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Editor's Note . . .

Because all programs will be held on Zoom, specific information pertaining to meetings or luncheons at the Gale Mansion has been omitted.

Program Topics . . .

- The Arts
- Environment
- Education
- Fair Play
- Health
- Literary Pursuits
- Public Policy
- Science and Technology
- Women's Voices

Focus Days

- March 29: Native Voices
- May 3: International Day: South Africa

Leadership Message

From the President . . .

Welcome Spring!

We have just lived through and are continuing to live in extraordinary and unusual times. I certainly did not believe when all quickly closed last March 15, that we still would not be meeting in person at our beloved Gale Mansion a year later. With the beginning of the vaccinations for COVID-19, there is now probable hope that we will be together in person next fall.

This was a difficult time for us all and certainly not what I nor any of us envisioned. I am so grateful for our members who have pivoted quickly and continue working in order to have three programs each Monday and Chatting Over Coffee during the week. Anticipating Mondays and then seeing all of you as we listen and learn from distinguished speakers has been the most normal and pleasant part of this year of safe distancing.

As I look back over the year, I am incredibly impressed at how our members moved to meeting virtually. The programs in April and May were wonderful and continued throughout the summer. In May as we planned for fall, we decided to proceed with our usual schedule of three programs each Monday. Zoom seems so much easier now as we have adjusted and learned to use it. Thank you to our technology team that continues to navigate Zoom for us.

The program committees were among the first to meet virtually, and as we can see, they effectively planned a wonderful variety of excellent speakers. Diversity, Public Policy, Environment, and Community Outreach worked online and not only continued all past projects but have added new opportunities. It seems that with the pandemic

and the aftermath of the George Floyd killing, we have all chosen to step up and give more to those in need.

Chatting Over Coffee is a new program that was initiated to give members an opportunity to connect informally during the week. Friendships have been made and strengthened while providing new interests and activities.

Scholarship Fund members interviewed applicants online and will award two new scholarships. All of our current nine scholars are continuing their studies.

With the Gale event business closed, our Gala was more important than ever even as it was totally altered to be virtual. The Gala Committee did an incredible job of transforming it into a fun virtual experience that provided great financial support from friends and members.

As we look forward to next year and our return to the Gale, we have an opportunity to consider which of the innovations we will continue and those that will drop off. It seems likely that we will continue to offer programs via Zoom simultaneously as they are presented in person at the Gale. The Long Range Planning Committee continues to plan for our successful future. You are being asked to volunteer for committees that keep our wonderful organization functioning. We cannot do this without you, so please consider what you can do and join a committee or three.

This is definitely a year that we will vividly recall. I am grateful and proud of you, our AAUW Minneapolis Branch members, as well as honored to be your president.

With gratitude,
Diane Boruff, President

***Passage Community and
Professional and Casual Business
Clothing Collections***

This spring, because we are meeting virtually, our two collections will be held a bit differently. **We will collect both casual and business clothing and household supplies on Wednesday, April 28, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in front of the Gale Mansion.**

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

Denny Scharlemann, Community Outreach Committee

Every spring 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. Families receive help with finding permanent housing, employment, education, and child care.

Items most needed are: toilet paper and paper towels, disposable diapers, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, body wash/soap, toothpaste, floss, and shampoo. Thank you for helping these families stretch their tight budgets! Checks made to Passage Community are also welcome. Money is used for emergencies and special needs. If you have any questions, please call me at 612-377-6084.

Jennifer Johnson, Community Outreach Committee

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2020 - 2021

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2020 - 2021 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 3, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund

An Introduction to Scholarship Recipient

Czarina Jimenez

Czarina Jimenez is currently a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She is enrolled in the College of Biological Science. Born in the Philippines, she migrated to the United States with her mother and young brother, arriving in New York City and eventually transferring to Southwest High School in Minneapolis.

I would like to share part of a recent communication Czarina sent to her AAUW mentor, Jan Bobrowske, and me:

“My fall term (2020) has been a great experience with a mixture of ups and downs. Academically, the remote format made it difficult for me to interact with my peers and professors. It was also challenging to find a routine and a system that works for me. . . . I moved my desk away from my bed, and that worked a lot with the Zoom-fatigue. My day started very early in the morning, from 8 am until 4 pm. I bought blue-light blocking glasses for my eyes to stay healthy. Organic chemistry and biology were challenging, but I managed to study for them with additional resources and help through online videos and office hours. I also enjoyed my two leadership classes, one class was for community leadership, and the other was for direct research. I learned a lot from the community leadership class, such as being a better leader, managing conflicts, and working with people.

Outside of my academics, I enjoyed staying in my apartment with my three other roommates. We sometimes do game nights together and cook food. I see some of my friends outside from time to time and have Zoom meetings when the group size is big. At some point during the semester, it was difficult to navigate everything during this

pandemic world—having things different from what is normal. I learned how to utilize the resources and support near me. . . .

The fall semester was my first semester working as a part-time writing tutor at the university’s writing center. It was challenging to transition the job through Zoom, but I enjoyed tutoring other undergrad students (even graduate/professional students) with their writing! Though COVID-19 got in the way of having me experience an in-person fall semester, I am grateful to have supporters like you both and AAUW to help me continue and further my education.”

We are so pleased to be able to help support scholars like Czarina! AAUW Minneapolis is currently helping to support nine young women who are graduates of Minneapolis Public High Schools. Please consider donating to the AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made to our growing endowment fund or to the general fund. The AAUW Scholarship Fund is a 501©(3) non-profit organization.

Sharon Bigot, President

AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board



Jan Bobrowske

Czarina Jimenez

Membership . . .

Recruiting new members in this time of COVID-19 is a challenge that didn't even cross our minds when we accepted the chairmanship of this committee almost two years ago. We were excited to tell new members about AAUW Minneapolis Branch: its programs offering new learning about many subjects, meeting new friends, joining committees that offer that opportunity to mentor a scholar, plan our fundraising gala, select books for reading lists, or help collect mittens and hats for school children. And there was always Monday lunch. There were a variety of activities to become involved with each day of the week depending on your personal interests. Things were moving along until March 2020 when our world came to a halt. Our lovely mansion closed its doors, and the board met to decide what to do next. It was a scramble for few weeks but the strong and competent members of AAUW were not to be deterred. They jumped into action and plans were formulated.

First, programs continued with the help of many members finding speakers with interesting and exciting topics. Zoom became our platform for sharing these speakers on Mondays. Other chat groups formed based on specific topics to be delivered the rest of the week on Zoom.

Board and financial meetings were held on Zoom, and they were well attended. Sometimes the meetings were shorter than usual. The Gala Committee convened and planned an outstanding and entertaining event online. Masked helpers outside the Gale Mansion collected clothing and household supplies. Mittens and hats were collected in a widespread area around town and then delivered to the schools. It was all very amazing.

As soon as programs began last summer, members began asking friends to join our meetings so they could become enriched in their learning with the subjects our speakers shared. They enjoyed it so much that many decided to join our organization. This was an opportunity to learn new knowledge every week. New friendships were formed. All that was missing was the Monday luncheon.

Sooner or later, voices and chatter will ring out through the halls.

We are looking forward to bringing new faces to the Gale. It is up to each and every one of us to invite a friend, a former colleague, a neighbor, or a member of your church or synagogue to discover the joys of AAUW. What better time than today to email or call them. There is a place at our table for everyone.

Becky Farber, Membership Co-Vice President

Kathleen Kohler, Membership Co-Vice President

Bulletin Deadline

July 7 is the due date for September, October, and November Bulletin items. Thanks.

Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387

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Video Meeting Etiquette . . .

There is just no substitute for good manners in all of our daily interactions, and they're certainly appreciated more than ever in public meetings. Join a video meeting early—up to five or ten minutes before the appointed time.

- **Stage your video area.**

People aren't just seeing you, they're also watching whatever the camera is pointed at behind you. Position your camera in a stable position, focused at eye level if possible. This helps create a more direct sense of engagement with others. Check your appearance on the little camera shot that appears just before you join the group.

- **More light is better.**

Video quality is improved with more lighting. Make sure the light is to the side or in front of you; being backlit makes you harder to see. Everyone is actually on camera, so try to avoid distractions for others.

- **Try to look into the camera.**

If you're presenting or asking a question, looking into the camera will give the appearance of eye contact with your audience.

- **Check your own tech options before you start.**

Click the Raise Hand icon under Participants or Reactions.

- **Stay on mute if you're not talking.**

Background noise can be very distracting. If you aren't sharing anything at the moment, press mute until you do.

- **Don't eat during the meeting.**

It can be a little unsettling watching other people eat. Hold off if you can, or turn off the video and audio.

- **Stay focused.**

Avoid multi-tasking and keep unnecessary movements to a minimum. It can be easy to forget that people can hear and see you.

How to Join a Zoom Meeting . . .

Step 1: Watch this video: "Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time." Please do not skip this video—it walks you through step by step: <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQOE>

Step 2: You are welcome to join any of the meetings. If you follow the instructions successfully and try to join the meeting before the appointed time, you may find yourself looking at yourself, but no one else is there. Click on the Leave Meeting button to exit. Join again five or ten minutes before the meeting begins.

Step 3: If you were not successful in getting into the meeting, you can email one of the Technology Committee members to arrange a time when one of them can call and help you.

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House Management Committee . . .

Even though the Gale Mansion is closed to visitors and events, we still need to keep our home healthy. To that end, water leak and air temperature detectors have been installed with monitoring by iPhone.

By way of reminding us that inanimate objects age just as people do, we had to install new security lights in place of the old ones which had aged out. Then, unexpectedly, we needed a new battery in the emergency phone in the elevator in order for the elevator to continue functioning. It wasn't just a matter of inserting a regular AA battery; it took a technician and a powerful new battery to restore the phone, and thus the elevator, to use.

The advent of vaccines against COVID-19 brings hope for new bookings at the Gale Mansion. There is the possibility of setting up a large tent on the north lawn behind the Presidents' Hall so that large groups can enjoy dining in a garden setting. Upgrading the garden in that area will be a future project.

Everyone looks forward to being together again in our historic and beautiful home, possibly as early as late spring and summer.

Ellen Hughes, House Chair

Monday Literature . . .

- September ***American Dirt***
Jeanine Cummins
- October ***This Tender Land***
William Kent Krueger
- November ***The Dutch House***
Ann Patchett
- January ***The Giver of Stars***
Jojo Moyes
- February ***The Night Watchman***
Louise Erdrich
- March ***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine***
Gail Honeyman
- April ***Hum If You Don't Know the Words***
Bianca Marais

Monday Nonfiction Books . . .

- September ***The Righteous Mind***
Jonathan Haidt
- November ***The Library Book***
Susan Orlean
- February ***Hidden Valley Road***
Robert Kolker
- April ***Educated***
Tara Westover

Tuesday Evening Literature . . .

- November ***Never Coming Back***
Alison McGhee
- April ***Born a Crime***
Trevor Noah
- May ***The Genius of Birds***
Jennifer Ackerman

Monday, March 1, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

on Zoom

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

How is our Food System Changing?

Speaker: Dr. Hikaru Peterson, Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Peterson studies decisions in food and agricultural practices that impact our livelihood, health, and the environment. Specific projects from her recent portfolio include quantifying the presence of farmers' markets, helping rural grocery stores survive to serve their communities, studying household behavior to reduce food waste, and making healthful food choices available at food shelves. She has recently received a grant from the USDA to look at the COVID-19 impact on our food system and to explore ways for the "smaller" agriculture and food businesses to strengthen our food system.

Carol Sheldon

11:00 - 12:00

HEALTH

on Zoom

Changed Gender. Changed Perspectives.

Speaker: Ellie Krug, Writer, Lawyer, and Public Speaker

While we hear a lot about transgender people these days, rarely does a trans person get asked to talk about what it's like to live on the other side of the "gender fence." With this insightful presentation, Krug, who transitioned genders

in 2009 at age fifty-two, will share what she's learned (some of it the hard way) about going from male to female.

Shiela Robertson

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 FAIR PLAY on Zoom

Classic Film: Women Who Made a Difference

Speaker: Bob DeFlores, Film Preservationist and
Historian

Raised in Hollywood, the love of classic films came easy to DeFlores. Accumulating a collection of more than 6,000 films dating back to 1900, he caught the attention of filmmakers and often supplied rare film footage to television stations, the Grammy Awards, and the Kennedy Center Honors. From his collection, DeFlores is providing our members with footage of special women in history. Bring your popcorn and get ready to be enlightened and entertained.

Lil Lindsey

Committee Meetings . . .

No regular committee meetings are listed in this Bulletin. Zoom links for committee meetings will be listed in the Sunday newsletter. If your committee would like to arrange a Zoom meeting, contact Esther Fabes and she will assist you. Please schedule it on a day other than Monday.

Monday, March 8, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

WOMEN'S VOICES

on Zoom

**Impact and Influence of Wives and Mothers
on American Presidents**

Speaker: Dr. Phil Kibort, Retired Pediatric
Gastroenterologist and former Chief Medical
Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs at
Children's Hospital of Minnesota

During his career, Kibort lectured extensively on his medical specialty as well as health care quality and safety while simultaneously pursuing his interest in and fascination with American Presidential history. Kibort, using his knowledge, humor, and a few fun facts, will share with us the top ten most influential presidential wives and mothers. He will also highlight the top five wives and mothers who negatively impacted the president in their lives.

Pam Kaufman

11:00 - 12:00

ENVIRONMENT

on Zoom

Protecting Nature and Tackling Climate Change

Speaker: Ann Mulholland, Chapter Director for The
Nature Conservancy in Minnesota, North
Dakota, and South Dakota

The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. Mulholland will give an overview of the works of The Nature Conservancy globally and here in the

three-state chapter of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. One such example is reforesting portions of northeastern Minnesota and along Highway 61.

Leslie Swenson

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS MEETING

1:15 - 2:15 LITERARY PURSUITS on Zoom

**Closing Time: Saloons, Taverns, Dives,
and Watering Holes of the Twin Cities**

Speakers: Andy Sturdevant, Writer
Bill Lindeke, Urban Geographer

Sturdevant and Lindeke will present highlights selected from their book *Closing Time*. They will tell how the book came about, and acquaint us with photos, stories, memories, discoveries, and observations of their selection of historical saloons and bars from the 50 featured in their book. They will also speak about the current pandemic and its effect on their day-to-day operations, its effect on the historic third spaces of the city, and the workers, servers, and bartenders who have been out of work.

Barb Link

Monday, March 15, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

on Zoom

The Dark Side of Medicine

Speaker: Carl Elliott, Professor, Center for Bioethics,
University of Minnesota

Elliott tracks the new world of commercialized medicine from start to finish. Along the way, he uncovers the cost to patients lost in a health-care universe centered around consumerism. He states, “We have constructed a medical system in which deception is often not just tolerated but rewarded.”

Lil Lindsey

11:00 - 12:00

FAIR PLAY

on Zoom

**Reproductive Justice
and the UnRestrict Minnesota Campaign**

Speaker: Erin Maye Quade, Gender Justice's Advocacy
Director and UnRestrict Minnesota Campaign
Manager

Our speaker will provide an update on the state of reproductive health access in Minnesota. Gender Justice provides the legal team for *Doe v. Minnesota*, the lawsuit working to remove the state's restrictions on abortion on behalf of UnRestrict Minnesota, a community supported public awareness campaign with 26 partner organizations. Quade will also talk about the reproductive justice

framework created by women of color and their vision for reproductive freedom.

Joyce Prudden

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 THE ARTS on Zoom

The Performing Artist and the Pandemic

Speaker: Bradley Greenwald, Actor, Singer, Writer

Greenwald talks about how he's kept his wits, his optimism, and hopefully his house, while living through the bizarre era of COVID-19, which shuttered every theater and performance venue. Artists who earned their living in the performing arts had almost every avenue of income stripped away for a year (and counting). How will they survive the pandemic?

Marty Sedoff

Monday, March 22, 2021

Special interest groups meet the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Due to Zoom scheduling, we will only be offering book discussions this spring. The list of books selected for this year is found on page 13 of this Bulletin.

9:30 - 10:30 LITERATURE DISCUSSION on Zoom

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

Eleanor Oliphant is NOT completely fine at the beginning of this heartwarming story. As she overcomes a traumatic childhood and an adult life filled with loneliness and isolation, you will cheer and laugh as she finds companionship and friendship to become completely fine.

11:00 - 12:00 ENVIRONMENT on Zoom

Electrify Everything We Can

Speaker: Michael Noble, Executive Director, Fresh Energy

To address climate change, we must achieve net zero emissions by mid-century. That is the broad agreement of scientists, countries, companies, universities, and investors.

As we rapidly cut carbon pollution from our power supply, we must switch from fossil fuels to non-carbon electricity. By electrifying vehicles and buildings with carbon-free

electricity and phasing down oil and gas use, we can grow prosperity, while reducing economic disparities.

Jan Mosman

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 PUBLIC POLICY on Zoom

***Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia
and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son***

Speaker: Mindy Greiling, Former Minnesota State
Legislator and Author

Greiling will describe challenges shared by many families who cope with mental illness. This can range from the practical (medication compliance, housing, employment) to the heartbreaking (suicide attempts, victimization, and illicit drug use). She confronts the reality that some people with serious mental illness may be dangerous and reminds us that medication works—if taken.

Together with her husband, Greiling struggled to navigate and improve the state's inadequate mental health system. Her book gives an illuminating and frank account of caring for a person with a mental illness, told by a parent and advocate. It chronicles her efforts to pass legislation to address problems in the mental health system, including obstacles to parental access to information and insufficient funding for care and research.

Kay Kessel

Monday, March, 29, 2021

Focus Day

Native Voices

We want to acknowledge that the Minneapolis Branch of AAUW is housed within the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples on whose land we live, learn, and work as we seek to improve and strengthen our relations with tribal nations. We also acknowledge that words are not enough. The mission of AAUW is equity for all women and girls. We must commit ourselves to inclusion of the Native American community within our mission.

9:30 - 10:30 **A Legacy in Minneapolis** on Zoom

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

The Minneapolis American Indian Center was founded in 1974 by Native community members. It continues today with majority American Indian leadership and staffing. The MAIC serves more than 14,000 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

11:00 - 12:00

on Zoom

Understanding Health Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Populations

Speaker: Dr. Linda Bane Frizzell, Associate Professor,
School of Global Health, University of
Minnesota

Why is it important to know the history of American Indians and Alaska Natives? How do we understand their legal status when providing health services? Frizzell will discuss various definitions of culture, address cultural humility, and will illustrate general points regarding cultural implications while providing health services to these populations.

Nan Beman

12:00 noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 -12:15

on Zoom

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 within 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

Monday, April 5, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

on Zoom

Rock of Aging

Speaker: Ken Abdo, Esq., Partner, Fox Rothschild Law Firm, Music Lawyer, Author, Lecturer and Media Commentator

As iconic baby boomer music artists age and die, so does the boomer music culture. Is rock ‘n’ roll dead? Who will be its Mozart and Beethoven when viewed 100 years from now? Those artists whose legacies are preserved will be remembered. This lecture follows the arc of the baby boom music culture, and business and intellectual property laws that form the base of the modern music business.

Judy Romlin

11:00 - 12:00

LITERARY PURSUITS

on Zoom

If You Lived Here You’d Be Home By Now

Speaker: Christopher Ingraham, Author, Reporter, *Washington Post*

How does one determine where is the worst place in the United States to live? Ingraham thought he nailed it when he crunched some numbers and declared Red Lake Falls the absolute worst. Residents of this small Minnesota town disagreed and invited Ingraham to visit and see for himself what a beautiful vibrant community they enjoy. And now he claims this town as home.

Wendy Woodfill

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 WOMEN'S VOICES on Zoom

Women Leading Change

Speaker: Dr. Artika Tyner, Founding Director, Center on Race, Leadership, and Social Justice, University of St. Thomas School of Law,

Tyner is an engaging speaker and dynamic presenter on leadership, civil rights, diversity, and social justice topics. She will discuss empowering women leaders to embrace their unique leadership qualities, foster their leadership development, and make a difference in the world.

DeDe Scanlon

***Thank You, Program Topic Chairs
and Committee Members***

Your time and dedication to learning and advocacy for AAUW priorities have produced another great year of programs.

Thanks for all you do.

Monday, April 12, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

FAIR PLAY

on Zoom

Leaks and Leakers

Speakers: Heidi Kitrosser, Visiting Professor,
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Robin Kaplan, Professor, University of
Minnesota Law School

All administrations leak profusely from the top. This means that they leak politically convenient information. When that is coupled with a historically unparalleled use of the Espionage Act to go after lower-level employees for leaking classified information, it becomes a powerful weapon for the government. It allows them to pick and choose what they want the people to know.

Lil Lindsey

11:00 - 12:00

EDUCATION

on Zoom

School Garden Movement in Minnesota

Speaker: Kirsten Stuenkel, Director of Community
Education and Communications, Columbia
Heights Public Schools (CHPS)

Stuenkel, will talk about the School Garden Movement in Minnesota. She has coordinated the CHPS school garden called Blooming Heights since it began over ten years ago. She also helped to establish the Minnesota School Garden Coalition. This presentation will focus on the purpose of

the School Garden movement: how it has developed in Minnesota; how it complements or extends the school curriculum in a variety of subjects; how students respond to these hands-on offerings; and how it incorporates perspectives and agricultural practices from various cultures. Stuenkel will describe the process and practice of encouraging students to be engaged in gardening and appreciating the benefits and outcomes of their involvement.

Ann Carlson

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS MEETING

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT on Zoom

**Making Every Day Earth Day:
From its Designation to Daily Life**

Speaker: Megan Dobratz, President of Native
Sustainability

Dobratz will share a history of Earth Day—why it was created and what it means 51 years later. She'll touch on current sustainability trends, as well as share ideas and opportunities to make every day Earth Day, on both the individual and organizational level.

Ann Roach

Tuesday Evening, April 13, 2021

5:15 LITERATURE DISCUSSION on Zoom

***Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah**

Discussion Leader: Cathy Hovancsak

In this coming-of-age memoir, Trevor Noah, the *The Daily Show* host, tells of his dangerous youth during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa. His biracial birth was a crime for his mother in South Africa at the time, so he had to be kept hidden indoors during his early childhood. Then with the end of apartheid, he struggled to find himself in this new world with the help of his fearless, rebellious mother.

7:00 WOMEN'S VOICES on Zoom

From Virginia to Minnesota: My Journey in Journalism

Speaker: Angela Davis, Minnesota Public Radio (MPR)

You love her on MPR, now imagine hearing Angela Davis speak to AAUW. After reporting and anchoring jobs at both WCCO and KSTP, 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 will address her journey from the University of Maryland to her current job in broadcasting as a woman and a woman of color. Hopefully, she will share some of her favorite interview moments!

Nell Wegmann

Tuesday Evening Programs

At this time, we do not have evening programs planned for June, July, and August. If we have programs, you will be notified by the newsletter.

About Our House . . .

Welcome to the Gale Mansion. We are proud of this historic building, which has been the Minneapolis Branch home since 1947.

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. Please make arrangements prior to arrival by emailing Karen Hancock at events@galemansion.com.

The beautiful Gale Mansion is available for weddings, parties, meetings, and other special events.

Guest Policy . . .

AAUW Minneapolis welcomes guests! You are invited to share the Zoom link with a friend who you think would be interested and would enjoy our program. To welcome our guests please do the following:

- Invite with the Zoom link. You can cut and paste the pertinent information or forward the entire email. Please remind your guest not to share the link via social media.
- Please send our president, Diane Boruff, an email stating that you have a guest so we can introduce guests at 12:00 noon before the announcements. Please include your guest's email address.
- Also, please send membership chairs, Kathleen Kohler and Becky Farber, your guest's name and contact information so they can welcome them. We encourage our guests to join us as members.

Monday, April 19, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

on Zoom

**Decision Making and
Choices for Senior Housing Options**

Speakers: AAUW Members: Ann Carlson,
Marilyn Kemme, and
Betty Beach

When do you downsize and move into senior housing?
What help do you need for downsizing? What kind of
housing is available? These three AAUW members, each
living in different kinds of housing, will give their
answers. Carlson will discuss their decision-making
process and describe the type of housing they chose.

Ann Carlson

11:00 - 12:00

THE ARTS

on Zoom

Community and Theater: Why Gathering Matters

Speaker: Doug Scholz-Carlson, Artistic Director, Great
River Shakespeare Festival; Intimacy Director
with Intimacy Directors and Coordinators

Scholz-Carlson will talk about why the mission of the
Great River Shakespeare Festival is to create conversation
and why those conversations about art matter when
building community. He will weave in some discussion
about how the theater community has responded to big
societal issues like racism and the Me Too movement in
ways that bring people together rather than polarize.

Ruth Crane

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY on Zoom

Developing Scientists of the Future

Speaker: AnnMarie Thomas, Professor in the School of Engineering and the Opus College of Business, University of St. Thomas;
Founder and Director of the Playful Learning Lab; Founder of OK Go Sandbox

Thomas's spirit and enthusiasm will create so many scientists that the world will not know what hit it. What is a scientist? Don't forget that she does not work solely in STEM classes, but also STEAM classes. Search for her online on YouTube and TED Talks to get a preview of our hour with her.

Esther Fabes

Monday, April 26, 2021

Special interest groups meet the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Due to Zoom scheduling, we will only be offering book discussions this spring. The list of books selected for this year is found on page 13 of this Bulletin.

9:30 - 10:30

on Zoom

LITERATURE DISCUSSION

Hum If You Don't Know the Words by Bianca Marais

Discussion Leader: Jan McLandsborough

This novel is set in apartheid-era South Africa and is a book about loss, racism, and the creation of family. The paths of Robin, a young white girl, and Beauty, a black woman from a rural village, intersect when the violence of apartheid shatters both their lives. Please join us to discuss this compelling story.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

on Zoom

Educated by Tara Westover

Discussion Leader: Vicki Dunn

Tara Westover, the youngest of seven children born to fundamentalist parents, thought it odd that none of her siblings went to school. Her father's distrust of government, education, and doctors meant that she didn't have a birth certificate, medical records, or school records. She taught herself math and grammar and started her formal education at Brigham Young University. This is an uplifting testament of how she overcame a backdrop of

family violence and mental illness to receive an education that broadened her horizons.

11:00 - 12:00 LITERATURE on Zoom

A Writers' Group Experience During COVID-19

Speakers: Charlene Torkelson Howard
 Patty Ronchetto

The presenters will share their experiences in writing before and during COVID-19. As members of a group that has met weekly for several years, these authors have discovered writing to be the new hobby of many during the 2020-21 stay-at-home year. Writing allows them to safely interact with others and enjoy a daily creative activity.

Elaine Kirk

12:00 noon ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 SPECIAL PROGRAM on Zoom

Books to Enrich Your Summer

Speaker: Sue Zumberge, Owner of SubText Books

Zumberge will offer suggestions for a multitude of engaging books to enhance your summer reading—truly a book lover's book fest! SubText, an independent bookstore, is located in downtown St. Paul. Zumberge will prepare a book list and store information for members to encourage book ordering online. The book list will be in the newsletter emailed to members before the program.

Karen Ringsrud

Monday, May 3, 2021

**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 during their 2018 trip. Did you know that South Africa is called "The Rainbow Nation"?

9:30 - 10:30 **History of South Africa** on Zoom

Speaker: Henry Berman, Retired Ecolab Businessman,
Member of Council of Foreign Relations, and
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

11:00 - 12:00 on Zoom

**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

12:00 - 12:15 **Books for Africa** on Zoom

12:15 ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15 on Zoom

Minnesota Orchestra's Trip to South Africa

Speakers: Travis Anderson, Travis Anderson Photo
Leila Navidi, *StarTribune*

The Minnesota Orchestra visited South Africa during the summer of 2018. Our speakers will show us photos of the trip and the people and describe their experiences. They will tell us about the special concert tour that is shown in the documentary *Music for Mandela* that is available on PBS.

Mary Moriarty

Monday, May 10, 2021

Awards and Closing Day

9:30 SPECIAL PROGRAM on Zoom

Awards and Recognition

Join us to celebrate and thank all our members who have excellently served in leadership positions this challenging year. We welcome our new officers and committee chairs. Those who have passed away during the year will be remembered. Our two new scholars will be introduced.

Diane Boruff

11:00 SPECIAL PROGRAM on Zoom

Losses and the Laughter We Grow Into

Speaker: Kevin Kling, Storyteller, Playwright,
Commentator

A renowned playwright and storyteller, Minnesota's own Kevin Kling is known for entertaining audiences with his off-kilter stories that express humor, heart, and thoughtful philosophizing. Kling has been awarded arts grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the McKnight Foundation, and the Minnesota State Arts Board, among others. In 2014, Mayor RT Rybak named Kling the "Minneapolis Story Laureate."

Diane Boruff

12:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:15 - 2:15

SPECIAL PROGRAM

on Zoom

What's the Buzz at the Bee Center?

Speaker: Ping Honzay, Bee and Pollinator Center
Education Program Coordinator at the Minnesota
Landscape Arboretum

Discover the amazing, hidden world of bees including a look at the incredible diversity of bees that can be found in Minnesota alone, the surprising inner workings of a honey bee hive, and some recent research on bees. Honzay will also discuss the Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center located at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and provide updates on the work happening there.

Diane Boruff

Tuesday Evening, May 11, 2021

5:15 LITERATURE DISCUSSION on Zoom

***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. 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.

7:00 ENVIRONMENT on Zoom

Minnesota Birds and Climate Change

Speaker: Carrol Henderson, Retired Head of Non-Game Wildlife for the Minnesota DNR

Because of his wealth of knowledge and experience gained during his 40-year tenure in this position, Henderson is very qualified to speak to our subject. He is widely recognized for his accomplishments, among them the Non-Game Wildlife Program check-off on Minnesota tax forms, and a significant role in re-establishing a trumpeter swan population in Minnesota, both of which have been very successful.

As our climate changes, more and more challenges are facing our birds and other wild creatures. Fortunately, Henderson is speaking to us during the height of spring migration, as our summer birds return from their winter homes. Look up—you may have an unexpected surprise!

Julie Ollila

AAUW Funds . . .

The Importance of the Greatest Needs Fund

In the past, AAUW Funds was called Fellowships. The Minneapolis Branch initiated and funded several fellowships in honor of members who had made significant contributions to the organization's life. The Educational Foundation was named AAUW Funds which focused on establishing endowments to support students working on a doctorate in addition to post-doctoral students. The Legal Advocacy Fund was established to support litigants who were denied tenure, advancements in academia, or who experienced work-place harassment. Still later, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund was established to produce independent research studies on topics such as pay equity. We held various fundraisers which included our sale of historical Minnesota maps.

This year when I became AAUW Funds Chair I was confused by new names for four current funds:

- Education and Training,
- Economic Security,
- Leadership, and
- Greatest Needs.

When I talked to the staff in the national office in Washington, D.C., to find out current information, they explained that some funds were endowed beyond their needs. AAUW is presently focused on three program areas: Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. Specifically, the Greatest Need fund gives the organization the flexibility to allocate gifts as needed in these selected areas.

Thank you for all of your gifts to support AAUW Funds which advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

According to national records, our members donated \$7,843 through the end of 2020. Gifts members may have made since July, independent of branch processing, haven't been reported yet. Consider AAUW Funds when you are making charitable gifts from donor advised funds or for a required distribution from an IRA. Your gifts are tax deductible.

In the future, I plan to further explain the benefits of each of the three program areas, as supported by the Greatest Need Fund.

Joyce Prudden, AAUW Funds Chair

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