

Where to Find . . .

	Page
About Our House	9
Book Lists for Discussions	6
Branch Officers and Board Meetings	7
Gale Floor Map	39
Guest Policy	4
Holiday Lights	19
Leadership Message	2
Meal Reservations	40
Weather Cancellation of a Program Day . . .	25

Program Topics . . .

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

Focus Days . . .

- January 31: Tribalism
- May 2: International Day: Iran

Leadership Message

From the President . . .

It is wonderful to be back at the Gale Mansion meeting in person. As I write this letter in October, it continues to feel “new” to be meeting in person and enjoying great programs, delicious lunches, and visiting with friends. Last May we had no idea of the Delta variant coming our way that has continued to make meeting in person more challenging. We have adopted policies to wear masks while not eating or drinking, to have the chairs spaced farther apart in the Presidents’ Hall, and tables spaced apart as well. For our members with health concerns that do not permit in-person meetings, we continue to offer our programs on Zoom. Every one of our committees worked together so that we could open and enjoy this time. Thank you to the committee chairs, the members, and to all who attend and enjoy in person or at home.

Our Program and Technology Committees merit special recognition as they worked diligently during the summer so that we can enjoy speakers in Presidents’ Hall. The purchase of a camera and tripod plus the equipment to operate two computers so that the programs show on the big screen in the hall as well as broadcast on Zoom has ushered in a new era of technology for us. Members with hearing loss also can read the closed captioning on the Zoom screen. I encourage you during a break to admire this high-tech equipment from a distance and commend our members who learned to operate it. Without the work of our informed and talented Program Committees, we would not have the array of interesting and timely programs. We give thanks to both committees.

The familiar aspects of being at the Gale on Mondays are comforting. The Gale sparkles due to the loving care of our House Committee. The Membership Committee is again

greeting us at the door and welcoming guests. The library is also a gathering place on Mondays as we once again may check out books. Community Outreach collected donations for Passage Community and From Me to You. Sue Kearns is again snapping photos of members and speakers. We have adopted a new system for lunch reservations and payments that is now smoothly in place as we once again enjoy delicious lunches. As in the past, it is difficult to get everybody into Presidents' Hall in a timely manner, and cell phones continue to disrupt. It is wonderful to be in person again and have a return to "normal."

The wonderfully themed gala, '*20s Glam at the Gale* was a joyous event as we were able to be in person for the party. Co-chairs Gini Hickman and Betsy Parks along with the committee members planned a fun party with activities and entertainment. We adapted to the continuing COVID restrictions by having the Gala throughout the house. Members and guests had the opportunity to bid online on ClickBid for wonderful vacation getaways, experiences, and certificates to restaurants and shops. Thank you to all who participated.

The Scholarship Board sent checks to our nine scholars' universities and colleges in August. They also voted to form an additional Legacy Scholarship that allows donated money to be awarded over four years to name a new scholar. That means that next year we will be awarding four new scholarships and renewing six, so we will have a total of ten scholars.

Our Gale business was in full operation this summer and fall. General Manager Karen Hancock and Chef Anthony Thomas developed new menus for our clients and our member's lunches. Karen Hancock listed the Gale Mansion with the Minnesota Film Board and

(Please see next page.)

The Bachelorette called! We will let you know as soon as we learn when the episode of *The Bachelorette* can be viewed. We are eager to host additional events so please recommend us to your friends.

We have again successfully adapted to the changing conditions of the pandemic. My hope is that all of you are proud of and pleased about the ways in which we have modified our practices. We continue to offer three relevant programs each Monday as we continue our work to promote education and equity for women and girls.

Diane Boruff, President
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2020-2022

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 40 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, it is 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 Table on first floor.

AAUW Funds . . .

What is AAUW Funds Doing to Encourage Action?

National AAUW has Public Policy Committees and staff working to educate about the issues that reflect AAUW priorities. Together, we can reach gender equality in education, economic security, and leadership. You can learn more about our priority issues and how we can work to achieve our mission: Equity for all.

Go to the AAUW website, aauw.org. Listed under the Take Action tab, you will find: Explore the Issues, Get Empowered, and Take Action.

One of the ways you can take action is to sign up for the Two Minute Activist. You will receive regular email alerts so that you can familiarize yourself with the latest issues and send an email or text to your members of Congress in just two minutes.

As of October, one of the many actions on this website under the Workplace and Economic Equity tab is encouraging Congress members to pass a budget with paid family leave or child care. Education's top issue is the student debt crisis. Civil Rights is highlighting the Freedom to Vote Act.

AAUW has an Advocacy Toolkit with a variety of tactics and actions you can take.

There is also the AAUW Action Fund which produces such things as Get Out the Vote and voter education resources.

Check it out!

Joyce Prudden, AAUW Funds 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

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, January 5, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 9, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9, 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.

Membership . . .

Joining AAUW will enrich your life! Women and men who join AAUW embrace intellectual stimulation and meaningful friendships. The two go hand in hand at the Minneapolis Branch of AAUW. The stimulating speakers and topics engage us, keeping us informed in our ever-changing world. Our participation in planning programs and events creates opportunities to grow friendships within our group. Mondays at the Gale Mansion enhance members' lives.

The direction that we choose to look determines what we see. In a changing world, it can be difficult to find our direction. It is sometimes tempting to resist change while we cling to the past. Looking forward can be unsettling or hopeful or both. By engaging with an organization like AAUW, it becomes easier to appreciate the efforts that are underway to safeguard our world for future generations. Every week we experience stimulating presentations on current efforts to both preserve and develop our vibrant world. The majority of our committee work focuses on raising awareness and funds that will help to create opportunities for young women. This is our commitment to both young women and to the future. AAUW is an "eyes forward" organization.

"Eyes forward" energy and thought have gone into making the Gale Mansion a safe and healthy environment during the era of COVID-19. It is now possible to choose to participate remotely by attending the meetings and doing committee work on Zoom. Additionally, the programs are recorded and available to be viewed as individual schedules allow. In-person attendance on Mondays feels comfortable and safe due to the decisions and efforts that reflect widely accepted safety protocols. These safety measures include a recently updated air exchange system, social distanced seating, required use of masks, full vaccination, and adherence to CDC guidelines.

Thanks to forward-focused leadership and group effort, the experience can be fully engaging either remotely or in person.

Choose the direction that you look and see possibilities. Join AAUW!

Ellen Copperud and Rita Britton
Co-chairs of the Membership Committee

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 Maurelli is in the office Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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. Contact General Manager Karen Hancock at 612-870-1662 or events@galemansion.com for information.

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund . . .

McCabe Family Establishes Legacy Scholarship



Beth McCabe was a much-loved and active member of AAUW. When she died in spring 2021, her two sons, Aaron and James, approached the Branch about establishing a scholarship in her name. Beth was a stellar teacher who worked in the Robbinsdale Public Schools so a scholarship for a young woman through AAUW seemed a fitting tribute, supporting young women through an organization she loved.

The Scholarship Fund of the Minneapolis Branch was founded to support the dreams of young women graduating from the Minneapolis Public Schools. Presently, nine scholars are receiving funds to support their education. Next year, the 2022-26 Legacy Scholarship in Beth McCabe's name and the Nadia Christensen Endowed Named Scholarship will provide two more graduating seniors with four-year scholarships. In addition, two new scholars will be

named as two current students are graduating. The need is great, with many past and current scholars coming from families without the resources to support their education. Many are the first in their families to go to college.

The Scholarship Board provides a mentor to each student. Mentors act as cheerleaders, offer shoulders to lean on, and provide ideas for where to access support when needed. Our scholars are working towards degrees in a variety of fields, such as health and engineering. They are focused on using their education to improve the community. They are, as a group, remarkable!

Currently, there are several ways to help these students succeed. Donations made through the annual Gala fundraiser, the December “Ask” letter, and spring solicitations combine to make a lasting impact on young women. The new Legacy Scholarship option requires an up-front donation of the cost of a scholarship for four years, currently approaching \$20,000. An endowed, named scholarship, such as the Nadia Christensen Named Scholarship, requires a \$100,000 donation that earns interest to provide a new scholarship every four years. Bequests and memorial gifts also have helped the Fund’s endowment grow.

Donations in any amount are welcome and have sustained the program for more than twenty years, making a profound difference in the lives of these scholars. The Scholarship Board is very grateful for your generous and continued support.

Ginny Craig, President
AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board

House Management Committee . . .

AAUW has risen to the challenge presented by this dread virus. The Technology Committee can now present our speakers in person in the Presidents' Hall and simultaneously on Zoom for those hesitant to meet in person. Masks are the costume of the day. One delightful result of meeting in person at the Gale Mansion is the opportunity to enjoy the delicious meals prepared by Chef Anthony Thomas. Change is inevitable, and our new chef is a happy choice for us.

A sign of the times is the removal of the giant elm tree behind the Presidents' Hall. It was likely planted when the Gale Mansion was built in 1912, and it has towered over the building since. The Minneapolis Park Board's urban forester marked it as diseased and mandated that it must be removed. We accepted the bid from Birch Tree Company to remove it.

Because of concern about air quality in the mansion, funds were donated to buy Medify-40 air purifiers with HEPA filters which can clean the air in 850 square feet within 30 minutes. These reduce as much as possible the presence of the virus. We already have good air filtration in the Presidents' Hall where the equipment has been recently updated.

Could we possibly be any better equipped to meet the future? Well, yes. We need a new ice machine, a replacement of the second air conditioning system which cools the other half of the mansion, and finally a new furnace to replace the one installed in 1963 when the Presidents' Hall was built. These are the responsibility of PPDF which, right now, is pretty well depleted by the cost of the new roof which was installed last summer. Lest we become complacent, we have new adventures to face.

Take heart. We were chosen as a site to film an episode of the TV series, *The Bachelorette*. Now you can bask in the knowledge that we have become famous!

Ellen Hughes, House Committee Chair

Courtesy Requests

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

- Check to see that your cell phone and other electronic devices are turned off or silenced.
- Reserve the two front rows in the Presidents' Hall on the west side for those with walkers or wheelchairs.
- Leave seating open near the aisles and in the back for those who come late.
- Refrain from talking and whispering as soon as a speaker reaches the podium and during the presentation.
- Be sensitive to distractions caused by bags or containers.
- Stand, if you are able, and identify yourself when asking questions. If you are unable to hear the speaker, please move closer to the front. 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 waitstaff 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, 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.



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. **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 allow us to buy more books for the collection. **PLEASE BRING US YOUR USED BOOKS.** We prefer fiction no older than five years as 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, Library Committee Chair

Monday, December 6, 2021

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

The Great Art Pivot

Speaker: Michelle Courtright, CEO, Walrus Art Gallery

After losing her plant-based restaurant to COVID in 2020, Courtright will speak about her new project that connects BIPOC artists with mainstream art consumers and encourages art as therapy. Walrus is a gallery of affordable wall art in North Minneapolis and prioritizes work from communities that are typically underrepresented in galleries.

Pam Diamond

10:45 - 11:45

LITERARY PURSUITS

Presidents' Hall

A Writer's Journey: From Teacher to Author and Back Again

Speaker: David LaRochelle, Author

LaRochelle, a three-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award, has been creating books for young people for over thirty years. He will describe how he transitioned from an elementary school teacher to a creator of children's books. He will also share the writing process behind several of his picture books, and read a few favorite stories to the audience. White Bear Lake is his home where he loves to read, play games, and carve creative pumpkins.

Thank you to Subtext Books for providing the author's books for sale.

Muriel Thompson

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 I AM WOMAN Presidents' Hall

My Journey as a Woman in Artificial Intelligence

Speaker: Maria Gini, PhD, Distinguished Professor,
College of Science and Engineering, University
of Minnesota

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a dominant field in computing. Unfortunately, women are still severely underrepresented in computing. What is the situation in AI? Gini will share information on women in AI, her personal story as an immigrant to the United States, and her adaptation to American culture.

Nell Wegman



Gala hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Anthony Thomas

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 each month with Hot Topics.

Book Discussion

Heritage Room

Leaders: Elaine Kirk and Victoria Dunn

The list of books selected, both literature and non-fiction, is found on page 6 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.

Bulletin Deadline

January 5, 2022 is the due date for
March, April, and May Bulletin items. Thanks.

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

Monday, December 13, 2021

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 noon 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 are open November 8 until full.

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

Nancy Sjoquist, Holiday Lights Committee Chair

Monday, January 3, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

I AM WOMAN Presidents' Hall

Girl Activist: Changing the Name of Ramsey Middle School to Justice Page Middle School

Speaker: Olivia Bordon, Graduate and Valedictorian,
Minneapolis Washburn High School; Freshman
Student, Wesleyan University

After learning about Alexander Ramsey's role in Minnesota history as sixth graders, students at Ramsey Middle School wished their school had a different name. However, many of them believed something as big as a name change was unrealistic and completely out of their control as students. Bordon disagreed, and the fun, rewarding, and inspiring fight to "Rename Ramsey" began. This student-driven effort changed the future for the current students and students to come.

Sue Kearns

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Plastics: Challenges, Opportunities, and Alternatives

Speakers: Kala Fisher, Solid Waste Manager for the City of
St. Louis Park
Emily Barker, Executive Director of ReUse
Minnesota

Have you ever searched for the recycling triangle on a plastic container and then wondered if the container was even recyclable? Plastics can be confusing and are on the

minds of many people these days: how to recycle them responsibly; their impact on our planet; and what we can do to prevent plastic pollution. Fisher, solid waste manager for St. Louis Park, will discuss recycling markets and which plastics can be recycled. Barker from ReUse Minnesota will share opportunities to reduce plastic consumption through waste prevention and reuse.

Diana Kamp

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 FAIR PLAY Presidents' Hall on Zoom
Protecting Social Security

Speaker: Nancy Altman, President, Social Security Works

Altman will speak about the importance of protecting and expanding Social Security for everyone. She will discuss Social Security's particularly key role in promoting economic security for women and people of color. Altman will also address the legislative outlook for Social Security expansion legislation and how we can advocate to make this essential program even stronger.

Barb Link

Member Pictures Available Online

To access the photos see page 47 in the Directory.

Monday, January 10, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW):
Injustice in Minnesota**

Speaker: Nicole Martin Rogers, MPP, PhD, Senior Research
Manager at Wilder Research

Rogers will highlight the key findings about historical/root causes of MMIW injustice, systemic factors that contribute to putting Indigenous women and girls at greater risk of violence and exploitation, and key gaps and needs in the system. This presentation will include information about what AAUW members and all Minnesotans can do to advocate for solutions to MMIW injustice.

DeDe Scanlon

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Wondering about Cryptocurrency?

Speaker: Dr. Vivian Fang, Associate Professor and
Honeywell Professor of Accounting, Carlson
School of Management, University of Minnesota

Fang's talk will include a brief history of cryptocurrency, an overview of blockchain fundamentals including cryptography and consensus mechanisms, and a discussion of some enterprise applications of blockchain technology with a focus on supply chain management. If time permits, Fang will talk about new developments in the crypto market

like non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and decentralized finance (DeFi).

Ann Vanvick

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
BUSINESS MEETING
LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Diverse Linguistic and Cultural Education

Speaker: Natalia Álvarez Benjamín, 2021-22 Minnesota
Teacher of the Year

While our children see chaos and division in their world, the first educator of Latin American heritage to receive this prestigious award brings the calm sanctuary of hopefulness to her students. She is passionate about the liberation of marginalized students with the teaching of multilingual and multicultural education.

Lora Opsahl

AAUW Email

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

aauwmpls@galemansion.com

Monday, January 17, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

**The Spirit of Memphis:
Martin Luther King Jr. and the Dignity of Labor**

Speaker: William P. Jones, Historian, Author, and Professor,
University of Minnesota

Jones explores the long history of disrespecting essential workers and how Martin Luther King Jr.'s final campaign offers some lessons for respecting "the dignity of labor." Today, the effects of COVID-19 have drawn renewed attention to an injustice that dominated the final years of King's career: the workers who provide our society with its most essential services are rewarded with some of the lowest wages and the least respect for their labor.

Lil Lindsey

10:45 - 11:45

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

**Edible Insects: Food Security, Environmental
Stewardship, and Business Opportunities**

Speaker: Dr. Sujaya Rao, Head of the Department of
Entomology, University of Minnesota

Entomophagy is changing social perceptions about edible insects as food for humans. Rao's areas of interest include pest management in field crops, and behavior and ecology of native bee pollinators in agricultural and native landscapes. She said the best way to get rid of insects is to eat them! Studies that she has conducted have shown that people are

open to eating insects and using them in cooking. Insects can be a good source of protein. Her presentation will give us much food for thought.

Veronica Johnson

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

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

Quilting Magic: How One Quilt Shop Bloomed

Speaker: Carrie D'Andrea, Quilter, Member of Minneapolis Branch AAUW

On the corner of Bloomington and 34th Street in south Minneapolis, in an old grocery store, stood an amazing quilt shop—Glad Creations Quilt Block quilt shop. Opened in 1976, it was the center of the quilt world for 42 years, providing up-to-date fabric, notions, classes, quilt designs, mystery weekends, and more. Our speaker made her first quilt, an award winner, with their help and expertise.

Judy Romlin

BAD WEATHER CLOSING OF AAUW

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

**Minneapolis Snow Hotline
612-348-SNOW 612-348-7669**

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

Monday, January 24, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 18

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel

Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

This novel is a touching story of love and loss in World War II France which showcases the topics of wine making and the French Resistance efforts. Readers will enjoy this rarely covered facet of the war.

TRAVEL

TBD

Presidents' Hall

HOT TOPICS

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

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

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

Books as an Author's and Physician's Prescription for a Better Day and Life

Speaker: Dr. John Ingalls, Physician and Author

Mr. Ingalls' great-great-great grandparent was Laura Ingalls Wilder so it would seem he comes naturally to being a published author. He is Dr. Ingalls, a family physician in Wisconsin. He says that he writes to hopefully make a difference, one life at a time. Furthermore, he says stories are a prescription for a better day following along with the physician that he is. Stories can help us improve our relationships and get along in a difficult world. Dr. Ingalls

will share some insights into how he comes up with his stories and goes about making them into a book.

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

DNA Doe Project: Using Genetic Genealogy to Identify John and Jane Does

Nearly 850 deaths of unidentified individuals (both murdered and natural causes) occur in the United States each year. It is estimated that a total of 40,000 decedents remain unidentified. The DNA Doe Project, founded in 2017, has a simple humanitarian mission: to identify John and Jane Does using genetic genealogy. Learn how this all-volunteer organization has discovered the identity of more than 50 individuals, some of the cases dating back as far as 50 years.

Share Unused Toiletries

Lil Lindsey

Monday, January 31, 2022

Focus Day

TRIBALISM

The proverb “birds of a feather flock together” seems to describe our culture today. We tend to be members of political, social, and religious tribes, and as such, we are not only defined by those tribes, but we also show loyalty to them. We will look at where this tendency to be tribal comes from and what effects it has on our culture.

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents’ Hall

**Evolution of Group Living in Humans
and Other Animals**

Speaker: Michael Wilson, Professor, Department
of Anthropology and the Department of
Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior,
University of Minnesota

People join groups for a multitude of reasons including a sense of belonging, safety, or to share similar beliefs or sporting activities. This presentation tackles questions including: Why do we live in groups? What are costs and benefits of group life? How do human groups differ from those of our closest living relatives such as chimpanzees and bonobos? Join us to find out.

Rosemary Lawrence

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents’ Hall

Media, Political, and Sociological Divisions

Speaker: John Rash, Editorial Writer and Columnist for
the Star Tribune

Leslie Swenson

1:15 - 2:15 Presidents' Hall

Speaker: Libor Jany, Star Tribune Reporter

Forming gangs is a natural part of childhood and adolescence. Gangs show all the classic earmarks of being a tribe and therefore have benefits and disadvantages for their members and also for those not part of the gang. Our speaker will give us insight into some of the criminal gangs that operate in the Twin Cities and how they have changed in the past decade.

Rae Cornelius

Tribal Lands Acknowledgment

29

Monday, February 7, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Demystifying Cancer

Speaker: Jaime F. Modiano, VMD, PhD, Perlman Professor of Animal Oncology; Director, Animal Cancer Care and Research Program, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota

"It is impossible to create a world without cancer when you are dealing with multicellular individuals, but maybe we can take the mysticism and darkness out of it." Modiano will share some of his numerous research projects involving cancer genetics, including evolution-based, cancer-associated genomic changes in humans and companion animals. Research shows that interactions between tumors and their environment are essential for both tumor progression and control/abatement. Exciting progress is being made in understanding cancer at the University of Minnesota, and the NIH where Modiano is currently directing two different studies related to diagnosis and treatment of cancer in domesticated animals and people.

Ruth Anderson

10:45 - 11:45

FAIR PLAY

Presidents' Hall

**Trust Making: Catalyzing an Embodied Practice
through Authentic Welcome**

Speaker: Marnita Schroedl, CEO, Marnita's Table

Before there can be change, there must be trust. To achieve trust, there must be communication across difference. During this interactive, peer-to-peer session you will experience a nationally recognized experience engineering model, Intentional Social Interaction (IZI). Whether you want to expand your communication skills across difference, or seek to heal a great divide, this session provides tools, tips, and techniques that will continue to support you on your journey towards building peace in a diversifying world during this time of division. Take your seat at the Table!

Alice Stark

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 EDUCATION Presidents' Hall

Black Men Teach

Speaker: Marcus Flynn, Executive Director, Black Men Teach

What is the effect on children's sense of self if they see only teachers who do not look like them and do not relate to their life experiences? A Black man makes a world of difference in how Black students see themselves, how they come to value (or not) education, and where they see themselves in the future.

Lora Opsahl

Monday, February 14, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Police Reform: Changes and Improvements in Policing in 2022

Speaker: Superintendent Drew Evans, Superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Evans has been superintendent of the BCA since 2015. Prior to that he served in the BCA Homicide Unit and has police officer experience from White Bear Lake. He will discuss the task of building trust in law enforcement. Evans will talk about the BCA's role in the criminal justice system, the laws and circumstances that can prevent justice, and how law enforcement can work to build community trust and transparency in its work.

Nan Beman

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

Psychotherapy as a Medium for Advancing Social Equality and Justice

Speaker: Laura Balfour, LISW, Psychotherapist

Balfour recognizes intersectional theory through her focus on decolonizing mental health care, health care access, and centering stories that historically have been marginalized or underrepresented in our current supremacist systems.

Carrie D'Andrea

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
BUSINESS MEETING

LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

The Remarkable Eloise Butler and the Garden She Founded

Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Olson, President of the Board of
Friends of the Wildflower Garden

Eloise Butler was a Minneapolis high school botany teacher who would walk 10 miles with her students to a woodland to study its flora in what is today Theodore Wirth Regional Park. In 1907, Butler's and her fellow botany teachers' petition was accepted by the Park Board to establish a "natural botanic garden." Today we continue to learn about nature in the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary which also provides space for reflection and meditation.

Ann Roach

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 Marv Maurelli in the AAUW office.

Monday, February 21, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

AAUW Artistic Gardens II

Speaker: Ann Vanvick, Video Creator

What could be more delightful, in mid-winter when snow covers the ground, than to view beautiful colorful pictures of the 2021 summer gardens of AAUW members? Many responded to the invitations by sending pictures of the flowers and decorations in their gardens, yards, patios, decks, and porches. Some new gardens will be featured this year. Also included are quotes and music. Today's program is the resulting picture show created by Vanvick. Enjoy!

Ann Vanvick

10:45 - 11:45

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

The School-to-Prison Pipeline

Speaker: Letitia Basford, Professor of Education; Faculty Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Hamline University

What is the school-to-prison pipeline? How did it come to be? Whom does it affect? What impact has it had on learning opportunities for students in the United States? How can it be stopped?

Sharon Rowe

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

What Could Go Wrong?

Speaker: Matt Goldman, Author, Playwright, and Emmy Award-Winning TV Writer

Do you love reading a great twisty page turner that keeps you up way past your bedtime? Look no further than Goldman's books featuring Minneapolis PI Nils Shapiro, a working-class detective who consistently finds himself in the most precarious, unexpected, and dangerous situations.

Wendy Woodfill



**‘20s Glam
At the Gale**

Monday, February 28, 2022

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

Please see the Bulletin page 18

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson

Discussion Leader: DeDe Scanlon

This gutsy debut thriller about a black female FBI agent haunted by an old case delivers plenty of action while addressing thought-provoking issues of identity, belonging, and moral compromise. It embraces ambitions and concerns that don't always figure highly in the spy genre while remaining first and foremost a thriller.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders
and the Birth of the FBI*** by David Grann

Discussion Leader: Carole Clemens

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were the members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma after discovery of oil on their land. Then one by one, the Osage members began to die under mysterious circumstances. As the death toll climbed, the FBI took up the case as one of the organization's first major homicide investigations. This is a haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Industrial Policy**

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

The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

10:45 - 11:45

I AM WOMAN

Presidents' Hall

“Don’t Wear High Heels” One Woman’s Leadership Journey in a Predominantly Male Industry

Speaker: Claire Ferrara, President and Business Owner

Ferrara is the third generation owner of Standard Heating and Air Conditioning, a 91-year-old Twin Cities based HVAC business, with more than 100 employees. She will talk about the challenges she has experienced being a female in the trades, how that has shaped how she leads today, and why she is passionate about raising the profile of the opportunities for women in her industry. Her presentation will suggest how we can make the trades better for everyone.

Peg Pluimer

11:45 - Noon

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON**

(Please see next page)

1:15 - 2:15

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

Racial Justice

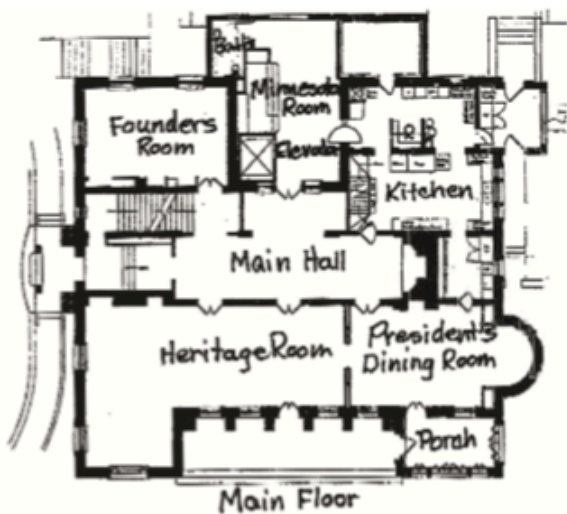
Speaker: Myron Medcalf, Star Tribune Columnist,
Senior Basketball Reporter,
Syndicated Radio Host with ESPN

Medcalf writes about issues that center on the Black and nonwhite community in Minnesota. He will talk about the reality regarding Minnesota's "racial reckoning" after the murder of George Floyd and the road ahead. He writes a semi-monthly piece for the Star Tribune.

Ann Vanvick



Gale Mansion Floor Plan



Meal Policy . . .

To sign up for lunch:

IMPORTANT: You MUST register for lunch in advance.

You do not need to register if you are attending the presentations only.

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.

How to sign up:

Sign up using the online system:

<https://signup.com/login/entry/104072396041>

or

Send an email to:

aauwreservations@galemansion.com

NOTE: We no longer are able to accept phone reservations or cancellations.

Payments will be accepted at the Gale. There will be two tables (Main Floor near elevator and Lower Level near restrooms) clearly marked check-in and pay. In addition to member payments, the table on the main level is the only location to pay for President's Table seating,

Late Registration. If you arrive later than 10:45 a.m., please check in at the office.

Checks are no longer accepted. Cash (\$20) will be accepted at the check-in tables and Mary Maurelli will process credit card payments in her second floor office.

At the time of payment you will receive a wrist band which will signify to the servers that you have paid for lunch.

If you need **to cancel your reservation** on a given Monday, do so prior to noon on the previous Wednesday using the online system or by sending an email to aauwreservations@galemansion.com for assistance. 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.

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 at the check-in tables as soon as you arrive at the Gale. You will be informed later that day if there is availability.

Special meals are available for those with dietary concerns. Go to the AAUW Office for details and a Special Diet form to complete.

Directory Changes and Additions

Information Changes

MEINEN, IRENE 612-812-6822

NIELSEN, SUSAN
P.O.Box 211, Aitkin, MN 56431

PETERSON, SUSAN 612-886-2764

RABY, JEAN 952-237-2082
5855 Cheshire Parkway North, Apt. #4402,
Plymouth, MN 55446

VEENHUIS, JOANNE
5200 Wayzata Blvd, #518, Golden Valley, MN 55416

VICTORSEN-WILLEY, LANEE 612-247-5231

New Members

DEMARAIS, LAKURA
2950 Dean Parkway, #1406, Minneapolis, MN 55416

FALK, AMALIA (Clarence) 612-309-4337
4144 Ewing Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410
mefalk2000@gmail.com
AA Coe College, BA Milton College Retired

SNYDER, SUSAN (Jerome) 612-964-0441
88974-A Neill Lake Road, Eden Prairie, MN
spsnyder41@aol.com
BA Metro State Security Manager

Omitted from Directory

MCLAIN, VIRGINIA (Ginny) Eleanor (Michael)
952-926-8653
3745 Huntington Ave S, St. Louis Park, MN 55416
ginnymike68@gmail.com
BS IA State U, BS U of MN Teacher Ass't

ROBERTSON, SHIELA Bressler (John)
612-922-0988
4127 Washburn Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410
srobertson55410@comcast.net Retired Teacher
BA U of CA Berkley, MS San Francisco State

Renewed Members

FISCHER, MAUREEN
8863 Hidden Oaks Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

GISSELQUIST, MERYL
9 Willow Lane, Elk River, MN 55330

KLOKER, SUE
4832 5th Ave So, Minneapolis, MN 55419

MCGANNON, BARBARA 952-494-7302
20350 Summerville Rd, Deephaven, MN 55331
mcgannonb@gmail.com
BA College of St. Benedict Retired

PUNDT, SALLY (Steven) 612-377-3529
456 Newton Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55405
sallypundt@gmail.com
BA Lawrence University Reading and ESL Teacher

WOODFILL, WENDY 612-240-7752
825 1st St S, Hopkins, MN 55343
wwoodfill@gmail.com
BA U of MN, MLS U of Wisconsin



**Bulletin of the Minneapolis Branch
American Association of University Women**

Editor: Marilyn Oliphant
20193 Kensington Way
Lakeville, MN 55044
952-469-4387
email: mloliphant@charter.net