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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

AAUW DIVERSITY POLICY

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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- Literary Pursuits

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- January 28: Mirth, Mime, and Merriment
- April 29: International Day: Vietnam

Leadership Message From the President . . .

Fall has arrived and our branch is off to a good start.

The Open House took a different form this year with exhibits only on the main floor. This turned out to be a very nice change. I think it seemed more like a party among friends and less like an exposition event. The guests looked forward to the Gale Mansion tours and the guides were both interesting and informative. The catering staff set a beautiful table for our guests. At the end of the day, we had four new members, and several more joined over the next couple of weeks. The hard work of our Membership Committee, led by co-chairs Diane Boruff and Lois Demers, has resulted in new members joining during the summer, at Open House, and on every Monday since we began programs in September.

The Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive was exceptionally successful--our donations completely filled three vehicles. These clothes are used to help build a wardrobe for someone entering or re-entering the work force or returning to school. The From Me to You workers were very grateful for your generosity. Thank you to Denny Scharlemann for her leadership and work on this project.

The Gala Committee, headed by Rae Cornelius, did a wonderful job coordinating the successful fall Gala. Their chosen theme, "Women Lighting the Way," honored the many women who have been leaders, researchers, and pathfinders in many fields. This was a most appropriate theme for our efforts to raise funds to support AAUW's work on behalf of women and girls.

The Scholarship Board has sent \$30,400 to colleges and universities to support our nine scholars. They did not have to take funds from their endowment funds to make these payments. In addition to the above work and projects, our Program Committee, headed by Susie Erickson and Doris Grimes, and the many member volunteers that serve on Program Topic Committees are bringing us outstanding programs both for our entertainment and to broaden our minds and outlook on the world.

I feel so fortunate to be a member of this active and exciting group of women and look forward to the rest of the year.

Carol Sheldon, President Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2018-2020

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 Friday at 12:00 noon. Identify yourself and name your guest.

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

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

BAD WEATHER CLOSING OF AAUW

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

AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches to Speak



Kimberly Churches

We are honored to have AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches speak at the Gale Mansion on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 1:15 p.m. Kim Churches joined AAUW as CEO on June 1, 2017, and was introduced at the AAUW National Convention that many Minneapolis members attended.

Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002. Prior to joining AAUW, Churches served as the managing director of the Brookings Institution, an internationally recognized public policy think tank. She has served as an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association.

Members from around the state have been invited to hear her speak at our branch and join us for lunch. **Please make your lunch reservation early for December 3.** 4

Officers of the Branch 2018 - 2019

President	Carol Sheldon
Evening Vice President	Cathy Hovancsak
Membership Co-Vice Presidents	Diane Boruff
	Lois Demers

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Secretary for Recording
Director at Large

Susie Erickson Doris Grimes Betty Beach Shirley Graham Sheryl Sostarich Nell Wegmann Julie Ollila

Board of Directors 2018 - 2019 Meeting Dates

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

Wednesday, December 5, 2018	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	9:30 a.m.

Closing and Awards Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

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--kittycorner 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 (MIA) 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. Limited parking is also available at Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel on the Franklin Avenue side of the lot.



Monday Literature . . .

September	The Girl Who Wrote in Silk
	Kelli Estes
October	Beneath a Scarlet Sky
	Mark Sullivan
November	Stars Over Clear Lake
	Loretta Ellsworth
January	Little Fires Everywhere
	Celeste Ng
February	The Girl From Venice
	Martin Cruz Smith
March	The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry
	Gabrielle Zevin
April	The Eaves of Heaven (Vietnam book)
	Andres X. Pham

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

Tuesday Literature . . .

September	Wintering
	Peter Geye
October	Hero of the Empire
	Candice Millard
November	Sweetness in the Belly
	Camilla Gibb

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

Membership. . .

Joining AAUW Is a Win-Win Situation

As the years roll by and we reach retirement or semiretirement, we college-educated women typically want two things above and beyond good health and a happy family. Those two things are intellectual stimulation and nurturing friendships. Fortunately, the two go hand in hand when we join AAUW.

Whether we came that first time as a guest or sought out the group on our own, it's the stimulating speakers on timely topics that engage us. I recall being amazed to hear programs on a wide range of topics. For example, drones were the subject a few years ago. I'd seen the word in print but knew nothing about them. After that talk, I felt clued in and quickly began to see and hear more about this fascinating technology, now growing rapidly.

Once you're involved in program planning--as dozens of us are--you discover the carefully-constructed grid that brings us three quite different lectures on any given Monday. Whatever your personal interest, there's a committee for you to work on. Like to throw parties? Help plan the Gala. Curious about diseases and treatments? Join the Health Committee. Members receive survey sheets each winter to kick-start the planning process for the next program year; that's the time to choose a committee or two to work on.

Putting our heads together to plan programs or events is often the way that promising new friendships begin. Riding together in a car pool is another. Serving as an officer is still another. Now in my 10th year as a member, I am happy to say that each year at AAUW brings more congenial friendships.

One aspect of the win-win situation that is Minneapolis

AAUW is the wonderful bargain we get on hearing well-known speakers. For our \$310 annual dues, those with perfect attendance will hear 90-plus speakers, each one a leader in his or her field, many with delightful stories like that of the Surly Brewing co-owners, heard on Opening Day in September.

We invite you to study this Bulletin, choose a program that you know will appeal to a good friend, and invite her (or him) to come and enjoy the win-win game that we're playing here at the Gale Mansion.

Ann Burckhardt for the Membership Committee.

Diane Boruff, Membership Co-Vice President Lois Demers, Membership Co-Vice President

Another Branch Benefit: 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 the location of the box. You are welcome to use an envelope once a month, but you do need to make a lunch reservation by the prior Friday at noon.

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. Hopefully it will allow some members to lunch with us more often.

It's Time to Read . . .

According to the Minneapolis StarTribune on June 30, 2018, "Reading is at all-time low. Survey says fewer Americans read for pleasure." As members of the AAUW community it is our civic duty to remedy this situation! Come on in to the AAUW Library, check out one of our fabulous books, and READ.

Our library has best-sellers, books by women authors, Minnesota authors, nonfiction 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).

The library sells slightly used books donated by 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. We prefer fiction not older than five years. They sell extremely well.

Remember, it is your civic duty to come in and check us (and a book) out. We look forward to seeing you.

Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Library Committee 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 your check to hold your space.

Mollie Keys, Arrangements Chair

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.

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.

The President's Table . . .

If you've been invited to sit at the Presidents' 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 to do so at the end of the announcement period.
- Find your seat at the table which will be marked with your place card.

Susie Erickson

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Minneapolis AAUW College Scholarship Graduates:

Tenzin Jampa and Mai Vang Lee

The Minneapolis AAUW Branch began the scholarship program for Minneapolis Public Schools women graduates in 2001. Since that time, we have helped support a total of 20 scholars through four years of college. Here are profiles of the two most recent college graduates.

Tenzin Jampa completed her degree in nursing at St. Olaf College. This was her response when I sent her AAUW congratulations on her achievement: "It still feels a little unreal how fast my four years of college have gone. It's definitely been an unforgettable four years and I'm really grateful for the support AAUW has provided that has helped make my time at St. Olaf possible. Not just financially, but also providing me with another mentor that I've been able to share my experience with! Lois (Demers) has been wonderful and extremely encouraging of me these past four years."

Tenzin sent me her graduation photo (See p. 19). She is the graduate on the left. Her family traditionally uses scarves, called "khatas," to present best wishes and congratulations.

Tenzin is interested in working on a medical/surgical hospital floor. She wants to gain experience in a wide variety of nursing conditions. After gaining more experience, she would like to travel while working as a nurse in different hospitals throughout the country.

Mai Vang Lee completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. She sent the following response: "I want to thank you, the Scholarship Committee, and all AAUW, for your generous financial support and mentorship in the last four years."

In her graduation photo (See p. 16), she is pictured with her proud family.

Mai spent the summer working for Upward Bound Vision Quest and hopes to find more permanent work with women and refugees. She is considering going into the Peace Corps or teaching English in Thailand. Mai plans to return to school in two or three years to pursue a higher degree.

AAUW Minneapolis is currently helping to support nine female scholars who are graduates of Minneapolis Public Schools: three freshman, two sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors. Checks were sent to the scholars' universities/colleges this past August for a total of \$30,400. Of the three freshman, one is the first Nadia Christensen AAUW Minneapolis Scholar.

Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund! Donations can be made to the growing Scholarship Endowment Fund or to the general Scholarship Fund. An especially fun way to donate is through the Scholarship Fund greeting cards located in our lower level library.

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

Sharon Bigot, President of the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board

Find the Photos

The photos referred to in this article will be found on pages 16 and 19 in this Bulletin.



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.



Scholarship Winner Mai Vang Lee

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See the full article on our recent scholarship graduates on pages 12 and 13 of this Bulletin.

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.

> New email address: aauwmpls@galemansion.com

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

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Please make your chee	ck 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: Elaine Kirk and Judy McConnell

The list of books selected for this year is found on page 7 of this Bulletin. Discussion of the book is facilitated by a branch member.

Great Decisions

Leaders: Barb Taft and Joyce Prudden

Great Decision topics are the most critical issues that will define the year ahead for global policy makers. With the quickly changing world, we will choose to explore some topic of current concern with input from videos and discussion.

February 25 Topic: Decoding United States - China Trade

Handwork/Crafts

Dining Room

Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

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

• Hot Topics

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

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

Presidents' Hall

• 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 21 Topic: Why Malta? Presenters: Evelyn and John Anderson



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9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

ENVIRONMENT

Scientific Integrity in the Balance: What is at Stake for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?

Speaker: Deborah Swackhamer, Professor Emerita, University of Minnesota

Under the Trump administration there have been a number of changes at the EPA in both environmental policies and how science is being used and misused to make those policies. As former chair of the Science Advisory Board and former chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors for EPA, Swackhamer will share her personal experiences and discuss the implications of these changes.

Leslie Swenson

10:45 - 11:45 Presidents' Hall EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Juvenile Justice in Minnesota

Speaker: Sarah Davis, Esq., Associate Director, Legal Rights Center

Learn about Minnesota's juvenile justice system, including a general overview of the court process for children, the lifelong "collateral consequences" of juvenile court records, and racial disparities in our system. Davis will also discuss alternatives and reform efforts, including restorative justice and policy advocacy efforts.

Pat Deckas Becerra 20

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

Lead Hostesses: Marilyn Kemme and Anne Pantelich Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch
Public Policy Committee	Fellowships Room
Scholarship	Association Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

AAUW ISSUES and CONCERNS

Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Gender Equity Locally, Regionally, and Nationally

Speaker: Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer AAUW

Take this unique opportunity to hear the CEO of American Association of University Women, Kim Churches. She will focus on the strategic plan that was just approved by the National Board of Directors. Also, she will address what can be done at the branch and state level to advance equity.

Shari Parsons

Scheduling Monday Meetings

Contact **Esther Fabes**, Meeting Scheduler, if you would like to reserve space for 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 AAUW office.

House Management Committee . . .

The House Management and Environment Committees have teamed up to make the Gale Mansion as "green" as possible. Look around and you will see new containers for (1) Organic material (tissues, paper towels, paper napkins, compostable plastic cups and coffee cups), (2) Recyclable materials (paper, cardboard, glass, cans), and (3) Trash.

Help us by emptying extra liquid before you toss your cup and place it in the correct container. We are excited to be part of the Hennepin County "push" to lower our trash output.

Ellen Hughes and Sheila Lind, Co-Chairs House Management Committee



Rae Cornelius, Chair

Bulletin Deadline

January 9 is the due date for March, April, May, and Summer Bulletin items. Thanks.

Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387 mloliphant@charter.net

Holiday Lights Luncheon

Monday, December 10, 2018

Social Time: 9:30 a.m. Program: 10:30 a.m.

THE CLASSIC AND JAZZY NUTCRACKER featuring

Carrie Vecchione (oboe) and Rolf Erdahl (bass)

Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* is performed around the world each year. This program explores the history of this masterpiece, a brief outline of Tchaikovsky's life and music, and the path of the Nutcracker story from page to stage. Finally, a rousing finale as the familiar melodies are compared to the jazzed-up versions by the great Duke Ellington.

Announcements: 11:45 a.m. 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 12, 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 Sharon Larson, Co-Chairs

Monday, January 7, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 LITERARY PURSUITS Presidents' Hall

New Voices for our Time

Speaker: Fiona McCrae, Director and Publisher, Graywolf Press

How have books published by Graywolf Press, an independent publisher of literary poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, managed to win so many national and international awards in recent years? They include two Pulitzer Prizes, a National Book Award, and several National Book Critics Circle Awards. McCrae will talk about finding and nurturing new literary voices and building a readership in a crowded and ever-evolving marketplace.

Wendy Woodfill

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

You're Getting Old. Prepare for it!

Speaker: Trish Herbert, Licensed Psychologist

Herbert received her PhD in her mid-fifties with a specialization in gerontology. She continues to be fascinated with people's stories, the many twists and turns that life brings, and how well we manage to muddle through our respective journeys. As a psychologist, she worked with older adults and their families, facilitated caregiver, grief, and support groups, and authored three books on aging. Herbert is now semi-retired and does some volunteering, teaching, and counseling. She was motivated to write *Journeywell: A Guide to Quality Aging* 24

because she became convinced that if we give careful thought to who we are and what gives us pleasure, we can learn about our options and deal better with the difficult times. We can do valuable planning, instead of drifting along, and our lives will be richer.

Elaine Swanson

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Development Committee	Association Room
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Presidents' Hall EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Civil Forfeiture

Speaker: Brad Colbert, Attorney, College Professor

Civil forfeiture laws allow the government to take cash, cars, homes, and other property associated with criminal activity. A property owner doesn't have to be charged with, let alone convicted of, a crime to permanently lose their property. Does civil forfeiture create incentives for law enforcement to seize property to supplement their departments' budgets? Or, is it a way for law enforcement to take away the instruments and spoils of crime and funnel them back into the community?

Dot Lilja

Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Garden Goodies Go to the Game

Speaker: Susan Moores, Roots for the Home Team®, Founder and Executive Director

At weekend Twins games these past summers, you may have seen--and tasted--Garden Goodies, unique salads created by inner-city youth. The crisp, colorful salads are made from just-picked vegetables from their community gardens. It's all part of Roots for the Home Team®, the brainchild of dietitian Susan Moores. A baseball-lover, Moores designed the nonprofit to showcase kids' gardening, salad-tossing, and sales skills.

Ann Burckhardt

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

1811 on the Mississippi River: a Roosevelt, a Steamboat, a Comet, and an Earthquake

Presenters: Steve Marking, Baritone, Filmmaker, Photographer JoAnn Funk, Jazz Pianist, Singer Both are riverlorians (river historians) for American Cruise Lines

This dramatization is a true story of the intrepid 19-yearold Lydia (Funk) and her 41-year-old husband, Nicholas Roosevelt, as they build and sail the first steamboat down the Mississippi River in 1811. This incredible journey will take them through many life-threatening adventures, including the greatest earthquakes known to man, the New Madrid earthquakes. A blustery viewpoint of the story is 26 provided by Dynamic Dick (Marking), a keelboatman. Marking and Funk's CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase.

Jean Heidenreich

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Focus Day Committee	Minneapolis Room
Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room

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

The Twin Cities Housing Challenge: Should Housing be a Human Right?

Speaker: Gail Dorfman, Retiring Executive Director, St. Stephen's Human Services and Metropolitan Council Member

From her current dual perspectives and experience as a member of the Hennepin County Board, Dorfman will talk about why we face a housing crisis in the midst of a booming regional economy. She will discuss the impact of homelessness on individuals and families and what needs to happen to ensure that all Twin Cities residents have a place to call home.

Joyce Prudden

Monday, January 21, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see Bulletin page 18 BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

The placid, ordered life of the Richardson family is upended when nomadic artist Mia and her daughter Pearl move into their rental property in Shaker Heights. Fires, both figurative and literal, erupt as the two families' lives and beliefs collide, and Mrs. Richardson uncovers the secrets of Mia's past.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS Topic: Knitting

Dining Room

Leader: Wendy Woodfill

Wendy will share knitting expertise. Bring your own knitting and knitting ideas to share.

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minnesota Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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TRAVEL

Topic: Why Malta?

Presenters: Evelyn and John Anderson

Why Malta indeed? Join member Evelyn Anderson and her husband John on their many adventures and misadventures in scenic, historic, and fascinating Malta. Meet their Maltese friends. Follow Rick, the hero of John's mystery novel, *The Cellini Masterpiece*, as he plunges into danger and romance in Malta.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy An African American Pastor Reflects on His Lifelong Work on Racial Justice Speaker: Rev. Richard Coleman, Pastor, Wayman A.M.E. Church and Executive Director of Hope United Community Development Corporation

Rev. Coleman and his wife Mary Coleman have formed many partnerships while providing state of the art technology for job training and communications in both Africa and Minneapolis. Mary Coleman established the first Cancer Society outpost to target people of color in Hennepin County. Recently, Rev. Coleman was pictured in the StarTribune regarding advocacy for racial justice work in North Minneapolis.

Kay Kessel

11:45 - NoonANNOUNCEMENTS12:00 - 1:15LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

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

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

The Power Grid

Speaker: Nick Johnson, Instructor in Sustainability and Economics, Principia College

Climate change may be the biggest challenge mankind has ever had to face. Hear about what the electric power industry is doing to address climate change, what you can do individually to reduce your climate impact, and how you can support public policy related to the electric power industry and climate change mitigation.

Jan Heinig Mosman

Focus Day

MIRTH, MIME, AND MERRIMENT

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a day full of mime, blitheness, gaiety, glee, hilarity, jocularity, jolliness, lightheartedness, merriness, and mirth presented by top Twin Cities comedians.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

Walls, Falls, and Faces: The Invisible Language of Mime

Speaker: Joshua Palmer, Creative Artist, BA, Bethel University; Emphasis: Acting, Directing, Musical Theatre

Non-verbal communication has connected humans and allowed the sharing of stories across cultures since early civilization. From Greece to Japan, and eventually to American film and television, mime has morphed and changed its face, while silently influencing the development of entertainment as we know it. Come and learn the history of mime and watch a man transform himself into whiteface and share stories through an exploration of the form.

Gini Hickman

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

C'est Moi: A Life in the Circus

Speaker: Phyllis Wright, Actor

Phyllis has been doing comedy for 40 years and has worked with giants of the entertainment industry including Hunter S. Thompson and Lewis Black. She has had a voice-over commercial career for 30 years and performed on stage with many theater companies. She will regale us with stories about her career in music, comedy, and theater.

Marty Sedoff

11:45 - Noon	ANNOUN	ICEMENTS
11:00 - 1:15	LUNC	CHEON
	Lead Hostess:	Elaine Braun
	Guest Hostess:	Marlyn Barber
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New Member	S	Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

A History of Radio Drama in America

Speaker: Eric Webster, Playwright, Actor, Voice-over Artist and Theater Producer

The invention of radio provided instant information and entertainment directly into people's homes, and with it, a brand new art form was born, the radio drama. Webster will discuss the history of the rise and fall of radio drama, and the inner workings of the performance of this unique form of theater.

Marty Sedoff

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 nonfiction 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 4, 2019

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

An Invitation to the Dance

Speaker: Christine Tschida, Artistic Director, Northrop Dance Series

Tschida will explain how Northrop became one of the foremost presenters of international ballet and large scale contemporary dance both in the Twin Cities and our region. An overview of the Series' evolution will include an inside look at the curatorial process of season planning and the educational and community engagement work the Northrop Dance Series also undertakes. Using tantalizing video clips, Tschida will whet your appetite for the performances coming this spring and perhaps a hint about the season to come!

Ginny Craig

10:45 - 11:45 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

New Leads on Maintaining a Healthy Brain: Insights from the Minnesota Women's Brain Resilience Initiative

Speaker: Lisa M. James, PhD, Kunin Professor in Women's Healthy Brain Aging, University of Minnesota

James will discuss research on healthy brain aging, highlighting her recent findings from the Minnesota Women's Brain Resilience Initiative that certain immunity genes prevent brain decline with age. She will describe the implications of her work in terms of factors that contribute to brain decline and will discuss encouraging avenues for keeping our brains healthy.

Katharine Mauer

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS 12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON Lead Hostesses: Marilyn Kemme and Anne Pantelich Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee Public Policy Association Room Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

The Future of Farming

Speakers: Susan Barton and Gary Pike, Co-CEOs and Owners, Urbanize Farm

Growing food locally year round is a sustainable way to bring proper nutrition to people on a daily basis. Barton and her husband, Gary Pike, grow herbs and basil hydroponically to provide healthy, local, fresh, and sustainably-grown produce to the Twin Cities. The benefits for the consumer as well as the environment will be discussed.

Maureen Fischer

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

Monday, February 11, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Education Today: Key Issues Facing Our Schools and Communities

Speaker: Crystal Brakke, VP, Ombuds at Teach for America Minneapolis-St.Paul Area, and School Board Member for Richfield Public Schools

Minnesota is often cited as a leader in K-12 education, yet at the same time we have some of the nation's worst disparities when disaggregated by race. Why is that? What is happening to improve our education system to better meet 21st century needs for our students, staff, and communities? What else do we need to be doing? Brakke will speak from her perspective as a school board member and a career spent working towards educational equity in Minnesota and beyond.

Lora Opsahl

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

Why Did She Run? Women's Entry into Minnesota City Government

Speaker: Kathleen O'Brien, Former Minneapolis City Coordinator; Chief of Staff to UMN President Nils Hasselmo; former Minneapolis City Council Member, Majority Leader, Ways and Means; Research Historian and Curriculum Writer at the Women's Organization of the Minnesota Historical Society

O'Brien used her academic training and experience as a historian to interview more than 60 women who have

served in 36 cities across the political spectrum and throughout Minnesota as mayor and/or city council members between 1978 and 2000. These oral history interviews capture the contributions of women in our state's local government and ensure they are preserved and included in our state's history.

Shiela Robertson

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee	
Technology Committee	

Association Room Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

You and the Future of Good

Speaker: Trista Harris, Philanthropic Futurist, FutureGood, President

An increasing rate of change makes the already challenging work of doing good even more difficult. What if we could predict the future and positively impact the lives of our children, grandchildren, and communities? Join Harris as she takes us on an interactive journey where she will uncover tools to create the future.

Lois Petersen

9:30 - 10:30 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Green is the New Black: Green Burial and the Transformation of After-Death Practices

Speakers: Tom Koberstein and Marilaurice Hemlock Funeral Consumers Alliance of Minnesota

Caring for the earth while we are alive includes choices we make about what happens to our bodies after death. There are shades of green in death as in life. Learn about the green burial movement, green burial options in the metro area, and other ways you can reduce the environmental impact of your final undertaking. They will address the pros and cons of these choices and offer resources to help with after-death planning.

Nell Wegmann

10:45 - 11:45	PUBLIC POLICY	Presidents' Hall
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A Conversation and Review of Our Civil Rights Struggle

Speaker: Dr. Josie Johnson, former University of Minnesota Regent; retired University of Minnesota Associate Vice President for Minority Student Affairs; Founder, University of Minnesota Office of Diversity and Equity

Johnson has been an activist for equality for over five decades. She began as a teenager by gathering signatures with her father for an anti-poll tax petition in Texas. She has been called a "trailblazer" and "The First Lady of 36 Minnesota Civil Rights." Dr. Johnson will give us examples of her past struggles and will close with her candid opinion on the current status of civil rights in Minnesota.

Sharon Bigot

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

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

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House Management Committee	Association Room
Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15	HEALTH	Presidents' Hall
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Medical Cannabis Research and Development

Speaker: Dr. Rachel Loeber, Chief Scientific Officer, LeafLine Labs

Loeber oversees both production and research and development activities involving cannabis extraction, medical cannabis formulation, analytical testing, and regulatory compliance. She will share her experience in bringing scientific rigor and good laboratory practices to LeafLine Labs, differentiating them as a leader in the ever-evolving medical cannabis industry.

Shiela Robertson

Monday, February 25, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS Please see Bulletin page 18

BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room *The Girl from Venice* by Martin Cruz Smith Discussion Leader: Judy McConnell

This historical novel set in Venice in the waning days of WWII details the encounter and subsequent relationship between a fisherman and the daughter of a wealthy Jewish family who is on the run from the Wehrmacht. It takes place amid the world of partisans, random executions, the arts of forgery, high explosives, and the black market.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: Decoding United States - China Trade Leader: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

The United States uses centuries-old data to measure trade with other countries which leads to misunderstandings about realistic practices. They also give rise to bad policies that kill United States' jobs and cede market share to China. Learn about available tools that can be employed to counter China's unfair trade practices.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Topic: Painting

Leader: Jan McLandsborough

Jan will demonstrate painting with alcohol ink on Yupo paper, and will give all participants a chance to give it a try. It is a fun and creative medium.

KNOW YOUR DEVICE Facilitator: Alice Heth

Minnesota Room

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

10:45 - 11:45 LITERARY PURSUITS Presidents' Hall

What Makes an Award-Winning Book? An Inside Look from a Committee Member

Speaker: Lisa Von Drasek, Curator, Children's Literature Research Collections, University of Minnesota

Von Drasek is curator of the the Kerlan Collection, one of the leading children's literature archives. She is also a book reviewer and librarian. She will give a behind-the-scenes look at what it is like to be a judge on the most prestigious award committees such as the National Book Award, the Newbery Medal, and the Caldecott Medal.

Muriel Thompson

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1:15 - 2:15 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

How to Be in Two Places at Once While Earning College Credit

Speaker: Dr. Mary Barrie, Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Education Office of Career and College Success

Postsecondary Education Options (PSEO) offer students multiple ways to earn college credit on college campuses and high schools. This presentation will describe each of these options. Barrie will also touch on the legislatively mandated Rigorous Course Taking Report and a new option for at-risk students called Early/Middle College.

Priscilla Young

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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