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of University Women**

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November, and

Fall 2019





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Program Topics

- The Arts
- Environment
- Education
- Equity, Equality, and Justice
- Health
- Literary Pursuits
- Public Policy
- Science and Technology
- Women’s Voices

Focus Days

- November 4: Mirth, Mime, and Merriment
- March 30: Native Voices
- April 29: International Day: South Africa

Leadership Message *From the President . . .*

Welcome back. It is going to be another great year at AAUW Minneapolis Branch!

Summer has been fun. Many of us have traveled, visited with family, had picnics, walked or biked in the good weather, spent leisurely time at the cabin, and had time to read — maybe serious, maybe just light summer fare. But now we are recharged and can come back to AAUW to continue our goals of lifetime learning, supporting the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls, and enjoying being with like-minded friends.

Much work was done by our members during the summer in order to have wonderful programs ready to go in the fall.

Program topic areas this year are: Environment; Women's Voices; the Arts; Education; Health; Public Policy; Science and Technology; Equity, Equality, and Justice; and Literary Pursuits. Following recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee a year ago, the Tuesday evening meetings have been better integrated into the program planning and have increasing numbers of attenders. Program speakers, as always, include university professors, accomplished professionals, young people starting out in a career, and members of the community from many different backgrounds.

Focus Days will bring us Mirth, Mime, and Merriment and Native Voices. International Day programs will explore and teach us about South Africa.

A non-fiction book discussion has been added to the fourth Monday, 9:30 a.m. topics and will alternate with Hot Topics.

The Gala committee and volunteers have been busy planning for the big fundraiser scheduled on November 8, 2019. This year's theme is "Night at the Circus." Already there are many great ideas for parties, tickets, wines, gift cards, and other auction items. We will be using an electronic bidding system with bidding done on your mobile phone—before or during the Gala, at the Gala, or from home. This system has many advantages in decreasing the workload for our volunteers and increasing the ease of record keeping. We interviewed other non-profits that have used this system, and all reported increased income using this system. Because this is new, the committee is planning multiple training opportunities, and there will be helpers at the Gala to aid anyone who has a question.

So, I am looking forward to our new year. I welcome back members of many years and others who have recently joined us. This is an exciting, stimulating group, and there is a spot for anyone who wants lifelong learning and to support the goal of equity for women and girls.

Carol Sheldon, President
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2018-2020

**BAD WEATHER
CLOSING OF AAUW**

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

**Remember to register your
annual luncheon reservation!**



Officers of the Branch 2019 - 2020

President	Carol Sheldon
Evening Vice President	Cathy Hovancsak
Membership Co-Vice Presidents	Becky Farber Kathleen Kohler
Program Development Co-Vice Presidents	Susie Erickson Doris Grimes
Marketing Vice President	Leslie Swenson
Development Vice President	Sheryl Sostarich
House Management Vice President	Ellen Hughes
Treasurer	Sheila Lind
Secretary for Recording	Nell Wegmann
Director at Large	Julie Ollila

Board of Directors 2019 - 2020 Meeting Dates

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

Tuesday, September 10, 2019	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 9, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 8, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	9:30 a.m.

Closing and Awards Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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, see page 50 to register online or 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 table with your guest, reservations must be made in person on Monday morning at the Guest Hostess Table on first floor.

Electronic Bidding at the Gala

- We are excited to announce that we will use an online/ electronic bidding system for this year's Gala. There
- will be lots of instruction and help available for you to learn how to bid from your computer or cell phone.
- Please visit the Gala webpage to register as a bidder:
<https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=aauwmpls>
- Visit the website to preview the parties, venue tickets, and the silent and live auction items for purchase at this year's Gala.
- With electronic bidding, everyone can bid on silent auction items, even if you don't come to the Gala. We hope to see you at the *Night at the Circus*. If you are unable to attend the Gala, please participate by bidding online.

Nell Wegmann, Chair

(For more information about the Gala see page 7.)

AAUW's Annual Gala
Night at the Circus

Friday, November 8, 2019, 5:15 p.m.

Come join us for a magical evening of fun and frolic.

Bring your friends, family, and willing bidders. We plan to raise \$100,000 to support our branch and its mission.

Our **Night at the Circus Gala** fundraiser starts with champagne and appetizers during the silent auction. A fabulous dinner will be followed by a live auction and a shout-out for our branch and scholarship.

The ticket price is \$150. Of that \$100 is tax deductible. Valet parking will be available.

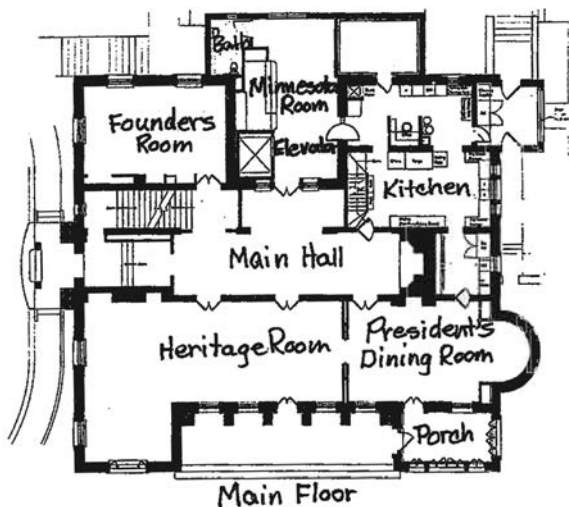
We need everyone's help to reach our fundraising goal.
Please donate items for our silent and/or live auction.

The following items seem to be the most popular with our members.

- **Gift cards** of all kinds—all restaurants and any stores (including jewelry)
- **Themed baskets**—chocolate, wine, spirits, beer, coffee, or tea specialties
- **Tickets** to sports events, symphony, theater, or lectures
- **Hand crafted items**—share your talent
- **Vacation stays**—hotel stays, condos, and cabins
- **Unique offering**—share your passion
- **Advertise** in our Gala program
- **Splurge** and be a **sponsor**—we need matching funds to offer some very special items.

Bring donated items to the Gala donation table and fill out a donation slip. All contributions are tax deductible. All profits support our AAUW branch and mission. For questions about silent auction items, contact Betsy Parks at parks002@umn.edu or Jan Bobrowske at j-bobr@umn.edu. For questions about advertisements contact Rae Cornelius rae.cornelius@gmail.com. For questions about the live auction and sponsorships, contact Nell Wegmann at nwegmann@mac.com.

Gale Mansion Floor Plan



Membership . . .

Patricia Churchland, renowned Canadian psychologist says, “We long to belong, and belonging and caring anchors our sense of place in the universe.”

We humans are wired to belong to a group. At birth, we belong to a family, a family that’s part of a clan. As the years advance, we belong to yet more groups—our class at school, our professional associations, our social clubs, our church or synagogue.

For many of us, belonging to AAUW plays a key part in living a full and satisfying life. Here we continue the education that we prize. Here we make friends with those we work alongside—planning programs, discussing books, organizing fundraisers, maintaining our lovely home, and carrying out the many activities needed to maintain a multi-faceted organization.

When we value something, as we do AAUW, it is natural to want to share it with others. Thus, we make sure to invite valued former colleagues, good neighbors, and longtime friends as guests to our outstanding programs in the hope that they will want to become part of this far-reaching organization. Following in the steps of the valiant suffragists of the past, we continue promoting equity for women and girls with legislation and scholarships. Why not make that phone call today, inviting a friend, neighbor, or former colleague to attend an upcoming meeting with you?

Ann Burckhardt for the Membership Committee

Becky Farber, Membership Co-Vice President

Kathleen Kohler, Membership Co-Vice President

LOOK, Dick—LOOK, Jane . . .

Robert Fulghum, author of that golden oldie, *All I really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten*, once said, “Remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK!” Come into our AAUW Library and give us a LOOK! You’ll see shelves loaded with books, comfortable seating, and lots of friendly books and mysteries. We also have a limited number of DVDs.

Remember, there are no fines for overdue books; we’re just grateful when they come back (two weeks, please.) These are your books and we want you to enjoy them.

The library sells slightly used books donated by our members. Hardcover are \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents. Proceeds from the used books allow us to buy more books for the collection. PLEASE BRING US YOUR USED BOOKS. We prefer fiction not older than five years. They sell extremely well.

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

Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Chair, Library Committee

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

Monday Literature . . .

- September ***Pachinko***
Min Jin Lee
- October ***The Night Circus***
Erin Morgenstern
- November ***Where the Crawdads Sing***
Delia Owens
- January ***Washington Black***
Esi Edugyan
- February ***The Women in the Castle***
Jessica Shattuck
- March ***History of Wolves***
Emily Fridlund
- April ***Hum If You Don't Know the Words***
Bianca Marais

Monday Non-fiction Literature . . .

- September ***Why We Sleep***
Matthew Walker
- November ***Rising Out of Hatred***
Eli Saslow
- February ***A Season on the Wind***
Kenn Kaufman
- April ***Born A Crime***
Trevor Noah

Tuesday Evening Literature . . .

- September ***Last Bus to Wisdom***
Ivan Doig
- October ***The Life We Bury***
Allen Eskens
- May ***Cry, the Beloved Country***
Alan Paton
- June ***Never Coming Back***
Alison McGhee
- August. ***The Genius of Birds***
Jennifer Ackerman

Nominating Committee

In accordance with AAUW Bylaws, the branch will elect new officers during the March business meeting for the following positions:

Elected for two-year terms:

- President
- Evening Vice President
- House Vice President
- Program Vice President
- Secretary for Recording

The Nominating Committee (listed below) welcomes suggestions for each position. You may also volunteer yourself for consideration. As the committee meets each week in the fall, the candidates are narrowed to a final slate which will be presented to all members during the February, 2020, business meeting. Nominees will be voted upon at the next business meeting in March.

Please consult the bylaws for the responsibilities assigned to each position. To recommend a candidate, contact anyone on the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your participation in maintaining our branch's excellent leadership.

Nominating Committee:

Shari Parsons, Chair

Linda Blaisdell

Diane Boruff

Carrie D'Andrea

Pat Deckas Becerra

Beth Montgomery

Judy Vermeland-Wendt

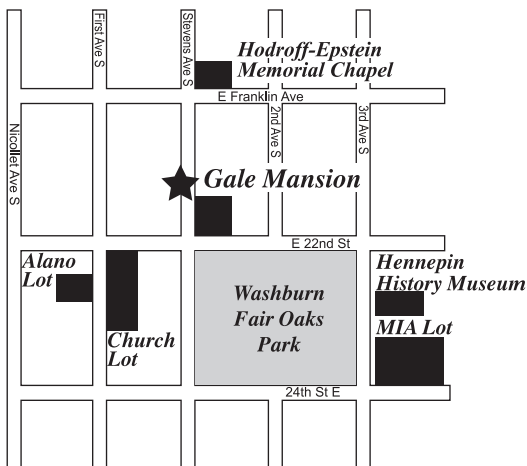
Sheila Zimmerman

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 \$180 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 free. Free parking is available on Mondays in the small lot of the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Avenue South. Limited free parking is also available at Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel on the Franklin Avenue side of the lot.



Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive

October 7, 2019

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

On Monday, October 7, *From Me To You* representatives will be in front of the Gale Mansion between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. You will be able to drive up and park briefly while volunteers help unload your donations.

Denny Scharlemann

Passage Community Collection

October 14, 2019

Every fall, we collect household supplies for residents at the Passage Community, a Simpson Housing Services transitional housing program for homeless families. Their apartment building, located near the Gale Mansion, houses 17 families. While there, families receive help with finding permanent housing, employment, education, and child care.

Items most needed are: toilet paper and paper towels, disposable diapers, detergent, body wash/soap, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, and conditioner. Checks made to Passage Community are also welcome. Money is used for emergencies and special needs. A car will be in front of the Gale Mansion on October 14 between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. to receive your donations. Thank you for helping these families stretch their tight budgets!

Jennifer Johnson

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 appreciates a sincere "*thank you*" when they serve your meal.

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Our Most Recent College Graduate Scholarship Recipients: Lulu and Selam

Since 2001, when the Minneapolis AAUW Branch first began the scholarship program for young women who are graduates of Minneapolis Public High Schools, we have helped support a total of 22 scholars through four years of college. Here are profiles of the two most recent college graduates.

Lulu Bauermeister completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with minors in Public Health and in Leadership at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. She did solo backpacking in Europe for two months this summer before starting her full-time job as Corporate Social Responsibility project manager at U.S. Bank. Lulu was born in China and adopted by her American mom when she was 23 months old. Her Chinese name was Lu Lijun, which sounds very much like “Lulu.” In her graduation picture, Lulu wears a yellow stole (Leadership Graduate), a red stole (Chi Omega Fraternity), and a red, white, and blue cord which represents the Tom Burnett Advanced Leadership Program. Lulu is one of only 14 seniors in the entire University selected for this program this spring.

Selamawit Girmachew completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry with a minor in Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. She is taking a gap year, working in a chemistry lab on the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota. Selam plans to go to graduate school next year and will pursue research in a branch of medicine, perhaps pharmaceutical medicine. Her summer plans include learning how to drive and then purchasing a used car. Selam came to Minneapolis from Ethiopia as a fourth grader. She joined her father who had immigrated here

earlier. In her graduation picture, Selam wears a multicolored stole (Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence), a purple cord (Presidential Emerging Scholar), and a blue and white cord (North Star Alliance Scholar).

AAUW Minneapolis is currently helping to support nine young women who are graduates of Minneapolis Public Schools—two freshman, three sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors. We sent checks to our scholars' universities/colleges this August (2019) for a total of \$32,400. A sophomore is the first to receive the AAUW Minneapolis Nadia Christensen Scholar award.

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
Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Lulu Bauermeister



Selamawit Girmachew



House Management Committee . . .

Summer is an important event time at the Gale Mansion. The garden at the front entrance by the canopy has been redesigned and replanted by Shari Parsons and Mary Kay Heruth. The dedicated gardening volunteers have been effective in keeping the grounds around the building looking beautiful all year and especially attractive for weddings.

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

Ellen Hughes, Chair
House Management Committee

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 speak to Sue Kearns who will take your photo.

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.

Email address:

aauwmpls@galemansion.com

Holiday Lights Luncheon

Monday, December 9, 2019

Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Arne Fogel

Twin Cities cabaret singing artist, radio and jazz club vocalist and pianist, now celebrating
a half-century of stories and song.

A recent inductee into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, Arne Fogel will entertain us with his unique pop/swing singing style and piano accompaniment. His musical dialogue reflects his reputation as an actor, writer, entertainment historian, and oral encyclopedia. His repertoire includes Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Alan Lerner, Jimmy Van Heusen, and Harold Arlen.

Wine Bar: 11:45 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 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: \$25 per person—checks, please

Reservations open from Monday, November 11,
until full.

Annual lunch reservations do NOT apply.

Have names and payments for all at your table when
you sign up.

Gini Hickman, Chair, Holiday Lights Committee

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. Non-fiction book group discussions will alternate monthly with Hot Topics.

- **Book Discussion**

Leaders: Elaine Kirk, Judy McConnell, and Sheryl Sostarich

The list of books selected for this year is found on page 11 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 choose to explore topics of current concern with input from videos and discussion.

September 23

Topic: **The Middle East: Regional Disorder**

November 25

Topic: **Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?**

- **Handwork/Crafts** Dining Room

Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

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

- **Hot Topics** Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

October 28

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

- **Know Your Device**

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

- **Travel**

Presidents' Hall

Presenter: Janet McLandsborough

October 28

Topic: **South Africa**

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 \$20 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 \$20 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 \$20. Hopefully this will allow some members to lunch with us more often.

Opening Day, Monday, September 9, 2019

AAUW Minneapolis

Enjoy the Day!

8:45 - 9:30

Dining Room

Welcome Back Social Time

Please note the earlier start to the day which will allow you a bit more time for meeting and greeting friends at the beginning of a new AAUW program season. Our faithful coffee committee will be providing delicious cookies and bars as well as coffee and tea for your enjoyment.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

Welcome to Minneapolis AAUW 2019-2020

President Carol Sheldon will welcome us to the opening day of another wonderful AAUW Minneapolis program year. Susie Erickson and Doris Grimes, Program Vice Presidents, will introduce Topic and Focus Day chairs who will preview the up-coming 2019-2020 planned programs. There will be updates on the fourth Monday interest group programs as well as reports from Membership and Gala chairs.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

Perspective from a New Novelist

Speaker: Rebecca Ansari, Novelist

In Ansari's first novel, *The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly*, Charlie O'Reilly's little brother, Liam, vanishes. No one believes Charlie except his best friend, Ana, and a new boy in town. Together they embark on a journey into an unseen world where they learn the importance of

families and forgiveness. Ansari will tell us about how she came to be a writer, how she found an agent and an editor, and what roles they play. She will describe sources of ideas for a story, how ideas can change during writing, how to keep story details in order, and how to tie up loose ends after changes are made.

Carol Sheldon

11:45 - 12:00

Presidents' Hall

Recognition of Past Presidents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

Amazing Minnesota

Speaker: Lee Lynch, Carmichael Lynch, Inc., Co-founder,
Author

In 1962, Lynch co-founded Carmichael Lynch, an advertising agency which rose to become one of the top ten most creative agencies in the world. He retired from Carmichael Lynch in 2008 and immersed himself in other businesses and nonprofit activities. He was a key player in the renaissance of the historic Hennepin Avenue Theater District. An ardent advocate for Minnesota, he authored the book, *Amazing Minnesota*, in 2017. Lynch will tell us why Minnesota is so amazing and make you feel grateful and proud to be a Minnesotan.

Carol Sheldon

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.

Evening Membership Dues

Annual dues of \$150 are significantly reduced for **evening only** members. If you are a member and come on Mondays, you are an evening member, too. Fall meeting dates are September 10, October 15, and November 12. Enjoy a fine dinner and hear a wonderful program. The full bar is open in the Minnesota Room. Friends and spouses are welcome. Parking is easier. If you know potential members who are not able to attend daytime meetings, refer them for evenings-only membership.

***Opening Evening,
Tuesday, September 10, 2019***

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION
Founders Room
Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig
Discussion Leader: Jan Paulsen

In 1951, Donal Cameron, raised by his grandmother in the Montana Rockies, is sent to faraway Wisconsin due to Gram's surgery. Tyrannical Aunt Kate decides to ship him back by Greyhound. Henpecked husband, Herman the German, decides to go too. The pair set out for the territory—meeting a classic Doigan ensemble of characters. Rollicking misadventures await!

6:00 DINNER

7:15 LITERARY PURSUITS Presidents' Hall

Behind the Scenes with Bonnie Blodgett

Speaker: Bonnie Blodgett, Author, Political Essayist, and Gardening Columnist

Blodgett's career in journalism began in magazines. She launched her own publication, *The Garden Letter*, in 1991. It survived for 17 years. Meanwhile she wrote four books and raised two children. She now lives with her dog in the house her great-grandfather built. Blodgett's political essays appear frequently in the *Star Tribune* and her column *The Blundering Gardener* is published weekly in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

Ann L. Burckhardt

Monday, September 16, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

5G and Smart Meters

Speaker: Leo Cashman, Safe Technology Minnesota,
Co-founder

Cell phones, smart meters, and Wi-Fi have revolutionized our lives and transformed how we live and communicate. The next generation, 5G, with its promise of faster and better, is already operational in parts of downtown Minneapolis. Despite the rush, no studies have demonstrated its safety, and some experts are calling for a halt. Cashman will present the science behind these technologies and tell us what we can do to protect our health and our children's future.

Lil Lindsey

10:45 - 11:45

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

**Addressing the Endemic Tragedy of Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Minnesota**

Speaker: Representative Mary Kunesh-Podein,
Assistant Majority Leader, Minnesota House of
Representatives (41B); Library Media Specialist,
Robbinsdale Middle School

Murder is the third leading cause of death for American Indian women. There is no system to track data on this crisis of missing or murdered indigenous women. *Tuktéd iyáyapi he*—Where did they all go? Kunesh-Podein authored and passed legislation creating a task force to

study this endemic crisis. She will present history, acknowledgment, and a plan to recognize the historic trauma of Dakota and Ojibwe women.

Nan Beman

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

Lead Hostesses: Georgia Wiebe
Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

Headlines	Fellowships Room
House Management Committee	Association Room
Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch
Scholarship Committee (2:15)	Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall
EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Tackling Minnesota's Geographic, Economic, and Racial Disparities

Speaker: Jane Leonard, Growth & Justice, President

Growth & Justice is a nonpartisan research organization with a mission to develop and advocate for public policies that make Minnesota's economy more prosperous and fair for all Minnesotans. Their research has identified rural challenges and encouraged business growth and government initiatives. Partnering with OneMN.org, they are broadening their focus—offering new guidelines for business leaders and policymakers.

Marilyn Kemme

Monday, September 23, 2019

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

Please see the Bulletin page 20.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams by Matthew Walker, PhD

Discussion Leader: Sheryl Sostarich

From a preeminent neuroscientist, *Why We Sleep* answers our questions: why we sleep, what good it serves, and why we suffer devastating health consequences when we don't sleep. You will learn how caffeine and alcohol consumption affect sleep, what really happens during REM sleep, why sleep patterns change during our lifetimes, and how we can harness sleep to improve our quality of life.

LITERATURE DISCUSSION Heritage Room

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Discussion Leader: Gini Hickman

Richly told and profoundly moving, *Pachinko* is the story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From the bustling street markets, to the halls of Japan's finest universities, to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, the complex and passionate characters are a poor, proud immigrant family—strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis—that survives and thrives, exiled from a homeland they never knew.

GREAT DECISIONS Presidents' Hall

Topic: **The Middle East: Regional Disorder**

Leaders: Barbara Taft and Joyce Prudden

As the presidency of Donald J. Trump passes the

halfway point, the Middle East remains a region in turmoil. The Trump administration has aligned itself with strongmen in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt, which along with Israel have a common goal of frustrating Iranian expansion. What will be the fallout from policy reversals such as withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear accord and moving the United States embassy in Israel to Jerusalem? Does the United States see a path forward in troubled states such as Syria, Yemen, Libya, and Iraq? Is the United States headed toward war with Iran?

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Activity: **Quilting**

Leader: Carrie D'Andrea

Carrie D'Andrea will reveal secrets in making the Gala live auction quilt she created for Carol and Roger Sheldon. They chose the pattern and the fabric. See if you can figure it out before the reveal.

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minneapolis Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

10:45 - 11:45

WOMEN'S VOICES

Presidents' Hall

A Dash of Foreign Spice

Speaker: Kitty Gogins, International Institute of Minnesota, President of the Board of Directors, Daughter of Hungarian Refugees

Have you wondered what it is like growing up bridging two cultures? Fleeing their Hungarian homeland which
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was destroyed during World War II, Kitty Gogins shares her parents' perilous journey. They arrived in North America as indentured agricultural servants. We'll hear their story and Gogins' personal stories about how they adapted to a new and different culture while keeping their dash of foreign spice.

Sharon Bigot

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Community Outreach Committee	Association Room
New Members	Fellowships Room
Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 - 2:15 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Autism and Boys

Speaker: Dr. Nicola Grissom, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience Graduate Program, University of Minnesota

Men and boys are diagnosed with autism three times more frequently than women and girls. We study how this "female protective effect" works at a molecular level within the brain and how it might be reflected in decision-making between rewarding situations in male and female brains.

Mary DeBruin

Monday, September 30, 2019

There is no AAUW programming on September 30, in observance of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

(This page for October 15 programing is chronologically out of order.)

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION
Founders Room
The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

Discussion Leader: Mary Ellen Nielsen

In this book club favorite, Joe Talbert is completing a modest college writing assignment by interviewing a nursing home resident about his life experiences. The person he interviews is Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran and convicted murderer. Joe's life changes dramatically as he tries to reconcile Carl's valor with his crimes. With the clock ticking, Joe brings the pieces of Carl's life together as the fallout of his research begins.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

UN IPBES Climate Change Report: Species Risk of Extinction and Policy of Responses

Speaker: Kate A. Brauman, PhD, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota, Lead Scientist

A May 2019 United Nations' report headline forecasts a million species at risk of extinction. But the summary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) covers much more than that. It documents trends not only in biodiversity, but in the benefits that nature provides to people. The report also documents cause for hope, drawing on substantial evidence showing how we can stop these declines.

Ruth Andersen

Monday, October 7, 2019

8:30 - 9:30

Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive

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.

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

Aging, Uncool, but Totally Relevant: Bringing the Past Forward for Today's Young Readers

Speaker: Pete Hautman

Growing up in the '60s and '70s was a lot different from growing up in the post-millennial world—or was it? Hautman will talk about how childhood memories drive current, topical stories for kids (and adults) living in today's world. His Edgar Award-winning novel, *Otherworld*, was inspired by his own childhood growing up at the edge of a woods in St. Louis Park, moved forward in time to the present day.

Wendy Woodfill

10:45 - 11:45 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

What Can You Do to Help?

Speaker: Julie Ollila, Minneapolis Branch AAUW Member

These days, most news about our environment and the future of planet Earth is discouraging and frightening. But, there are ways that we, as individuals, can help mitigate global warming, toxicity, and many other challenges with choices we make in our daily lives. Ollila will describe some of the practices she tries to use and will be interested in hearing some of yours.

Beverly Erickson

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

Lead Hostesses: Marilyn Kemme

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

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

1:15 - 2:15 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; and Director of the Brain Resilience Initiative at the Brain Sciences Center of the Minneapolis VA Medical Center

James will discuss research on healthy brain aging. Her recent findings from the Minnesota Women's Brain Resilience Initiative show 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

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.

Monday, October 14, 2019

8:30 - 9:30 Passage Community Collection

A car will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations.

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

Looking Through a Window at School Lunch

Speaker: Bertrand Weber, Culinary and Wellness Services,
Director, Minneapolis Public Schools

Find out why the Minneapolis Public School system has been recognized as a national model and change maker in the school food environment. Weber will give a brief history of the National School Lunch Program since its inception and the changes that have occurred over the years. Our food system has not been very kind to our children, and at times, has had a negative impact on their health and well-being. Who has been the culprit of this problem? Today, schools have recognized the importance that good food and nutrition have on a child's ability to learn and have become an element for change. Minneapolis Public Schools are leading the way in this effort.

Joanne Ortendahl-Lucas

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Creating a Purpose: One Artist's Preoccupation with the Transformative Power of Beauty

Speaker: Eyenga Bokamba, Artist, Educator

"I create luminous paintings to enhance the world," says Bokamba, an internationally known artist with a local studio in the California Building in Northeast Minneapolis. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a master's degree from Harvard, and has been involved in arts and education locally, regionally, and internationally.

Mary Slinde

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

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto
Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Nominating Committee	Porch
Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room

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

**Our Collective Narrative:
Minnesota's Changing Demographics**

Speaker: Allison Liuzzi, Minnesota Compass Project

The story of changing demographics isn't a singular experience. Each community across the state is experiencing population changes in different ways. With population changes come changes in attitudes and perceptions about our communities. In this presentation, Liuzzi will tell about critical demographic trends in Minnesota and implications for our shared quality of life.

Mary Haltvick

Monday, October 21, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Novel Approaches to Extend Healthspan (not Lifespan)

Speaker: Dr. Laura Niedernhofer, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics, University of Minnesota, Professor; Director of the Institute on the Biology of Aging and Metabolism

The number of people reaching old age is growing at an unprecedented rate. Old age is the #1 risk factor for many chronic diseases including dementia, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Thus, we need novel approaches to keep the elderly healthy. Niedernhofer's lab is developing new kinds of drugs that target aging itself, thereby slowing the onset of all age-related diseases "*en suite*."

Carrie D'Andrea

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Clemency Reform

Speaker: Mark Osler, University of St. Thomas, Professor

Every week mail stacks up on Osler's desk from prisoners seeking help with their sentences or petitioning for clemency. Their stories are rarely told. However, we often hear of sentencing for the rich and famous. White collar criminals often get lighter sentences while 40 percent of the United States prison population is incarcerated without a compelling public safety purpose.

Lil Lindsey

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

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe
Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

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Nominating Committee	Porch
Scholarship Committee (2:15)	Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Cellular Mobility

Speaker: Margaret Titus, Department of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development, College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota, Professor

Cells that help the body to defend itself against infection are guided to the site of a wound or infection by chemical cues released by the affected tissue. Cancer cells can use this same chemical process to move from the site of the primary tumor to blood vessels to be carried to other parts of the body (metastases). This cell movement can be very rapid, using a special form of motility referred to as "amoeboid." The overall goal of the research in the Titus laboratory is to understand how this amoeboid movement works and how cells can use extracellular cues to move directionally.

Esther Fabes

Monday, October 28, 2019

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

Please see Bulletin page 20.

BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Discussion Leader: Sheila Lind

Enter the fantasy world of magic and illusion as you read this novel which challenges our ideas about time, harmony, and balance in a mysterious traveling night circus. Twisting threads of love, revenge, and hope are woven into the story.

HANDWORK/ CRAFTS Dining Room

Activity: **Beading**

Leader: Ann Vanvick

Ann Vanvick will assist you in making a one-of-a-kind beaded name tag (or glasses holder) for yourself at the low price of \$5. Or you can make one to be sold to raise funds for our branch.

HOT TOPICS Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

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

KNOW YOUR DEVICE Minneapolis Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

TRAVEL Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Southern Africa**

Presenter Jan McLandsborough will share her adventures in Southern Africa to get us in the right frame of mind for our International Day next spring.

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

The Error That Saved a Forest

Speaker: Phyllis Root, Author and Naturalist

How did a beautiful stand of pine trees survive deforestation in our north woods? Root's love of nature is central in many of her books. In collaboration with illustrator Betsy Bowen, her newest publication, *The Lost Forest*, is a unique blend of natural and United States history. A mapmaker's error in 1882 left us a rare treasure of nature.

Vicki Dunn

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Community Outreach Committee	Association Room
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Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Sustainability and the Role of Corporations

Speaker: Dr. Gayle Schueller, 3M, Vice President
Sustainability and Product Stewardship, and
Chief Sustainability Officer

What is the corporate world doing to improve sustainability and improve our lives? Did you know that 3M now uses recycled plastic fibers in the scrubbing sponges that we all use? They have a policy that all new products must have a measurable sustainability goal. Schueller is passionate about making a positive impact in the world through science and technology. She has led technical and business teams across the world.

Veronica Johnson

Monday, November 4, 2019

Focus Day

MIRTH, MIME, and MERRIMENT

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a day full of mime, blitheness, gaiety, glee, hilarity, jocularly, 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/Performer: Joshua Palmer, Creative Artist

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

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

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Marilyn Kemme

Guest Hostess: Virginia Hansing

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

Christmas at Mickey's Dining Car

Speaker: Colleen Kruse, Comedienne, Playwright, and Storyteller

Comedienne and storyteller Kruse tells a heartwarming and funny story about Christmas Day 1985 when she worked as a waitress at the famed Mickey's Dining Car located in downtown St. Paul.

Leslie Swenson

Mitten Collection

Again this year we will collect gloves and mittens for the children of several Minneapolis Public Schools. Bring your donations on Mondays from November 25 through December 9. Look for the "Mitten Box."

Monday, November 11, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

PUBLIC POLICY Presidents' Hall

How a Bill Becomes a Law: How Much of Your Civics Do You Remember?

Speaker: Steve Cwodzinski, Minnesota State Senator

Cwodzinski was a teacher of American government for 33 years before running for office. He will bring valuable experience while showing how a bill moves along in the legislature to finally find a place on the ballot. His name appears on several bills, and he will be able to tell us how they fared during the legislative process. A knowledge of how our government works is necessary in order for us to be informed and responsible citizens. Not everyone has the opportunity to teach about something and then actually see how it works.

Barb Link

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

What Fires Together, Wires Together: The Importance of Neuroplasticity

Speaker: Daisy Pellant, PhD, Director of the Peter Clark Centre at Breck School

What we do and how we think becomes who we are. Beginning with the pioneering work of Dr. Marian Diamond, we have developed an understanding of the importance of neuroplasticity and how it should inform the way we parent, educate, and care for ourselves and others. Pellant will speak about neuroplasticity and how we can harness its power in our lives.

Karen Kaverman

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostesses: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

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1:15 - 2:15 WOMEN'S VOICES Presidents' Hall

An Act of Imagination

Speaker: Wendy Lehr, Actor, Director, Teacher

Lehr, celebrated Twin Cities actor, director, and teacher, will speak about her love of theater during a nearly six-decade career. Her perspective on the vibrant Twin Cities theater scene is unique and her insights into navigating an ongoing career are often amusing.

DeDe Scanlon

Holiday Lights Luncheon

Plan to attend the annual Holiday Lights Luncheon on December 9. Guests are welcome. Arnie Fogel, cabaret singing artist, radio and jazz club vocalist and pianist will entertain us with his unique pop/swing singing style and jazz piano accompaniment celebrating a half-century of stories and song.

Make your reservations now. See page 17 for details.

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 in 2019. Our branch donated \$12,606 to AAUW Funds. We were honored at the Minnesota State Convention for coming in second place in total contributions. Well done!

This year we have four funds that support AAUW’s mission. These are:

- AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)
- Education and Training Fund (4450)
- Economic Security Fund (4449)
- Leadership Fund (4452)

Through your donations, we help promote equity for women and girls. The Minneapolis Branch helps to raise funds because equity is still an issue.

Your next opportunity to help will come towards the end of the year. Each member is sent an “Ask Letter” because many members give before the end of the year.

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

Janice Paulsen, Chair, AAUW Funds

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

5:00

SOCIAL TIME

Closing Program for 2019 Evening Meetings

As the days have cooled and the sun sets earlier, we come to the last evening AAUW program for 2019. All members and guests are invited to join in a social hour celebrating the past eight months of evening programming. Our gourmet dinner will be followed by an enriching program discussing education.

6:00

DINNER

7:15

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

Deliberate Equity: What Does it Look Like?

Speaker: Jessica Davis, 2019 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

How did being a mathematics teacher and advisor to the Mathematics Team and the Black Pride organization influence our speaker's educational philosophy? Davis will explain her belief in student agency and how student voice is an essential cornerstone often missing in the revolution of our educational system. She will describe how she has tried to be an educator who is "modeling for students that equity needs to be intentional."

Lora Opsahl

Monday, November 18, 2019

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

CAIR and Islamophobia

Speaker: Jaylani Hussein, Council on American-Islamic Relations Minnesota (CAIR-MN), Executive Director

Hussein will acquaint us with the mission of CAIR-MN, the challenge of Islamophobia, and programs in Minnesota which focus on how we talk to and understand each other. CAIR-MN provides training sessions for diversity in the business world and offers educational, financial, and spiritual support. Hussein will share some ideas from a book he is writing on his special interest, healing communication.

Dot Lilja

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ancient Wisdom—Modern Science

Speaker: John B. Miller, Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing, Senior Fellow

The tenets of modern science may mysteriously echo the findings of ancient wisdom, with regard to the impermanence of worldly things. Such things as paradox, the beauty of language, and “aha moments” arise from the creative fount of ancient wisdom and modern science.

Miller feels such understandings help us live life fully in our complex and interconnected world.

Lil Lindsey

11:45 - 12:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

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Scholarship Committee 2:15	Minneapolis Room

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

Quilting for the Cause

Speaker: Laura Nagel, High School Librarian, Quilt Historian, Quilter

In celebration of Women's History Month and the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment for women's suffrage, Nagel presents "Quilting for the Cause." Throughout the 19th century, women plied their needles to express their political opinions, raise funds, and bring about social change. Using her collection of antique quilts and quilt tops, our speaker will share the "herstories" of women's impact on the American scene.

Carrie D'Andrea

Monday, November 25, 2019

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

Please see Bulletin page 20.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslo

Discussion Leader: Sheryl Sostarich

Written by a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter the book, *Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*, chronicles the life of Derek Black, an elected politician and radio show host who is regarded as “the leading light” of the white nationalist movement. Derek Black was homeschooled and thus sheltered from direct outrage against his beliefs until he enrolled in New College of Florida. This book helps us understand America’s white nationalist movement and how people of differing ethnicities can better relate to one another.

BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

This beautifully written novel, which spent months at the top of the best seller list, is a love story, a murder mystery, and a courtroom drama. It's the heartbreaking story of Kya, the Swamp Girl, abandoned by her family and left to survive on her own in the coastal marshes of North Carolina.

GREAT DECISIONS Presidents’ Hall

Topic: **Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?**

Leader: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met

with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021. The first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future United States nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

HANDWORK/CRAFTS

Dining Room

Topic: **Knitting**

Leader: Wendy Woodfill

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

KNOW YOUR DEVICE

Minnesota Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Relationships

Speaker: Dr. Kirsten Lind Seal, Psychotherapist

A former comedian turned psychotherapist, Lind Seal has helped many people improve and strengthen their relationships. Do you ever wonder why some relationships seem so hard to manage? What is it that makes relationships thrive? And why does this sometimes seem impossible to achieve? Discover skills for your life while enjoying her wit and wisdom.

Lil Lindsey

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11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Community Outreach Committee Association Room

New Members Fellowships Room

Nominating Committee Porch

1:15 - 2:15 LITERARY PURSUITS President's Hall

**How I Entered Paradise:
Writing Poetry as an Immigrant in America**

Speaker: Wang Ping, English Department, Macalester
College, Creative Writing Professor

At age 27, Wang Ping emigrated from China to the United States where she became a highly prolific author, teacher, and performer. She will speak about writing poetry in a second tongue, its challenge and fun, and the nature of poetry and language, which entails lots of play and perspiration.

Judy McConnell

President's Table . . .

If you've been invited to sit at the President's Table for lunch, follow these suggestions.

- Make your lunch reservation online or call 651-220-4777 prior to 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

Meal Reservations and Cancellations:

Call: 651-220-4777

Reservations and Cancellations*: must be done by noon on the previous Friday

1. On-line: Click on <https://signup.com/go/KhfsLUC>
The first page gives you instructions. You will have to enter your name and email address the first time, but not on return visits. You can check all the meals for which you want to make a reservation, cancel a previous reservation, add guests, and add a note—such as any special food needs, etc. You will get an immediate confirmation and "Thank You" email. You can use this as proof that you registered (or canceled) if there is any question.

2. By Phone: 651-220-4777

You can still call in your reservation if you do not use the on-line system.

* If you fail to cancel your lunch or dinner reservation by noon the Friday before the event, it is your responsibility to pay for the meal reserved for you by bringing a payment to the office or by adding the additional amount to your next meal fee.

Meal costs:

- **Monday luncheon: \$20 Late reservation: \$22**
- **Tuesday dinner: \$30 Late reservation: \$32**
- **Evening social time:**
 - Wine: \$6 per glass**
 - Non-alcoholic beverages: \$2 per glass**

Table reservations: Lunch tables for Monday may be reserved only if you have guests. Table reservations may **not** be made by phone. Reserve a table at the Guest Hostess Table in the first floor hallway before 9:30 a.m. on the Monday of your reservation.

Annual reservations: You can reserve meals online for the entire year by clicking on all of the dates you plan to attend. You can also call in your annual reservation at 651-220-4777.

Meal information: Because we believe our 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 making 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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Bulletin Deadline

October 9 is the due date for
December, January, and February Bulletin items.
Thanks.

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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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