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Leadership Message

From the President . . .

Welcome Spring

As we emerge from another winter of COVID we all look forward to the coming spring season. When we first shut down the Gale Mansion in March of 2020, I don't think any of us could have imagined that two years later we would still be adjusting to living with COVID. For me it was indeed better that I did not know how long this would or will continue as it allowed me and all of us to focus on what we could and can do. We have accomplished much as we adapted to the varying circumstances. I am thankful that we have been able to meet in person with safety precautions in place this 2021-2022 program year. We adjusted to Zoom last year and now offer that as an additional way to attend our programs and committee meetings. The tech team members work diligently every Monday allowing us to simultaneously offer programs in person and on Zoom. They deserve our highest praise and thanks. Without them we would not have had two years of continuing our missions.

AAUW program committees have another season of interesting Monday programs for us this spring. Academic studies now show that continued learning and curiosity help maintain our vitality and mental acuity. Thank you to our program committees that keep us abreast of current issues and learning new technology. We also have been able to celebrate our friendship and community with a very successful Garden Party, Opening Day, Gala, and Holiday Lights. Chatting Over Coffee sessions that began in March 2020 continue meeting on Zoom and provide another means for our AAUW members to connect. I thank all who contributed to make these programs and events possible for us to enjoy.

Community Outreach continues with donations to Whittier Neighborhood organizations of Passage Community, From Me to You, Whittier School, and Groveland Food Shelf.

Our purpose and work are ongoing as the Membership Committee is planning events to attract new members and to engage our current members. The House Committee continues to maintain our beloved Gale Mansion which was freshened with paint in the lower level and re-roofed last summer. Karen Hancock, General Manager, innovates and seeks new income through events such as The Bachelorette TV program which rented our Gale Mansion.

It is evident that we have a sense of purpose individually and as a group to be citizens engaged in our community. This year we have become reacquainted with the organizations that are our neighbors around Fair Oaks Park and joined with them to promote our neighborhood. The Scholarship Committee plans to award four new scholarships and continue scholarships to six students this year for a total of ten scholars. Public Policy has in the works a lobby day this spring at the Minnesota Capitol allowing us to advocate for equity with our legislators. We also prize the work of our national AAUW to promote education and equity through AAUW Funds.

I want to express to all of you that as my term as president comes to an end this May, I have been both humbled and honored to serve you. I am proud of all of you and all that we have accomplished together.

Diane Boruff, President
Minneapolis Branch AAUW 2020-2022

Passage Community Spring Collection: April 25, 2022

Twice yearly, we collect household supplies for families at the Passage Community. This transitional housing program for 17 homeless families is run by Simpson Housing Services, and is located near the Gale Mansion. While there, the focus is on breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Community support helps these families reach their goals.

Items needed include: laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, shampoo, soap, 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 April 25. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Jennifer Johnson, Community Outreach Committee

Professional and Casual Business Clothing Drive Plus Children: May 2, 2022

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

On Monday, **May 2nd**, *From Me To You* representatives will be in front of the Gale Mansion between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. You will be able to drive up and park briefly while volunteers help unload your donations. If you have any questions please call me at 612-741-2216.

Denny Scharlemann, Community Outreach Committee

Officers of the Branch

2021 - 2022

President	Diane Boruff
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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 on Zoom.

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 . . .

From the moment you are warmly greeted at the door or the Welcome Desk, you will enjoy the camaraderie of friends gathering to learn, enjoy each other's company, and support initiatives to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Each Monday, AAUW members experience programs to enrich their understanding of the world around us. Lunch time has tables throughout the house filling the rooms with laughter and good conversations. Then it is on to the afternoon program.

The way we support our mission is through the committees and their work. Community Outreach, for example, collects clothing, paper products, and mittens for our neighbors around the Gale Mansion. The House Committee maintains the Gale Mansion, and the Scholarship Committee gives four-year scholarships to ten young women attending colleges of their choice.

There are a variety of committees for members to join. No matter your talent, there is a committee for you. Joining a committee helps you become more connected with AAUW members with similar interests while supporting our mission for women and girls.

Zoom has continued this year. The Technology Committee has worked tirelessly the entire year year to update and maintain our technology capabilities so our programs can continue via Zoom. Besides Monday programing, we have Zoom chats during the week. The links to the chats are found in our weekly newsletter. Monday programs are recorded if permitted. You will find links to these programs in the newsletter and on our website.

No matter where you are, our Monday programming is available for you to access at the original time or when it is convenient for you to listen. Committee meetings and weekly chats are often available on Zoom.

AAUW members make up our committees and bring forward our mission. By becoming an AAUW member you will experience an enriching day, have weekly chats to enjoy, and be part of a committee supporting our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. **Join us!**

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

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.

House Management Committee . . .

Omicron, the latest variant of COVID-19, kept us all socially distant and wearing masks again all winter with many members still joining us on Zoom. With spring comes hope that we will overcome this disease and be able to enjoy having all of us together again in the Presidents' Hall.

We all hope that bookings will increase once the gardens turn green again and the alyssum and geraniums show themselves in the border plantings.

We greeted the new season with a new roof on the Gale Mansion. We hope for moderate weather until our Property Preservation Dedicated Fund (PPDF) acquires enough money to complete the repair of the air conditioning system.

Although we have been challenged as in no other time, we continue to offer outstanding programs by speakers who are at the cutting edge of their professions. The mansion looks its very best, and we are ready for a glamorous summer.

Ellen Hughes, House Management Vice President

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 Maurelli in the AAUW office.

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

Minneapolis Branch Scholarship Fund . . .

The last year has had many ups and downs. Ups included our return to regular sessions at the Gale and an in-person Gala.

Another big up has been the support from our membership for our Scholarship Fund. Because of the continuing generosity of members, in 2022-26 we will not only fund the Nadia Christensen Scholar and the Beth McCabe Legacy Scholar, but two additional “regular” scholarships! The Christensen Scholarship provides \$4,400 for each of four years, with a new scholar chosen every four years. The McCabe Legacy Scholarship provides \$4,000 per year for four years. The board approves scholarships when the Fund has money in hand to guarantee all four years. Last year, the Fund sent more than \$43,000 to colleges and universities for nine current scholars, and next year we will have ten scholars.

To ensure continued stability for the Fund, past boards and the current board have worked hard to ensure that our investments are sound and provide for increased growth. One goal is to continue to grow the endowment established for the Christensen Scholarship and other restricted donations which provide for at least two new scholarships each year.

None of this is possible without the generosity of members, who are the major source of funds. Your commitment to this work is critical and very much appreciated by the scholars and the board.

Scholarship board members are the heart of our efforts. One of the most important things board members do is to mentor students through all four years. The connections they make with students are meaningful to the scholars

and to the mentors, who describe mentoring as “fun and rewarding.” In February and March, the Scholarship Board will select the 2022-23 scholars, a weighty, but interesting, task.

The Scholarship Board recently voted to expand the board to twelve members. Nikki Annoni, DeDe Scanlon, and Nan Beman joined this board last fall. This spring we will be looking for replacements for three retiring board members: Kathy Cerra, Linda Blaisdell, Marylee Lyndahl, and one additional opening. If you think you might be interested in a Scholarship Board position, please contact Ginny Craig, or seek information from current board members. The job requires a four-year commitment (to align with mentoring students through four years of college). Qualifications for the position are a strong interest in helping make this one of the most visible ways we live out our mission of supporting equity for women and girls and and a desire to work with a collegial and hard-working board.

Ginny Craig, President
AAUW Minneapolis Scholarship Fund Board



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.



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 9 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

July 6, 2022 is the due date for September, October, and November Bulletin items. Thanks.
Marilyn Oliphant 952-469-4387

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

Our 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.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) . . .

Unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights, using the legal system to seek justice and change. LAF was created in 1981 by AAUW members and has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system.

LAF supports brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for equal pay, Title IX, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and tenure denial violations. It allocates \$100,000 annually to help fund landmark cases, such as *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* and *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents like *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*.

Joyce Prudden, AAUW Funds Chair

Monday, March 7, 2022

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

Children's Poetry and Readings

Speaker: Bao Phi, Program Director at The Loft Literary Center, Vietnamese-American Spoken Word Artist, Writer, and Community Activist

Finding very little material in America for his daughter to learn about Vietnam, Bao solved the problem by writing stories and poems that she would be able to listen to and read in order to learn about her home countries. This program will consist of readings from Bao's award-winning books and writings including: *Song I Sing*, a collection of poems centering on modern Vietnamese-Asian American life, *Thousand Star Hotel*, and a children's book, *A Different Pond*, which earned a prestigious Caldecott honor.

Carole Clemens

10:45 - 11:45 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Sustainable Investing

Speakers: Christine Ebert, Certified Financial Planner, Practitioner, Ameriprise Financial Services LLC
Yasmin Landy, CFA, Fidelity Institutional Manager
Nicole Connolly, Head of ESG and Portfolio Manager of the Fidelity Advisor Women's Leadership Fund

Landy and Connolly will provide an in-depth overview of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Investing. They will focus on investment philosophy and strategies incorporated within the Fidelity Advisor Women's Leadership Fund.

Phyllis Galbraith

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 HEALTH Presidents' Hall

Developmental Origins of Adult Health and Disease

Speaker: Dr. Michael Georgieff, Martin Lenz Harrison
Land Grant Professor of Pediatrics, Obstetrics
and Gynecology. Director, Masonic Institute
for the Developing Brain, University of
Minnesota

There is increasing evidence that the first 1,000 days post conception are critically important for health across the lifespan. Georgieff will present evidence for this concept of Developmental Origins of Adult Health and Disease as it relates to mental health and discuss what this means in terms of health policy for women in their child-bearing years and their young children.

Shiela Robertson

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, March 14, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

FAIR PLAY

Presidents' Hall

Children's Justice Initiative

Speaker: Lorie Gildea, Chief Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court

Gildea will talk about her path to joining the state's highest court, highlight the work of Minnesota's nation-leading court system, and share insights into her role as the head of the Minnesota Judicial Branch.

She will provide an in-depth overview of the Minnesota Children's Justice Initiative (CJI), a groundbreaking partnership between the Minnesota Judicial Branch and the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Over the past 20 years, the CJI has become a national model for finding safe, stable, permanent homes for abused and neglected children.

Barb Link

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Trademark Theater:

Twin Cities Hottest Young Artists Take on the Future of Theater

Speakers: Tyler Michaels King, Trademark Theater Artistic Director and Founder
Louise Chalfant, Retired Guthrie Theater Director of Education

In 2017 King launched Trademark Theater, a local company devoted to the creation, development, and production of new theatrical works. Why is theater important? What does the future of theater look like? What is Trademark's vision for establishing the Twin Cities as a national hub for the production of new plays? You will get to know the inner workings, challenges, successes, and dreams of this exciting new theater company.

Judy Romlin

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 BUSINESS MEETING
 LUNCHEON

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

**Relationships Built on Trust:
Lessons from Leading in Health Care**

Speaker: Andrea Walsh, President and CEO for
 Minnesota-based Health Partners

Growing up in a family rooted in medicine, Walsh has long appreciated the mission of improving health and well-being. Today, she leads one of the most highly regarded health systems in the nation. She will share perspectives on her path as a woman in health care leadership and offer thoughts on where the future of health care is leading us.

Bev Erickson

Monday, March 21, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

**Pending K-12 Civics Education Bills
and Possible Ways to Advocate**

Speaker: Lisa Larson, Retired, Nonpartisan Counsel for the
Minnesota House Education Committee

Larson's presentation will be divided into three parts: the importance and status of Minnesota House Representative Dean Urdahl's civics education bills; possible ways to advocate for those bills; and the importance of civic engagement for AAUW members, students (including poor and disadvantaged students), and citizens generally.

For a link to Larson's Guide for Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Minnesota Legislature, please read:

<https://lwv-wbla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/LisaLarson-short-citizenadvocacyguide15598.pdf>

Kay Kessel

10:45 - 11:45

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

COVID-19/Omicron: Nutrients, Diet, and Immunity

Speaker: Julie Jones, Professor Emeritus, Distinguished
Scholar of Food and Nutrition, St. Catherine
University

The emergence of COVID-19 and variants such as Delta and Omicron underscore the need for a strong immune system. Jones will briefly outline the immune system and show how nutrients and balanced diets are key to building a strong immune system response and reducing

the risk of contracting the virus. Jones will update the immune-supporting functions of vitamins, minerals, n-3 from fish, phytochemicals from different types of foods, and much more. Poor diets and underlying conditions with nutritional aspects such as type 2 diabetes and obesity will also be included.

Phyllis Galbraith

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

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

**Toxic Trauma in Early Childhood:
Its Importance to the Child and to Our Society**

Speaker: Megan Gunnar, PhD, Regents Professor,
Distinguished McKnight University Professor,
Institute of Child Development, University of
Minnesota, Director of the Minnesota
International Adoption Project, and Associate
Director of the Center for Neurobehavioral
Development

Gunnar will discuss new scientific studies which demonstrate the importance of very early childhood experiences. Toxic stress in the early months of life can change the brain, the immune system, and the person's ability to be resilient and cope throughout life. Our brains and bodies develop in the context of close relationships. Supporting those who are in relationships with young children creates the foundation for healthy brain development and a just and equitable future.

Carol Sheldon

Monday, March 28, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 14.

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior

Discussion Leader: Julie Ollila

Veronica McCreedy, 86 years old, divorced, and wealthy, is living a stale existence in her large manor home in the Scottish countryside. Seeking a way to distribute her vast wealth, she learns, through television, of the plight of Adelie penguins in Antarctica. Prior to committing her assets to the project, she hires a solicitor to find any living relatives. A literal and figurative Pandora's box opens, forcing her to confront her painful early life history.

HOT TOPICS

Founders Room

Leader: Lil Lindsey

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

TRAVEL

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Morocco in the Time of COVID**

Presenter: Heidi Girsch

This will be an interesting look at travel through the chaos of COVID to see how Morocco is dealing with its place in the global scene, from movie making to immigrants.

10:45 - 11:45

THE ARTS

Presidents' Hall

Icons of Nordic Art

Speaker: Max Stevenson, Director of Exhibitions,
Norway House

Starting with the rise of Norwegian art in the 19th century, Stevenson will discuss art in the Nordic countries where creators are embracing Nordic values such as freedom of expression, social equality, and community, through their art and design. Along the way, Stevenson will highlight important Nordic women in the arts and how they are helping inform the global art conversation.

Judy Romlin

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 ENVIRONMENT Presidents' Hall

Remnants of the Anthropocene

Speaker: Mary Kosuth, Research Assistant, PhD Student,
Division of Environmental Studies, University
of Minnesota School of Public Health

Slowly and quietly, science has been tracking microplastic pollution since the 1960s. The global scope of this contaminant is now much more widespread than previously imagined—reaching the outer limits of the biosphere from the depths of the Mariana Trench to the balcony of Mount Everest. Kosuth will focus on the latest research involving microplastic pollution in global commons as well as in human foods, beverages, and indoor environments. She will also examine some of the societal changes that contributed to this problem as well as describe the actions necessary to build a more ecologically sustainable future.

Phyllis Galbraith

Monday, April 4, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

EDUCATION

Presidents' Hall

AAUW Scholarship Recipients

Speakers: Two AAUW Scholarship Recipients

Are you curious about how AAUW scholarship recipients are doing? We've invited two young women to talk about their journeys in college, their career aspirations, and how the scholarships and mentoring are helping them to strive toward their career goals.

Ann Carlson

10:45 - 11:45

I AM WOMAN

Presidents' Hall

Opening Doors for Other Women

Speaker: Mayor Elizabeth Kautz of Burnsville, Minnesota

Kautz leads an all-woman Burnsville City Management Team including the city manager and police chief. She will describe 22 years as mayor, creating and completing many projects and programs in Burnsville, while working with other agencies and cities. An energetic woman of vision, Kautz will demonstrate her ability to visualize, communicate, and cooperate to implement changes for the future.

Bonnie Featherstone

11:45 - Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS
LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15

FAIR PLAY

Presidents' Hall

*Midnight in Vehicle City: General Motors, Flint, and
The Strike that Created the Middle Class*

Speaker: Edward McClelland, Author

The tumultuous Flint sit-down strike of 1936-1937 was the birth of the United Auto Workers, which set the standard for wages in every industry. *Midnight in Vehicle City* tells the gripping story of how workers defeated General Motors, the largest industrial corporation in the world. Their victory ushered in the golden age of the American middle class and created a new kind of America, one in which every worker had a right to a share of the company's wealth.

Pat Adams



President Diane Boruff and Past President Carol Sheldon

Monday, April 11, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

HEALTH

Presidents' Hall

**Enterococcus Faecalis:
a Model Bug to Study Biofilm Infections**

Speaker: Gary M. Dunny, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Minnesota

Dunny will describe key aspects of *Enterococcus faecalis* biology, including its high level of antibiotic resistance and ability to alternate between two different lifestyles—a commensal bacterium that infects the GI tract of humans and other animals without causing disease and an opportunistic pathogen capable of causing life-threatening infections in immune-compromised individuals. Dunny will describe biofilm growth and how this property is essential for both enterococcal lifestyles. Finally, he will discuss how genetic analysis of biofilm formation may reveal new targets for development of drugs and vaccines to combat enterococcal infections.

Katharine Mauer

10:45 - 11:45

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidents' Hall

U.S. Census: What Are the Effects?

Speaker: Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer

What happened in the 2020 U.S. Census that we have not heard about yet? Learn about the new social and economic realities that are brought about by recent demographic shifts. Learn what significance the number 26 has in the

census data. After presenting her material to the Minnesota Senate, she was asked if the data shows a bleak future. Her quick reply was, "The future looks bright." We will hear why our future is bright!

Veronica Johnson

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 BUSINESS MEETING
 LUNCHEON

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

Before Vaccines: Art and the Plague in Italy

Speaker: Rachel McGarry, Chair of European Art,
 Minneapolis Institute of Art

The bubonic plague struck Europe many times, most notably with the Black Death of 1347-51. With no cures or therapies, art and faith were invoked to protect and heal. After each pandemic miraculously passed, artists, writers, and architects created art to commemorate the lives lost and protect the living from future pestilences. McGarry will look at the extraordinary art created during and after major outbreaks, focusing, in particular, on the plagues in Italy of 1575-76 and 1630-31.

Susan Tasa

Member Pictures Available Online

To access photos see page 47 in the Directory.

Monday, April 18, 2022

9:30 - 10:30

ENVIRONMENT

Presidents' Hall

**Policy Options and Risks
for Forest-Based Carbon Storage**

Speaker: Forrest Fleischman, Associate Professor,
Department of Natural Resources, University of
Minnesota

Forests have potential to store carbon and thereby reduce the threat of climate change. However, commonly promoted policies, such as tree planting and carbon markets, may be ineffective and pose significant risks to people and the environment. Fleischman will describe these risks and discuss more effective policies—including improving rights of indigenous and forest-dependent people and providing direct support to forest managers.

Barb Swanson

10:45 - 11:45

Presidents' Hall

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Designing Nanotechnology for Sustainability

Speaker: Christy Haynes, PhD, Distinguished McKnight
University Professor, Associate Department
Head, Department of Chemistry, University of
Minnesota

Haynes will describe how she and her collaborators are designing nanomaterials (tiny bits of matter with unusual chemical or physical properties) to help address some of our planet's biggest sustainability challenges.

Alice Heth

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

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

Village of Scoundrels

Speakers: Margi Preus, Author
 Nelly Trocme, Resistance Participant

In her historical novel, *Village of Scoundrels*, award-winning author Margi Preus tells of a group of teenagers in a tiny French village during WWII. Their actions helped over 2,000 Jewish refugees flee to Switzerland. Nelly Trocme (now living in St. Paul) is the daughter of the village pastor and was an active participant. She was a valuable resource to Preus in the writing of this book. Preus will tell how she came to write this book. Trocme will relate what it was like living in those trying times. This is a book for young adults, but others will find it a compelling read.

Georgia Wiebe

Share Unused Toiletries

Traveling? Free items from your dentist? Freebies from cosmetic purchases? Bring your new toiletries, dental products, and paper grocery bags with handles, and place them in the specially marked boxes in the coat room. For those with little, it means so much.

Lil Lindsey

Monday, April 25, 2022

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 MONDAY INTEREST GROUPS

Please see the Bulletin page 14.

LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Heritage Room

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Discussion Leader: Lynn Hjelmeland

This is the story of identical twins who choose to live in two different worlds: one black and one white. The book is both a novel and an exploration of race and identity.

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION Founders Room

The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World by A.J. Baime

Discussion Leader: Sharon Goodrie

In Truman's first four months in office, the unlikely President had to take on Germany, Japan, Stalin, and a world hanging in the balance. Chosen as FDR's fourth term vice president for his work ethic, good judgment, and lack of enemies, Truman knew the stakes were high and the challenges were even higher.

GREAT DECISIONS

Presidents' Hall

Topic: **Outer Space**

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

The launch of Sputnik I in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?

10:45 - 11:45 LITERATURE Presidents' Hall

**Booth Girls:
Pregnancy, Adoption, and the Secrets We Kept**

Speaker: Dr. Kim Heikkila, Author, Educator, Owner of
Spotlight Oral History

Booth Memorial Hospital was a maternity home and hospital for unwed mothers in St. Paul. For 75 years it housed thousands of women who sought refuge from public censure. Initially, women were encouraged to keep and raise their babies. After WWII public and expert opinion suggested children be surrendered for adoption. By the 1960s about 70% of the mothers at Booth gave their children up for adoption. Heikkila's mother was one of these women; she delivered her first daughter at Booth in 1961, surrendered her for adoption, and kept the whole experience a secret for 33 years. Heikkila will explore the intersection of her mother's story with the history of Booth Memorial Hospital.

Mary Moriarty

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON
(Please see next page)

Quilting Magic: How One Quilt Shop Bloomed

Speaker: Carrie D'Andrea, Quilter, AAUW Member

On the corner of Bloomington Avenue 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



Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Library Committee Chair

Welcome 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

Speakers: Michael N. Missaghi, PhD, Principal Engineer,
Medtronic PLC, U of St. Thomas Instructor
Mino K. Missaghi, Edina Public Schools

The history of Iran is one of alternating periods of ascendancy and humiliation. Innovations in religious, scientific, and technological advances fueled its greatest victories and were diffused throughout Asia and beyond. Episodes of defeat and occupation inspired its important poets, and greatly influenced its cultural values and national character. We will view these developments through the eyes of the people, so we can better appreciate a culture central to world history.

Pat Deckas Becerra

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 **Iran: Mosaic of Diversity** Presidents' Hall

Speaker: Mozdeh Khodarahmi, Associate Library
Director, Macalester College

Enjoy a tour of Iran through folklore, dance, and music!
Learn about the rich and diverse cultures of Iran's people.
Have a glimpse into this beautiful country from corner to
corner with the folklore of each region.

As part of this mosaic of diversity, Khodarahmi, raised in
Iran, will also touch on the Baha'i faith which believes in
the basic unity of all religions and condemns all forms of
prejudice.

Mary Moriarty

Monday, May 9, 2022

Awards and Closing Day

9:30 - 10:30 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

**Ecosystem Health: Looking at Global Grand
Challenges Through the Lens of a Raptor**

Speaker: Dr. Victoria Hall, DVM, MS, DACVPM,
Executive Director, Raptor Center, University of
Minnesota

Many of the world's most "wicked" and urgent grand challenges occur at the interface of humans, animals, and the environment. Climate change, disease emergence, food, and water security affect human health, which depends on the environment, and the environment depends on humans. Since 1974, the Raptor Center has focused on helping over 1,000 ill and injured raptors a year. With each bird that comes into the clinic, much can be learned about what is happening in the environments that we as humans share.

Diane Boruff

10:45 - 11:45 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Awards and Recognition

Speakers: Diane Boruff, AAUW President
Karen Ringsrud, Program Development Vice
President
Julie Ollila, Archives Chair
Ginny Craig, President, AAUW Scholarship
Fund Board

Join us to celebrate and thank all of our members who have served with excellence and distinction in leadership

positions this year and to welcome our new officers and committee chairs. We will also remember those who have passed away during the year. Meet our new scholars.

Diane Boruff

11:45 - Noon ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LUNCHEON

1:15 - 2:15 SPECIAL PROGRAM Presidents' Hall

Books to Enrich Your Summer

Speaker: Sue Zumberge, Owner of SubText Books

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

Karen Ringsrud



Spring Getaways . . .

Due to COVID, this has been a difficult year to schedule the Spring Getaways. As a result, we have decided to proceed with one that we were able to commit to and then, perhaps, schedule an additional getaway in the fall.

Excursion to Duluth - Tuesday, June 14, 2022

We will travel northeast to Duluth, situated on the largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Superior.

Our bus will leave at 7:15 a.m. for Glensheen Mansion, a 39 room mansion on the shores of Lake Superior. Our bus should arrive by 10:00 a.m., at which time we can proceed with a self-guided tour of the building and the beautiful gardens surrounding the mansion. We will learn the interesting background story of the Congdon family, who built the mansion as their home between 1905 and 1908.

We will tour the Duluth Harbor on the Vista Star, beginning at 12:00 noon. A box lunch will be served on board during our tour.

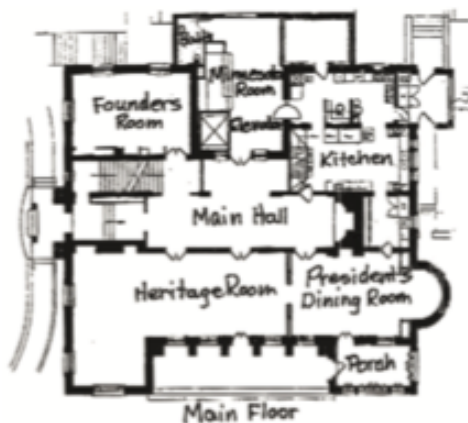
At about 2:30 p.m., we will board our bus for the return trip to Minneapolis and the Gale Mansion. Estimated arrival time is 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip will be announced closer to the trip, as prices are in flux due to COVID.

In-person registration will take place on Mondays, April 4th and 11th, or mail your check to:

Jane Kase, Spring Getaways Committee
2547 Concord Way
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Gale Mansion Floor Plan



Meal Policy . . .

To sign up for lunch:

IMPORTANT: You MUST register for lunch in advance.

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 and to sign up for late reservations.

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.

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.

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

Cancellations must be received by noon on Wednesday. Send an email to aauwreservations@galemansion.com to cancel. If you do not cancel, you are expected to pay for that lunch.



President's Dining Table and Guests





Nancy Sjoquist with mittens for neighborhood school kids.

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