



**Minneapolis Branch
American Association
of University Women**

Bulletin

**March,
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Leadership Message

From the President . . .

I am sitting here on this 17° day looking out over the snow in our yard, the ice scraps on our driveway, and the pretty ice crystals on the lower part of one of the windows. Minnesota in winter is not really conducive to getting out and visiting with your neighbors. It would be so easy stay in the house!

But study after study has shown that we humans are social creatures. We need community, companionship, friends, and socialization to stay healthy. This becomes harder as we get older. Our children are grown and busy in their own lives. We no longer have a regular daily work schedule. Keeping up to date on the world around us becomes more difficult.

And my thoughts turn to my membership in AAUW. Our Minneapolis branch provides all of these things for its members. This is a group of marvelously accomplished women who meet together every Monday during the school year for three programs that enrich our lives. This fall we have heard speakers on many varying topics: writers, congresswomen, the environment, research on maintaining a healthy brain, new and safer methods of pain control, and the problem of homelessness. We have been entertained by a captivating mime, heard beautiful music at our holiday celebration, heard a discussion of the best new books on a variety of topics, and toured museums.

We also have a sense of purpose for helping others. The AAUW mission is to advance equity for women and girls, and our national organization does that on multiple levels: research, legal advocacy, scholarships, womens' rights, and the current emphasis on closing the gender pay gap. Locally, our branch is very proud to give yearly college grants to nine women graduates of Minneapolis public schools. We also contribute to twice-yearly clothing drives,

food drives, mittens for elementary school children, and household items for the nearby transitional housing community for homeless women and children.

This is my last President's letter for the Bulletin. It is hard to realize that my term as president is almost over. I am honored to have been able to serve as your president, and I look forward to many wonderful years ahead for this organization.

Carol Sheldon, President
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2018-2020

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Membership. . .

As educated people, it behooves us to keep up, not only with our professions, but our fast-changing world. There's no better or easier way to keep up than through the multi-faceted programming of the Minneapolis Branch, American Association of University Women.

Surely, you read the newspaper and, probably, a news magazine as well. But there is nothing like getting the full picture, in depth, from an expert, from someone who is intimately acquainted with the subject. It is so much easier to focus on the information when a dynamic personality is presenting the material.

Take our president, Carol Sheldon, for example. As a physician, though retired, she wants to keep up with new developments in the worlds of science, health, and medicine. As the mother of a budding author, she has a newfound interest in storytelling, publishing, and marketing books. As the grandmother of four lively boys, she's drawn to information about education and child development. And as a world traveler, she is always interested in possible new destinations.

As a 12-year member, I am continually amazed at the range of topics that I barely knew about until I heard a program about it at AAUW, things like drones, 3-D printing, and fecal transplants. Programs that help expand our knowledge of the Twin Cities, our state, our vast nation, and the world have all been presented from AAUW's podium.

It's a joy and a privilege to hear these leaders, one that many of us extend by inviting friends from different avenues of our lives to share. Call a neighbor, a church friend, or a former colleague today and invite them to keep up.

Ann Burckhardt for the Membership Committee

***Officers of the Branch
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***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.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	9:30 a.m.

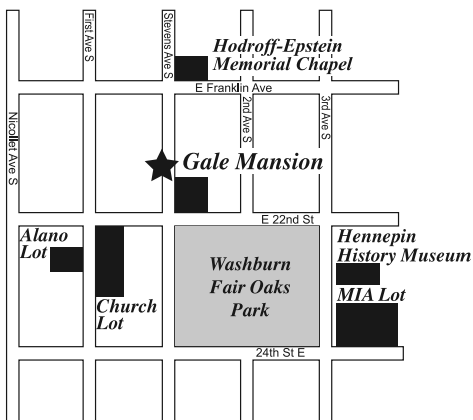
Closing and Awards Day is the last regular meeting of the year on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 8:45 a.m.

Parking Options . . .

A parking pool has been created for AAUW members on Monday mornings. Forty 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.



Monday Literature . . .

- September ***Pachinko***
Min Jin Lee
- October ***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 Marias

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

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

Reservations: When making a meal reservation for yourself and a guest, see **page 58** to register **online** or call 651-220-4777 by the prior Friday at 12:00 noon. Identify yourself and name your guest. Reserving online is easy, and for ease in handling, the preferred method.

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.

- Make 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 20, 2020

Twice yearly we collect household supplies for the families at Passage Community. This transitional housing program for 17 homeless families is located in our Gale Mansion neighborhood. While there, families work toward housing stability; community support like ours helps families reach their goals.

Items needed are: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels), garbage bags, personal products (shampoo, soap), and disposable diapers. Checks are also welcome and should be made to Passage Community.

A car will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on April 20.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Jennifer Johnson, Community Outreach Committee

Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive

April 27, 2020

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. Spring through summer clothing for men and women is appreciated.

On Monday, April 27, *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. Thank you!

If you have any questions please call me at 612 -741-2216.

Denny Scharlemann

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 \$1.00 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 payment to hold your space.

Mollie Keys, Arrangements Chair

House Management Committee . . .

Keeping the Gale mansion beautiful and in good repair is the responsibility of the House Management Committee. Thanks to Rick Stafford, assistant to Chef Jeffrey White, the walks and driveway have been cleared and walkable all winter. Spring and summer flowers are the gift of the gardening committee led by Julie Ollila. They clean the grounds, plant dozens of alyssum and geranium plants, mulch and deadhead the flowers, and supervise their watering all summer.

Some members make minor repairs. Member Wayne Jennings has maintained the rosettes that adorn the drapes in the Presidents' Hall, and Lois Petersen has worked to improve the appearance of the huge rugs in the Heritage Room.

Keeping our home beautiful is a task involving dozens of members who all take pride in offering an inviting and welcoming place for us to meet.

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 Sandy Greten in the AAUW office.

Bulletin Deadline

July 1 is the due date for
September, October, and November Bulletin items.
Thanks.

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

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Winner is a Hard Worker and Creative



Wangna Xiong

AAUW scholarship winner Wangna Xiong has a busy spring coming up. In addition to finishing up coursework for her bachelor's degree in political science and business and marketing education at the University of Minnesota, she will be working at a part-time job and an internship. Plus, she will be preparing to participate in the Spring Conference of Midwest Asian American Students Union as a family leader.

Wangna's parents came to the United States from Laos, meeting in California. The family came to Minnesota for better job opportunities. She has three younger brothers, 19, 17, and 13, and a little sister, just 5. "My mom has been a great support for me throughout my education," she said. "I'm thankful to say a variety of people guided me."

A graduate of Patrick Henry High School, Wangna is interested in pursuing the legal or business field. During high school she had a one-year internship at Capella University, an opportunity she got through the Genesys

Works program.

Beside her annual \$3,000 per year scholarship from our branch, Wangna won scholarships from Wallin Education Partners and the President's Emerging Scholar Program at the University of Minnesota. She chose the University because she began accumulating college credit through the Post-Secondary Education Options (PSEO) program as a junior in high school. She also works part-time at the University's Library on the St. Paul campus and is a communication intern at the University YMCA.

A hard worker, this young lady is also creative. "I like sweets and love the smell of citrus," she said, explaining her creation of sweet&citrus@gmail.com as her email address.

"My dream is to establish my own firm or business, reaching my definition of success and happiness," wrote Wangna in an email. "I also want to travel the world and give back to my communities."

Ann Burckhardt for the Scholarship Committee

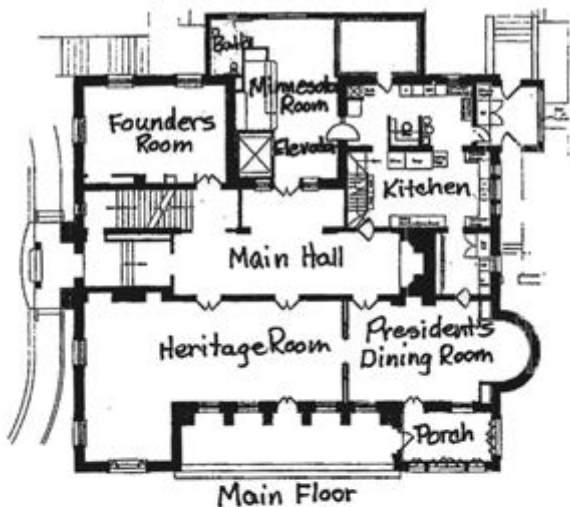
Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made to the growing Scholarship Endowment Fund or to the general Scholarship Fund. An especially fun way to donate is by using the Scholarship Fund greeting cards located in our lower level library. The AAUW Scholarship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

Sharon Bigot, President
AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board

Community Outreach Committee

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

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, and give your name 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 ten rows from the front if you do needlework or puzzles.
- Remember that the excellent wait staff appreciates a sincere thank you when they serve your meal.

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 58** to register **online** or call 651-220-4777 by the prior Friday at 12:00 noon. Identify yourself and name your guest. Registering online is easy and for ease in handling, the preferred method.

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.

WORLD CLASS MUSICIANS THE ARPEGGIONE DUO CONCERT

**Sunday, April 26, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Come listen to the evocative renditions of once “banned” folkloric music from around the world—flamenco, tango, fado, and more! Hear the fascinating stories behind the music. Guitarist Chris Kachian will perform with cellist Thomas Schönberg. They’ve performed on every continent to rave reviews! This Arpeggione Duo marries the old with the new in their FOLKLORE program of music from the 17th century to the present day.



Check them out: www.arpeggioneduo.com

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(one block north of the Minneapolis Institute of Art)

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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** Heritage Room
Leaders: Elaine Kirk, Judy McConnell, and Sheryl Sostarich

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 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.

April 27

Topic: **Artificial Intelligence and Data**

- **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

March 23

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

Know Your Device

Minnesota Room

Facilitator: Alice Heth

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

- **Travel**

Presidents' Hall

Presenter: Nancy Sjoquist

March 23

Topic: **Africa: Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Botswana—Safaris and Cultures**

AAUW Cancellation Procedure

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2. Call 612-870-1661 for a recorded message: Be patient—the phone will ring five or six times and then you will hear a recorded message. If the meeting has been cancelled, the message will tell you so.

Minneapolis Snow Hotline

612-348-SNOW (612-348-7669)

Call this number for latest information about snow and parking rules in Minneapolis.

Phone/iPad App

"Minneapolis Snow Emergency"

Free app to download onto your smart phone or tablet. Gives you all the info on snow alerts in the city. You can even have it send email or text alerts to your smart phone or tablet.

Monday, March 2, 2020

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Lessons Learned from Ferguson

Speaker: Mark Kappelhoff, Hennepin County Judge,
Fourth District

Kappelhoff investigated the police department in Ferguson, Missouri, following the protests that occurred there in 2014. As part of a task force of the United States Department of Justice, he discovered how the city leaders had abused the criminal justice system. What lessons were learned about the current state of our own criminal justice system, and how can we hold our leaders accountable?

Lil Lindsey

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine, 2019

Speaker: Brenda Ogle, PhD, Professor and Head,
Department of Biomedical Engineering;
Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Director,
Stem Cell Institute, University of Minnesota

Ogle wears many hats in her work at the University of Minnesota. She is a rigorous researcher who is able to obtain funding from sources like the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, American Heart Association, and the Coulter Foundation. Her talk will include descriptions of different types of stem cells and an overview of what we understand of the basic biology of stem cells. She will discuss how stem cells have been or could be used for clinical therapy.

Shiela Robertson

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'S VOICES Presidents' Hall

**Building the Next Generation of Women Leaders
through Sports**

Speaker: Sara Wegmann, Founder and Executive Director,
Her Next Play

Playing sports builds powerful leadership skills. Research shows 94% of surveyed women executives participated in sports. Yet, 48 years after Title IX, girls and women are still fighting for equality in sports. Wegmann will discuss the power of sports to build leaders. She will show how Her Next Play is building a community to empower girls and women to play boldly in sports and life.

Ann L. Burckhardt

**Use the
AAUW Email**

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

Email address:

aauwmpls@galemansion.com

Monday, March 9, 2020

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Personal Financial Best Practices for Women

Speaker: Ann Wengronowitz, Senior Financial Planner
and Founding Partner, Confidere Financial

Compared to men, women face some unique financial challenges. We have longer life expectancies, generally earn lower income, have fewer savings, and often invest too conservatively. Today, more than ever, it is critical that we know how to save, invest, and plan for our future. In addition to talking about various types of savings and investments, Wengronowitz will talk about Social Security, traditional IRAs, ROTH IRAs, and 401Ks.

Ruth Andersen

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

**What Will it Take to Get to a Carbon Neutral
Minnesota?**

Speaker: Ellen Anderson, Senior Energy Researcher and
former Executive Director, Energy Transition
Lab, University of Minnesota

Minnesota has aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction targets—but the state is not on track to meet them. Last year's legislative session saw 100% renewable and 100% clean energy proposals passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives. Anderson, who has 25 years of experience crafting, researching, and teaching Minnesota

energy policy, will help us to understand these proposals and what it would take to achieve these goals.

Bev Erickson

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

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON
Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto
Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room

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

Under Purple Skies, The Minneapolis Anthology

Speaker: Frank Bures, Writer (travel, culture, language, science, outdoors, narrative, and belief) and Editor of the *Lester Literary Update*

In recent years, Minneapolis has become a literary powerhouse. Bures has edited a collection of work about Minneapolis and the Twin Cities by local writers that have won or been shortlisted for the Newberry Award, the Man Booker Prize, the Pulitzer, the Caldecott Award, the National Book Award, the Minnesota Book Award, plus many others. To quote Lorna Landvik, "This is a first-class tour of Minneapolis, brought to you by writers and poets who will make anyone reading *Under Purple Skies* want to live here!"

Sharon Bigot

Monday, March 16, 2020

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Exploring Microbiome Similarities and Differences across Species

Speaker: Dr. Tonya Ward, Director of Data Science
and Bioinformatics, CoreBiome

Our gastrointestinal microbiome is home to billions of bacteria—viral and fungal microbes that help facilitate our digestion, aid in protecting us from infections, and generally keep us well. Many of our microbiome community members harbor the ability to both help and harm us. Maintaining a diverse and beneficial community can be difficult given changes in our diets and exposure to antibiotics. Ward will describe how antibiotics can change our microbiomes, how probiotics can help modify our microbiome, and what this might mean to our health. We will focus on examples in experimental models, agricultural animals, and humans.

Karen Kaverman

10:45 - 11:45

WOMEN'S VOICES

Presidents' Hall

ERA 2020

Speaker: Betty Folliard, Founder of ERA Minnesota

Folliard will speak of her years in the Minnesota government and her efforts to get the ERA amendment passed decades after it was introduced into Congress in 1923. Virginia has become the 38th state to ratify. Folliard will provide up-to-the-moment information on the ensuing lawsuits both for and against voiding the 1979 arbitrary deadline and on current efforts to finally ratify the ERA.

Judy McConnell

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

Headlines Fellowships Room

House Management Committee Association Room

Marketing Committee Minneapolis Room

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

The Joy of Singing Together

Speaker: G. Phillip Shoultz III, Associate Conductor and
Director of Learning and Engagement, Vocal
Essence

Known for his innovative teaching and ability to inspire singers of all ages, Shoultz enjoys a multifaceted career as conductor, educator, singer, and speaker. He shares the concert podium with founding artistic director and mentor, Philip Brunelle, and serves as leader for education programs. In addition to his work with Vocal Essence, Shoultz serves as director of music, worship, and the arts for Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Edina.

Noelyn Porter

***Updated Member Pictures are Available in
Photo Albums
in the Library at the Gale***

Pam Kaufman has done a great job of updating the photo albums in the library. There are two volumes updated with the current members. If we don't have your photo, please speak to Sue Kearns, who will take your photo.

Monday, March 23, 2020

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

Please see Bulletin page 18

LITERATURE DISCUSSION Heritage Room
History of Wolves by Emily Fridlund

Discussion Leader: Julie Ollila

Linda, aka Madeline, is a lonely 14-year-old girl living in an isolated community, with few human connections since her parents' commune broke apart several years ago. By a strange circumstance, she meets a young family with a very precocious four-year-old boy, Paul. She becomes his primary caretaker, but eventually has to testify at the parents' trial for manslaughter, following Paul's tragic death. Many interesting characters inhabit this story, as Linda describes how Paul's death haunts her throughout her life.

HANDWORK/CRAFTS Dining Room

Topic: **Knitting**

Leader: Wendy Woodfill

Join Woodfill for a relaxed hour of knitting. It would be great if you brought projects, patterns, or any good hints to share with others.

HOT TOPICS

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Founders Room

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KNOW YOUR DEVICE Minnesota Room

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

TRAVEL

Presenter: Nancy Sjoquist

Topic: **Africa: Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Botswana—Safaris and Cultures**

Travel in the midst of animal families and discover their secrets of survival. Find out when it is a good day in the bush, and how to take a chance in the African way.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

EQUITY, EQUALITY, and JUSTICE

Protecting Immigrant Rights

Speaker: Teresa (Terri) Nelson, Legal Director of the ACLU of Minnesota

Nelson is the counsel of record for ACLU cases and supervises and coordinates the work of attorneys and pro bono attorneys. An adjunct professor at her alma mater, Hamline University School of Law, she currently serves on the State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society (ACS).

Diane Boruff

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun

Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

Community Outreach

Association Room

New Members

Fellowships Room

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

Ten Years of the ACA: Media Coverage and Public Opinion about a Polarized Policy Issue

Speaker: Sarah Gollust, PhD, Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Today, March 23, 2020, is the 10-year anniversary of the signing of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) into law. How have public attitudes about the law changed over the decade? What role has the media had in shaping the public's attitudes and behaviors? Gollust will present an overview of research on media and the ACA and discuss the puzzles of this controversial policy legacy.

Alice Stark

Member Pictures Available Online

To see the photos:
go to AAUW branch website
minneapolis-mn.aauw.net

- **Computer:** menu ribbon across the top of the page:
click on Current Members then click on
Member Gallery
- **Phone:** click on Menu, scroll down,
click on Member Gallery

Password: members34!

Notes

Monday, March 30, 2020

Focus Day

NATIVE VOICES

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

A Legacy in Minneapolis

Speaker: Mary LaGarde-Agnew, Executive Director,
Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC) and
Member of White Earth Nation

The MAIC was founded in 1974 by Native community members. It continues today with majority American Indian leadership and staffing. The MAIC serves 14,000 plus Native people and other members of the community through employment training and placement; advocacy for children, families and elders; and healthy living through physical activity, nutrition, and other services. Learn more about this organization with rich cultural traditions in our community.

Kay Kessel

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

**Hearts of Our People: The Legacy, Relationships,
and Power of Native Women Artists**

Speaker: Jill Ahlberg Yohe, Associate Curator of Native
American Art, Minneapolis Institute of Art Co-
curator of "Hearts of Our People: Native Women
Artists"

Native women's contributions to the art world have largely gone unrecognized by outsiders, despite the fact that women are responsible for most of the Native artwork found in

collections. Today, we will learn how this unique exhibition, focused on Native women artists, was co-curated by Yohe and Teri Greeves (Kiowa) who were guided by an advisory board of Native artists, curators, scholars, and non-Native scholars.

Sharon Bigot

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

Respect for Native American Culture

Speaker: Terri Yellowhammer, American Indian
Community Relations Development Manager for
Hennepin County, and Appellate Court Judge for
the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Yellowhammer will discuss respect in and for Native American culture. We will hear how a variety of cultural protective factors support and affect her life and others in the community.

Nan Beman

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, April 6, 2020

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Craft: Why Making Matters

Speaker: Christian Novak, Membership Manager,
American Craft Council (ACC)

Novak will discuss the role of craft in contemporary society and the ACC's vision to connect and engage communities through craft. The ACC strives to connect and galvanize diverse communities in order to cultivate and advance craft's impact on contemporary American life. It focuses on engaging new audiences, supporting and recognizing artists at every career and practice stage, and acting as a catalyst for the field. Annually, ACC hosts four national craft shows, including the St. Paul show, which takes place April 17-19, 2020.

Judy Romlin

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

The Existential Threat of Climate Change and Envisioned Solutions

Speaker: Eric P. Grimsrud, PhD, Emeritus Professor of
Chemistry, Montana State University, Bozeman

Yes, the present threat posed by man-caused global warming does, indeed, threaten the human-friendly conditions we have enjoyed on planet Earth since the onset of the Holocene era about 10,000 years ago. In this talk, Grimsrud will lay out the facts of the issue as they have been determined by Mother Nature and revealed to scientists over the last two centuries. Since this scientific view has not yet transferred effectively to the general public, a clearer understanding of the basic science

involved is needed in order to see more clearly what must be done.

Alice Stark

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 LITERARY PURSUITS Presidents' Hall

The Loft Wordplay Festival

Speaker: Steph Opitz, Founding Director of Wordplay

In May 2019, the Loft's first Wordplay Festival was held in Minneapolis. It was the largest of its kind ever held in Minnesota, comprising two days packed with "literary pursuits," across many venues. Opitz will tell about its inception and what's in store for this year.

Georgia Wiebe

Bulletin Deadline

July 1 is the due date for
September, October and November Bulletin items.
Thanks.

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Monday, April 13, 2020

9:30 - 10:30

WOMEN'S VOICES

Presidents'
Hall

**Tubman's Response to Human Trafficking in Minnesota
and How We Can Help**

Speaker: Tamara Stark, Tubman Senior Director of
Housing and Youth Development

Stark will give an overview of human trafficking trends and how each of us can play a role in putting an end to these injustices. She will tell us about Tubman's programs that address violence through research, prevention, and trauma-informed innovative interventions. AAUW Minneapolis supports Tubman through our Community Outreach Committee funds.

Jennifer Johnson

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

College Students' Challenge: How to Become Adults

Speaker: Christopher D. Card, Vice President for Student
Life, Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

Today's college student faces and presents unique challenges. How can we better understand how changes in society are affecting our young people, their sense of identity and belonging, and our collective future? What must colleges/universities do to embrace and educate the "whole student?" We will hear what this vibrant small liberal arts school is doing to prepare students to be more fully formed adults in this evolving environment.

Sharon Rowe

11:45 - 12:15 BUSINESS MEETING

A vote will be taken on the 2020 - 21 annual budget.
Honor our 50+ year members.

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto
Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee Association Room
Technology Committee Minneapolis Room

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

The Forest: Your New Tool for Health and Inspiration

Speaker: David Motzenbecher, ANFT-Certified Forest
Therapy Guide, Forest Trail Certification
Consultant and Guide, and award-winning
Landscape Architect

This presentation will explore how the forest has been viewed as a place of transformation across millennia and throughout many cultures. Our present-day disconnect from the natural world is harming us mentally, physically, and spiritually. Motzenbecher will discuss the positive health benefits and metrics of retreating into nature in an immersive, intentional way and the benefits of using nature as inspiration for creative problem solving and innovation. As the founder of Motz Studios, Motzenbecher leads forest immersion walks based on the Japanese tradition of Shinrin Yoku, or “forest bathing.”

Nell Wegmann

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 Sandy Greten in the AAUW office.

Another Branch Benefit: Pay It Forward

In order to help make lunches more affordable for 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 Sandy Greten 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 enjoy lunch with us more often.

Books for Africa

As part of planning for South Africa Day, the committee started a project to send books to kids in South Africa. We would appreciate everyone gathering new and used children's and adolescent books to send in a ocean container to South Africa to three schools in the Memel, South Africa area.

We are working with Books for Africa in St. Paul and need donations to send the books. People who have contributed books have found them from relatives, library giveaways, Half Price Books, Nextdoor, and other community places. Please bring your donations to our display table on Mondays or to our library.

Thank you for your interest in this project!

Mary Moriarty

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

5:00 SOCIAL

5:30 DINNER

7:00 PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

WOMEN'S VOICES

From Virginia to Minnesota: My Journey in Journalism

Speaker: Angela Davis, Host of MPR *News with Angela Davis*

You love her on MPR, now imagine hearing Angela Davis speak in person. After reporting and anchoring jobs at both WCCO-TV and KSTP-TV, Davis joined MPR in 2018 as the host of the weekday 11:00 a.m. hour, focusing on issues facing Minnesota and its citizens. She'll address her journey as a woman and a woman of color from the University of Maryland to her current job. We hope she'll share some of her favorite interview moments!

Jane Gorence

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. Evening meetings will resume in April. See the spring and summer schedule in the spring Bulletin. 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 evening only membership.

Monday, April 20, 2020

8:30 - 9:30 PASSAGE COMMUNITY COLLECTION

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

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

Pay Equity and AAUW in the 21st Century

Speaker: Karen Kirkwood, National AAUW Director

Why is AAUW so focused on pay equity? What is AAUW doing to help women and minorities overcome this persistent gap? Kirkwood, a leader both in Minnesota and nationally for many years, will talk about where we have been and where we are going. AAUW has taken on many causes over its history that have improved the lives of women, children, and society in general. We are now tackling pay equity which has been stalled for many years. What are the plans for the future?

Joyce Prudden

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

International Trade Policy

Speaker: Dr. King Banaian, Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Professor of Economics at St. Cloud State University

Trade increases wealth overall but with uneven effects.

Modern technology has made more and more parts of the world accessible at lower and lower costs. How has this affected political views of developed and undeveloped nations? Banaian will explain the reasons for and justifications given for trade policies being followed by nations seeking trade to increase their wealth.

Ellen Hughes

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

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

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

Music, Medicine, and Wellness

Speaker: Jenzi Silverman, PhD, Instructor, University of Minnesota Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing, and Course Leader, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Music therapy, medical musicianship, and clinical music practice all involve the use of music as a healing modality. How are these distinct fields related and how do they differ? What makes music such a powerful healing tool in the first place? Silverman will explore these topics and suggest some techniques for improving wellness through music.

Mary Aspnes

Monday, April 27, 2020

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*.

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

Please see Bulletin page 18

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

Born A Crime by Trevor Noah

Discussion Leader: Sheryl Sostarich

Born to a black African mother and a Swedish father, Trevor Noah violated the Immorality Act of 1927, which outlawed interracial relationships. The harrowing tales of an abusive stepfather and the laugh-out-loud yarns about the differences between the “White Church” and the “Black Church” will deepen your perception of growing up in modern South Africa.

LITERATURE DISCUSSION Heritage Room

Hum if You Don't Know the Words by Bianca Marias

Discussion Leader: Jan McLandsborough

This novel is set in apartheid-era South Africa. It is told in two voices: Robin, a white nine-year-old girl and Beauty, a black woman from a rural village. Please join us to discuss this compelling story.

GREAT DECISIONS Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Artificial Intelligence and Data**

Leaders: Joyce Prudden and Barb Taft

HANDWORK/CRAFTS Dining Room

Topic: **Needlepoint**

Leader: Sheila Lind

Sheila Lind will bring her own project(s) and share her needlepoint expertise. Bring your needlepoint projects and 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

LITERATURE

Presidents' Hall

Life Journey of Struggle, Survival, and Success

Speaker: Maria Nhambu, Author, Speaker, Dancer, and Educator

Nhambu was raised by German Catholic nuns at an orphanage for mixed race children in Tanzania, East Africa. The first book in her three-part memoir, *Dancing Soul Trilogy*, begins with *Africa's Child*, which tells her dramatic story from birth to her departure from her homeland. *America's Daughter* continues her story as she arrives in America with her adoptive mother. In *Drum Beats, Heart Beats*, the final volume of the trilogy, we join her as she traverses diverse cultures and continents and negotiates a complex and shifting web of mixed identities, both African immigrant and African American.

DeDe Scanlon

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

1:15 - 2:15

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Thursday Musical Student Program

Listen to some of Minnesota's finest classical and award-winning young musicians skillfully performing music by composers from the past and present as they appear on our stage today. Let the music begin!

Katherine Doepke

Monday, May 4, 2020

International Day

SOUTH AFRICA

Join us to learn about the unique history and culture of modern-day South Africa. We will hear about the experiences of the Minnesota Orchestra on their 2018 trip. Did you know that South Africa is called "The Rainbow Nation?" AAUW members are encouraged to bring items from South Africa for an exhibit of treasures. We will have slides and music from the country and a complete booklet to take home.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

History of South Africa

Speaker: Henry Berman, Retired Ecolab businessman, member of Council of Foreign Relations, and currently a speaker for the local Great Decisions Speakers Bureau

This historical focus of South Africa is oriented around the tragic legacy of apartheid. Its evolution from an informal approach to colonial governance to a system of state-sponsored racism reflected a gradual process over several hundred years. Its demise in 1991 led to a relatively peaceful transition to a participatory democracy, thanks to the inspirational leadership of Nelson Mandela. Berman will close with the challenges of the Mandela presidency which ended in 1999.

Martha Wilson

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

**South Africa's Challenges and Opportunities
in the Coming Decade**

Speaker: Judge LaJune Lange, Retired, Honorary Consul
of South Africa in Minnesota

Climate change, land ownership, and diversification of the economy are real and present challenges for South Africa. Long known for excelling in banking, transportation, and tourism, South Africa's persistent economic inequality impacts younger residents. A failure to resolve the apartheid-era land and economic imbalances has constricted the economy. There are many opportunities to move forward. Who will make the difficult decisions?

Marcia Switenki

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 1:15 LUNCHEON
(South African cuisine)

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

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

Minnesota Orchestra's Trip to South Africa

Speaker: Katja Linfield, Cellist, Minnesota Orchestra

The Minnesota Orchestra visited South Africa in the summer of 2018. Linfield is a professional musician with the orchestra who was one of the more than 300 Minnesotans who went on the trip. She will share their experiences with people of South Africa and show us clips from a documentary produced by TPT called *Music for Mandela*. The orchestra members had many experiences interacting with people from South Africa in addition to their concerts.

Mary Moriarty

Monday, May 11, 2020

***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 handwork created by our members. SubText Books, our 1:15 p.m. program, will also have a large selection of books for sale.

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

Walking Nearly 5,000 Miles in 12 Months

Speaker: Alison Young, Blissful (and extreme) Hiker, former Classical Music Host and Producer for MPR and American Public Media

Young has always used her feet to find peace, strength, and solace. However, upon returning from a hike across New Zealand, everything in her life changed. To achieve solace again, she did what she always does—she hiked—this time 2,640 miles from Canada to Mexico on the Pacific Crest Trail. You will be thrilled by her photos, stories, and humor.

Lois Petersen

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

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto

Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Join us for the last delightful AAUW luncheon of the 2019-2020 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>

Zumberge will offer suggestions for a multitude of engaging books to enhance your summer reading—truly a book-lover's bookfest! SubText Books, an independent bookstore, is located in downtown St. Paul. Books will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Susie Erickson

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.

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 2019. Through your donations we helped promote equity for women and girls. The Minneapolis Branch helps to raise funds because equity is still an issue.

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

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

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

Spring Getaway I

WATER, WATER, WATER CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Minnesota, including the City of Minneapolis, is blessed with an abundance of water, and we will explore some of its expressions.

We will leave the Gale Mansion at 8:30 a.m. for our first stop of the day. The Quaking Bog at Elouise Butler Wildflower Garden is unique in this community. We will follow paths with trained guides, who will explain the components of this water-dependent ecosystem, and describe some of its unique plants and animals.

Following this, we will have lunch at the Sea Change Restaurant at the Guthrie Theater, on the banks of the Mississippi River. Weather permitting, we will eat out on the patio.

The Minneapolis Water Works is the final stop on our tour. This facility processes all the water (taken from the Mississippi River) for use in our community. The state-of-the-art equipment assures a safe water supply. For this tour, you will have to sign a waiver and present photo ID at the entry. If you have signed up and are unable to come, another person cannot be your substitute.

We will return to the Gale Mansion by 3:30 p.m.

Cost of day is \$55. Checks should be made payable to:
AAUW Spring Getaways Tour.

In-person registration will take place on Mondays, April 6th and 13th, or mail your check to:

Julie Ollila, Chair
Spring Getaways Committee
16 W Elmwood Place
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419
612-823-4630 612-940-4654

Spring Getaway II

WATER, WATER, LOTS OF WATER EXCURSION TO DULUTH

Thursday, June 18, 2020

The water theme continues, as we visit a city to the north, built on the banks of one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world, Lake Superior.

We will leave the Gale Mansion very early, 7:15 a.m., for the bus ride to Duluth, planning to arrive at Glensheen Mansion for self-guided tours of the building and grounds at 10:00 a.m. This home was built in the early part of the 20th century, at about the same time as our beloved Gale Mansion. There are striking similarities between the two buildings, though the scale of Glensheen is much larger.

We will tour the Duluth Harbor on the Vista Queen, beginning at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served on the boat during the tour.

At about 2:30 p.m., we will re-board our bus for the return trip to the Gale Mansion. Estimated arrival time is 5:30 p.m.

Cost of day is \$80. Checks should be made payable to:
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Tuesday, May 12, 2020

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION
Founders' Room

***Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton**

Discussion Leader: Beth Montgomery

Published in 1948, *Cry, the Beloved Country* is the story about a black man's country under white man's law. The period 1652 to 1948 sparked violent clashes over settlement rights between white and non-white groups, including the South African Indian Congress and the African People's Organization. Alan Paton's novel endures as the most important work in South Africa's history.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY Presidents' Hall

New Treatments for Spinal Cord Injury: What the Future Holds

Speaker: Ann M Parr, MD, PhD, Associate Professor,
Department of Neurosurgery

Spinal cord injury (SCI) is devastating. It is unlikely that there will be one "cure" for SCI. Instead, a combination of treatments, tailored for each patient and each injury, may be optimal. Stem cells, scaffolding, and electrical stimulation therapies are all potential candidates. Parr's team has made some very exciting breakthroughs.

Alice Heth

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION
Founders' Room

Never Coming Back by Alison McGhee

Discussion Leader: Julia Reiersgord

Clara is in her early thirties. Her mother, Tamar, has been diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Set in rural upstate New York, we go on Clara's journey through this life upheaval. Friend and family relationships are explored through the lenses of grief, loss, loyalty, and love. Clara is on a health journey herself and faces a choice. She also searches for her mother's long-buried secret.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 THE ARTS Presidents' Hall

**Lundstrum Performing Arts:
Nearly a Century of Inspiring the Next Generation of
Musical Theater Artists**

Speaker: Amy Casserly Ellis, Executive Director of
Lundstrum Performing Arts

Lundstrum Studios began in 1927 when 15-year-old Dorothy Lundstrum and her two sisters took over the Ascension School of Dance in North Minneapolis. A pioneering women entrepreneur, Lundstrum taught dance, charm, and fashion to empower women and to instill service to the community. Ellis continues this tradition and will discuss teaching dance, voice, and drama which helps inspire all young people to discover their gifts and find their unique places in the world.

Leigh Ostrander

Wednesday, July 8, 2019

4:30 SOCIAL

5:00 DINNER

6:00 Car Pool to the Target Center

7:00 **Minnesota Lynx vs Dallas Wings**

Join us in celebrating women and supporting the Minnesota Lynx. Bring your friends and grandchildren to cheer on our professional basketball team.

Expect a casual dinner at a decreased cost, including both adult and child prices.

Reservations will be required about a week in advance to ensure there will be no need to cancel the dinner.

As the season approaches, more information will be coming about how to access group seating tickets.

Please note changes in this day and time.

Jan Paulson



Tuesday, August 11, 2020

5:00 SOCIAL

5:15 LITERATURE - BOOK DISCUSSION
Founders' Room

The Genius of Birds by Jennifer Ackerman
Discussion Leader: Ann Vanvick

The Genius of Birds highlights new findings and discoveries in the field of bird intelligence. The book explores birds as thinkers. Much like humans, birds can rival primates, even humans, in intelligence. They have enormous brains relative to the rest of their bodies. They are capable of abstract thinking, problem solving, recognizing faces, gift giving, sharing, grieving, and meaningful communication with humans. This is a fascinating read.

6:00 DINNER

7:15 PUBLIC POLICY Presidents' Hall

Our Immigration Dilemma

Speaker: Julia Decker, Policy Director, ACLU of Minnesota

The United States immigration situation is vexing, perplexing, inhumane, and complicated. Decker, a lawyer currently working at the Minnesota ACLU, has been studying this disaster, helping those involved, and trying to explain it to the rest of us. She will enlighten us about immigration courts and many other issues and answer our questions.

Sue Kloker

Meal Reservations and Cancellations:

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. Provide a statement detailing your dietary restrictions. Please help the chef 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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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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