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of University Women**

Bulletin

**March,
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May, and
Summer 2019**





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- Equity, Equality, and Justice
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- April 29: International Day: Vietnam

Leadership Message

From the President . . .

As I write, the holiday season has just ended, and I am again thinking of AAUW matters. As we go into the new year, I can look back with pride on accomplishments achieved already this year.

1. The Gala theme was “Women Lighting the Way,” and chair Rae Cornelius created a slide show highlighting women who have made significant contributions in many fields of endeavor. Several were early members of AAUW or were helped and supported by AAUW. This slide show was outstanding, and the Development Committee is considering ways we might use the show to further promote AAUW goals.

2. We had a special event on December 3, when AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches spoke to our branch and brought us up to date on the priorities of closing the pay gap and training 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022.

3. We are now composting at the Gale. The House Management and Environment Committees are working hard to solve the details and will continue to work with the members to make the program a success.

4. The professional and casual business clothing drive was an amazing success with donations filling three vehicles with clothing for From Me to You. Members also donated household supplies and money for Passage Community families. We also collected a record number of mittens for area school children. Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee.

5. The Membership Committee’s hard work has resulted in at least one new member each week since the open house in September. We welcome these new members, future friends and co-workers.

6. Program Committee members have provided us with outstanding programs—speakers on many topics, music, and book suggestions.

7. I want to thank our members who responded to the end-of-year ask letter. I am very pleased to welcome three new sustainers.

And there is more to look forward to:

- A one-woman show “Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire” will be presented on April 9. A cooperative effort between AAUW committees and the Minnesota Women’s Press magazine, this will be open to the public. It is a reminder of how hard it was to gain the right to vote and how precious is that right.
- The Development Committee will be presenting programs to acquaint us with more details about the Gale Mansion.
- We had a very successful Focus Day on Immigration and Refugees. The Diversity Committee has built upon that one day to give us a reading list of books pertaining to diverse cultures and to call our attention to these books in our library. You will be introduced to one of these books each month.
- Our 26-year-old air conditioning system continues to cause damage to our ceilings. It is beyond easy repair. We have contracted to have the system overhauled, and the work is scheduled to be done before summer.
- Cable access is being installed at the Gale Mansion with the aim of improving phone and WIFI access and reliability. It will also allow improved credit card processing for catering customers and hopefully for the use of our members. Stay tuned for further announcements about our progress.

So, we will be remembering the struggles that our sisters have met in the past as we strive to advance the AAUW mission of today and continue to provide friendship and on-going learning for our members.

Carol Sheldon, President
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2018-2020

Membership. . .

Join Us to Make an Impact for Women and Girls

“AAUW is a community standing 170,000 strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls,” states the National AAUW website, aauw.org. At our local Minneapolis AAUW branch we work together for our community. The programs keep us informed and up to date on current issues so that we may advocate for the greater good of women and girls. The opportunity to form friendships as we work on committees, share meals together, and participate in continuing learning adds extra value and fun to our AAUW experience.



15-month Membership for the Price of 12 Months

Again in conjunction with National AAUW, we are offering a fabulous deal for new members. Join now and pay the dues for next year—\$310—but receive membership benefits beginning this spring. We encourage you to spread the word and have your friends join this spring. Also please remember to renew your own membership this spring. When you join AAUW, you invest in yourself and in the power of a community.

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

Officers of the Branch 2018 - 2019

President	Carol Sheldon
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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, March 6, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	9:30 a.m.

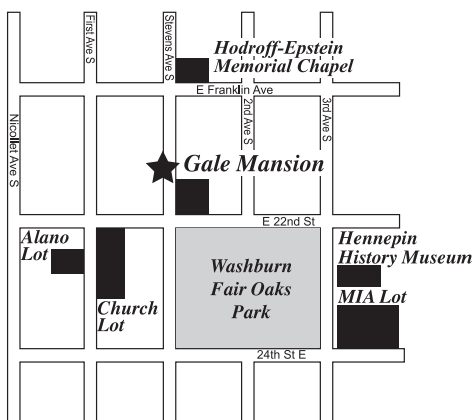
Closing and Awards Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 6, 2019, starting at 8:45 a.m. with coffee.

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.

The parking lot at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 24th Street is no longer available without charge. 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	<i>The Girl Who Wrote in Silk</i> Kelli Estes
October	<i>Beneath a Scarlet Sky</i> Mark Sullivan
November	<i>Stars Over Clear Lake</i> Loretta Ellsworth
January	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> Celeste Ng
February	<i>The Girl From Venice</i> Martin Cruz Smith
March	<i>The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry</i> Gabrielle Zevin
April	<i>The Beauty of Humanity Movement</i> Camilla Gibb

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	<i>Wintering</i> Peter Geye
October	<i>Hero of the Empire</i> Candice Millard
November	<i>Sweetness in the Belly</i> Camilla Gibb
May	<i>The Woman in Cabin 10</i> Ruth Ware
June	<i>The Zookeeper's Wife</i> Diane Ackerman
August	<i>Radium Girls</i> Kate Moore

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

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 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 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

Passage Community Spring Collection

April 15, 2019

Twice yearly we collect household supplies for the families at Passage Community. This transitional housing program for 17 homeless families is run by Simpson Housing Services and is located right in our Gale Mansion neighborhood. While there, families work toward housing stability and focus on breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Community support helps families reach their goals. Items needed are: laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, paper products (toilet paper and paper towels), and larger size disposable diapers. Checks used for special needs or emergencies are also welcome and should be made out to Passage Community.

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 15.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Jennifer Johnson
Community Outreach Committee

Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive

April 29, 2019

Recycle gently used casual and career clothing and accessories including ties, belts, jewelry, 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. Prom dresses are also welcome.

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

If you have any questions contact

Denny Scharlemann
612-741-2216
Thank You!

It's Time to Read . . .

According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune 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. 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.

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 payment to hold your space.

Mollie Keys, Arrangements Chair

House Management Committee . . .

The air conditioning system in the Gale Mansion has needed to be upgraded and re-insulated for some time. It is an expensive project at \$55,000, but a fully functioning system is necessary during our very busy catering summer and fall months.

A project like this will be paid for with money in the Property Preservation Dedicated Fund (PPDF)—the emergency fund that we normally keep at \$100,000. It will cause a depletion to pay for the air conditioning upgrade, so we will start building the fund again through members' gifts. As House Management Committee co-chairs, we are grateful to have the PPDF to help fund these maintenance and improvement costs.

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

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.

Bulletin Deadline

July 3 is the due date for
September, October, and November Bulletin items.
Thanks.

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

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Meet Scholarship Winner Tosin Odumuye

South High graduate Tosin Odumuye, a nursing student at Loyola in Chicago, is the younger half of the first-ever sister act in the history of our branch's scholarship program. Tosin's older sister, Sade, winner of an AAUW scholarship in 2012, is now in Colorado. Names of siblings do not appear on the scholarship applications being reviewed; thus, the committee had no idea they were selecting Sade's sister until the names were revealed.

Asked to name her role models, Tosin replied: "My mother and sister are both very strong, intelligent, and independent women. They have taught me a lot about how to navigate life."

Her mother, Jennifer Bochman, teaches elementary special education in the Robbinsdale District. Her older sister Sade earned an engineering degree at Washington University, St. Louis, where she played soccer on one of the top teams in the country.

Tosin explained her career choice: "I have a strong passion for social justice and advocating for the underprivileged, which has led me to the career of nursing. My hope is that I can work with clinics and organizations whose mission is to provide affordable care to marginalized groups. I also love the sciences which makes nursing a great fit."

"The nursing program at Loyola is rigorous, yet small, which is one big reason why I chose Loyola. The city and beautiful campus were other reasons for my choice. I knew I wanted to be in a diverse environment but didn't want to be too far away from my mom."

"Aside from the AAUW scholarship, I depend on scholarships from my university. And, I have a work study job with the music and fine arts departments at Loyola."

During high school, Tosin had a job at a pizza parlor called Pieology. Most recently, when home for winter and summer breaks, she has been serving and hosting at Rainbow Chinese Restaurant on Nicollet Avenue.

“This winter break I am learning how to knit and have been dedicating more time to reading,” she continued. “I am currently working on finishing *The Wretched of the Earth*.”

Ann Burckhardt for the Scholarship Committee

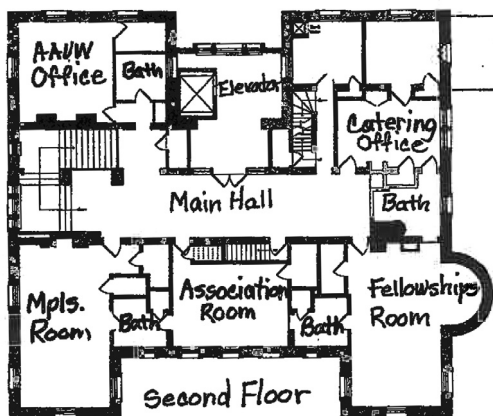
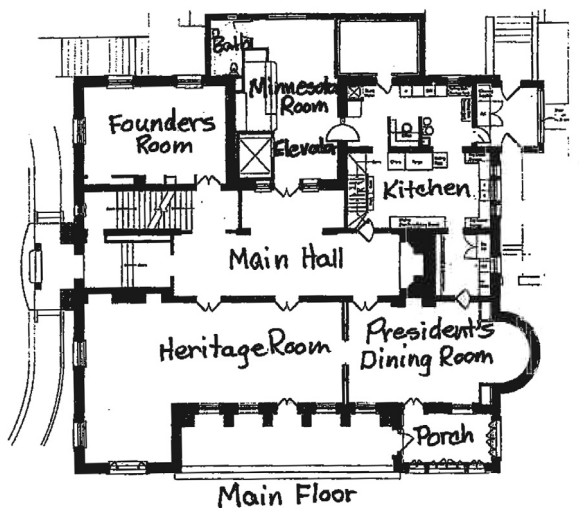
Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund! Donations can be made to the growing Scholarship Endowment Fund or to the general Scholarship Fund. An especially fun way to donate is by using the Scholarship Fund greeting cards located in our lower level library. The AAUW Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible!

Sharon Bigot, President of the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board



Tosin Odumuye

Gale Mansion Floor Plan



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 in the back half of the room if you do needlework or puzzles.
- At lunch, cash, receipts, and checks reserve seats; all other seats are open.
- Remember that the excellent wait staff appreciate a sincere *thank you* when they serve your meal.

AAUW Funds

Your Contributions in Action

I would like to give a big thank you to the Minneapolis Branch members who generously donated to one or more of the AAUW Funds (Legal Advocacy Fund, Educational Opportunities Fund, Public Policies Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Leadership Programs Fund, and Unrestricted Fund) in 2018. Through your donations we helped 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 before the Minnesota AAUW Convention. We have not received information about the type of fund raiser they will plan this year. An announcement will be made when we know what their needs are.

Raising money for these funds is one way the Minneapolis Branch members live out the AAUW Mission: to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Your gifts are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

Janice Paulsen, AAUW Funds Chair

Use the AAUW Email

Did you know that the Minneapolis Branch has an email address? Messages come into the computer of 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

In HONOR of _____
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In MEMORY of _____

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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: 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** Presidents' Hall

Leaders: Barb Taft and Joyce Prudden

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

April 22

Topic: **The Rise of Populism in Europe**

- **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.

- **Know Your Device**

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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- **Travel**

Presidents' Hall

Leader: Janet McLandsborough

March 25

Topic: **Ecuador: Land of Rain Forests,
Mountains, and the Galapagos Islands**

SAVE THE DATE

Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire

Performed by Michele LaRue

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

5:00 Social

5:30 Gourmet Dinner

7:00 Program in Presidents' Hall

"It is a rare treat to be entertained and educated at the same time."

-Anita R. Barney, Brookfield Library, CT

Invite your family and friends to learn the fascinating history of women's suffrage as we near its 100th anniversary; \$45 dinner and program, \$20 program only.

Exact cash preferred.

Tickets on sale at AAUW or online.

See details on page 33.

Monday, March 4, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Consumer Fraud

Speaker: Stacie Bosley, Economist and Professor, Hamline University

Bosley has expertise in the dynamics of pyramid schemes in the United States and around the world. While there is no stereotypical fraud victim, social and economic factors influence a person to participate in these schemes, whether legal or illegal. What are the ways that consumers can be protected? Learn how you may be susceptible.

Betty Beach

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Brain Injury Basics: Life After Injury

Speaker: Angela Bowles Edwards, Education and Community Outreach Specialist, Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance, Minnesota Stroke Association

The experience of brain injury has wide-reaching, often under-recognized implications for daily life. In this session, we will learn how cognitive, emotional, and physical brain functions can change after injury and hear about the supports and services available to individuals living with and recovering from brain injuries.

Carrie D'Andrea

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Lead Hostesses: Marilyn Kemme and Anne Pantelich

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Development Committee

Association Room

Public Policy

Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15

WOMEN SPEAK

Presidents' Hall

Empowering Human Traffic Survivors

Speaker: Terry Forliti, Executive Director of Breaking Free

The mission of Breaking Free is to end all forms of prostitution and sex trafficking. AAUW Minneapolis is pleased to host Forliti, who will educate and empower our members to help survivors of sex trafficking in overcoming sexual exploitation.

Sharon Bigot

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee organized the collection of over 100 pairs of mittens for children at Whittier and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

Who is That? What is Her Name?

We are updating our members' photo album in the library. If we don't have your photo, please contact our photographer, Sue Kearns.

Monday, March 11, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

**Bioengineered Transplantable Organs
to Solve the Organ Transplant Shortage**

Speaker: Jeff Ross, PhD, CEO, Miromatrix Medical Inc.

Miromatrix Medical was created with the idea of living in a world without an organ transplant waiting list. They produce extracellular matrix-based medical devices for soft tissue reinforcement and advanced wound care. With breakthrough scientific advances, Miromatrix is bringing the promise of fully biologic livers and kidneys to the people who need them.

Jeanette Sobania

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

**Land Stewardship Project:
Soil Health, Landscape Change, and Social Justice**

Speaker: Robin Moore, Project Coordinator, Chippewa
10% Project

Moore will describe the Land Stewardship Project (LSP), its mission, programs, and focus, as well as some of their current projects. She will explain how soil health at the core of her work in the Chippewa River Watershed is the cornerstone for connecting profitability, conservation, climate change, and farming. Communities are understanding, framing, and supporting sustainable farming

techniques. Moore will talk about how racial justice and gender equity are part of LSP's work and how that commitment is essential to the pursuit of sustainable agriculture and communities.

Barb Link

11:45 - 12:15 **BUSINESS MEETING**
Election of new officers

12:15 - 1:15 **LUNCHEON**

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto
Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Gala Committee	Minneapolis Room
Diversity Committee 8:30 a.m.	Association Room
Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 **LITERARY PURSUITS** Presidents' Hall

Power of Imagination

Speaker: Sheila O'Connor, Associate Professor and
Advisor, MFA Program, Hamline University

As a professor of creative writing, O'Connor shares her skills by teaching and mentoring writers of all ages. An award-winning writer of poetry, fiction and nonfiction for children and adults, she often focuses on strong female characters and historical details. What part does imagination play in her writings and that of her students?

Vicki Dunn

Monday, March 18, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Senior Co-Op Housing: Empowering Seniors

Speaker: Barbara Murphy, Director of Marketing,
7500 York Cooperative

Our speaker will discuss senior housing options in Minnesota to discover why Minnesota leads the nation in senior cooperative housing. She will describe types of senior co-ops and show how this model of housing empowers seniors from ages 55 to 100+ to lead fulfilled independent lifestyles. Murphy received the Senior Cooperative Housing Leadership Award in 2004. She will highlight 7500 York Cooperative in Edina as the inspiration for the growth in senior cooperative development in the Upper Midwest and potentially the nation.

Carrie D'Andrea

10:45 - 11:45

WOMEN SPEAK

Presidents' Hall

Don't Age Me Out of Living

Speaker: Judith Guest, Novelist and Playwright

How do you feel about birthday cards with black balloons and messages of doom? Anti-aging products give the message that it's bad to be old instead of a privilege to be old. Guest addresses the demeaning "ism"—ageism—as described in Aston Applewhite's book, *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*. See the myths and reality of aging vs. the freedom of more leisure time and the ability to use it creatively.

Bette Stacy

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Headlines	Fellowships Room
House Management Committee	Association Room
Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room
Scholarship Committee 2:15 p.m.	Minneapolis Room

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

Breaking Legs: A Life in Performance

Speaker: Annie Enneking, Fight Director, Songwriter,
Teaching Artist, Front Woman, Founder of
the rock band, *Annie and the Bang Bang*, and
Actor

Enneking has been a performing artist for 35 years. All of the art forms she practices have an intense physical component, whether performing with and writing songs for her rock band, crafting fights and intimacy for the stage, or teaching her students to wield a broadsword. Annie will talk about fight directing, songwriting, touring with her band, and what all of those things have in common. And, if there's time, she'll show you how to fake slap someone.

Marty Sedoff

BAD WEATHER CLOSING OF AAUW

Check your email, the website: minneapolis-mn.aauw.net
or call 612-870-1661
and wait for a recorded message.

Monday, March 25, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see Bulletin page 18

BOOK DISCUSSION **Heritage Room**

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Levin

Discussion Leader: Debby Croker Treece

When his most prized possession, a collection of poems, is stolen, A. J. Fikry isolates himself before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life. This is a tale of a life of books, redemption, and second chances.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Topic: **Zentangle**

Leader: Mary Aspnes and Holly Lewis

Zentangle enables people of all abilities to create images by using repeating patterns. Using pen and paper, draw deconstructed images one stroke at a time.

HOT TOPICS

Leader: Lil Lindsey

Founders Room

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

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minnesota Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

TRAVEL

Topic: **Ecuador: Land of Rain Forests, Mountains, and the Galapagos Islands**

Presenter: Leslie Swenson

Ecuador is a land rich in diversity of plant life, wildlife, and geology. Join Swenson as she shares her adventures traveling in Ecuador.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Mapping Prejudice

Speaker: Kristen Delegard, PhD, Co-founder, Mapping Prejudice, University of Minnesota Department of Geography, Environment, and Society

The Mapping Prejudice project was created to shed light on the historic practices of covenants, redlining, and predatory lending in Minneapolis. These practices have resulted in some of the largest racial disparities in the nation in housing, access to parks, schools, jobs, and wealth creation. Using digital graphics, Delegard will show us how knowledge of the past can inform our current policy making.

Barbara Cohen

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Community Outreach

Association Room

New Members

Fellowships Room

1:15 - 2:15

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Rewriting the Rural Narrative

Speaker: Benjamin Winchester, Rural Sociologist and Senior Research Fellow, University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality

Churches, schools, clinics, and post offices have closed in small towns as the people migrate to big cities. This issue dominates conversations in rural communities. However, the story of rural America since 1970 is rich and diverse with positive trends occurring under the radar. Winchester rewrites the narrative, relays common concerns, and suggests steps forward.

Jan Mosman

Monday, April 1, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Boathouses of Lake Minnetonka

Speakers: Melinda Nelson, Writer
Karen Melvin, Photographer

Collaborators Nelson and Melvin return to AAUW for a visual tour of historic boathouse interiors which have ties to Minneapolis families. Of particular interest will be a discussion of the Gale family compound on Gale Island, complete with historic photos dating to 1874.

Debby Croker Treece

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

**Children and Teens:
Growing Up and Thriving in a Media World**

Speaker: Dr. Marjorie Hogan, Pediatrician

We have heard stories or read articles about how various forms of electronic media can both benefit and harm children and teens. Hogan will discuss strategies for emphasizing the positive and countering the negative effects of media use. Get the latest data!

Elaine Swanson

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 LITERARY PURSUITS Presidents' Hall

Bold Women of Medicine

Speaker: Susan Latta, Author

Women Leading the Way, this year's Gala theme, fits right in with the title of Latta's book, *Bold Women of Medicine*. Her book tells of twenty-one courageous women and their groundbreaking feats. Latta will give us background information about these women, from the 1800s to the present.

Georgia Wiebe

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.

Monday, April 8, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

WOMEN SPEAK

Presidents' Hall

Demystifying Islam and Building Bridges

Speaker: Hanadi Chehabeddine, Journalist, Keynote
Speaker, Diversity Trainer

Our perception of Muslims has been largely shaped by the media's portrayal of them. Chehabeddine, who grew up in Lebanon and now lives in Minnesota, is a peacemaker and community builder through her public presentations. She will share her own story, address misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, and answer questions people often ask: Why don't Muslims denounce terrorism? Are women oppressed in Islam? What is Sharia Law?

Jennifer Johnson

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

Education and Title IX—Nondiscrimination

Speaker: Donald Chance Mark, Jr., Attorney, Fafinski
Mark & Johnston, P.A.

Title IX was passed in 1972. Why are there two pending lawsuits at St. Cloud State University and a \$3.74 million settlement for University of Minnesota Duluth's former women's hockey coach? Mark is an attorney handling these cases, which receive funding from the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. He will discuss the process and the difficulties in Title IX enforcement.

Diane Boruff

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING
12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Gala Committee	Minneapolis Room
Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

**Pollinator Friendly Gardening and
the Importance of Bees**

Speaker: Gary Reuter, Scientist, University of Minnesota
Bee Lab

More than one-third of the world's crop species and numerous fruits and vegetables depend on bee pollination. In North America alone, it is an ecological service valued at \$20 billion a year. The disruption of natural habitats leading to lack of "bee flowers," the widespread overuse of pesticides, plus numerous bee diseases and parasites have pushed honey bees to the tipping point. Our native bees are also in decline. Hopeless? Through Gary's humorous style of teaching, learn what we as individuals can do to help.

Ann Roach

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.

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.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

5:00 SOCIAL

5:30 DINNER

7:00 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

**Someone Must Wash the Dishes:
An Anti-Suffrage Satire**



Photo by Ken Smith Quiet Heart Images

Presenter: Michele LaRue, New Jersey Actress:
Live Performance and Q & A

Why did it take 72 years to pass women's suffrage? You will be educated about this milestone legislation and entertained by the now hilarious reasons some men and women fought hard to defeat it.

Ms. LaRue has "*exquisite timing. Better than the best stand-ups.*"

Kelly A. Cici, Orland, Illinois

This is a special occasion necessitating payment by April 3.

Tickets on sale online in February at <https://bpt.me/4030494>
Tickets go on sale at AAUW in March. Exact cash please.

\$20 performance only

\$45 for performance and dinner

Invite your family, friends, exercise buddies, and book club members, etc.

Nancy Sjoquist

Monday, April 15, 2019

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 PUBLIC POLICY Presidents' Hall

Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Politics

Speakers: Kathryn Pearson, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota

In 2018, a record number of women ran for office and won election to the United States Congress. Pearson will answer questions and provide insight into gender dynamics on the campaign trail and in Congress. Why are women underrepresented at every level of office? What barriers and opportunities do women face? What accounts for the partisan gap in women's representation? In what ways do women govern and lead differently from men? How does electing women make a difference?

Priscilla Young

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

Fine Arts at the Arboretum

Speaker: Wendy DePaolis, Curator of Art and Sculpture,
Fine Arts Education Programmer, Minnesota
Landscape Arboretum

DePaolis holds the only position of its kind in the United States. She will tell us how this job was created, how she got it, and how she plans to use it to make art accessible to all people.

Esther Fabes

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Headlines	Fellowships Room
House Management Committee	Association Room
Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room
Scholarship Committee 2:15 p.m.	Minneapolis Room

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

Nooks and Crannies of the Gale

Presenters: Rebecca Kruse

Nell Wegmann, AAUW members

Most Mondays we gather in the Gale Mansion and enjoy inspiring speakers, great company, and a delicious lunch. This is our “third space,” a place we can go to unwind, discuss topics that matter to us, and develop new friendships. The Gale Mansion was built as a family home and has become a second home for AAUW. We will take you on a virtual tour behind the lovely walls, down hidden staircases, and into the secrets held by this beautiful building. Come and join us on this unique journey into our own special space.

Rebecca Kruse and Nell Wegmann

SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Next week, April 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

Join in a one-time project assembling Roadside Kits, packets of useful toiletries and helpful lists of available resources for the homeless. When completed, take some packets with you to pass out to those in need who may cross your path—also handy to have in the car when you see someone asking for help.

Deborah Croker Treece and Nancy Sjoquist

Monday, April 22, 2019

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

Please see Bulletin page 18

BOOK DISCUSSION

Heritage Room

The Beauty of Humanity Movement by Camilla Gibb

Discussion Leader: Elaine Kirk

In Hanoi, three main characters are connected to the intellectuals who founded a heretical literary journal. Maggie Ly travels to Hanoi to learn about her father's disappearance. Her story intersects with a soup seller and a tour guide. As scenes move, the writer offers a look into North Vietnam's past.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **The Rise of Populism in Europe**

Leader: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

Mass migration has abetted the rise of populist parties in Europe. Opposition to immigration drove support for Brexit, brought a far-right party to Germany, and propelled Marine Le Pen to win a third of the vote in the French presidential election. These parties are illiberal, anti-American, anti-NATO and pro-Kremlin, a matter of concern for the national interests of the United States.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Topic: **Beading**

Leader: Ann Vanvick

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

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minnesota Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

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SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECT Minneapolis Room

Facilitators: Deborah Croker Treece and Nancy Sjoquist

Join in assembling Roadside Kits containing toiletries
and resource lists to pass out to those in need. See p. 35

10:45 - 11:45 LITERATURE Presidents' Hall

Sisterhood of War: Minnesota Women in Vietnam

Speaker: Dr Kim Heikkila, PhD, Author and Owner of
Spotlight Oral History

Approximately 9,000 United States military nurses served
in the Vietnam War. The women did not serve in combat
but encountered the consequences of war and struggled
once they returned home, particularly with post-traumatic
stress disorder. In Minnesota, a handful of nurses banded
together to support each other and promote the Vietnam
Women's Memorial. Heikkila will discuss this unique
sisterhood.

Mary Moriarty

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

Community Outreach Committee

Association Room

New Members

Fellowships 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, April 29, 2019

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

VIETNAM

Come experience Vietnam through its rich history and a war that reshaped not only Vietnam but the world.

Come experience Vietnam through its culture, traditions, beliefs and, of course, its food.

Come experience Vietnam through its people who have added joy and beauty to our world.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

The Other 80% of the Truth About the Vietnam War that was Omitted by the Press

Speaker: Dr. Ha Tuong, Author, Teacher, Principal,
former Officer of the Army of the Republic of
Vietnam

Ha Tuong will give us an overview of Vietnam history from China's 30 centuries of domination to French and then American colonization. Ha Tuong has authored a book on the history of Vietnam and is at present working on a memoir about the war from the Vietnamese perspective.

Kay Kessel

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

Vietnam and the Vietnamese Community in Minnesota at a Glance

Speaker: Phuoc Thi Minh Tran, Librarian, Storyteller and
Author

Phuoc Thi Minh Tran is the first Vietnamese librarian in Minnesota, a storyteller, and a published author. She has shared her experiences and knowledge of Vietnamese culture at various cultural events, storytelling programs, conferences, libraries, universities, colleges, and schools throughout the state. She will share with us the richness of Vietnamese culture.

Judy Custer

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Marlyn Barber

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

Vietnam: Culture and Arts

Speakers: Sean Cusik and Trang Cusik, Creators of 3-D
Pop-up Art

Our speakers will show us some of the many beautiful arts of Vietnam, made by the people who have preserved and now share their culture through these arts. We'll have the opportunity to know Trang and Sean of DRAGONFLIES AND CARDS. Their incredible creations of pop-up cards, quilling, and bamboo arts will be on display and available for purchase throughout the day.

Ruth Welsh

Monday, May 6, 2019

***Closing Day Program:
Awards, Recognition, and Annual Meeting***

8:45 – 9:45 Coffee, tea, and treats

Dining Room

On the lower level, enjoy viewing art, crafts, and
handiwork created by our members.

9:45 – 10:45

SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

***St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden of
Whispering Willows and Flowing Waters***

Speaker: Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Minnesota China
Friendship Garden Society, President and Co-
Founder; Mediator and Arbitrator, Mealey-
Lohmann Mediation and Dispute Resolution

Mealey-Lohmann will tell us about the beautiful new
St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden of Whispering
Willows and Flowing Waters. The gorgeous Xiang Jiang
Pavilion is a replica of one of the four most famous
pavilions in China, and the Hmong Heritage Wall
recognizes the historical and cultural connection between
the Hmong in Minnesota and their ancestral homeland in
this area of China, where over two million Hmong live.
This sister-city project is an important cultural bridge to
China and shows the world that Minnesota welcomes
international investors and visitors to our global metropolis.
In addition, Mealey-Lohmann will speak briefly about her
work as a mediator with various cultural groups.

Carol Sheldon

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00

Presidents' Hall

Annual Meeting with Awards and Recognition

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

Carol Sheldon

12:00

Luncheon

Luncheon Hostess: Mary Ann Christenson

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Join us for the last delightful AAUW luncheon of the 2018-2019 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>

Beach reading? Serious reading? Books to enjoy and enrich your summer days? Zumberge has a wealth of reading suggestions for all interests. SubText Books, an independent bookstore, is located in downtown St. Paul. Books will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Susie Erickson

Spring Getaway

The Twin Cities, Finance, and Science

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$65.00

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Learn about the nation's central bank and financial system. Observe how United States currency makes its way to your local bank. Find out what it means when the media says the Fed is setting interest rates. Accompany a Federal Reserve employee for a walking tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. This site involves a considerable amount of walking and standing.

LUNCH

We will enjoy lunch at a unique Minneapolis venue.

BELL MUSEUM

See a planetarium show, have a guided tour of the world-renowned wildlife dioramas, and have time to view the changing exhibits at this beautiful new museum. This site involves a considerable amount of walking and standing.

Registration is April 1 and April 8 at the Gale. After April 8 mail to:

Joanne Ortendahl-Lucas
4532 Columbus Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Make checks payable to AAUW Minneapolis Spring Getaway.

AAUW Minneapolis Branch trip cancellation policy:

One day event reservations are non-refundable.*

*** PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS TRIP:**

Due to security, the Federal Reserve Bank requires a list of tour participants 10 days prior to the trip. No substitutions are permitted after that list is submitted.

Joanne Ortendahl-Lucas

Spring Getaway

Maiden Rock, Pepin, and Stockholm, Wisconsin Scenic Great River Road

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$65.00

MAIDEN ROCK

Visit the Cultural Cloth. This is a shop that imports items from women artisans in over 25 countries, in turn helping them to be successful in the market place. This also helps their families and communities.

LUNCH

Lunch and wine tasting at the Villa Bellezza, a Mediterranean-style winery outside of Pepin, featuring Italian-style, oven-baked pizzas, Bellezza salad, and fresh vegetable crudités for lunch with Tiramisu for dessert.

STOCKHOLM

Explore the Scandinavian town of Stockholm with a walking tour on your own to visit the galleries, museums, bakeries, coffee shops, furniture, and household goods stores in this quaint, Nordic market.

Registration is April 1 and April 8 at the Gale. After April 8, mail to:

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One-day event reservations are non-refundable. They are transferable to any AAUW member/or friend.

Stephanie Carlson-Ventura

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

5:00

SOCIAL

5:15

LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION

Founders' Room

The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Discussion Leader: Cathy Hovancsak

Lo Blacklock, a travel magazine writer, has the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise in the picturesque North Sea. One day Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. However, all passengers remain accounted for, and so the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something has gone terribly wrong.

6:00

DINNER

7:15

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY Presidents' Hall

**Icarus: A Newly Discovered Star,
Dating Halfway Back to the Big Bang**

Speaker: Patrick Kelly, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota School of Physics and Astronomy

In the spring of 2016, Kelly led the research team that discovered the farthest star ever seen from Earth—so far away, it has taken nine billion light years to reach Earth. Using the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers were monitoring a supernova when this star was detected. Kelly will enlighten us about this and current research.

Mary Beaumont

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5:00

SOCIAL

5:15

LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION

Founders' Room

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

Discussion Leader: Sandra Hirsch

The time is 1939 and the place is Poland. The Warsaw Zoo flourishes under the stewardship and care of the Zabinskis. When their country is invaded by Nazis, they are forced to report to the Reich's newly appointed chief zoologist. The Zabinskis covertly begin working with the Resistance, putting into action plans to save the lives of over 300 Polish Jews. This powerful thriller would be a great novel—except that it is a true story!

6:00

DINNER

7:15

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Scandinavian Women Composers

Speaker: Flutist, Paula Gudmundson, Assistant Professor of Flute, University of Minnesota Duluth

Gudmundson was awarded a Community Partnership Grant in 2013-14 from the Minnesota State Arts Board to record works by two Argentinian artists. She traveled to Argentina in search of neglected early 20th century music and has recorded *La Flauta of Buenos Aires* featuring works for flute by Amancio Alcorta. Recently, she has studied Scandinavian women composers. Her presentation today will feature the history and performance of some of their works.

Janet Triplett

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

4:30 SOCIAL

5:00 DINNER

6:00 Car Pool to the Target Center

7:00 **Minnesota Lynx vs Seattle Storm**

Come join us and help cheer on the Minnesota Lynx! As the season approaches, more information will be coming, including how to access tickets. Please save this date. Note that it is on a Wednesday.

Jan Paulsen



Tuesday, August 13, 2019

5:00

SOCIAL

5:15

LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION

Founders' Room

Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Discussion Leader: Ann Vanvick

The newly discovered element, radium, makes headlines across the nation. From body lotion to tonic water, the popular new element shines bright in the otherwise dark years of WWI. Meanwhile, hundreds of girls toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories. The chemical covers their bodies from head to toe; these "shining girls" are the luckiest alive—until they begin to fall mysteriously ill. The brave, shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century and in the groundbreaking battle for workers' rights that will echo for centuries to come.

6:00

DINNER

7:15

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Politics Without a Script

Speaker: Tane Danger, The Theater of Public Policy,
Co-founder

The Theater of Public Policy combines thoughtful interviewing of public policy thinkers and leaders with improvisational comedy. Is this even possible? According to the Star Tribune, "This troupe is aces at making the wonky wacky." Danger will explain how this unique approach has proven to be a winning formula for getting Minnesotans excited about serious and often complex issues that face our state.

Mary Haltvick

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 payment 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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To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

Equity for all.

AAUW VALUES STATEMENT

Non-partisan, Fact-based, Integrity, Inclusion, and Intersectionality

AAUW DIVERSITY POLICY

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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