

HIAWATHA HAPPENINGS

Red Wing Area Branch
American Association of University Women



Fall 2018

The New Sheldon with Bonnie Schock—SAVE THE DATE

Bonnie Shock presents the New Sheldon

Wednesday, October 17th, 6:30 PM.

Bonnie will show off the newly renovated Sheldon Theatre.



Community Conversation Circle—Facilitated by AAUW Red Wing Area Branch

Mission:

Maintaining a space for open, honest, and respectful conversation which inspires action and positive change in our community.

What: Facilitated community conversations once a month on a topic which is discussed and voted on by the group the month prior. A gathering where you share and reflect on your beliefs, listen to other perspectives, examine how you may take what you have learned and apply that to your life experience.

When:

Thursday, October 18: 7-8:30 p.m. – Location to be announced. Subject: Introduction to Community Conversation Circle Format and How Conversation Can Inspire Action and Positive Change. Facilitators: Kim Lampe and Carrie Engberg. First circle will be AAUW members and by invitation.

Thursday, November 15, 7 – 8:30 – Location and subject to be announced. Open to the public.

Tuesday, December 18, 7 – 8:30 – Location and subject to be announced. Open to the public.

Membership

By Mary Ellen Halverson, VP Membership

"Membership is open to anyone holding an associate (or equivalent such as RN), bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university."

Dues are payable by June 30 and are currently \$83. This includes Red Wing Area Branch (\$15), Minnesota State (\$9) and Association (\$59).

Renewals are due by June 30th to our Treasurer, Jane Hayden-Hart.

AAUW Membership...How it all began!

November 28, 1881 Founders Meet: Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards meet in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women in higher education, they discuss the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

March 1921: The Southern Association of College Women (founded in 1903) and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae merge to form the American Association of University Women. (AAUW).

1927: Red Wing Area Branch begins with Frances Johnson as its first president.

1931: 50th Anniversary: On its 50th Anniversary, AAUW has 521 branches and 36,800 members. By 1949, those numbers have risen to 1,097 branches and more than 108,000 members.

June 1941 AAUW revises its bylaws to state that the only requirement for membership is a college degree, thereby reaffirming that women college graduates of all races are eligible for membership.

June 1987: AAUW votes to extend membership to male college graduates.

June 2005: Membership Expands: At the 2005 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., AAUW members vote to expand membership to include graduates who hold an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution in response to the growing population of women who have entered

economically advantageous careers with this kind of educational background.

2018: Today, The American Association of University Women has a membership of over 170,000 strong standing for gender equity. Our very own Red Wing Area Branch begins its 2018-2019 year with 75 members!

Historian

By Lynda Kern, Historian

Because I receive the Republican Eagle Newspaper digitally, I need help collecting articles about AAUW events and AAUW members in newspaper format. Please save these items and give them to me at AAUW meetings so I can put them in the AAUW scrapbook.

I take photos at every AAUW event I attend. However I am not at every event and sometimes I don't get a good shot. So, if you see a great photo opportunity, please feel free to take a picture, then email it to me.

If we collect info "as a team" we will have much better coverage of our AAUW history. I am happy to continue assembling the data in our scrapbook.

Save the Date
INSPIRED PART II
AAUW-RED WING AREA BRANCH
2018 HOLIDAY BRUNCH & ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Dec. 1
Red Wing Golf Club
9 a.m. Registration
Tickets \$30 (prepayment required)

SAVE: Early bird deadline for \$25 tickets is November 15

We hope you will join us!

RSVP with payment by Monday Nov. 26 to Jean Magnusson
magnussonjame9@msn.com or 763-458-6289

Royal Ambassador Hannah Coyle Highlights AAUW

By Hannah Coyle

When I decided to join the Red Wing Royal Ambassador Program as a candidate, I knew right away what organization I wanted as my volunteer platform. The American Association for University Women has shown me how to make change, stay strong, and be extraordinary.

Back in January of 2018, I started formulating an idea. I wanted to create a sexual harassment awareness campaign at Red Wing High School. I had a personal experience in December, and it sparked a fire in me. The Red Wing Area Branch of AAUW fostered this idea and encouraged me throughout the process.

By awarding me a grant, AAUW funded the most successful aspect of my campaign. I ordered 110 t-shirts that said “#METOO, We Stand With You.” I then handed them out to students for free. All they had to give was a commitment to stand up to sexual harassment.

Previously having chose my volunteer platform, I was invited to speak about my campaign at a RWAB meeting.

Here, very unexpectedly, I was awarded the first ever, Brave New Girl award. Still in awe months later, I want to give back to the organization that empowered me to make change.

The Red Wing Royal Ambassador Program taught me a few things, too. It taught me that there is no reason we

can't all get along. Put aside political parties, religious beliefs, and high school drama because we are all here to live the most successful lives we can. The best way to do that is through kindness and teamwork. The RWRA Program fosters strong, independent women. They urge all young women to step outside their comfort zones because no matter what lies in front of them, THEY CAN.

So here I am; a 2018 Red Wing Royal Ambassador, giddy to work with AAUW. I'm excited to continue promoting gender equity and female empowerment while representing Red Wing as the strong, independent woman I've grown to become.



Hannah Coyle was presented the first Brave New Girl Award at the AAUW Philanthropy picnic. Coyle's work focused attention on sexual harassment issues at the high school.



Red Wing Ambassador, Hannah Coyle, with Terri Cook and Linda Thielbar

Branch Treasurer's Report

August 17, 2018

By Jane Hayden-Hart, Treasurer

Merchants Bank Balances (8/17/2018)

Savings: \$8516.35

Checking: \$930.78

Both account statements are balanced.

FY2018-19 started on July 1, 2018. All membership renewal checks previously submitted have been deposited.

National and State AAUW membership from these deposits have been paid and the Membership Services Database updated.

A Committee review of the branch Financial Records will start on September 11, 2018.

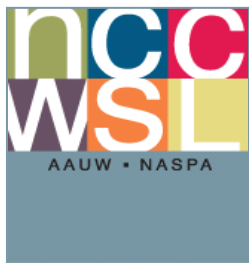
Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hayden-Hart, Branch Treasurer

Star Tribune Metro Girls' Golfer of the Year: Sophia Yoemans, Red Wing



Sophia is the daughter of member, Erin Yoemans



National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

By Kay Humphres,
NCCWSL Chair

Our branch is
seeking
candidates for

the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Our branch will once again be providing a scholarship and airfare to this conference. It's time for us to be looking for candidates to ensure we get the best possible young woman to send to this life changing conference.

You can help.

We are looking for young women from the Red Wing Area who have completed at least their sophomore year of college or equivalency in post secondary programs. A strong

candidate will have demonstrated participation and leadership in her school and/or home community. If you have a granddaughter, neighbor or acquaintance that you think would not only benefit from this conference, but would also use new leadership skills in her community please send me a short note about why you think she should be considered and her contact information. My contact info is:

Kay Humphreys

laurelkay1@yahoo.com

When National sends out the conference information we will post it on our web and face book pages. In the past the conference has taken place during the first weekend of June. Watch for more updates.



*Morley Struss & Alice Bygd –
2018 NCCWSL
Conference Attendees*

Brave New Girls and Mentoring

As you know, AAUW made a commitment last spring to mentoring some of the 'brave new girls' in our community. We are pleased to report that we have three members who will be one-on-one mentors at Red Wing High School for the 2018-19 school year.

Our partners in this effort are Youth Outreach and the Mentoring Task Force from Every Hand Joined.

In addition to mentoring and as a continuation/revitalization of our great BNG program, members have a terrific opportunity during the upcoming school year. We need your help!

So, here's information about your chance to keep the BNG program (and our brand) strong. We are planning three or four events involving girls from both the middle- and high-school groups this year. The older girls will

be planning and presenting the events with and for the younger girls. This is an opportunity for the high-schoolers to be mentors and gain skills in conceiving, organizing and presenting programs.

Our branch has a long history of successful BNG event presentation and our members are the 'human capital' so crucial to these efforts. You can continue to make a real difference in the lives of brave new girls in our community by stepping up to help as the mentoring programs take shape.

The planning for content, timing and other details will begin very soon. We need a core group of a few members to be part of the planning process. And as was the case with our annual BNG events, we need a larger group to lend a hand with each of the programs. One hope is that over the

course of the year, older girls will learn, gain confidence and take more leadership of the process. Your wisdom, enthusiasm and experience will be key to moving the young women toward that goal.

Can you help? If you are willing to pitch in, or if you're simply interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity please contact Mandy Arden (mandyarden@outlook.com) or Marilyn Meinke (mhmeinke1@gmail.com). We would love to talk with you!

And please chat with this year's mentors – Ann-Marie Rose, Kay Humphreys and Marilyn Meinke – about what mentoring girls means to them. We are hoping to build a corps of five or six mentors for the next school years. Your participation will get us to the goal.

SAVE THE DATE-NOVEMBER 6, 2018!

In the last midterm election held in 2014, 50.51% of registered voters in Minnesota voted. To hopefully increase the number of people voting on November 6, here is information which may be helpful to you:

- ✓ Polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM. As long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.
- ✓ Go to www.co.goodhue.mn.us for information on —
 - a. how to register to vote
 - b. how to request an absentee ballot
 - c. the location of your polling place
- ✓ The Minnesota Secretary of State site also has information on voting.



REMEMBER: WHEN WOMEN VOTE, WE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

Book Club



These are the selected book reads for the coming year. Book club meets on the second Thurs. of the month at 5 PM at members homes. All AAUW members are welcome to join the group even if it is for just one book.

- Nov 8, 2018 *Hillbilly Elegy*,
By J D Vandce Host Joan Kovacs
- Jan10 2019 *Patriotic Grace*,
By Peggy Nonnan Host LaVonne Lommel
- Mar 14 2019 *Those Who Save Us* By Jenna Blum Host
Kathleen Gronvall
- May 9,2019 *Daughter of Fortune* , By Isabel
Allende Host Barb Vogel
- Sept. 12,2019 *The Great Alone* By Kristen
Hannah Host Jean Magnusson.

Reminder: Book club will meet TUES, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. at the home of Jean Magnusson to discuss *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore.

You are my Sunshine

After many years of generous service to our branch as the provider of sunshine, Jane Donkers is retiring. Quietly, and behind the scenes, Jane has sent cards of condolences, congratulations and welcome to members and their families on behalf of the branch. I only wish we kept a count of the number of well-wishes she has sent. We all love getting real mail, and the messages written by Jane were so genuine and thoughtful. She really knew how to write a special note.

Now we welcome Sherry Drysdale-Schruth as the new Sunshine Ambassador. Sherry is a long-time AAUW member, first in Wabasha and now in the Red Wing Area and has had many leadership roles. We hope that this will be the most fun role of all.

Please join me in saying Thank You to Jane Donkers and Welcome to Sherry Drysdale-Schruth.

TABLE LEADERS NEEDED

AAUW Red Wing Area 2018 Holiday Brunch & Fundraiser "**WOMEN INSPIRED -ROUND 2**" will be held on December 1 at the Red Wing Golf Club.

We have over 70 members in AAUW, so we know there are additional inspirational stories to be told! Please consider being a table head. The responsibilities include sharing a two-minute (or less) story about a person who has inspired you. You are asked to decorate your table to represent the person you are honoring.

To add to the fun, you may want to have table favors for the guests at your table. Interested table heads can contact Jan Pinsonneault at 651-388-4225 or Jean Magnusson at 651-388-2944.

Sunshine

By Sherry Drysdale-Schruth

Who needs some sunshine?

I will be mailing out cards this year. If you hear of someone who could use a card for illness, celebration, loss, etc..... please call, text, or email me their name, address, & what the card is for. I will mail it on behalf of our AAUW Branch.

Sherry Drysdale-Schruth email:
sherryds@marykay.com cell 715-495-1257



Connecting Threads

"Women have always woven their lives together using art, textiles, crafts and homespun creations. Gatherings of the Connecting Threads group offer a great opportunity to share talents and ideas and to learn new skills while enjoying good company.

Watch your email and the website for information on upcoming Connecting Threads events.



Upcoming Events

- 09/18 **Book Club**, 5 p.m., Jean Magnusson's home
- 09/16 **Hispanic Heritage Festival**, Noon-5 p.m., Central Park
- 09/19 **Annual Branch Fall Kickoff**, Goodhue County Historical Society, 6-8 p.m.
- 10/11 **Referendum Q & A and School Board Candidate Forum with LWV**, 7:30-8:30p.m., Red Wing Council Chambers
- 10/17 **The New Sheldon with Bonnie Schock**, 6:30 p.m., Sheldon Theatre
- 10/18 **Community Conversation Circle**, 7-8:30 p.m., Location TBA
- 10/18 **Tribal Justice Film and Panel Discussion**, 6:30 p.m., Sheldon Theatre*
- 11/06 **Election Day**
- 11/08 **Board Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church
- 11/08 **Book Club**, 5:30 p.m., Joan Kovac's home
- 11/14 **Arts at the Anderson Center with Stephanie Rogers**, 6:30 p.m., Anderson Center
- 12/01 **Holiday Brunch & Fundraiser**, 9 a.m., Red Wing Golf Club

*(Honorable B J Jones, Chief Judge-Prairie Island, Honorable Douglas Bayley, District Court Judge, other tribal leaders and local leaders.

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If your email address or other contact information changes, please notify me and one of our presidents ASAP so that you don't miss any of our AAUW email notices.

2018-2019 Board of Directors

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Membership	Mary Ellen Halverson
Treasurer	Jane Hayden-Hart
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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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.

Bring your Econofoods receipts to Maureen Nelson at the United Way to help earn revenue.

