plans.

Tamra Nelson

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

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1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Policing and the Tech Tools that Support the Work

Speaker: James Eli Shiffer, *StarTribune* Reporter, Editor

Shiffer has worked at the *StarTribune* since 2005, focusing on investigative and data reporting. His most recent assignment is a series about government secrecy. Today he will speak about what is inside law enforcement's high-tech toolbox: drones, facial recognition software, shot spotters, and more. He will address what information is collected, how is it used, and the controversies around this rapidly changing landscape of police work.

Rosemary Lawrence

Monday, January 29, 2018

Focus Day

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

From childhood to the golden years, we all love to be entertained. Whether you prefer Bach, hip hop, ballet, or a drama that brings tears to your eyes, you can find it in the Twin Cities. We offer here a tantalizing sampling.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

Twin Cities Theatre: Observations and Opinions

Speaker: Rohan Preston, Theater Critic at *StarTribune* Newspaper

The Twin Cities are nationally known for the range and excellence of their live theater offerings. The 80 professional troupes presenting work on stage range from the renowned Guthrie to tiny experimental companies. Preston spent his childhood in Jamaica and adolescence in New York before earning an English degree at Yale. He has been a *StarTribune* theater critic since 1998. His expertise was recognized when he was named to the jury for Pulitzer Prize in Drama.

Lois Petersen

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra: On the Path to Inclusion

Speaker: Erin Jude, Director of Education and Community Engagement, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra is working to move from being a historically exclusive organization (in a historically exclusive industry) to an inclusive organization. Learn how the SPCO is thinking about, and acting upon, its desire to connect more people, especially younger and more diverse audiences, to the music they perform.

Lynn Argetsinger and Ann Burckhardt

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

**Juggling Priorities: Developing Youth Through the
Art and Sport of Juggling**

Speaker: Paul Arneberg, Founder and Director,
JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Co., LLC

Juggling skills may seem frivolous, but they're changing the lives of youth in JUGHEADS, a company based in Edina. Benefits include sharpened hand-eye coordination; connecting the brain's hemispheres (while growing its gray matter); nurturing focus, goals, and persistence; and increasing life-long skills (e.g., confidence, leadership, performing, and risk-taking).

Marty Sedoff

Monday, February 5, 2018

9:30 - 10:30 WRITERS AND READERS Presidents' Hall

The Raven, the Wolf, and the Deep, Dark Wood

Speaker: Kelly Barnhill, Award-winning Author, Teacher, Mom, Terrible Gardener, and Pie Maker

On a cold crisp morning in January, 2017, Barnhill faced a deep dark wood (of sorts) when the American Library Association phoned her stating that she had been awarded the Newberry Medal, an award given to the author of that year's most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Barnhill will discuss how magic, fantasy, fairy tale elements, and wonder make their way into her novels that hold children's hands as they journey into the deep dark woods.

Wendy Woodfill

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

**What Every Minnesotan Should Know About
Lyme Disease**

Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Maloney, Founder and President, Partnership for Tickborne Diseases Education

This presentation covers basic information regarding Lyme disease and its diagnosis and treatment. Because Lyme disease is spread by infected blacklegged (deer) ticks, these ticks are described in detail. Information will be given on disease prevention and the multiple, easy steps that can be taken to avoid becoming infected with Lyme disease.

Shiela Robertson

11:45 - 12:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Public Policy

Fellowships Room

Technology Committee

Association Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Tools for Critical Analysis of Health Care News

Speaker: Gary Schwitzer, Publisher,

HealthNewsReview.org; Adjunct Associate

Professor, University of Minnesota School of

Public Health

Every week seems to bring new research results on health or medical issues, often at odds with prior results. Is it contradictory or just confusing? Our speaker publishes an on-line review of health news that can help us understand the scope and purpose of health studies, detect commercialism, and develop other critical thinking skills to use in evaluating health information.

Kerry Noyes

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 Karen Hancock in the office.

Monday, February 12, 2018

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

Teacher Retention Addressed by Minnesota Comeback

Speaker: Cay Kimbrell, Director of Talent,
Minnesota Comeback

Teacher retention is a concern all across the country, and in Minnesota, the Minnesota Comeback Foundation was formed to inspire and support Minnesota's new teachers. Kimbrell will describe strategies to support the retention of highly effective, diverse educators who are both experienced and new to the profession, and to increase the number of teachers of color.

Kathleen Kohler

10:45 - 11:45

WOMEN SPEAK

Presidents' Hall

Identity and Experience in Developing Women's Leadership

Speaker: Kabo Yang, Executive Director, Minnesota
Women's Consortium

Perceptions of leadership often align to white masculine characteristics. This explains the statistics showing the lack of women, particularly women of color, in formal leadership positions. By understanding the impact of culture and identity on women's leadership, we can better appreciate and elevate women leaders from various backgrounds. Yang has been involved in gender equity and racial justice activism, with a special emphasis on immigrants, refugees, and women of color.

Sharon Bigot

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee

Association Room

Diversity Committee at 2:15

Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

The Growth of International Film in the Twin Cities

Speaker: Susan Smoluchowski, Executive Director, Film Society of Minneapolis and St. Paul

The Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival, *the* international film event in the region, continues to grow and gain attention and relevance with our rapidly shifting local demographics and global world. Smoluchowski will give us insight and recommendations for *must see movies* for the upcoming Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival in April. She will also describe the process of finding films for the festival.

Judy Romlin

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, February 19, 2018

9:30 - 10:30

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

How Healthy is the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities?

Speaker: Trevor Russell, Water Program Director, Friends
of the Mississippi River

Can I safely swim in the Mississippi River? Is it safe to eat
the fish that I catch? Is pollution getting better or worse?
The Friends of the Mississippi River and the National Park
Service have teamed up to answer these questions in the
award-winning *State of the River Report*.

Elaine Kirk

10:45 - 11:45

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Representing the Underrepresented: What I Learned About Being Heard in the 2017 Legislative Session

Speaker: Representative Ilhan Omar, State Representative,
Minnesota Legislature, District 60 B

Rep. Omar's first year in the Minnesota Legislature was
filled with learning and building new relationships. She
felt thrust into the position of speaking not only for
District 60B but for immigrants and refugees all over the
United States. This position was at times both a blessing
and a curse.

Sharon Bigot

11:45 - 12:00 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

1:15 - 2:15 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

**It Always Seems Too Early Until It's Too Late:
Conversations that Matter About Being Mortal**

Speaker: Edward Holland, MDiv, BCC, LMFT,
Park Nicollet Advance Care Planning
Team Volunteer

Death is inevitable, and we are loath to prepare for it. We may eventually have to delegate our decisions of our life and death to others. How do we plan and communicate our choices before it is too late? Chaplain Holland encourages us to read *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande in preparation for his discussion.

Katharine Mauer

Annual Lunch Reservations

If you attend quite regularly, consider making an annual lunch reservation by calling 651-220-4777. When you cannot attend, be sure to cancel or you will be obligated to pay for the lunch you reserved.

Monday, February 26, 2018

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

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BOOK DISCUSSION

Heritage Room

Delicious! by Ruth Reichl

Discussion Leader: Karen Gray

Reichel, food editor and restaurant critic, wrote for those who love food and love to read about it. The story is boiling over with mystery, intrigue, romance, and history.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **TBD**

Leader: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

A topic of current interest will be chosen for discussion.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS: Zentangle

Dining Room

Leaders: Mary Aspnes and Holly Lewis

Zentangle is a drawing method that enables people of all abilities to create beautiful images by using repeating patterns. Using pen and paper, draw deconstructed images one stroke at a time. It is good way to focus and soothe.

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Leader: Esther Fabes

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

10:45 - 11:45 WRITERS and READERS Presidents' Hall

Local Food Takes Root

Speaker: Beth Dooley, Author, Writer for *StarTribune*
Taste section, and Commentator on KARE 11 TV
and Minnesota Public Radio

Growing organic food protects soil's fertility, human health, and animal welfare, but is criticized as being expensive, elite, and impractical. Yet, local food will be important when energy prices soar again and unstable weather is the norm. By sharing stories from latest research, organic farmers, and revitalized urban communities, Dooley will cover the hopeful state of our food.

Ann L. Burckhardt

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Luncheon Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee

Association Room

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1:15 - 2:15

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

Comprehensive View of Minnesota Early Learning from Birth to Third Grade

Speaker: Bobbie Burnham, Director of Early Learning
Services Division, Minnesota Department of
Education

The World's Best Workforce is a 2013 bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature to address implementation of learning goals. Burnham will describe the strategies implemented by Early Learning Services to support the vision that all Minnesota children, prenatal through grade three, are prepared for kindergarten, third grade reading, and lifelong learning.

Robin Jacobs

Toiletry Collection

Traveling? Free items from your dentist? Bring your new toiletries, coffee samples, dental products, and paper grocery bags with handles and place them in the specially marked boxes in the coat room. For those with little, it means so much.

Thanks! Lil Lindsey

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

Meal Reservations and Cancellations:

Call: 651-220-4777

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

- **Monday luncheon:** before noon Friday
- **Tuesday dinner:** before noon Friday

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 noon Friday:** call 651-220-4777
- **After noon Friday:** 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 the lunch reserved for you by bringing a check to the office or by adding the additional amount to your next lunch fee.*

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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