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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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Have you ever looked at your calendar, found that it's time for our Tuesday program to start, and wondered, "Where do I find that link?" Fear not, there must be 50 ways to find our programs (with links below the lyrics):

50 Ways to Find Our Programs

By JoAnne Tomczak, (With apologies to Paul Simon and "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover")

"Your questions are all about the Web," she said to me "The answers are easy since we've linked things logically We'd like to help you get the updates easily There must be fifty ways to find our programs"

She said, "It's really not that hard to find the links Furthermore, setting some bookmarks help avoid last minute kinks And I'll repeat myself, so you also come to think There must be fifty ways to find our programs Fifty ways to find our programs"

You just open your mail, Gail Go to the web, Deb The 990's your spot, Dot The links are all free Tuesday's the day, May You don't need to dismay, Kay Just take it from me, Dee And set your mind free **Well, not exactly 50 ways**, but if you include your AAUW friends as information sources, you may well have close to or even more than 50 ways to find our programs. That said, the three quickest ways are:

1) You just open your mail, Gail

Leslie sends out an email each week with all the information and links needed for in-person (and Zoom participation) in our regular Tuesday programs.

2) Go to the web, Deb

This same information is available on our website. Our Home page (https://www.aauwstpaul.org/) has a summary of the next week's programming that is posted on Wednesday or Thursday. Our members-only Program Details page (https://www.aauwstpaul.org/tuesdayprograms/) has more details and the links to Zooms and SignUp Genius. There is a link to this page on the

Home page, and you can also get to it from the Programs tab on the Main menu of the website.

3) The 990's your spot, Dot

Our *990 News* contains a wealth of information about our Branch and about all our upcoming programs and events including the links to regular Tuesday programs. Published digitally, it is posted to our website



at https://www.aauwstpaul.org/990-news/. You can get to it using links on our Home page or from the Publications tab on the Main menu.

Bookmark any of these links, and you will always have a quick and easy way to get to current program information.

And, if you'd like a walk down memory lane, here's a link to Paul Simon singing his original "50 Ways" song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABXtWqmArUU

Joanne Tomczak, Web Manager



LUNCHEON INFORMATION



Please register and prepay for lunch by signing up on weekly SignUp-Genius invitation emails. If you can't access SignUpGenius, email your reservation to

reservations@stpaulcollegeclub.com or call the AAUW Meal Reservation Line at 651-227-5885. This email and phone number are only used for meal reservations.

LUNCHEON COST is \$25.00

Meal prices include a 17% tip, meeting setup, and water, tea, and coffee. Meals must be prepaid through Signup Genius 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 Signup Genius.

You will receive weekly SignUpGenius invitations the Wednesday before the event. Please RESERVE by NOON on the Friday preceding the event. Include the names of your guests. You will receive confirmation from SignUpGenius or email reservations.

Cancellations must be received by NOON on the Friday preceding the event, or you will be expected to pay for your reservation.

Once we are assured weekly lunches can permanently resume, we will have options for what was once called the "permanent list" for those who attend almost all luncheons.

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.

OUR HOUSE

House Accessibility for 990 Summit

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 to a \$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.

Lost and Found

You may take found items belonging to another or look for lost items in the Branch Office on second floor. If you are not able to search for your lost item, please call the Business Office at 651-227-4477.

Please be aware that we are adapting our events as much as we can to ease your comfort in navigating COVID-19



risks. Let's continue caring for each other, being patient, and holding one another in our hearts.



AAUW President's Message

My Dear Friends

Happy New Year! As always, I am hoping the new year finds you healthy and happy. The new year is aways a good taking stock time and looking at things to improve and re-evaluate. We are trying to do that with several



aspects of AAUW.

Check out our website whenever you can! JoAnne Tomczak and Leslie Sworsky have been working very hard on it and it is stellar. Creating a central information distribution place for us has been tons of work and makes things so much simpler to access. I am very impressed!

Have you had enough snow yet? I am ashamed to say that as much as I enjoy being outside and

enjoying living in Minnesota, my snowshoes, cross-country skis, and downhill skis haven't been touched. I am outside playing with my grandson, but I haven't done anything that appears to be real exercise. I guess there is plenty of winter left!

We have had some great poems submitted to the Poetry Committee. Please consider writing one of your own! It's a good way to revisit great times, as Marla Kennedy and Margo Hinke have shown us. Check them out on the Poetry Committee page.

We will be experimenting with an open afternoon social time on January 17. I hope it will be a great time! We have talked about it for a while, and that afternoon became available, so we'll give it a try. I hope you enjoy it. Stay safe and warm and keep smiling!

My best to all, Carol Hanson, AAUW President 2022-24

NEWS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Our scholars are hard at work but still make time for extracurriculars and sports. Edie Weinstein is secretary of the International Student Society at University College Dublin, a group of 1,700 members from all over the world! Maeve Murphy at DePaul University in Chicago may be our first scholar involved with a boxing team in addition to taking science courses. She writes, "Because of you all, I am living my ultimate dream."

The scholarship application is now available through a link on our website. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 23rd. Applications can be dropped off at the house no later than Friday, February 25th.

Now the scholarship trustees jump into high gear. The seven-member

board read every application. We rate each candidate according to a set criterion. Then the board meets to compare our recommendations and pick 5 candidates to interview. After the interview process, we vote on which candidates will become our scholars. You will get to meet our new scholars at the April 18 meeting!



There are so many deserving candidates. Their grades, family responsibilities and school and community activities are

amazing. We, the members of AAUW St. Paul, can be proud to participate in advancing the lives of girls through our economic support. We are an essential part of making their dreams of higher education come true.

Barbara Waldschmidt



AAUW GENERAL INFORMATION

First Tuesdays!

NEW MEMBERS CHAT 10:00 a.m. In the Sunporch (Next to the Livingroom)



If you are a new member, gather in the Sunporch for coffee and an informal Q and A with someone from the Membership Committee. You will

have a chance to meet other members and get your questions answered on the FIRST TUESDAYS of the month.



PREVIOUSLY RECORDED ONLINE PROGRAMS!

Please do not share our links with nonmembers. Access the AAUW St. Paul website

at https://aauwstpaul.org/

Under PROGRAMS select PROGRAM VIDEOS. Choose a program from the many wonderful programs or revisit one you loved the first time and enjoyed! Please remember that the programs are only archived for two years!

Zooms will be available for all programs! Check out our website for more information.

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Jan Parkman is our Membership Treasurer. Connect with her to pay dues. You may also leave your application in the membership mailbox in the AAUW office. For more information contact membershiptreasurer@aauwstpaul.org

Prospective members may be invited as guests up to three times to participate in our programs.

BRANCH DIRECTORY

Our membership directory is updated every fall. If your contact information (phone, address, or email) has changed, please notify Leslie Sworsky and Jan Parkman.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF AAUW-ST. PAUL

Members who require reimbursement should find a form on the website.

Requests for new nametags should go to

Linda Miller Poff Be sure to check the box for your nametag before you request a new one!

A NOTE FROM THE 990 NEWS TEAM

if you have any questions, corrections, or comments.

As you peruse the *990 News* online, we hope you enjoy all the information and branch news! It takes a team to bring this to fruition, and thanks go to Carol Hanson and Leslie Sworsky. We love that you are using the website as well as this document to get the information you need! Feel free to contact us at <u>communications@aauwstpaul.org</u>



The 990 News Team

Leadership

Fund (4452)

Career

Workplace

Training



How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



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JOIN BY COMPUTER

New to Zoom Meetings?

 Close any program on your computer that uses your camera.

computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Click the Zoom link that has been sent to

ZOOM TIPS

ZOOM is a video/teleconferencing system. You can join a ZOOM meeting using your

you in an email, and Zoom should automatically and guickly download to your computer.

- When the download has completed, click on it to launch Zoom.
- Once Zoom has launched, a screen should pop up asking for your name. This will identify you during the meeting.
- You should now be part of the meeting. Click the green button that says, "Join Audio by Computer," to allow for computer audio.
- Turn on VIDEO for your camera

JOIN BY SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

- Download the free Zoom app from your device's app store.
- Once downloaded, follow the instructions to set up your account. You will only have to do this once.
- Click the "Join" button displayed on the app home screen.
- The app will then ask you for the meeting ID and Password. You will find this information in the email from the host.
- You are now part of the meeting. You will want to "Join Audio by Computer" to allow for audio.
- Turn on VIDEO for your camera.

Please allow extra time to get online! This is especially important if this is the first time you have used ZOOM. The ZOOM website has video resources that can show you how to join a meeting. Feel free to visit their Help Center for instructional videos and articles at https://support.zoom.us/



Fast Facts: The Gender Pay Gap

Overall, women working full time in the United States make 83% of what men do. And collectively, working women lose out on more than \$500 billion a year.



The gender pay gap exists for every age group and widens over a woman's lifetime. It increases over the course of a woman's work life and is widest for women ages 55–64.

The pay gap tends to be larger for women of color and in some cases the gap appears to be widening. Compared to white, non-Hispanic men:

- Latinas make 55 cents on the dollar.
- American Indian or Alaska Native make 60 cents on the dollar.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander women make 63 cents on the dollar.
- Black women make 63 cents on the dollar.
- Asian women make 87 cents on the dollar.

Note: The most recent data available for all racial groups was collected in 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic limiting the collection of 2020 data. The pay gap exists in nearly every profession.

Fields with the smallest pay gaps are food workers, writers, counselors, pharmacists and social workers, where women earn within 97–99% of what their male colleagues do. The largest gaps occur among financial services sales agents, financial managers and financial advisers. In those fields, the pay ratio between women and men is between 61–66%.

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of the 20 highest-paying jobs are dominated by men.

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of the 20 lowest-paying jobs are dominated by women.

Mothers face an even wider pay gap than women without kids.

Moms earn only 71 cents for every dollar paid to fathers, which translates to a loss of \$16,000 annually.

Women with bachelor's degrees working full time are paid 26% less than their male counterparts.

Though women in the U.S. now earn more college and postgraduate degrees than men, they also hold nearly two-thirds of the nation's outstanding student debt — \$929 billion.

Women face an income gap in retirement.

Because they have earned less and therefore paid less in the Social Security system, they receive less in Social Security benefits. They also lag men in pension benefits, as well as retirement savings.







We have not had an in-person business meeting in several years. I have scheduled three (January 10, February 7, and March 7 at 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

for now because it has been our practice and because we want to keep members informed as much as possible. At the same time, I feel this format is no longer the best way to serve our membership.

At AAUW St. Paul, members participate in various ways and have diverse interests in the minutia of the organization's administration. I know that it is important to keep members informed about the health of the organization, but I am not sure that a quick meeting prior to a presentation and a luncheon is really the best way to do this. Traditionally, only a handful of people attend and are making decisions for others who are not in the room. With our website and our increasingly sophisticated email messaging, and online formats for voting, more members can be involved in decision our making.

Our organization is interesting and complex. A weakness that we have is sometimes in our communication on several levels. Our membership deserves the best communications and involvement that we can provide. As we use technology more and more, we don't have as many needs for the same kind of format to distribute information. Those of you who know me well know that I have concerns about information distributed only at inperson meetings, as it is a small percentage of our membership that is present. I am trying to find a way to satisfy our needs and keep our members well informed at the same time.

For each meeting, an agenda will be sent out in the reminder email from Leslie Sworsky. I am also open to additions to the agendas if I know by 9:00 p.m. on the Sunday before each meeting.

I look forward to your input and welcome you to attend.

Thank you for your patience. Carol Hanson, AAUW St. Paul President 2022-24 *As per our Bylaws, these meetings will be in person.

AAUW Branch Business Meeting Agenda

January 10, 2023 February 7, 2023 March 7, 2023

All meeting times: 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome/Call to order
- 2. Additions to Agenda
- 3. Consent Agenda for Previous Minutes (As we haven't had a recent meeting, we will approve all previous Branch Business minutes at this meeting as they stand.)
- 4. Reports
 - a. President-Carol Hanson
 - b. Finance Committee-Kathy Pickard
 - c. St. Paul College Club-Brian Quist
 - d. Treasurer-Meg Swanson
- 5. Adjournment





January 10, 2023	SECOND TUESDAY
9:30 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers in the Library
	(More information on pages 19-20.)
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting

Ms. Polson was one of the founding board members for TeamWomen, <u>https://teamwomenmn.org/</u>, whose mission is "we inspire women and girls to rise together." Over the past 12 years, Rachel has been chair of the mentoring committee, finance committee and currently is in a two-year role as chair of the Board of Directors.



Ms. Polson enjoys giving back to other organizations, being involved with AICPA council, MN Society of Certified Public Accounts, Minnesota Tech Association Foundation, Advisory Board for Herberger School of Business for SCSU, and chair of her church's finance committee.

Sharon Klumpp, Public Policy & Environment

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Human Rights for Women Across the Globe Rosalyn Park



Ms. Rosalyn Park, Director of Women's Human Rights for The Advocates for Human Rights, will describe how human rights defenders and civil society groups have undertaken innovative, energetic, and creative strategies to counter the anti-gender movement and continue promoting women's human rights.

Jan Anderson, Global Issues Committee

January 17, 2023	THIRD TUESDAY
9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions (More information on page 20.)
11:00 a.m.	Journey to Council President Amy Brendmoen



Ms. Amy Brendmoen has been the president of the Saint Paul City Council since 2012. Her public service directly affects AAUW since she is the representative for Ward 5, in which the AAUW House is located.

Ms. Brendmoen is very active in the community and remains highly accessible to her constituents (learn why she's logged 600 miles walking around Lake Como). She

seeks to build trust, share power, and provide consistent and clear communication. She is open-minded, thoughtful, and believes that great ideas bloom from all places. She could easily be one of us!

Join us as we learn about her journey as Council President and why we can be very proud she represents our neighborhood.

Dulcie Campana, Outstanding Women Committee

12:<mark>00</mark> p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Social Time

Join us in the Great Hall for some girlfriend time! We'll have coffee and water available. The chance to spend informal time together is something that many members have requested. Please take advantage of this chance to socialize with your old friends and meet some new ones. Enjoy!



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January 24, 2023

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.



Ms. Annelle was twenty years old in 1947 when she immigrated to America after a youth spent in Hitler's Germany. As an adolescent she had been influenced by constant propaganda and strict censorship. As a young adult, she had been deeply influenced by the suffering causes by World War II.

FOURTH TUESDAY

Mystery Book Club

Annelee Woodstrom

(More information on page 20.)

Growing Up in Hitler's Germany

Americans wanted to know about Adolph Hitler but how could she tell them that as a child, what she wanted more than anything, was to become a member of Hitler's Jung Maidens organization. Ms. Woodstrom's story of finding her way in American culture is interesting and compelling.

Shannon LeClair, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.



At the Speed of Andante: Classical **Composers Finding Their Muse on the Trail** Alison Young

Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mahler, Britten, and Bach are just a few of the composers who used walking in nature as a tool for inspiration. Former Classical Minnesota Public Radio host Ms. Alison Young brings all her favorite musicians along with her – at least figuratively – as she

walks long trails. What surprised and delighted her most was learning valuable lessons about the creative life, including how to stay centered and present as well as how to listen to the voice of the natural world.

Ms. Young is the "solo female middle-aged, titanium-reinforced, longdistance backpacker" Blissful Hiker. She has hiked on six continents; and, walked New Zealand's "long pathway" Te Araroa and the Pacific Crest Trail. She will share stories, as well as music, bringing alive lessons from the trail that inspire, energize, and ultimately heal the body, mind, and spirit. Lynne Beck. Cultural Arts Committee January 31, 2023 11:00 a.m.



FIFTH TUESDAY

Getting Up at 3:30 a.m. to Tell Minnesotans the News: Pumpkin Carving to the Nurses' Strike Pauleen Le



Ms. Pauleen Le joined WCCO-TV as a reporter in April 2022. She is a first-generation Asian-American and is originally from Eagan. Pauleen began her career as a general assignment reporter in La Crosse, WI. She also made stops

in Green Bay, Wis., and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Prior to WCCO, she served as a morning anchor at CBS 58 in Milwaukee, WI. Ms. Le's reports on some of the biggest stories in the last decade have been seen on HLN, CBS Mornings, and the BBC. She has received nine Emmy nominations and won countless Wisconsin Broadcaster Association awards. She is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas and Two Rivers High School (formerly Henry Sibley High School).

Shannon LeClair, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Misdiaanosed Jean Abbott



Ms. Jean Abbott thought her spastic movements and difficulties walking were caused by cerebral palsy; but then

she met an insightful doctor who recognized what was really causing her problems and banished her symptoms with a simple daily pill.

How would you make it that far with a positive spirit? How would you handle that sudden change in your life? How would you live differently?

Please join us for a jaw-dropping discovery and how Ms. Abbott handled her life during the initial diagnosis and 30 years later with a new diagnosis. What is she doing now? She will tell us about her journey. It is one you will not forget. Want a little preview? Click HERE.

Dulcie Campana, Outstanding Women Committee

February 7, 2023	FIRST TUESDAY
10:00 a.m.	New Member Chat in the Sunroom (Next to the living room)
11:00 a.m.	The Battle of Sugar Point

Cecelia McKeig

The Battle of Sugar Point took place in October 1898 and was the last confrontation between the United States Army and any Indian tribe. The short but important battle followed years of frustration and problems on the Leech



Lake Reservation. Complaints to the federal government were largely ignored. Learn more in this presentation!

Ms. Cecelia McKeig was born and raised in Bemidji, Minnesota. She graduated from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul followed by graduate work on a Fulbright scholarship in Freiburg, Germany. She earned an M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in history.

Julie Ditzler, Diversity Committee

ncheon

1:00 p.m. Diversity Matters: Advocating for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the "Whitest Profession" Laura Molgaard

Dr. Laura Molgaard became Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine in June of 2021 after serving as the Interim Dean since August of 2019. She received both her undergraduate and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees at Iowa State University and spent a brief time in private veterinary practice before beginning her academic career.



Dr. Molgaard's research interests include the use of professional activities to improve the frequency and quality of coaching feedback for learners, competency assessment, and selection for and development of nontechnical competencies. She has been active in diversity initiatives including veterinary pipeline development, admissions, and culture/climate issues. *Jerri Smith, Public Policy & Environment Committee*

February 14, 2023	SECOND TUESDAY	
9:30 a.m.	Summit Avenue Readers	
	(More information on pages 19-20).)
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting	
11:00 a.m.	End-of-Life Issues Kelly Grosklags	3





For nearly 30 years, Ms. Kelly Grosklags has helped patients, families, caregivers, and clinicians understand and cope with grief, loss, and traumatic illness through

her work in palliative care, hospice, emergency rooms, and her private psychotherapy practice. She has sat at the bedside of hundreds of patients during their final breaths.

Ms. Grosklags is board certified in clinical social work and completed a fellowship in grief counseling from the American Academy of Healthcare Professionals. She is a sought-after public speaker, author, podcast host, and social media blogger, as well as award-winning executive producer of the documentary "Dying Is Not Giving Up."

Julie Ditzler, Diversity Committee

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Wakpa Triennial Art Festival Colleen Sheehy

Hear from Public Art Saint Paul's Executive Director Dr. Colleen Sheehy about the debut of the Wakpa Triennial. (Wakpa means "river" in Dakota language). A series of "Critical Conversations" being planned with the



Minnesota Humanities Center will offer opportunities for people to reflect and converse about how to rebuild our cities with equity and inclusion.

Dr. Colleen Sheehy's leadership in the arts includes 15 years as Director of Education at the Weisman Art Museum where she was part of a small staff team that inaugurated exhibitions and programs.

Lynne Beck, Cultural Arts Committee



February 21, 2023	THIRD TUESDAY
9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions (More information on page 18.)
11:00 a.m.	Ukraine: Perspectives on a Changing World Margo Squire



Ms. Margo Squire was a career diplomat for thirty years and served in Munich, Moscow, Melbourne, Baku, Ankara, and Washington, DC. She retired in 2014 but returned to public service in 2020 to become Cultural Affairs Specialist in Kabul, Afghanistan. In this position,

she supported American centers across the country and organized programs to empower women and girls.

Ms. Squire has worked as a consultant in international affairs, speaking with groups on United States foreign policy and has thrown herself into her lifelong passion for art history, leading tours at three area art museums—The Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Weisman. She is married to another former diplomat, Ross Wilson, and has two grown sons.

Carol E. Byrne, Global Issues Committee

12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 p.m.	Joy Davis's Literat

Joy Davis's Literature Seminar Carol Hanson

This year, as we continue the Joy Davis Literature Seminar, we will be discussing some edgy modern short stories. Our story this month is "Anything Could Disappear" by Danielle Evans. Please refer to the AAUW website for links to the story and information about the author <u>HERE</u>. Contact Carol Hanson if you have any questions.

February 28, 2023	
9:30 a.m.	

11:00 a.m.



Is our choice of food killing our planet? Are you willing to
change your diet to save the planet? This is an issue that
everyone is involved with. Most people have no idea what
beef, pork, bad fishing habits, etc. do to the health of the
environment.

(More information on page 20.)

Healing the Planet One Bite at a Time

FOURTH TUESDAY

Mystery Book Club

Bryan Wood

Mr. Bryan Wood graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Outdoor Education from the University of Minnesota Duluth, earned a Master of Arts in Education with Natural Sciences & Environmental Education from Hamline University, and a Mini MBA for Nonprofit Organizations from University of St. Thomas. His greatest joy is being the proud father of his two children, Maya and Henry, whom he lives with at their home in Lindstrom, Minnesota.

André Leavitt-Simone, Public Policy & Environment Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m. The State of Democracy in "The State that Votes" Lori Sturdevant

For nearly 50 years, Minnesotans have taken pride in leading the nation in voter turnout and clean elections. But in recent years, this state has fallen behind others in several ways. Divided government has halted innovation. With state government no longer divided, will Minnesota find a way to again be a trailblazer for democracy?



Ms. Lori Sturdevant retired in January of 2019 after 43 years at the *Star Tribune*. She has been the author, ghostwriter, or editor of a dozen books about Minnesota most recently, *Turnout: Making Minnesota the State that Votes.* She is a three-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award. She lives in Saint Paul with her husband; they have three grown children.

Jane Tschida, Outstanding Women Committee

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March 7, 2023	FIRST TUESDAY
10:00 a.m.	New Member Chat in the Sunroom
10:30 a.m.	Branch Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	A Journey Toward Wellbeing Mary Jo Kreitzer

Almost 30 years ago, Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer started what is now called the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota. While the initial impetus for creating the Center was to improve the care of patients at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic, the Center

today is at the forefront of education, research and community engagement focused on advancing wellbeing in people, organizations and communities.

Dr. Kreitzer will reflect on her leadership journey as the founder and director of the Bakken Center including challenges and opportunities she faced, the role of mentors, her leadership philosophy and what's next on the horizon for the Bakken Center. She will also share her personal story of cultivating wellbeing in her life and will invite you to reflect on ways that you can enhance wellbeing in your own life and community.

Carolyn Rehn, Outstanding Women Committee

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

Luncheon

One Hundred Countries and Counting Gail Shore



Ms. Gail Shore grew up in Wisconsin during an era that provided few opportunities for girls. In the late 1960s, she took her first trip abroad, never dreaming how cultural travel would irreversibly change her life.

Ms. Shore's trips would eventually take her through five

decades and nearly one hundred countries. These travels were shared first through Cultural Jambalaya, providing educators with free, creative multimedia resources to address the critical need for global education in our schools. Now she has written a book, Opening My Cultural Lens, sharing her photos and memories with a new audience.

Jan Hertel. Global Issues Committee

March 14, 2023 SECOND TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Summit Avenue Readers (More information on page 19-20.)

11:00 a.m. The Usual Suspects Marla Kennedy

Back by popular demand! Our wonderful Marla Kennedy is a great promoter of writing poetry. Come and enjoy hearing the poetry that is varied, edgy, and fun.

Here are some comments from some of the poets. "I have improved by sharing my poetry to a larger group and the

response was heartening. It gives me the confidence to continue to write." "I continue my attempts to let go of predictable writing, to speak from the heart and let the mind grow a little wilder. My goal is actually to try on different voices, surprise myself, spend more time exploring details and my own history." "I have grown. I have gotten more confident, and don't feel the need to blast everything I can think of about birds or rocks or young love into one long poem (though I might, still). Instead, I can work with more terse forms. I'd call that skill."

Marla Kennedy for Program Development Committee

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 p.m.



Corporate Personhood and Its Effect on Our Democracy Barbara Gerten

When did corporations get most of the rights of real people in this country? How is corporate money and influence making it harder and harder for individual citizens to have control of our government and laws? How can we change this?

Please come and hear from Barbara Gerten on this important topic. She is a member of the MN Move to Amend State Network, an organization advocating for the We the People amendment to the constitution. This amendment would limit federal constitutional rights to natural persons only and clarify that federal state, and local governments have the right to regulate money in campaigns and lobbying.

Pat Dalton, Public Policy & Environment Committee







****** EVENING PROGRAM ****** Wednesday, March 15, 2023

United States Diplomacy Today: In the 2020s, What Do American Diplomats Do and How Do They Do It?



Ambassador Ross Wilson is Chair of Global Minnesota's Board of Directors. As a career diplomat between 1979 and 2021, he served as United States ambassador to Azerbaijan and Turkey and as chargé d'affaires in Turkey, Georgia, and Afghanistan. He has also held Foreign Service postings in Moscow; Prague; and Melbourne, Australia; and at the Department of State.

From 2010 to 2014, Ambassador Wilson was director of the Eurasia Center at the Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank, where he led work on Turkey, the former Soviet states, and regional energy and economic issues. Since 2009, he has taught at George Washington University and Carleton College and served on boards and advisory councils for the Eurasia Foundation, American Voices, and the Institute of Turkish Studies.

The recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and master's degrees from Columbia University and the US National War College, Ambassador Wilson is a recipient of the President's Meritorious Service Award and the State Department's highest honor, its Distinguished Service Award. Married to Margo Squire, also an American Foreign Service officer, he lives near the Twin Cities.

He will be joined at the podium by his spouse, Margo Squire, who is our February 21 speaker on the Ukraine.

Cost and sign-up information will be on the website.

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March 21, 2023 9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.



THIRD TUESDAY

Great Decisions (More information on page 18.)

An Incredibly Timely, Thoroughly-Researched Women's Historical Novel Ames Sheldon



Collections in the United States. In her latest award-winning historical novel Ms. Sheldon gives us insight into the long struggle to get birth control legalized in the United States.

Ms. Sheldon grew up in Minnesota and has a master's degree in American Studies from the University of Minnesota. She has worked in the legal department of a multi-national chemical company as a newspaper reporter and later as a grant writer and development officer for a variety of nonprofit organizations.

Margo Hinke, Education & Learning Committee

12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 p.m.	Scholarship Recipient Brook LaFloe



I tis always wonderful to hear from scholarship recipients such as Ms. Brook LaFloe, a 2011 scholarship recipient.

Ms. LaFloe's tribal affiliation is with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, North Dakota. An educator and entrepreneur, Ms. LaFloe connects indigenous children to their heritage through culturally relevant learning materials and a supporting curriculum. She is founder and CEO of Niniijaanis, a social enterprise for indigenous people, creating learning materials for supporting indigenous economies through the arts. Ms. LaFloe loves being with family, fancy dancing at Powwows, and she loves participating in sports.



March 28, 2023 FOURTH TUESDAY 9:30 a.m. Mystery Book Club (More information on page 20.)

11:00 a.m.

Pipa Player Gao Hong



Renowned Chinese pipa player and composer, Gao Hong graduated from the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing where she studied with pipa master Lin Shicheng.

As a composer, Ms. Hong has received numerous commissions from a variety of foundations and her works have been performed by world-class musicians in many parts of the concert world. In 2000, Song of the Pipa, a play based on Ms. Hong's life and the life of Chinese poet, Bai Juyi, received 20 performances by Theater Mu and featured live musical accompaniment and new compositions by Ms. Hong. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear world-renowned pipa player, Gao Hong. It promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Sharon Carlson, Cultural Arts Committee

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Reflections on Sweden and Swedish America Bruce Karstadt

Mr. Bruce Karstadt is President/CEO of the American Swedish Institute. He is also Honorary Consul General of Sweden for the State of Minnesota

Mr. Karstadt was twice honored by HM Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden, with medals of the Royal Order of the Polar Star.

He received the Carl Sandburg Medal from the Swedish American Historical Society in Chicago in 2012. Lund University in Lund, Sweden conferred upon him an honorary doctorate in philosophy in 2019.

Mr. Karstadt is a native of Lindsborg, Kansas. He earned a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in history and political science from Bethany College in Lindsborg and a Juris Doctor degree from Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas.

POETRY COMMITTEE

We have had some great poetry entries for this issue of the *990 News*! Enjoy!

Marla Kennedy, Poetry Committee Chair

Gramma's 75th Birthday Trip by Margo Hinke

At first it was my favorite, Disney World Imagine six parents and six grandkids under nine Then Covid, the ugly monster hit Now, an immunocompromised member Alas, Disney is out! Trips are out! Two years later a compromise Six days at St. Augustine with all but two A villa with a pool and a beach Familial love, memories, and fun for all! The cost, \$3,000 more But worth every dime



It Spoke to Me By M. C. Kennedy

A long time ago, why I remember, I don't know, someone said to me, "You must see the fjords. That's your kind of scenery. They will speak to you."

It lurked in my "things -to-do." I saw – even looked up fjords, cliffs, indeed, lovely, stately. One pajama-ed morning my friends sent me a picture of my fjord.

That was it, perfect beauty, the rolling grass, wanting and waiting for my hand, the stream to fall into, made for me.

It spoke to me, sang to me of perfect beauty. I keep its song.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you for your generosity to our community outreach projects! (And we are looking for a new coordinator!)



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 UPDATE

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/.

Katie Gates, Nominating Committee

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS

We are very pleased to announce the results of the Fall 2022 Membership Drive. We recruited 21 new members and got two additional renewals. These members are great additions to the St. Paul AAUW Branch.

The AAUW members who recruited one new member were as follows:

Arna Yetter Carol Vasatka Jan Parkman Kathy Pickard Peggy Hall Pam Lande Carol Hanson Cheryl Brown Judith Devine Mary Kurth Peggy Lindgren

Each of these members is entitled to a glass of wine compliments of AAUW St. Paul.

Margo Hinke was the overall winner with three new members recruited. Margo received a parking plaque making her able to park behind the home four times.

In addition, Carol Byrne was again recognized for recruiting three new members. Carol received a book of African proverbs for once again topping the list of members recruited.

Please welcome these new members when you see them at meetings or a luncheon. Also thank the members who recruited these new members. Without all their help, the St. Paul AAUW branch would not be able to present such wonderful programs, provide such tasty lunches, or maintain such an incredible club house. Thanks to all.

> Sue Talley, Membership Co-VP Becky Davidson, Membership Co-VP Jan Parkman, Membership Treasurer



Great Decisions is our AAUW group that meets to discuss topics of international importance. These topics, the briefing books, and the videos which support our discussions are from the Foreign Policy Association.

The very best part of Great Decisions is the discussions we have. Our members have such rich backgrounds and deep interest that we all walk

away having learned more about the topic and about each other!

Please consider joining us! It's a great way to connect with other members as we learn and discuss together. Informed citizens help make the world a better place.

We will provide all Great Decisions sessions on Zoom, even when in-person is also possible.

Biden's Agenda – Moving Forward in a Divided Nation January **17**, **2023** The Biden administration promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. Is that what's happening? What can we expect for the next 2 years? Join us live or on Zoom.



War Crimes

February 21, 2023

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. But what exactly are war crimes? How will the war crimes committed in Ukraine be dealt with?

Energy Geopolitics

March 21, 2023

Access to oil and gas has been an important chip for individual countries to use on the international stage. But as more countries move toward sustainable energy, how will this change the way the US interacts with the world?

Contact Jan Hertel with any questions.

BOOK ENDS COMMITTEE REPORT

News from the Basement!

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.

The Holiday Sale earned over \$600 for the Scholarship Trust Fund. Our thanks to all who purchased – and donated – books for this event. So far, this fiscal year, we have earned more than \$1500 in book sales.

We are continually looking for saleable books to add to our inventory. After all, the Spring Sale will be here before we know it.

Thank you for your support. The Book Ends

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





Summit Avenue Readers

Contact Kathleen Ziegler for more information.

January 10, 2023 The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson



Diane Wilson, a local nonfiction writer, has now written her first novel. *The Seed Keeper* tells the story of Rosalie Iron Wing, a Dakota woman who, after surviving the

foster care system and making a life of her own in the world, must confront the harsh realities—climate change, capitalism, and contemporary farming life. In looking to her past for answers Rosalie finds unexpected communion with her ancestors, the women—strong, resilient, proud—who made her who she is. It's a moving multi-generational story about the destruction of Native American families, communities, and lands, but also about reconnection, hope and the natural world. Ms. Wilson offers a different kind of idealism: one where community, family and the seeds can create the future we're seeking.

Discussion led by Deb Varner

February 14, 2023 *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald wrote in a friend's copy of *Tender Is the Night,* "If you liked The *Great Gatsby*, for God's sake read this. Gatsby was a tour de force, but this is a confession of faith." Set in the South of France in the decade after World War I, *Tender Is the Night* is the story of a brilliant and magnetic psychiatrist named Dick Diver; the bewitching, wealthy, and dangerously unstable mental patient, Nicole, who becomes his wife; and the beautiful, harrowing ten-year pas de deux they act out along the border between sanity and madness.

In Tender Is the Night, Fitzgerald deliberately set out to write the most ambitious and far-reaching novel of his career, experimenting radically with narrative conventions of chronology and point of view and drawing on early breakthroughs in psychiatry to enrich his account of the makeup and breakdown of character and culture. *Tender Is the Night* being also the most intensely, even painfully, autobiographical of Fitzgerald's novels; it smolders with a dark, bitter vitality because it is so utterly true. This account of a caring man who disintegrates under the twin strains of his wife's derangement and a lifestyle that gnaws away at his sense of moral values offers authorial cri de coeur, while Dick Diver's downward spiral into alcoholic dissolution is an eerie portent of Fitzgerald's own fate.

F. Scott Fitzgerald literally put his soul into *Tender Is the Night* and was devastated by its commercial failure. He would die six years later without having published another novel, and without knowing that *Tender Is the Night* would come to be seen as perhaps its author's most poignant masterpiece. In Mabel Dodge Luhan's words, it raised him to the heights of "a modern Orpheus."

Discussion led by Kim Phillips

March 14, 2023 *Jefferson's Daughters* by Catherine Kerrison

Thomas Jefferson had three daughters: Martha and Maria by his wife, Martha Wayles Jefferson, and Harriet by his slave, Sally Hemings. Although the three daughters shared a father, two were white and free and one was black and enslaved. Two received a fine convent school education while they lived with their father during his diplomatic posting in Paris. When they returned home, however, they found their options limited by the laws and customs of early America. Harriet Hemings followed a different path. She escaped slavery leaving Monticello behind. She boarded a coach and set off for a decidedly uncertain future.

For this groundbreaking triple biography, history scholar Catherine Kerrison has uncovered never-before-published documents written by the Jefferson sisters, as well as letters written by members of the Jefferson and Hemings families. The richly interwoven stories of these strong women and their fight to shape their own destinies sheds new light on issues of race and gender that are still relevant today. This book was a finalist for the George Washington Book Prize for being one of the three best historical fiction books of the year.

Discussion led by Judy Regan

Summit Avenue Readers, continued.

April 11, 2023 *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo

In this breathtaking book by Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Boo, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is humanized through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a

makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport.



As India starts to prosper, the residents of Annawadi are electric with hope. Abdul, an enterprising teenager, sees "a fortune beyond counting" in the recyclable garbage that richer people throw away.

Meanwhile Asha, a woman of formidable ambition, has identified a shadier route to the middle class. With a little luck, her beautiful daughter, Annawadi's "most-everything girl," might become its first female college graduate. And even the poorest children, like the young thief Kalu, feel themselves inching closer to their dreams. But then Abdul is falsely accused in a shocking tragedy; terror and global recession rock the city; and suppressed tensions over religion, caste, sex, power, and economic envy turn brutal.

With intelligence, humor, and deep insight into what connects people to one another in an era of tumultuous change, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, based on years of uncompromising reporting, carries the reader headlong into one of the twenty-first century's hidden worlds—and into the hearts of families impossible to forget." -

Discussion led by Joanne McKim

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Mystery Book Club

Discussions are led by Linda Trouten in the Library Contact Linda Trouten for more information.



Linda would like to encourage members to join the Mystery Book Club. The books we read are fun and discussions are lively!

Tuesday, January 24

No Memes of Escape by Olivia Blacke

Odessa, from tiny Piney Island, Louisiana, is asked by her aunt to spend three months in Brooklyn, New York, taking care of her cat. Accepting gratefully, Odessa finds it's like another planet but loves it. Solving quirky murders is part of the allure.

Tuesday, February 28

The Maid by Nita Prose

Her co-workers at New York's Grand Hotel thought she was slow and weird. She knew she was different. She LOVED cleaning and keeping every room sparkling and immaculate. After she finds a dead man when she comes to clean his room, things get very complicated. Who is trustworthy and who is not?

Tuesday, March 28

Blood Sugar by Sascha Rothchild

People keep dying around Miami Beach psychologist Ruby Simon, but she insists that doesn't mean she's always guilty. Outstanding screenwriter Sascha Rothchild presents her debut novel with the utterly addictive *Blood Sugar*, a clever thriller.



Planning an event?

When you recommend the St. Paul College Club to friends, neighbors, business associates, and family members, you are helping St. Paul AAUW. It is our business operation. When the St. Paul College Club does well, we benefit. Business profits have supported many of the renovations we have completed and those still in progress. Please share with those you know how the lovely, updated, yet historic, exterior, and interior of our clubhouse can enhance any event. Let them know of the delicious menu options and the fine service provided by our capable and attentive staff. Please encourage those who are looking for the perfect location for their upcoming special occasion to contact the St. Paul College Club at 651-227-4477. Our event planners are talented in assisting each customer to create a personalized and memorable event.



Thinking of donating a treasure?

Please contact the Property Committee Chair 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 this house/business venue.

Paulette Medin, Property Committee Chair

Computer Access

The computer in the branch office is available for members' use. It is a standard Windows machine that is connected to the Internet, email, printers, etc. The login information is located on the computer.



BRANCH NEWS

Reminder: AAUW Branch Meetings are scent free Member Communication

Our branch communicates with members via email and our website. Our branch website is <u>http://www.aauwstpaul.org</u>. Check us out! JoAnne Tomczak is our Web Manager, and you can contact her at <u>webmaster@aauwstpaul.org</u>

The *Timely Report* is a branch newsletter that is published periodically. It is distributed via email. All members are invited and encouraged to submit articles, preferably no longer than 150 or 250 words, and/or photos that are relevant to the branch. Send articles, photos, or questions to Leslie Sworsky.

The *990 News* (this bulletin) is published periodically and is emailed to members. To submit articles and pictures, contact Carol Hanson. Please do not send PDF files.

BRANCH PERKS

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. This schedule varies. For more information on locations and joining as a regular or substitute member, please contact Marlys Larsen.

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.

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, 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!



