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## ***Program Topics . . .***

- The Arts
- Education
- Environment
- Fair Play
- Health
- I Am Woman
- Literary Pursuits
- Public Policy
- Science and Technology

### **Focus Days**

- November 29: All in the Family
- January 31: Tribalism
- May 2: International Day: Iran

## ***Leadership Message***

### ***From the President . . .***

#### **Welcome Back to the Gale Mansion!**

As I write this letter for the Bulletin, I imagine the celebration and smiles of once again spending Mondays at the Gale Mansion. The Garden Party in June that many of you attended was a taste of the joy of meeting again in person. Rest assured that we will continue to follow CDC guidelines for gathering, and we ask that you do as well. We ask members to be vaccinated so we can safely meet at the Gale and feel safe while there. If you have not been fully vaccinated or have other health concerns, please wear a mask for everyone's protection.

Good news is that we now are able to fully reopen the Gale Mansion. We do not need to limit our attendance, and we will be able to have lunch in the house on Mondays. Reservations are required as in the past—but by noon on Wednesday. We hope that prepaying lunch in the morning when you arrive will contribute to a more gracious and delightful table atmosphere for all. The Arrangements Committee, chaired by Mollie Keys and assistant co-chairs Elaine Braun and Georgia Wiebe, will be on hand to help us navigate this new process.

Karen Ringsrud, Program Vice President, reports that the program committees have a slate of timely and informative programs planned. We owe a special thank you to the creative members who plan the program series and secure our speakers. This year our Focus Day topics are All in the Family and Tribalism with International Day featuring Iran. Our new program topic is I Am Woman and continuing topics are The Arts, Education, Environment, Fair Play, Health, Literary Pursuits, Public Policy, and Science and Technology. AAUW programs help us to grow and be informed on current issues in all these topics.

The Technology Team led by Nan Beman and Alice Heth are preparing the Presidents' Hall for simultaneous programs that will be on Zoom *live* from the Gale Mansion.

Yes, we discovered that Zoom has access advantages, so you will be able to attend our programs in person or via Zoom. This dual access is a welcome addition for all members who at times aren't able to attend in person; however, I hope you will join us at the Gale if possible.

The Scholarship Board awarded scholarships totaling \$43,225 to the students and money has been sent to their colleges or universities. The mentoring and awards are a tremendous outpouring of support from our branch and do indicate our belief in education.

Save the date of November 5, as Gini Hickman and Betsy Parks and the Gala Committee are planning a return to the Gale for an exciting evening of *'20s Glam at the Gale*. How enjoyable it will be to party and celebrate together in the Gale Mansion as we raise funds for our mission. The bidding will continue to be online on ClickBid so be sure to register early and be ready to bid.

During the shutdown we continued to maintain the Gale Mansion with loving care so that it could safely reopen and sparkle. Ellen Hughes, House Committee chair, does a remarkable job maintaining the house and investigating needed repairs. A new roof was installed this summer. We have again applied for a Small Business Administration loan to aid us as we bring our Gale business back to health. Karen Hancock is creating new revenue streams and is now advertising our house with the Minnesota Film & TV Board. Stay tuned for exciting news about our house being rented to tape a television show.

AAUW dues and generous contributions of members plus the active involvement of all allows our Minneapolis Branch AAUW to continue and thrive. We should all be proud of and celebrate our resilience as we have creatively adapted and adjusted to the difficult changes of the pandemic and now the challenges of once again gathering in person. I realize daily that our strength comes from our individual contributions as we work together to promote equity and education as well as enjoy wonderful friendships.

Diane Boruff, President  
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2020-2022

## ***Fall and Winter Clothing Collection for Adults and Children***

**October 4, 2021**

Recycle your gently used casual and career clothing and accessories including ties, belts, shoes, and purses. They will be used to help build a wardrobe for someone entering or re-entering the workforce or returning to school. **Fall** through **winter** clothing for **men and women** is appreciated. Clothing for **children** from infant to teen age is being collected due to the increased needs of families.

On Monday, October 4, between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., *From Me To You* representatives will be in front of the Gale Mansion. You will be able to drive up and park briefly while volunteers help unload your donations. If you have any questions, please call me at 612-741-2216.

Denny Scharlemann, Community Outreach Committee

## ***Passage Community Fall Collection***

**October 11, 2021**

Twice yearly, we collect household supplies for the families at Passage Community. This transitional housing program for 17 homeless families is run by Simpson Housing Services, which is located in our Gale Mansion neighborhood. Families work toward housing stability and focus on breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Community support helps families reach their goals.

Items needed include: laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels), personal products (soap, shampoo, etc.), and disposable diapers.

Checks are also welcome and should be made to Passage Community. Money is used for special needs or emergencies that might come up. Cars will be parked in front of the Gale Mansion where volunteers will receive your donations from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on October 11. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Jennifer Johnson, Community Outreach Committee

## ***Officers of the Branch 2021 - 2022***

President	Diane Boruff
Membership Co-Vice Presidents	Rita Britton Ellen Copperud
Program Development Vice President	Karen Ringsrud
Marketing Vice President	Martha Wilson
Development Vice President	Marilyn Listvan
House Management Vice President	Ellen Hughes
Treasurer	Carol Sheldon
Secretary for Recording	Jennifer Johnson
Director at Large	Carrie D'Andrea

## ***Board of Directors 2021 - 2022 Meeting Dates***

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 6, 2021	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 3, 2021	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 1, 2021	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	9:30 a.m.

Closing and Awards Day is the last meeting of the year on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

## ***Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund***

### **New Scholars Named**

The Scholarship Board is proud to announce the selection of two excellent 2021 scholars. The Board also increased the amount each scholar receives by \$750. The Nadia Christenson named scholarship was increased by \$825. Each new scholar was asked to share in her own words (edited for length) her hopes for the future.

Erika Patino Molina, a Southwest High School graduate, will attend the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business. She wrote: "...I am excited to study finance, and I hope to be able to learn how to apply financial concepts and tactics to everyday life. I hope to make new friends and understand their perspectives on different subjects, both in school and in the real world. I would like to earn internships to explore the many aspects of a career in finance...(and) graduate with... solid abilities in order to earn a leadership position... to target and resolve the many issues that surround our community." Ginny Craig is her mentor.

Lily Andersen, a South High School graduate, will also attend the University of Minnesota, studying engineering. She wrote: "... I am looking forward to many things... hopefully joining the Society of Women Engineers... to be part of the group that uplifts and advocates for diversity in the engineering field. I am very interested in biomedical technology companies and hope to get an opportunity...relating to my interests in neuroscience. Most of all, I am excited to learn... going deeper into math and science!" Ellen Archibald is her mentor.

As these new students start their educational journey, two of our scholars graduated this year. Jennifer Carrera, mentored by Linda Blaisdell, graduated from

St. Catherine University in May. Blaisdell attended her nurses' pinning ceremony online. Carrera took her nursing board examinations in July, followed by some family travel. She hopes to find a job on a general medical/surgical floor for a year or two before deciding on a specialty for a nurse practitioner degree.

Oluwatosin Odumuye, mentored by Becky Farber, also graduated this spring in nursing. She plans to find a part time job and study for her licensing exam in August. She is exploring positions with Howard Brown, Access Community Health Network, and the Chicago House—all organizations that align with her values, she said.

The Scholarship Board is extremely proud of these graduates and the hard work and persistence of those working toward their degrees. Thanks, too, to their faithful mentors, who supported them on their way. Their aspirations were met with generosity from donors like you! Scholarship donors literally make dreams come true.

Ginny Craig, President  
AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board



Erika Patino Molina



Lily Andersen

## ***Membership . . .***

Our changing world provides life-long learners with new challenges. If you are a person who embraces those challenges, AAUW is the organization for you. Being part of a group that is dedicated to equality for women, to life-long learning, and to the value of friendship is what AAUW is all about. Since early 2019, when we first confronted COVID-19 and the resulting global pandemic, we have met the challenges of a changing world. The result is that membership in the Minneapolis Branch of AAUW offers both in-person and virtual options for participation in learning and socializing.

During 2021-22, members will be welcomed back to our lovely Gale Mansion for Monday meetings. As a member, your Mondays are filled with excellent presentations on topics pertaining to both our vibrant local community and our changing world. Meeting day luncheons provide opportunities to foster our AAUW friendships. Many committees offer members avenues to serve both our organization and the larger community. The vibrancy of these committees creates a meaningful way to grow friendships.

The pandemic has challenged our group. By embracing the challenge, we now offer Zoom options for our Monday meetings. All presentations are also recorded and can be viewed at the convenience of members. Committee meetings can be either virtual or in person. Several like-minded social groups meet on a weekly basis. Our AAUW branch embraces both change and technology!

Please invite your friends to join us as we continue to explore our world, appreciate our friendships, and foster equity for women.

Rita Britton and Ellen Copperud  
Membership Co-Vice Presidents



## *Nominating Committee 2021-2022 . . .*

The Nominating Committee listed below will be selecting officers for the 2022-2023 year.

Nominees for the following:

2-year term – even years

- President
- House VP
- Program VP
- Secretary for Recording

1-year term:

- Director at Large

Nominating Committee members:

Sheila Lind, Chair

Nikki Annoni

Susie Erickson

Mary Moriarty

Joanne Ortendahl-Lucas

Carol Sheldon

Leslie Swenson

Karen Swigart

We welcome your suggestions for any of the offices!

Sheila Lind, Chair, Nominating Committee

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### **BAD WEATHER CLOSING OF AAUW**

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

# '20s GLAM AT THE GALE

FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5, 2021  
5:30 - 9:30 PM

TO SUPPORT AAUW  
MINNEAPOLIS PROGRAMS,  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## **AAUW's Annual Gala '20s Glam at the Gale**

**Friday, November 5, 2021 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Bring your friends and family and join us at the AAUW Annual Gala! Our goal is to raise \$65,000 to support programs, scholarships, and community outreach. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Gala party and fundraiser will feature a large selection of hors d'oeuvres and an assortment of small desserts. Beverages include complimentary champagne and select wine, beer, and cocktails at cash bars.

To attend the Gala, please make your reservations and a payment of \$150 per person on ClickBid. Tickets will not be sold or payments collected at the Gale Mansion on Mondays. To purchase tickets for the Gala, you must be a registered bidder on ClickBid *or* have someone who is a registered bidder buy and pay for your ticket. The ticket price of \$150 includes a \$75 tax deductible donation. Valet parking will be available.

We need everyone's help to reach our fundraising goal. Auction items such as gift cards, theater/concert tickets, and vacation stays will be available to view and bid on only on ClickBid. Some baskets, such as wine and spirits, will be displayed at the Gala. A potpourri of parties will be available to purchase on ClickBid. Premium auction items (previously the Live Auction) will be open for bidding on ClickBid in advance of the Gala evening. All auction item bidding, including Premium items, will close at the Gala evening deadline.

**The ClickBid website is: <https://aauwmpls.cbo.io>**

Now is the time to plan what you will wear to this glamorous '20s party! To get you started, think about your most sparkling bling and maybe even that vintage dress.

Save the date, buy your tickets, and we will see you there!

Gini Hickman and Betsy Parks, Co-chairs

## *House Management Committee . . .*

After almost a year on Zoom, we are finally able to gather in person in our Gale Mansion home. Many things were improved during the long lockdown. Interior painting has been done, carpets have been shampooed, and Sheila Lind donated a beautiful oriental rug to enhance the Founders Room.

Thanks to years of your donations to the Property Preservation Dedicated Fund, we have a new roof on the mansion to replace the one which was installed in 1992. We don't have to worry about leaks anymore. Even the elevator got attention. The emergency phone inside quit working, so the elevator stopped working as well. It took a new master battery to start it up again! Finally, the fire marshal mandated new emergency lighting and the laundry got new fluorescent tubes.

The canopy set up on the north lawn has enhanced our Gale catering business. We have great hope that the business will flourish as a result of the freshening up of the building and the grounds which are so beautifully cared for by Julie Ollila and the Gardening Committee.

We look forward to the Gala party on November 5 to complete our homecoming celebration. We anticipate an interesting and stimulating series of speakers to make the home once again the source of cutting-edge knowledge on an amazing variety of topics.

Ellen Hughes, House Chair

## ***Monday Literature . . .***

- September *Fresh Water for Flowers*  
Valérie Perrin
- October *Meet Me at the Museum*  
Anne Youngson
- November *The Two-Family House*  
Lynda Cohen Loigman
- January *The Winemaker's Wife*  
Kristin Harmel
- February *American Spy*  
Lauren Wilkinson
- March *How the Penguins Saved Veronica*  
Hazel Prior
- April *The Vanishing Half*  
Brit Bennett

## ***Monday Nonfiction Books . . .***

- September *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*  
Isabel Wilkerson
- November *Wait Till Next Year*  
Doris Kearns Goodwin
- February *Killers of the Flower Moon*  
David Grann
- April *The Accidental President: Harry Truman*  
A. J. Baime

## *Courtesy Requests*

To make the AAUW meeting time a good experience for ALL, please:

- Check to see that your cell phone and all other electronic devices are turned off.
- Reserve the two front rows in the Presidents' Hall on the west side for those with walkers or wheelchairs.
- Reserve the last rows for hostesses who need to leave early.
- Leave seating open near the aisles and in the back for those who come late.
- Refrain from talking and whispering as soon as a speaker reaches the podium and during the presentation.
- Be sensitive to distractions caused by bags or containers.
- Stand, if you are able, when you ask a question. If you are unable to hear the speaker, please move closer to the front or raise your hand and politely tell the speaker.
- Refrain from unnecessary and lengthy comments.
- Wear only a moderate amount of fragrance or none at all. Some of our members are very allergic to fragrances.
- Sit at least four rows from the front if you do needlework or puzzles.
- At lunch, all seats are open.
- Remember that the excellent wait staff appreciates a sincere *thank you* when they serve your meal.

## *Parking Options . . .*

This year parking spaces are only available in the Spirit of St. Stephen Church parking lot. The church lot has 26 parking spaces: 20 regular, plus six designated as handicap. Parking reservations will be taken for 30 spaces with the idea that not all 30 will be using the spaces every Monday. The first six requests that qualify for a handicap spot will receive a permit. You must have a handicap permit. Parking spots are available until full. Payment of \$100 must be made for the whole year. You will receive an AAUW permit card to put on the dashboard of your car. Provide your name and names of members in your carpool plus car license plate numbers for any car that would be using the space. If more requests come in than spaces available before September 1, 2021, carpools will be given priority. **Remember, only one car from each group is allowed to use the space each Monday.** Include your address so we can mail the card to you at home. Mail this information to Shari Parsons, AAUW Parking, 3824 Glenhurst Ave., St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

Free parking is available on Mondays in the small lot of the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Avenue South, and on the south side of Hodroff-Epstein Chapel lot.



## ***AAUW Funds . . .***

### **AAUW Funds Support STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math)**

AAUW has promoted getting women into STEM fields long before it was fashionable. From the beginning, fellowships were given to women pursuing advanced degrees in these areas. AAUW members even raised over \$150,000 to purchase radium to support Marie Curie's research.

Since the 1980s, research and data has been collected on the STEM gap. These show how girls and women are systematically tracked away from science and math throughout their education, limiting their training and options to go into these field as adults. Key factors noted are gender stereotypes, male-dominated cultures, lack of role models, and math anxiety. Improving women's ability to thrive in the higher paid STEM occupations also narrows the gender pay gap.

For a number of years AAUW has had summer programs for college students. A new program this past summer was STEMEd for Girls—a virtual program for girls in grades 9-12 with a particular focus on girls of color to attract them to STEM. It was also to help parents and guardians nurture girls' potential and support their dreams and aspirations. This series of six virtual workshops helped girls explore various subject areas, showed them types of potential careers, and paired them with mentors.

By giving money to AAUW Funds, you are supporting these efforts and more. Thank you for all you do.

Joyce Prudden, AAUW Funds Chair



## ***Holiday Lights Luncheon*** **Monday, December 13, 2021**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Social time with homemade cookies

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Program Presidents' Hall

### ***Lyndy Zabel's Jazz Band***

World Beat Connection will bring us jazz  
from the 1930s and 1940s.  
There will also be a surprise chorus to delight us.  
Sit back, close your eyes, and enjoy.

11:45 a.m. Wine Bar

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Presidents' Hall

### **Subtext Bookstore of St. Paul**

Sue Zumberge will suggest great holiday gift books.  
(Books are available for purchase.)

### **GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

Tickets: \$25 per person—cash or credit card, please  
Reservations open November 8, until full

**Annual lunch reservations do NOT apply.**  
Open seating at tables will welcome our guests.

Nancy Sjoquist, Chair, Holiday Lights Committee

# ***Opening Day, Monday, September 20, 2021***

## **AAUW Minneapolis**

### **Welcome Back to the Neighborhood**

8:45 - 9:30

Dining Room

#### **Social Time**

Please note the earlier start time to meet and greet old and new friends and enjoy a full morning program. Enjoy cookies and beverages provided by our dedicated AAUW board members.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

#### **Preview of the Minneapolis AAUW 2021-2022 Year**

President Diane Boruff will welcome us to another year of exciting and interesting programs. The family of Beth McCabe will make a presentation in her honor. Karen Ringsrud, Program Vice President, will introduce topic and Focus Day chairs who will preview a year of programs that will make you eager for Mondays. We'll update you on fourth Monday interest group programs and have reports from our Membership and Gala chairs.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

#### **Beyond Dürer: Becoming a Museum Director**

Speaker: Dr. Katherine Crawford Lubber, Nivin and  
Duncan MacMillan Director and President,  
Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia)

Lubber, born and raised in Texas, combines traditional educational and work experiences with out-of-the-box aspects that fostered her unique perspectives on management and leadership. Lubber will share art and anecdotes from her beginnings as a research associate at the

Metropolitan Museum of Art, her dissertation on Albrecht Dürer, her time as CEO of an organic spice company, and her museum leadership experiences prior to arriving at Mia in January 2020—at the start of what proved to be a most extraordinary year.

Diane Boruff

11:45 - 12:00

Presidents' Hall

### **Recognition of Past Presidents**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe

Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

1:15 - 2:15

Presidents' Hall

### **Cycles of History in Hennepin County**

Speaker: John Crippen, Executive Director, Hennepin History Museum

We're living in a time of intense change, and yet our shared history continues to inform our world. Crippen will provide an overview of the work of Hennepin History Museum—our neighbor across the park—and highlight stories of how the people of our city and region have managed the interplay between tradition and change, old and new, and how key decisions can have ripple effects through time.

Karen Ringsrud

## *Electronic Bidding at the Gala*

We will use the online/electronic bidding system for this year's Gala. There will be lots of instruction and help available for you to learn how to bid from our computer or cell phone. Please visit the AAUW website Gala link to register as a bidder.

<https://aauwmpls.cbo.io>

Visit the website to preview the parties, venue tickets, and the silent and live auction items for purchase at this year's Gala.

With electronic bidding, everyone can bid on silent auction items, even if you don't come to the Gala. We hope to see you at *'20s Glam at the Gale*. If you are unable to attend the Gala, please participate by bidding online.

Gini Hickman and Betsy Parks, Gala Co-chairs

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## *Guest Policy . . .*

Prospective members and guests may attend up to three meetings each program year.

**Reservations:** When making a meal reservation for yourself and a guest, see page 48 to register online by the prior Wednesday 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.

## ***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 and Victoria Dunn

The list of books selected, both literature and non-fiction, for this year is found on page 13 of this Bulletin. Discussion of the book is facilitated by a branch member.

### **Great Decisions**

Presidents' Hall

Leaders: Marilyn Listvan, Joyce Prudden,  
Barb Taft, and Ruth Anderson

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

### **Hot Topics**

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

Join us for lively, interactive discussions on newsworthy events and more.

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## ***Bulletin Deadline***

October 6 is the due date for  
December, January, and February Bulletin items. Thanks.  
Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387  
mloliphant@charter.net

## ***Monday, September 27, 2021***

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 21

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

### ***Fresh Water for Flowers*** by Valérie Perrin

Discussion Leader: Gini Hickman

Violette Toussaint is the caretaker at a cemetery in a small town in Bourgogne, France. Her daily life is lived to the rhythms of the hilarious and touching confidences of mourners, random visitors, and her colleagues—three gravediggers, three groundskeepers, and a priest. They warm themselves in her lodge where laughter, companionship, and occasional tears mix with the coffee she offers them. Translated from original French—a glorious must read!

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

### ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***

by Isabel Wilkerson

Discussion Leader: Carol Sheldon

Wilkerson argues that our current social and political landscape derive from the infrastructure of human hierarchy developed 400 years ago when Europeans first came to America. This is a caste system that places whites at the top and blacks at the bottom. No one alive today is responsible for starting it, but Americans have inherited it and perpetuated it for generations. To move forward we must examine the past and the racial structures that prevent our national progress.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**

Leaders: Marilyn Listvan, Joyce Prudden, Barb Taft,  
Ruth Anderson



**Behind the Scenes at the Court House**

Speaker: Mary F. Moriarty, Former Hennepin County  
Chief Public Defender

How does the justice system treat those who are not well connected and can't afford a high-powered lawyer? How do politically appointed judges make their decisions, and how much are they influenced by outward pressure? Our speaker spent many years navigating this system trying to help those with the least amount of power and influence. She is now highly sought after to interpret court decisions and procedure.

Joyce Prudden

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***Mitten Collection***

Again this year we will collect gloves and mittens for the children of several Minneapolis Public Schools. Bring your donations on Mondays in October and November. Look for the Mitten Box.



## *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, Mary Morelli, is in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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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.

## ***Monday, October 4, 2021***

8:30 - 9:30

### **Clothing Drive for Adults and Children**

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

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

#### ***Radiant: The Dancer, the Scientist, and a Friendship Forged in Light***

Speaker: Liz Heinecke, Author, Lab Researcher, Science Communicator

Heinecke has loved science since she was old enough to inspect her first butterfly. After working in molecular biology research for ten years and getting her master's degree, she became a stay-at-home mom and author. She will join us to tell the true story of an unlikely friendship between a dancer, Loie Fuller, and a scientist, Marie Curie, brought together by an illuminating discovery.

Lil Lindsey

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

#### **ADU: What, Where, and Why?**

Speaker: Christopher Strom, AIA, Architect, Christopher Strom Architects

An accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, is a relatively new type of residence that is often located on top of a detached garage. You may have heard these small dwellings referred to as a mother-in-law suite, granny flat, or above-garage apartment. Strom has been called the *ADU Guru* and will tell us all about this unique style of living space.

Shari Parsons

11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
   LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Marilyn Kemme

Guest Hostess: Sheila Lind

Development Committee

Association Room

Public Policy Committee

Fellowships Room

Nominating Committee

Porch

1:15 - 2:15                      EDUCATION                      Presidents' Hall

**College Transition Program for Underserved  
Populations**

Speaker: Dr. Buffy Smith, Interim Dean, Dougherty  
Family College, University of St. Thomas

How do we answer the desire to go to college for our underserved populations—minorities, immigrants, and children whose parents did not attend college? The University of St. Thomas offers an AA degree designed to propel students toward success and provide a smooth transition to a four-year degree. The two-year program is for inspired students who want to obtain a four-year college degree and face financial or social obstacles on the way to their goal. Come and hear about their successes.

Becky Farber

## ***Monday, October 11, 2021***

8:30 - 9:30      **Passage Community Collection**

Community Outreach Committee volunteers will be in front of the Gale Mansion to receive your donations.

9:30 - 10:30              I AM WOMAN              Presidents' Hall

### ***Quiet Resistance: The Value of Personal Defiance***

Speaker: Tamara Fakhoury, PhD, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Philosophy, University of  
Minnesota

Resisting oppression tends to evoke images of picket lines and crowds of protestors demanding large-scale change. But not all resistance is publicly broadcast or aims to achieve a political goal. Fakhoury describes and defends Quiet Resistance, a form of resistance that is characteristically performed for personal reasons, as opposed to reasons of justice. One Quietly Resists by doing something that one loves but is forbidden by their oppression.

Nell Wegmann

10:45 - 11:45              PUBLIC POLICY              Presidents' Hall

### **The Threat of Right-Wing Supremacy: Old Ideas, New Expressions**

Speaker: Lisa K. Waldner, PhD, Associate Dean, College  
of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Sociology and  
Criminal Justice, University of St. Thomas

Experience a presentation that provides context for understanding the various right-wing groups that promote

white supremacy. Some of the photos in the presentation will provide evidence that the groups have not abandoned their racist ideology but are framed in different ways to appeal to the mainstream. This is not a new phenomenon, but social media makes it much easier to spread these messages. Some examples of groups operating in Minnesota will be highlighted.

Gini Hickman

11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
                         BUSINESS MEETING  
                         LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Cindy Matsumoto  
Guest Hostess: Karen Landro

Program Committee	Association Room
Technology Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 - 2:15              HEALTH Presidents' Hall on Zoom

***Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, and  
the Corruption of Science***

Speaker: Carey Gillam, Investigative Journalist, Author

Carey Gillam, Rachel Carson Book Award winner, sparked a global uproar with her book, *Whitewash*, about the lengths the agrochemical industry has gone to hide the risks of commonly used pesticides. Gillam will discuss what her investigative work has revealed about the dangers to our health, the environment, and the foods we eat every day.

Lil Lindsey

***Monday, October 18, 2021***

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

**What's Wrong With K-12 in Minnesota?  
Why the Page Amendment Will Not Fix It**

Speaker: David Schultz, Distinguished Professor,  
Departments of Political Science, Legal Studies,  
and Environmental Studies, Hamline University  
Professor of Law, University of Minnesota

Minnesota has the worst disparities in the nation across several measures. Among the fixes is a constitutional amendment proposed by Neel Kashkari and Alan Page. Shultz will speak about the nature of the disparities, what is wrong with the proposed constitutional amendment, and what needs to be done to address the disparities.

Carole Clemens

10:45 - 11:45

LITERARY PURSUITS

Presidents' Hall

**Writing the End of the Road**

Speaker: Sarah Stonich, Author

In Minnesota border country environments that are harsh and breathtaking in the same moment, Stonich writes characters as varied as the landscapes. Her Northern Trilogy, beginning with *Vacationland*, followed by *Laurentian Divide*, have been widely read across the Midwest and several Canadian provinces. Stonich will talk about creating this world, and will share some of her work-in-progress in the third volume, *Watershed*.

Georgia Wiebe

11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
   LUNCHEON

Lead Hostess: Georgia Wiebe  
Guest Hostess: Judy Geppert

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Marketing Committee	Minneapolis Room
Nominating Committee	Porch

1:15 -12:15              FAIR PLAY    Presidents' Hall on Zoom

**Sacrificed for Telling the Truth**

Speaker: Thomas Drake, Former National Security Agency  
Senior Executive, Whistleblower

Winner of the Ridenhour Prize for truth-telling, Drake is a whistleblower who has dedicated his life to safeguarding his country. He writes, "I did not take an oath to support and defend government illegalities, violations of the Constitution, or turn a blind eye to massive fraud, waste, and abuse." Hear his compelling story that made national headlines.

Lil Lindsey

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***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 Mary Morelli in the AAUW office.

## ***Monday, October 25, 2021***

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

Please see the Bulletin page 21

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION          Heritage Room

***Meet Me at the Museum*** by Anne Youngson

Discussion Leader: Elaine Kirk

When the curator of a Danish museum responds to an inquiry about ancient exhibits, he doesn't expect a reply. When Tina Hopgood first wrote it, neither did she. Oceans apart, an unexpected correspondence flourishes as they discover a mutual passion for history and nature and share their lives. But when Tina's letters suddenly cease, Anders is thrown into despair. Can this unlikely friendship survive?

BEADING

Dining Room

Leader: Ann Vanvick

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

HOT TOPICS

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

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

TRAVEL

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Magnificent Albatrosses of Midway Atoll**

Leader: Jan McLandsborough



Dr. Elizabeth Rave, biology professor at Bemidji State University, will take us on photographic journey describing her travels to Midway Atoll studying the magnificent Laysan and blackfooted albatrosses.

10:45 - 11:45      I AM WOMAN      Presidents' Hall

### **Working for Women in the Minnesota State Legislature**

Speakers: Representative Kelly Moller (DFL)  
Representative Marion O'Neill (GOP)  
Senator Kari Dziedzic (DFL)

Women at the Legislature are shaping policy and making a difference in the lives of Minnesotans. In this presentation, Representative Moller, Representative O'Neill, and Senator Dziedzic will talk about "legislating while female"—how being a woman has affected their paths to getting elected, the bills they've carried, and their fight for a massive overhaul of Minnesota's criminal sexual conduct statutes.

Sue Reiber

11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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Lead Hostess: Elaine Braun  
Guest Hostess: Vicki Dunn

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**Art Appreciation:  
Unexpected Inspiration and Influences**

Speaker: Heidi Libera, Marketing Director, Art Director,  
Designer, Artist, and Publishing Contributor

Libera will share stories of her lifelong journey as an artist, while balancing her family life and professional life as a creative director and marketing director. She chose a somewhat adventurous path of unexpected friendships, influences, opportunities, and inspiration.

Pamela Diamond

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**Another Branch Benefit:  
Pay It Forward**

In order to help make lunches more affordable to those who find eating out each week beyond their budgets, members can obtain a "Pay It Forward" envelope containing \$20 in cash to pay for lunch. Ask Mary Morelli 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 Wednesday at noon.

To keep the box stocked with envelopes, anyone who would like to fill an envelope with \$20 cash (correct change) can "Pay It Forward." You can find empty envelopes for donations in the box. By being discreet, no one will know if you are donating or using the \$20. Hopefully this will allow some members to lunch with us more often.

## **WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY**

Ann Patchett sums it up well: Reading fiction is important. It is a vital means of imagining a life other than our own, which in turn makes us more empathic beings. Following complex story lines stretches our brains beyond the 140 characters of sound-bite thinking, and staying within the world of a novel gives us the ability to be quiet and alone, two skills that are disappearing faster than the polar icecaps.

Your AAUW Library tries to supply you with the latest books: literary fiction, popular fiction, mysteries, memoirs, and non-fiction. Sorry, our science fiction and fantasy collections are quite limited. We try to provide a diverse selection that reflects many cultures. Our sudden closing in March 2020 because of the pandemic left many checked out books with our members. When we resume our meetings, **PLEASE BRING BACK THOSE BOOKS.** There are no fines for overdue books. We're just grateful when the books are returned. These are your books and we want you to enjoy them.

The library sells used books donated by our members. Hardcover are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. Proceeds from the sales allows 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. Many of us worked jigsaw puzzles during our COVID-19 confinement and have accumulated quite a few of them. On a trial basis, we will also sell jigsaw puzzles at \$1 each. Please bring us your puzzles. You are always welcome in the library. Come in and see what books we have—our selection of best sellers may surprise you. We would like to think we can provide you with your reading needs. We look forward to seeing you.

Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Chair, Library Committee

***Monday, November 1, 2021***

9:30 - 10:30

FAIR PLAY    Presidents' Hall

**Child Care: Are We on the Brink of a Revolution?**

Speaker: Clare Sanford, Director of Government and  
Community Relations, New Horizon Academy

Minnesota child care was already in crisis, and the pandemic further elevated the fragility of our support systems for working families. We have an unprecedented opportunity to change thinking about child care as a public good vs. a private benefit, and we'll discuss what needs to happen to turn this opportunity from an experiment into an ongoing reality.

Alice Stark

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

**Native American Residential Schools**

Speaker: Katrina Phillips, Professor of American Indian History at Macalester College, Member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe

For generations, indigenous children in the United States and Canada were forcibly sent to boarding schools to assimilate. Exactly what happened at those schools is still being uncovered. What do we know about what happened at these schools? How does this information impact current indigenous communities?

Lora Opsahl



## ***Monday, November 8, 2021***

9:30 - 10:30

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

### **Science: Not Just for Scientists Any More**

Speaker: Andrea Lorek Strauss, Extension Educator/  
Extension Professor, University of Minnesota

Around the world, amateur scientists are contributing to scientific research. This is the essence of *citizen science*. From uploading nature observations, to pinning GPS locations of potholes, to helping transcribe historical medical records, citizen scientists are collecting vast bodies of information. This presentation will explain this new way of doing science and help you discover how YOU, regardless of your science background, can help answer real science questions.

Leslie Swenson

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

### **Pandemic and COVID-19 Coronavirus: Current Update**

Speaker: Jan Malcolm, Commissioner of Health,  
Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), **or**  
Kris Ehresmann, Director of Infectious Disease  
Epidemiology, Prevention, and Control, MDH;  
Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota

A presenter has been confirmed, but we are unsure at the time of printing, which official will be available to speak. It depends on their schedules and will be decided by

them later. An update will be announced in the President's weekly newsletter.

Beverly Erickson

11:45 - Noon            ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Visualizing Scientific Discoveries**

Speaker: Dr. C. Leigh Allen, Assistant Director, Institute for Therapeutics Discovery and Development, and Assistant to Department Head, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Minnesota

Allen is a structural biologist who looks at the building blocks of living things on a molecular level. Both a scientist and an artist, she uses X-ray crystallography to explain scientific discoveries and make them visually interesting. She will show us new ways of looking at biomedical problems as part of the effort to discover new drugs.

Ellen Hughes

## ***Monday, November 15, 2021***

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

### **Mr. Minneapolis and More**

Speaker: Jim Walsh, Veteran Twin Cities Writer,  
Journalist, Author, and Songwriter

In the past 30 years, you may have read his writings in the Southwest Journal, Pioneer Press, or MinnPost, listened to the music of several of his local bands, or read his books on the local music scene which include Prince and The Replacements. His new book, *Fear and Loving in South Minneapolis*, is a collection of stories centering around his everyday interactions with ordinary people.

Vicki Dunn

10:45 - 11:45 FAIR PLAY Presidents' Hall

### **What is the unPrison Project?**

Speaker: Deborah Jiang-Stein, Founder and CEO,  
unPrison

Jiang-Stein will speak about finding and using purpose to serve others. She is a national speaker, activist, and mother. The unPrison Project works to empower and inspire women and girls with mentoring, hope, and reading skills for success in life after prison. For more than 10 years, she has championed support for people in need of food, housing, and job security. Jiang-Stein is author of the memoir, *Prison Baby*.

Dot Lilja



11:45 - Noon      ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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1:15 - 2:15                      PUBLIC POLICY      Presidents' Hall

**What is a Welcoming City?  
Immigrant and Refugee Inclusion in the City of  
Minneapolis**

Speaker: Michelle C. Rivero, Director, Office of  
Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA)

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) helps to ensure that Minneapolis is welcoming to the city's immigrant and refugee residents. Rivero will address immigrant and refugee inclusion—strategies that promote civic engagement, leadership, health, safety, education, workforce development, and additional opportunities for residents of Minneapolis. Ways that community members can lend energy and support to existing initiatives and new opportunities will be identified. Rivero will also address why now is a critical moment for action on initiatives at the federal, state, and local level to advance immigrant and refugee inclusion in Minneapolis.

Kay Kessel

## ***Monday, November 22, 2021***

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

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LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

***The Two-Family House*** by Linda Cohen Loigman  
Discussion Leader: Jan McLandsborough

In this poignant, yet fast-paced family saga, two women share a terrible secret that binds them for life, yet has the power to destroy everything they love most. Loigman turns a story about complex family dynamics into an engrossing novel.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

***Wait Till Next Year*** by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Discussion Leader: DeDe Scanlon

Set in the New York suburbs in the 1950s, this book recreates the postwar era, when the obsessed neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodgers, Giants, and Yankee fans. Goodwin describes how her mother's death and the Dodgers leaving Brooklyn in 1957 marked both the end of an era and the end of her childhood.

GREAT DECISIONS Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Climate Change and the Global Order**

Leaders: Marilyn Listvan, Joyce Prudden,  
Barb Taft, and Ruth Anderson

National flags are being planted by submarines below the North Pole to stake claim on potential resources they can exploit in the rapidly thawing areas. Why are political priorities based on competition rather than international cooperation to combat climate change? Russia, Norway, Denmark, Canada, and the United States all have made overlapping claims. Learn of the global challenge of politics at the water's edge.

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Epigenetics and Chronic Pain:  
What Is It and Why Should I Care?**

Speaker: Laura Stone, PhD, Professor of Anesthesiology,  
University of Minnesota Medical School,  
Pharmacology Faculty

Chronic pain affects approximately 20% of adults and costs about \$600 billion/year in the United States alone. Existing treatments are often ineffective or have undesired consequences which includes the risk of opioid misuse.

The term epigenetics refers to DNA modifications that alter gene expression without changing the genetic code. Environmental factors (experiences and lifestyle) result in epigenetic modifications that change biology and disease risk.

The emerging field of pain epigenetics utilizes programming from previous experiences that may impact the development and severity of chronic pain. Targeting the pain epigenome with either drugs or lifestyle-based interventions represents a new promising approach to the treatment of chronic pain.

Marilyn Listvan

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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1:15 - 2:15                      ENVIRONMENT      Presidents' Hall

### **Rethinking Your Wardrobe**

Speaker: Kristen McCoy, Rethink Tailoring

The fashion industry is broken. The mission at Rethink Tailoring is to get as many garments that already exist back into rotation and to make it easier to build a sustainable wardrobe. McCoy considers herself equal parts professional tailor, upcycler, clothing designer, and problem solver. She loves to upcycle people's wardrobes for them or teach them how to do it themselves.

Nell Wegmann

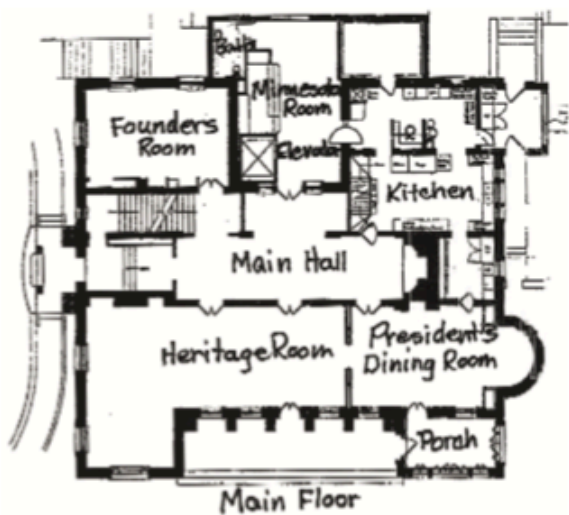
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### ***Member Pictures Available Online***

To see the photos: go to the AAUW branch website:

**[minneapolis-mn.aauw.net](http://minneapolis-mn.aauw.net)**

## Gale Mansion Floor Plan



***Monday, November 29, 2021***

***Focus Day***

**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

As the pandemic and the political map changed course every few weeks, families had to deal with pressures and adjust. There were moments of great joy—and tension—when family members did not agree. We will examine these issues in depth and seek answers. Then we will include some humor to help keep us laughing and looking at life on the brighter side.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

**Family Bonds in a Time of Polarization**

Speaker: Bill Doherty, PhD, Family Social Science,  
University of Minnesota, Minnesota Couples  
on the Brink Project, Braver Angels

Extended families may be the last bastion of political and values diversity in the land. Contemporary family members need attitudes and skills for managing differences in a media-saturated world that specializes in outrage and division. Doherty will describe how sectarianism in society has invaded family life and will offer several key attitudes and skills that can apply across many dimensions of family life. He will also show a video depicting how he worked with a couple dealing with their political differences.

Linda Rebane

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

**Women, Work, and What's Next:  
Labor Force Insights During the Pandemic and  
Recovery**



## *Meal Policy . . .*

### **To sign up for lunch:**

**Reserve your lunch prior to noon on the Wednesday before a meeting** using either method below. You will receive an email on Thursday with the list of people who have reserved. Here is how to sign up:

1) Sign up using the online system: <https://signup.com/login/entry/104072396041>

**Or**

2) Send an email to:  
[aauwreservations@galemansion.com](mailto:aauwreservations@galemansion.com)

If you need **to cancel your reservation** do so prior to noon on the Wednesday before the Monday program by going to either address listed above. If you make a meal reservation but are unable to stay for lunch and have not cancelled your reservation, you are expected to pay for that meal, as a meal was prepared for you.

The cost for lunch is \$20. You may pay by **cash/credit card** in the main hall before the first program or during the morning break. If you arrive later than 10:45 a.m., please check in at the office.

**There will be a very limited number of same day reservations.** To make a same day reservation, you may put your name on the list as soon as you arrive at the Gale. You will be informed later that day if there is availability.

To be automatically registered for lunch each Monday, sign up for **The Permanent Lunch Reservation List**. You can do this using the online system which will direct you on how to sign up for this list. If you cannot be



there for lunch on a given Monday, you must cancel by using the online system or by sending an email to [aaauwmpls@galemansion.com](mailto:aaauwmpls@galemansion.com) for assistance. If you forget to cancel, you are responsible to pay for the meal.

Special meals are available for those with dietary concerns. Go to the AAUW office for details and application form.

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