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American Association of University Women
St. Paul Branch



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Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Promise Statement

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that women have a fair chance.



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AAUW St. Paul President's Message



Hey, GIRLFRIENDS!

I have begun to count the days until we are back in motion! We can now see August 29 for our August Tea and September 12 for our regular programs from here, and I'm excited for the new year. While I certainly do not want the summer to speed by any faster than it is, I look forward to

being back in the House and catching up with everyone. Please make our website your first stop in staying in touch with AAUW St. Paul (aauwstpaul.org). All the details and information for our Branch can be found there.

Behind the scenes, our great leadership team has been working diligently to bring you fantastic programs, book clubs, informal gatherings, special activities, and advancements in technology in the coming year. We are fortunate to have a hard-working volunteer staff who have spent countless hours planning for 2023-24. Please make sure to reach out to anyone that you know who is involved with the leadership team and let them know how much they are appreciated.

AAUW St. Paul means the world to me. While there is (always) a lot going on in the world that needs attention, I like our focus on women and creating opportunities for them to become educated most of all. At AAUW St. Paul we are all different in so many ways, but we are connected by our educations.

Because of education, our lives have been enriched. I am proud of the work that we do to support women. It does not stop with young women, however. I am again asking that you reach out and reconnect with those whom you may not have heard from in a while. Please take a few minutes to let her know how important she is to you. A call or a note may be just what someone special to you needs!

Have a wonderful August, and I hope to see all of you soon!

Carol Hanson

AAUW President 2022-24

**Hear me as woman
Have me as your sister
On purpled battlefield breaking day,
So I might say our victory is just beginning,
See me as change,
Say I am movement,
That I am the year
And I am the era
Of the women.**

Amanda Gorman
from "Won't You Be My Sister" 2018

The St. Paul Branch of AAUW cordially invites you to an



Afternoon Tea
Tuesday, August 29, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Prosecco served starting at 1:30 p.m.
Tea food served starting at 2:00 p.m.

Our Afternoon Tea will include Prosecco, Tea, and High Tea Food
(e.g., mini sandwiches/wraps, vegetables, and seafood hors d'oeuvres; scones; desserts).
Gluten Free options are available.

\$50 per member and \$25 for prospective members brought as guests

Wear your best afternoon tea party hat!

We will once again have a fashion show hosted by Chicos with AAUW St. Paul member models!

No valet service available, so please plan ahead.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, August 25

This is the first major fundraising and membership recruitment event of the year.
Help make it successful! Proceeds go to the House Preservation Fund.

Questions? Membership@aauwstpaul.org

*** **TUESDAY PROGRAMS and COMMITTEE REPORTS** ***

September - October 2023

September 12, 2023 -- SECOND TUESDAY**9:30 a.m.****Summit Avenue Readers**

Discussing *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham
Go to their webpage for more information [HERE](#)

11:00 a.m.**It's Best to Laugh**

Lorna Landvik, Author



Ms. Lorna Landvik was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1954. After high school graduation, she and a friend traveled in Europe and settled in Bavaria where they worked as hotel chambermaids and English tutors. After returning to the United States, she briefly attended the University of Minnesota before moving to San Francisco to perform stand-up and improvisational comedy. Ms. Landvik moved to Los Angeles where she did stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store and The Improv as well as worked a variety of temporary jobs including one at the Playboy Mansion and another at Atlantic Records.

Ms. Landvik is an actor and playwright who has performed in plays that she has written and produced. She has appeared in numerous plays including *Bad Seed*, *Lunatic Cellmates*, and *Valley of the Dolls*. She has written thirteen novels and currently lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two daughters.

Sandy Crum and Pam Lande, Program Development

12:00 p.m.**Luncheon****1:00 p.m.****A Woman for All Seasons**

Rep. Melissa Hortman

Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives

Rep. Melissa Hortman has been Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2019 and is a member of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor party. She is pro-choice, supports gun control, and is an advocate for environmental issues.

Rep. Hortman will talk about the amazing accomplishments of the 2023 session of the legislature and give a preview of upcoming issues for 2024. The Equal Rights Amendment may come before the House next year, but it is an issue opposed by many rural legislators.

Jane Tschida, Outstanding Women Committee



Minnesota State Capitol Building

September 19, 2023 -- THIRD TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions (go to their web page [HERE](#))**
Politics in Latin America

11:00 a.m. **The ERA: Forward to Fruition**
Former Minnesota State Rep. Betty Folliard



The Honorable Betty Folliard is a nationally known thought leader and political strategist. She is Founder of ERA Minnesota - an organization dedicated to passing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) into our state and national constitutions.

A former three-term Minnesota legislator, Ms. Folliard served six years in the Minnesota House of

Representatives. She has worked in government at the local, state, and national levels as a School Board Vice Chair; as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives; and as a Congressional Aide in the Office of Congressman Keith Ellison.

Ms. Folliard's first career was in the arts, having earned her BA from Stanford University and MFA from Wayne State University, and having performed nationally and internationally. Also, with a background in sales, marketing, and market research, for several years she co-owned a business and political consulting firm.

In 2007, Ms. Folliard went with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to muck out houses after the devastating Hurricane Katrina. To better understand global challenges women face, she has volunteered on missions in Peru and Rarotonga, Mozambique, and Haiti and traveled with women leaders to study the economic status of women in Israel,

Palestine, India, and Bangladesh. Last year she travelled to the Texas-Mexico border to help newly arrived immigrants in San Juan, the poorest county in the United States.

In 2014 Ms. Folliard founded ERA Minnesota (www.eramn.org) to revitalize the Equal Rights Amendment movement in Minnesota which earned her the Minnesota Women's Press Changemaker Award. During that time, she executive produced and hosted a feminist, progressive talk show called "A Woman's Place." In 2017, Ms. Folliard received the Minnesota Women's Summit Committee Woman of Distinction Award. She is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and in 2018 she served as a National Presbyterian Delegate to the United Nations 62nd Commission on the Status of Women.

Among many organizations and commissions upon which she has served, Ms. Folliard was the first Board Chair of Gender Justice - a nonprofit law firm in St. Paul, as well as the chair of PRISM (People Responding in Social Ministry), a social services agency. In 2022, she helped develop and served on Attorney General Keith Ellison's Women's Task Force on Expanding Economic Security that then presented a report to the Minnesota Legislature on needed changes, including the ERA, to improve women's economic status.

A mother of three and grandmother of three, Ms. Folliard loves to sing, cook, dance, and hike in the woods. Her passion is the full emancipation of women worldwide.

Cindy Schwie, Diversity Committee

Now you know . . .

Neither the Minnesota nor the US Constitution specifically provide equal legal protection under the law regardless of sexual orientation and gender. Minnesota's first major victory in the fight for equal rights came in 1973, when we ratified the Federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), becoming the 26th state to ratify it.

September 19, continued . . .

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. **Storytelling and Listening for a Better World**
 Laura Packer
 Storyteller, writer, real-time dreamer

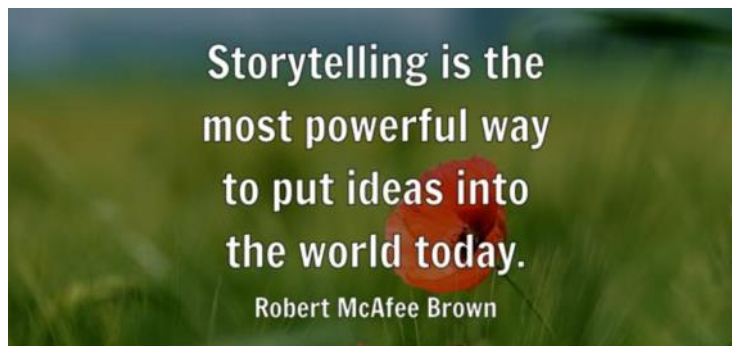


Ms. Laura Packer has over 30 years of storytelling experience and has won many awards for her work, including induction into the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence, for those who are considered standard bearers in the art.

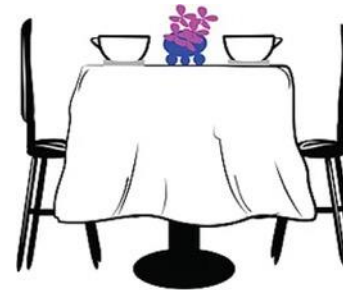
Ms. Packer will share how storytelling works, how you can be a better storyteller, and the importance of deep

listening. By the end of this interactive talk, you will have a new story to tell, tools to strengthen any kind of public speaking, and will have had a pretty good time.

Jan Kloepper, Outstanding Women Committee



LUNCHEON INFORMATION



LUNCHEON
COST:
\$25.00

FOUR WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR LUNCH:

- Weekly email SignUpGenius invitation (preferred)
- Website: Tuesday Program Details page
 Upcoming Events Page

Reservation deadline: Noon the Friday before

Cancellation deadline: Noon the Friday before

Meal price includes a 17% tip, meeting setup, and water, tea, and coffee. Meals must be prepaid through SignUpGenius or on the day of the event by cash, check (payable to St. Paul AAUW), or credit card. Members pay the credit card's processing fee for reservations not made on SignUpGenius.

Special Event reservations will follow deadlines specified for each event.

A gluten-free/vegetarian alternative meal is available upon request. Please ask for this option when you make your reservation, and please identify yourself to your server.

September 26, 2023 -- FOURTH TUESDAY**9:30 a.m. Mystery Book Club**

Discussing *The Local* by Joey Hartstone
Go to their webpage for more information [HERE](#)

**11:00 a.m. The Increasingly Complex Global Challenges
Facing United States Foreign Policy**
Tom Hanson

This program will discuss the impact of the Ukraine war on sustainability issues, potential instability in Russia, rising tensions in US-China relations, US success in alliance management contrasted with diplomatic headwinds in the developing world, and the implications of a global "chip war" and advent of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).



Mr. Tom Hanson is a former US Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State whose diplomatic postings included East Germany, France, Norway, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. He also participated in the opening of new US embassies in Mongolia and Estonia, worked on the Foreign Relations Committees of the US Senate and House of Representatives, and served as Director for NATO and European Affairs at the Atlantic Council of the United States in Washington, DC.

Mr. Hanson currently is Diplomat in Residence at the Alworth Institute for International Affairs at the University of Minnesota – Duluth and teaches diplomacy at Carleton College. He serves as Chair of the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations and as Co-Chair of the Minnesota China Business Council. He is a past board member of

the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights and Director at the Institute for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IEECA). He is also a member of the US Foreign Policy Working Group of the British International Studies Association (BISA) as well as the Council of Advisers at the Museum of Russian Art and the Minnesota Peace Initiative (MPI) at Norway House.

As a member of the Great Decisions advisory committee of Global Minnesota, Mr. Hanson speaks frequently on international issues and contributes to local and international media. He delivers an annual US Foreign Policy Update under the auspices of Global Minnesota and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Mr. Hanson holds a BA degree from the University of Minnesota and graduate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; the Institute of Advanced International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; and the National School of Administration (ENA) in Paris, France.

Jan Hertel, Global Issues

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. AAUW Funds Update
Alice Faribault

National AAUW is excited to announce over \$6.3 million in funding to more than 285 fellows for the 2023-24 award year. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work to empower women and girls.

Hopefully, we will have a Minnesota awardee to select for our speaker. Stay tuned for more info.

Alice Faribault, AAUW Funds

October 3, 2023 -- FIRST TUESDAY**11:00 a.m. Lessons Learned From a Resilient Black Woman Going to College in the 1920s**

Dr. Jody Lulich, Author and Veterinarian



Dr. Jody Lulich is the director of the Minnesota Urolith Center. He specializes in nephrology and urology and is internationally renowned as a clinical investigator and educator in this field. He has more than four hundred publications in scientific journals and books, and has been awarded over \$6 million in funded research. Among his contributions to veterinary medicine is the technique of voiding urohydropropulsion, a nonsurgical method to remove uroliths from the urinary

bladder. He is the first veterinarian to become the 2023 President of the prestigious R.O.C.K. (Research on Calculi Kinetics) Society.

Dr. Lulich's excellence in teaching and speaking awards include: Speaker of The Year at the North American Veterinary Conference, Norden-Pfizer-Zoetis Distinguished Teacher Award (twice), Distinguished Alumnus Award from Tuskegee Veterinary Alumni Association, Mark L. Morris Lifetime Achievement Award and ACVIM Lifetime Achievement Award. In his free time, Dr. Lulich was awarded a writing fellowship at The Loft. His book about his path to a veterinary career, *In the Company of Grace: A Veterinarian's Memoir of Trauma and Healing*, was released in April of 2023.

Dr. Lulich's presentation to AAUW is entitled "Lessons Learned From a Resilient Black Woman Going to College in the 1920s" (hint: her name is Grace). He has two dogs, one cat, and studies classical piano. His kindness and mentoring have been life-changing for at least one person in this room (and several of her dogs).

Jerri Smith, Public Policy and Environment Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon**1:00 p.m. My Journey in the Media and the Importance of Asking Questions**

Vineeta Sawkar, On-air host, WCCO Morning Show

Ms. Vineeta Sawkar joined WCCO Radio in January 2022 and is host of *The Morning News with Vineeta Sawkar*. She is a five-time Emmy award-winning journalist. In 2022, she was voted Best Radio Personality by Star Tribune readers. Ms. Sawkar spent most of her career in television news in Fargo, Omaha, and eighteen years at KSTP-TV in Minneapolis. She is thrilled to be working at an historic station with an incredible legacy like WCCO radio.



Ms. Sawkar will share what she has learned from a career in journalism as well as what is special and unique about that role within Minnesota.

"I hope Minnesotans will join us every morning to get the latest news, a look at what's ahead, and listen to important in-depth interviews that take you inside an issue—not just what's happening, but what it means. We also want to celebrate the good things about living in Minnesota and why we love it here." - Vineeta

Carolyn Rehn, Outstanding Women Committee



October 10, 2023 -- SECOND TUESDAY**9:30 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers**

Discussing *Finding Me, A Memoir* by Viola Davis
Go to their webpage for more information [HERE](#)

**11:00 a.m. Start Your Morning with a Lovely
Classical Music Concert**
Claudia Chen, Pianist

Haydn: Sonata in B minor, Hob. XVI: 32 • Chopin: Nocturne, op. 62 no. 1
Caroline Shaw: Gustave le Gray (2012)



Ms. Claudia Chen enjoys an active career as performer and teacher. Making her solo debut with the Denver Symphony Orchestra at age 14, Ms. Chen has gone on to perform as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Canada, Eastern Europe and Chile. Equally at home in contemporary works as in standard

repertoire, Ms. Chen has given numerous premieres of solo and chamber works by several American and Canadian composers. She has been a guest at the Grand Teton Music Festival, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra Sommerfest. She has performed at Bowdoin Festival in the USA; Contrasts International Contemporary Music Festival in Ukraine; Agassiz Chamber Music Festival and Centara International New Music Festival in Canada. Her performances have been aired nationally in Canada on CBC Radio; Polish Radio and Television; and in the USA on National Public Radio. With her husband, cellist Arek Tesarczyk, the duo has given numerous recitals in the US, Canada, Chile, and Poland.

Ms. Chen has served on the jury of several competitions: GTCYS, YPSCA, and WAMSO in Minnesota; The Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition; MTNA West Central Division piano competition; and the National Chamber Music Competition.

Her dedication to teaching has been reflected in the number of students who have been accepted to music schools in Canada and the USA, and have been accepted to summer programs such as Yellowbarn Festival, Bowdoin Music Festival, Oberlin Conservatory Music Festival, and Brevard Music Festival.

Ms. Chen has served on the faculty of the University of Manitoba in Canada, and currently teaches at Macalester College in Saint Paul, as well as privately in her home. She received degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, where she was the recipient of the Rose Marie Milholland Prize; and University of Minnesota. She has worked with Julian Martin, Leon Fleisher, Lydia Artymiw, John Perry, and Margo Garrett.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Together, We Are Smarter: Minnesota's Renewable
Energy and Climate Collaboration with Germany**
Dr. Sabine Engel

Dr. Sabine Engel is director for inter-national partnerships at the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment (IonE), a multi-disciplinary research entity that is built on the principles of partner-ship and collaboration. She is principal investigator on the 2023 Berlin Seminar project, a collaboration with Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and Adelphi Consult. In partnership with Germany's Foreign Office and Germany's BMWK and supported by a large group of Minnesota financial partners, Dr. Engel created the binational platform "Climate-Smart Municipalities: Modeling Integrated Energy Communities for the 21st Century—NRW and Minnesota" (CSM) [<https://www.climatesmart-mn.org/>].



October 10, 2023 continued . . .

Both projects foster direct exchange between Germany and Minnesota on energy and climate policy and action. From 2014 to October 2015, Dr. Engel was program director for economic development in the University of Minnesota's Office of University Economic Development. From 2007 to 2014, she directed the interdisciplinary DAAD Center for German and European Studies at the University of Minnesota. As director, she built unique Minnesota-Germany exchange programs on health policy, renewable energy policy, and workforce development. Dr. Engel holds a Ph.D. in English from Duke University and a master's degree from the University of Hamburg. In 2019, she was awarded Germany's Order of Merit [*Bundesverdienstkreuz*] for her contribution to the public good.

Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson, Global Issues

Now you know . . .

On a platform provided by the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, energy and climate leaders from across Minnesota have been working together on climate and renewable energy for the past ten years. The collaboration has helped Minnesota leaders move forward in many ways by inspiring innovative legislative action such as Minnesota's Solar Standard (2013) and the recent 100% Clean Electricity by 2040 Act; and, most importantly, by helping a small group of city and county leaders take important steps on their communities' journey to a clean and climate-resilient near-future. **Dr. Engel will share who these leaders are and why their community-based approach is generating hope and a stronger sense of community.**

Our Charming Sunporch

Property Committee Report

Our sunporch is one of the most charming areas in the clubhouse and has been refurbished to make it more comfortable and attractive. For a long time it was noticeably cold and drafty which made it uncomfortable to use. Replacing and redesigning the windows to fix this was on the wish list of the Property Committee for a long time, always postponed for lack of funds. Additionally, suitable furniture appropriate for a sunroom, was needed to make the most of it.

The photo shows the finished room with beautiful, energy-saving windows appropriate to the age of the house and new wicker chairs and table. These improvements have been received very well by our members and the guests of the events held here. The Property Committee is so grateful to have received the funds to make this significant improvement possible.

Tamra Maughan, Property Committee



October 17, 2023 -- THIRD TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions (go to their web page [HERE](#))**
Climate Migration

11:00 a.m. **A Spirited History of Minnehaha Falls**
Karen E. Cooper, Author



When Longfellow wrote his poem "The Song of Hiawatha," he placed Minnehaha Falls on the map and in the hearts of many Americans. Tourists from the East and other areas traveled by steamboat and train to visit the legendary "Laughing Waters." From 1850 to 1889, the waterfall known as Minnehaha was privately owned. Entrepreneurs made money from hotels, saloons, and concessions on the property. Soldiers from Fort Snelling came often to drink and enjoy the pleasure of female company. Until 1912, the Falls was a site of rowdiness and wild behavior that disturbed the neighbors who often called in the police. After 30 years of research, writer and photo historian Ms. Karen E. Cooper tells astonishing stories about Minnehaha Falls in her book *When Minnehaha Flowed with Whiskey*. Ms. Cooper is a resident of Minneapolis and gives local history tours of the area.

Margo Hinke, Education and Learning Committee

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

1:00 p.m. **Joy Davis's Literature Seminar**
Carol Hanson, Discussion Leader

The Joy Davis Literature Seminar is back for five sessions this year! ALL ARE WELCOME whether you have done the reading or not. Printed packets of this year's selections will be available to be picked up at the House in late September, and links will be provided online.

This session's short story is "The Knowers" by Helen C. Phillips. Do you know your expiration date? This story may push you out of your comfort zone, but will surely evoke lively discussion. Join us!

FROM THE BOOK ENDS . . .



The irony of the name "Book Ends" is that it means just the opposite: "Book Continues" is not a catchy committee title, you will probably agree! It's a genuine privilege for us in the Book Ends group to accept your donations, carefully assess them for resale, and offer them first to AAUW membership. Not only do we raise funds for our Scholarship Trust, but we keep these tomes in circulation; the lives of your donations continues. Knowledge, entertainment, and curiosity live on. And frankly, in some cases, they are saved from the trash heap. We so appreciate your mindful donations, and want you to know that we respectfully handle each book with care and consideration. So as you, your friends, family and neighbors consider extending the life of your books in good condition, please consider bringing them to our basement store where, like cats, they may very well have nine lives!

The Book Ends

Tersenia Schuett, Kathleen Flynn, Sharon Ahern, and Ann Heider

October 24, 2023 -- FOURTH TUESDAY**9:30 a.m. Mystery Book Club**

Discussing *Exiles* by Jane Harper

Go to their webpage for more information [HERE](#)

11:00 a.m. Fashion in the Time of Jane Austen

Candice Hern, Author



If you love Jane Austen, romance novels, or Regency Period history, you will enjoy this presentation. Using fashion prints from her collection, Ms. Candice Hern, a Regency history enthusiast and "anglophile," will present an overview of the clothing worn during the time of Jane Austen: 1775-1800s. She will cover daytime fashion as well as evening wear for various occasions. Using illustrations, Candice will explain terms such as undress, half-dress, and full-dress. She will

showcase outerwear including pelisses, spencers, and mantles as well as discuss the evolution of style including changing waistlines, hemlines, and bonnets.

Ms. Hern, an active member of the Jane Austen Society of North America, is a bestselling author of traditional Regency Romances. Her first book, *A Proper Companion*, was published in 1995 as a result of winning a writing contest. Some of her books have even hit the USA Today and New York Times bestsellers lists. Besides being an author, Candice is a sought-after speaker on Regency and Jane Austen topics.

Margo Hinke, Education and Learning Committee

**REMINDER:**

All meetings at the House are fragrance and scent free. THANK YOU!

12:00 p.m. Luncheon**1:00 p.m. A Conversation on Leadership**

Medaria (Rondo) Arradondo

CEO and President, Optimus Sui Consulting LLC

Mr. Rondo Arradondo is a visionary public affairs consultant and community leader known as a trusted voice who bridges differences with courage and optimism. He is recognized nationally for ethical leadership through public crisis and building strong community and organization alliances.

Mr. Arradondo will focus on key organizational and business culture traits that can have a positive impact on its leaders and employees regardless of the size and scale of the enterprise. He will discuss and explain the importance and impact that values, ethics, trust, communication, allyship, humility, and resiliency can play for leaders as well as identifying organizational blind spots. This presentation will also provide an overview of his role as a Minneapolis Public Housing Commissioner.



Cindy Schwie, Diversity Committee

REMINDERS when attending meetings at the House:**Accessibility**

- The first floor is wheelchair accessible.
- There are two handicapped parking spots located behind the house.
- A wheelchair-accessible ramp is at the rear of the house.

Parking Regulations

- Stay 20 feet from a crosswalk and 5 feet from a driveway.
- Stay 10 feet from the STOP signs.
- DO NOT park in front of the Governor's Mansion.

October 31, 2023 -- FIFTH TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Twelve Months and Three Days – A Presentation of Living and Working in the Antarctic
Angela Drexler



Ms. Angela Drexler is an electrical engineer and author who recognized a good adventure when it was presented. Raised in Minnesota, she has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering with over twenty years of experience in industry, a bachelor's degree in music, and is a mystery author writing under the name of A.K. Drexler.

In 2002, Ms. Drexler accepted an offer to winter over in the Antarctic, resigned from her job, and began a flurry of training at various universities to support science experiments that were ongoing at the South Pole.

From October 2003 to November 2004, Ms. Drexler lived and worked in one of the coldest places on Earth: the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Station. Come join her as she presents photos and experiences from a place more difficult to get home from than the International Space Station.

An adventure is waiting for you...

Donna Román, Education and Learning Committee



Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Station

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Trends in Minnesota K-12 Financing and Enrollment
Tim Strom, Legislative Analyst

Come and get an overview of the K-12 system in Minnesota. Our expert, Mr. Tim Strom, will share information about (1) trends in public school enrollment, (2) recent school finance trends, and (3) the difference in finance among school districts and charter schools. Mr. Strom has been a legislative analyst with the nonpartisan Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department for 40 years. He helps House members with their K-12 education requests



by discussing education issues with legislators, drafting and summarizing proposed legislation, and using data to help legislators understand education trends and the impact of education finance proposals. Mr. Strom holds a bachelor's degree in quantitative economics from Boston College. Come and get your questions answered on the important issue of K-12 education finance.

Patricia Dalton, Public Policy and Environment Committee

AAUW KNITTING GROUP

Coordinator, Cindy Schwie



Second and Fourth **MONDAYS** at the House • 10:30 a.m.

Knitters and crocheters welcome! We will be knitting hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to donate in October.

Upcoming meeting dates:

August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23