

990 NEWS

**April - August
2023**

**American Association of University Women
St. Paul Branch**



empowering women since 1881



American Association of University Women St. Paul Branch

St. Paul Branch AAUW:

Website: <http://www.aauwstpaul.org>
Questions? Email info@aauwstpaul.org

Business Office Staff (Brian Quist):
651-227-4477

Minnesota AAUW:

<http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>

National Association:

Website: <http://www.aauw.org> Email: info@aauw.org

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

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Promise Statement

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AAUW President's Message



Can you see spring yet? Me neither, but I know it's coming! I am looking forward to the end of the ice. I never thought much about it when I was younger, but I sure do now!

I have been looking through the plethora of AAUW materials that we have available on the website, and I am in awe! We have so much going on and so many wonderful volunteers! Speaking of volunteers, I am so happy that one of our finest, Leslie Sworsky, has taken over the

990 News. I have done it for eight years, and while I have enjoyed it, it is time to move on. Our 990 News is constantly evolving, and I am looking forward to seeing where Leslie takes it!

On another note, I am so proud that our organization has three statements that encompass our goals:

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All three are great in their own ways, but the Promise Statement is what is nearest and dearest to my heart. As it takes until March of the next year for women to earn as much as men do in twelve months, I realize that we will have to work on this for a very long time. We have come a long way, but there is still so much ground to cover for the generations coming behind us. Please take time to advocate for those who need our support. All women deserve a voice and equal compensation. Our voices mean something!

Know who your representatives are and contact them to let them know your thoughts. Refer to our [Take Action! web page](#) often and see what is happening at the Minnesota state legislature and ways you can get involved. Our Public Policy & Environment Committee has been busy!

It is lovely to be your president and to hear from you! I appreciate your commitment to AAUW and your commitment to women!

I know the snow will leave sooner or later, so Happy Spring!

My best to all,

Carol Hanson, AAUW President 2022-24

Exciting news!

Look for my President's Page on our branch website [HERE!](#)
I am looking forward to communicating with you there!



When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.

— Maya Angelou —

CHANGE IS COMING to the *990 News*!

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge Carol Hanson's eight years of hard work on the *990 News*, bringing it from an expensive, professionally printed, mailed publication to the efficient, easy-to-update online source of information it has become. I know personally how much "blood, sweat, and tears" went into all those editions of the *990 News*! It was a labor of dedication to AAUW. THANK YOU, Carol!

As you peruse this edition of the *990 News*, you will notice some changes. First will be the timeframe included in this edition. We are going to include April through August due to the lower number of activities during the summer as well as giving our wonderful, hard-working program committees a little more time to secure their speakers for the fall.

Second, you will also notice fewer announcements and reports in this edition as we begin to migrate some of the information usually found here onto our website (our two book clubs, Great Decisions, and some committee information, for example). You will now be directed to the website for that information [through active links](#).

The expanded information for our speakers and activities is still here. Program information on our website will direct you to the appropriate page in the *990 News* as it has in the past.

Stay tuned for more changes and updates throughout the summer and this fall. We are moving forward; and, thanks to Carol's dedication and support, we are well on our way!

Feel free to contact me at communications@aauwstpaul.org if you have any questions, corrections, or comments.

Leslie Sworsky, *990 News* Editor



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2023-24 STARTS IN APRIL

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Renewal packets will be available at Tuesday meetings in April.

Those packets that are not picked up at the meetings will be mailed out in May. To help us save postage expenses, please download the form on our website, fill it out, and mail it in if you are not able to pick up your packet in person. The forms for 2023-24 will be available soon and announced via email, on the website, and on this page. Stay tuned!

You can make a donation to the Scholarship Trust, House Preservation Fund, Branch Operations or to the National Organization Fund at the same time as you renew your membership.

Thank you for renewing as soon as possible, as this process goes much easier if members renew right away.

Jan Parkman is our Membership Treasurer. Connect with her to turn in your application to renew your membership or join AAUW-St. Paul.

You may also leave your application or renewal in the Membership Treasurer mailbox in the AAUW office. For more information, contact membershiptreasurer@aauwstpaul.org

*** TUESDAY PROGRAMS, EVENING PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EVENTS ***

April 2023

WELCOME TO

**April 4, 2023** **FIRST TUESDAY****10:00 a.m.** **Member Poetry Readings****11:00 a.m.** **Mary Jo Thompson, Poet**

Mary Jo Thompson's first poetry collection, *Stunt Heart*, was selected by Henri Cole for the Backwaters Poetry Prize and published in 2017. Her work has appeared in *North American Review*, *The Journal*, *Missouri Review*, *Field*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Rhino*, *Indiana Review*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Spillway*, and *Beloit Poetry Journal*, among other journals, and is anthologized in *Best American Poetry* and *Another and Another: An Anthology from the Grind Daily*

Writing Series. She has been awarded residencies at Monson Arts and Vermont Studio Center to work on a hybrid memoir that explores marriage as transaction. Thompson lives with her dog, Pico, on Nicolle Island.

<http://maryjonthompson.org/>

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Day Committee

12:00 p.m.**Luncheon****1:00 p.m.** **Richard Terrill, Poet**

Pam Miller in the *Star Tribune* wrote, "If you're lucky, you have an old uncle (or aunt) who is gruff and sweet, plain-spoken and wise, weathered and treasured. Richard Terrill comes across like one of those priceless people in his new book of essays, *Essentially*. Terrill's six previous books include *What Falls Away Is*



Always: Poems and Conversations; *Coming Late to Rachmaninoff*, winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Poetry; and *Saturday Night in Baoding: A China Memoir*, winner of the Associated Writing Programs Award for Nonfiction. He has been awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Wisconsin and Minnesota State Arts Boards, the Jerome Foundation, the MacDowell Colony, and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, as well as three Fulbright Fellowships (to Korea, China, and Poland). He is Professor Emeritus at Minnesota State, Mankato, where he was a Distinguished Faculty. He currently works part time as a jazz saxophone player. He lives in New Hope. More information at www.richardterrell.com and <https://youtu.be/22PDJLKIPIo> (Recorded April 14, 2022. Readers: Philip S. Bryant, William Norine, Mary Jo Thompson and Connie Wanek. Host: Richard Terrill, with Don Brunquell at the end).

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Day Committee

To read a poem is to hear it with our eyes;
to hear it is to see it with our ears.

~Octavio Paz

April 11, 2023 SECOND TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers
 For book information, go to their web page [HERE](#)

11:00 a.m. Strengthening Democracy
Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State



Steve Simon is Minnesota’s 22nd Secretary of State. He was sworn into office on January 5, 2015; and, as Minnesota’s chief elections administrator, pledged in his inaugural address to “work with anyone, of any political affiliation, from any part of our state” to protect, defend, and strengthen the right to vote in Minnesota.

As Secretary of State, he partners with township, city, and county officials to organize elections on behalf of Minnesota’s nearly four million eligible voters, and to ensure that the election system is fair.

Simon also oversees a wide range of services for Minnesota businesses and administers the “Safe at Home” address confidentiality program for people whose personal safety is at risk, often due to physical abuse or threats.

His goals as Minnesota’s Secretary of State are straightforward: expand access to voting, remove barriers to voting, make business services as streamlined as possible, strengthen protections for victims of domestic violence and, most importantly, be a Secretary of State for all Minnesotans.

Before being elected Minnesota’s Secretary of State, Simon served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for ten years representing the communities of St. Louis Park and Hopkins.

Simon grew up in St. Louis Park and Hopkins. He graduated with a B.A in Political Science from Tufts University in Massachusetts in 1992, and earned a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1996. Simon and his wife Leia live in Hopkins with their two children, Hannah and Noah.

Karen Sletten, Public Policy & Environment Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Is There Still Discrimination in Medical School?
Katherine Hill



Katherine Hill, a May 2023 graduate from Yale School of Medicine, will discuss her research on mistreatment and discrimination in medical schools, which was recently published in JAMA Internal Medicine and JAMA Network Open. Katherine’s findings indicate that mistreatment of medical students is common. Women, racial/ethnic minorities, and sexual minorities appear to experience a disproportionate burden of the mistreatment

reported in medical schools. Additionally, racial/ethnic minorities, sexual minorities, and low socioeconomic students are less likely to be selected for membership in prestigious medical student honor societies.

As we strive for more diversity in medical school admissions, we cannot lose sight of the fact that culture within programs is equally important.

The differential burden of mistreatment and differences in honor society membership may have substantial implications for the medical school learning environment and the diversity of the physician workforce.

Katherine will be receiving her Doctor of Medicine and Masters in Health Science degrees from Yale University in May 2023. Ms. Hill is a 2018 graduate of the University of Minnesota (B.S. Biology, B.S. Psychology & B.A. Spanish Studies).

Donna Román, Education & Learning Committee

***** **EVENING PROGRAM** *****

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

KEVIN KLING

author, playwright, teller of tales

Chicken Soup for the Chicken



Kevin Kling, author, humorist and disability advocate, will entertain us with stories of healing with humor and heart.

Learn more about Mr. Kling [HERE](#)

5:00 p.m. Social Time

5:45 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program

Cost: \$40.00

Valet available at 5:00 p.m.

Limited to 80 guests

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TBA

Watch for your SignUpGenius email invitation

April 18, 2023 THIRD TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions (go to their web page [HERE](#))
China and the U.S.**

11:00 a.m. **Disrupting the Cycle of Poverty,
Two Generations at a Time
Karla Benson Rutten, ED, Jeremiah Program (St. Paul)
Patty Healy Janssen, ED, Jeremiah Program (Mpls.)**



Karla Benson Rutten is the Executive Director of Jeremiah Program in St. Paul, MN. Karla has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit management, higher education, and DEI organizational change. Prior to joining JP, Ms. Rutten was the Vice President of Community Engagement at Girl Scouts River Valleys. An entrepreneur, she is the founder of Benson Rutten Innovations (BRI), a coaching, consulting, and training firm focused on DEI

strategic leadership development. She holds a Master's degree in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Iowa State University.

Patty Healy Janssen, Executive Director of the Minneapolis community of the Jeremiah Program, will join Ms. Rutten at the podium.

Envisioning a world where poverty is no longer feminized, Jeremiah Program offers one of the nation's most successful strategies for disrupting poverty, two generations at a time. With the belief that no mother should have to make the untenable choice between investing in herself or supporting her children, helping mothers access and succeed in a degree program is a central focus at JP. Ms. Rutten will provide an in-depth overview of the Jeremiah Program, sharing how JP has grown over the past few years, organizational priorities for 2023, and future volunteer opportunities.

Jan Parkman, Education & Learning Committee

April 18, 2023 **THIRD TUESDAY, continued.**

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

1:00 p.m. **Meet Our 2023 Scholarship Award Scholars!**
Mary Crampton

Come and hear from these remarkable young women, whose college education we are going to support. They are sure to advance “equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.”

We also look forward to hearing from our current scholarship recipients as they bring us up to date on their college experiences. Hear how your generous donations have helped them experience a wide range of college activities while working toward their educational goals.

Some of these talented scholars will join us for lunch, giving you an opportunity to talk with them, and to be inspired by them. Our scholars amaze and delight us with their capabilities, achievements, and dreams for the future. We know they will amaze you, too!

Moderated by our own Mary Crampton and more Scholarship trustees; be sure to bring your questions.

Carole Otte Pesek, Scholarship Trust

April 25, 2023 **FOURTH TUESDAY**

9:30 a.m. **Mystery Book Club**
For book information, go to their web page [HERE](#)



ANNUAL MEETING
to
CELEBRATE US!

10:00 a.m. **Mimosas and Treats**

11:00 a.m. **Annual Meeting**

Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and opening remarks
2. Vote on acceptance of proposed budget – Meg Swanson
3. Nominees for 2022-2024 positions – Colleen Cooper
Election of slate of nominees
4. Fundraising report – Mary Chorewycz
5. Recognition of outgoing officers and chairs
6. Introduction of the Board of Directors for 2022-23 and 2022-24
7. Recognition of the Book Ends
8. Recognition of 50-year members
9. Recognition of past presidents
10. In Memoriam
11. AAUW Honorees

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

1:00 p.m. **Entertainment (TBA)**



SPRING BOOK SALE

Thursday, April 20 & Friday, April 21
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Get those summer books! The Book Ends are delighted to see members coming down to the basement to look for books. You may visit any time the house is open; there is a bowl on a table for your payment. We are continually looking for saleable books to add to our inventory. After all, the Spring Sale is just around the corner. Thank you for your support!

The Book Ends
Tersenia Schuett, Kathleen Flynn, Sharon Ahern, and Ann Heider

***** SUMMER EVENTS • May – August 2023 *****

GREAT DECISIONS

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Economic Warfare
9:30 a.m.

ZOOM ONLY! Link [HERE](#)

Find more information, go to the Great Decisions web page [HERE](#).



HISTORY THEATRE

Thursday, May 11, 2023

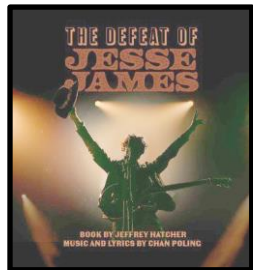
The Defeat of Jesse James

10:00 a.m.

\$32.00

DEADLINE: April 11

Contact Jan Parkman



Sign up for tickets at the House on Tuesdays, or email Jan Parkman to sign up if you are unable to attend in person. You can pay with a check made out to Jan Parkman or with cash by April 11.

OSPREY WILDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

DETAILS coming SOON!

Coordinator: Deb Curran



AUGUST TEA

Details TBA

Coordinator: Pam Lande

Watch your email and the website!





*** COMMITTEE REPORTS and GENERAL INFORMATION ***

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Linda Speiss and I continue work in the Historic Archives. If officers and committee chairs have unneeded records, please direct them to the Historians' mailbox in the Branch Office or contact Kim Blair.

Thank you for these records as they tell our Branch story.

Kim Blair, Historian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many thanks to those who have stepped forward to nominate yourself or others for branch leadership positions in 2023. We encourage even more participation to keep our AAUW branch strong and thriving. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you want to know more about these roles – we are here to help. The following positions are still open for nominations: President Elect; Secretary; VP Fundraising; Global Issues; Nominating Committee.

Learn more and submit nominations either by email or by using our handy online form at <https://www.aauwstpaul.org/nominations/>.

Colleen Cooper, Nominating Committee

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Neat books donated!

Kristi Holmquist, an AAUW member, donated three fascinating old books to the house library, and they are available for members to peruse.

The first book is titled *The Governor's Table*, published by Summit Avenue Society in 1981. The history and recipes start when the Quies moved into the Minnesota Governor's Mansion Residence in 1979.

The second book is *Famous Recipes by Famous People*, published by Sunset in 1940. The contributors are all famous people: John Steinbeck, Sinclair Lewis, Gertrude Stein, and many more. All the recipes have been tested and approved by the American Association of Gourmets.

The third book is *Community Cooking* by Summit Avenue residents. It is a history and cookbook of the Summit-University area. Lots of history, photos, and recipes. It is a very unique book.

Please stop in the library and take a look at these historical books.

Thinking of donating a treasure?

Please contact the Property Committee if you have an item that you think may be suitable for our clubhouse. The Property Committee will make careful decisions on whether to accept possible donations of furniture, lamps, and artwork. Acceptance of any item is dependent on how it will fit into the long-term decorating plan for the House and business.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair

CHARITABLE GIVING TO AAUW

Your contributions can help further the mission of AAUW at the national and branch level: TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY. Your gift will always be greatly appreciated.

All contributions to the national organization and/or our branch are tax deductible.

GIVING AT THE BRANCH LEVEL:

Contributions to the St. Paul Branch of AAUW or our local Scholarship Fund, two separate organizations, are greatly valued.

To donate to the Scholarship Trust: please make your check payable to **St. Paul College Club Inc. AAUW Scholarship Trust** and mail it to the Scholarship Trust Treasurer, AAUW-St. Paul, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Charitable Giving, Continued.

To contribute to the AAUW St. Paul Branch Operations or its House Preservation Fund, please make your check payable to AAUW St. Paul Branch and designate either Branch Operations or the House Preservation Fund on the memo line. Mail it to AAUW St. Paul, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Another option is to make your donation(s) when you pay your dues.

GIVING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

If you are considering a gift to the National organization of AAUW, you can learn more about the many fine programs supported by our national organization by going to its website and clicking on the DONATE link to make an online donation. The information provided is clear and complete. Or you can send a check payable to AAUW, indicating the specific program you find compelling or the AAUW Funds, which allows your donation to be applied where it is deemed most needed, on the memo line. Mail the check to: AAUW National Office, Suite 1000, 1310 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

GIVING DIRECTLY THROUGH YOUR IRA OR OTHER INVESTMENT FUNDS:

You can have a donation check sent directly from your IRA as part of your Annual Required Minimum Distribution or other investment funds at any time you wish to give.

To do so, provide the appropriate tax ID number identified below to your financial advisor and have the check sent to either the local branch or national organization address identified earlier.

Branch Operations or House Preservation Fund EIN: 41-0719838

National AAUW Organization: EIN: 52-6037388

Scholarship Trust Fund EIN: 41-1373110

GIVING A CELEBRATORY CONTRIBUTION:

A gift to AAUW, the St. Paul Branch or the National organization, may be very appropriate when recognizing someone's birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc. To contribute at the local level for Branch Operations, the House Preservation Fund or the AAUW Funds, please follow the instructions provided earlier and indicate for whom the gift is being made and the occasion, as well as the address and to whom the acknowledgement should be sent.

GIVING A MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION or MAKING A BEQUEST OR LEGACY GIFT:

To make a memorial contribution or your bequest at the local level for Branch Operations, the House Preservation Fund or the AAUW Funds, please follow the instructions provided earlier and indicate for whom the gift is being made and the occasion, as well as the address and to whom the acknowledgement should be sent.

To make a memorial donation or your bequest at the national level online, choose the Donate link at AAUW.org and then the "I want to make this donation In Honor Of/In Memory of Someone" box on the payment page. The information for sending a check is provided earlier in this article. It will soon be possible to make your donation through a link on our Branch Webpage. We will let you know when this becomes feasible.

QUESTIONS?

Gift giving can sometimes seem complicated. Please contact our Vice President of Fundraising: Mary Chorewycz with any questions you may have. As stated earlier, your charitable giving to AAUW is greatly appreciated!

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.

Valet parking is available at regular meetings. While not required, it is appreciated if members provide a \$2.00 - \$5.00 tip.

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.

For the comfort of others . . .

Please remember all gatherings at the House are scent/perfume free.

LUNCHEON INFORMATION



**LUNCHEON
COST:
\$25.00**

FOUR WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR LUNCH:

- Weekly email SignUpGenius invitation
- Website: [Home Page](#)
[Tuesday Program Details page](#)
- Email: reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com
- Phone: 651-227-5885

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.

AAUW Bridge Groups

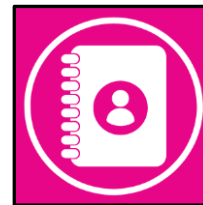
Clubhouse Bridge meets at our 990 Summit Clubhouse on the first Wednesday at noon, September through November, and February through June. (Clubhouse Bridge does NOT meet in December, January, July, and August.) For more information or information on joining as a regular or substitute member, please contact Mary Lou Sabin.



Dessert Bridge meets at noon monthly at members' homes or 990 Summit Clubhouse several times each year. We do not meet in December or January. This schedule varies. For more information on locations and joining as a regular or substitute member, please contact Marlys Larsen.



BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



Our membership directory is updated regularly and sent out via email as a PDF document. For security reasons, the directory is not posted on our website. If your contact information has changed or is incorrect, please email communications@aauwstpaul.org

***** WEBSITE LINKS *****

Our AAUW St. Paul Branch [WEBSITE](#) [HERE](#)



TUESDAY PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events page [HERE](#)
 ZOOM links for Tuesday programs:
 Under Tuesday Program Details [HERE](#)
 Don't forget the Quick Reference Calendar!
 (Find it on the Upcoming Events page)



GREAT DECISIONS

THIRD Tuesdays
 Web page [HERE](#)



BOOK CLUBS

Summit Avenue Readers (SECOND Tuesdays)
 Web page [HERE](#)
 Mystery Book Club (FOURTH Tuesdays)
 Web page [HERE](#)



JOY DAVIS'S LITERATURE SEMINAR

Hosted by Carol Hanson on select Tuesdays
 1:00 p.m. Web page [HERE](#)



BOOK ENDS

Spring Sale coming up April 21 & 22!
 Web page [HERE](#)



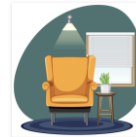
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Check for updates and learn about
 our current outreach partner,
 Jeremiah Program! Web page [HERE](#)



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Web page [HERE](#)



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thinking of donating a treasure to the House?
 Check [HERE](#) first!



PLANNING AN EVENT?

Did you know our beautiful House is a venue for
 weddings and other events? The St. Paul College
 Club is the business name, and we are busy!
 Learn more on our website [HERE](#)

**MORE LINKS WILL BE ADDED
 IN THE NEAR FUTURE!**

**Thank you for using our website
 as your go-to source for
 Branch information!**