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HIGHLIGHTS

MAY DINNER MEETING

& USED BOOK SALE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

5:30 SOCIAL TIME & USED BOOK SALE

6:15 DINNER

7:00 SPEAKER & GENERAL MEETING

ROCHESTER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

3100 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD SW

PROGRAM: JANE GREILING

NOTES FROM THE BORDER

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY MAY 10

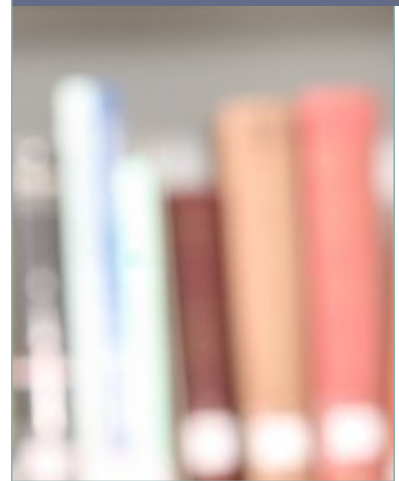
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PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENTS



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For information, contact

Kathy Lawrence

507-285-9331

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lawrence@charter.net

Or

Jo Trachy

507-269-0091

Trachy.jo@gmail.com

Dinner Choices

GRILLED SALMON with Fruit Salsa, Lemon Butter, Wild Rice and Asparagus

or

PORK TENDERLOIN with Rosemary Demi, Wild Rice and Asparagus

or

VEGETABLE BOWTIE PASTA with Light Tomato Sauce

All entrees come with garden salad, rolls, and beverage (coffee, iced tea, or hot tea).

Please make your reservation by mailing a check for \$42.00 made out to AAUW to

Rosemary Bradshaw

3812 9th St NW

Unit C

Rochester, MN 55901

Indicate your choice of entree on the memo line of your check.

Questions? Contact Rosemary (507-226-3945) or Maryette (507-993-4162)

USED BOOK SALE!!!!

Remember to bring your gently used books to sell to raise money for the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

This year the cost of the books is a free will donation of the buyer's choice. Donations by cash or check will also be accepted if you don't want to take books home. ~Sara

PROGRAM: NOTES FROM THE BORDER

Jane Greiling had led her life in rather conventional ways until...she volunteered at Annunciation House in El Paso Texas. Annunciation House is a shelter with the mission of assisting newly arrived asylum seekers move on to their U.S. sponsors. Jane's presentation includes stories and photos of life in the El Paso, Texas shelter as she recorded it in her 6 years of intermittently volunteering there.

Jane has resided in Rochester for 14 years. She is a retired nurse, ending her nursing career at Mayo Clinic. Most of Jane's nursing career was at a rural community hospital in Richland Center, WI, where she was a nurse manager and worked in hospice. Jane has found time to volunteer in Family Promise and the Warming Center, as well as being a mentor with the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD MEETING—MONDAY, MAY 1—7:30 PM NOTE TIME CHANGE!

Location: Zoom. Board members: Notify Barb if you cannot attend.

President: Barb Knutsen 507-285-5122 (home); 507-535-9175 (cell); bknutsen45@gmail.com

READING PLUS—MONDAY, MAY 1—9:00 AM

Book: **The Ghosts of Eden Park** by Karen Abbott

Leader: Deb Ernster

Location: Zumbro Lutheran Church

Chairs: Gay Segar (507-398-9899; hilltoplg@yahoo.com) and Mary Jo Kelly (507-282-7030, mjcroch@gmail.com)

BETWEEN THE LINES—TUESDAY, MAY 2—1:00 P.M.

Book: **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby van Pelt

Location: Zoom Contact Karen Krueger (brkck@charter.net) for information

Chair: Tjalda Nauta (617-797-5603; tjalda.nauta@gmail.com)

AFTERNOON READING—WEDNESDAY, MAY 10—1:00 PM

Book: **Oh William!** By Elizabeth Strout

Leader: Holly Ebel

Host: Judy King, Charter House

Chairs: Judy Auger (judy_auger@msn.com, 282-7922) and Laura Martin (martin.laura@mac.com 289-7895)

WORDS WORTH—WEDNESDAY, MAY 11—1:30 PM

Book: **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman

Hostess: Mary Ann Kleis

Chair: Barbara Knutsen (507-535-9175; bknutsen45@gmail.com)

US FOREIGN POLICY —THURSDAY, MAY 25—1:00 PM

Nola will lead the discussion of “Political Trends in Latin America” from Great Decisions.

Location: TBA. Contact Sara for information

Chair: Sara Staab (507-261-9803 jeff.sara.staab@gmail.com)

READING WITH A PURPOSE—THURSDAY, May 25—7:00 PM

Book: **The Mountains Sing** by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

Discussion Leader: Jo Trachy

Hostess: Jo Trachy 2011 15th St NE

Chair: Julie Caesar (288-9209; rstgardener@gmail.com)

READING PLUS—MONDAY, June 5—9:00 AM

Book: **The Mountains Sing** by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

Leader: Mary Jo Kelly

Location: Zumbro Lutheran Church

WHO'S WHO—Tuesday, June 6—1:00 PM

Book: **Code Talker** by Chester Nez

Chair: Chair: Joyce Wenz (joycewenz@yahoo.com)

WHO'S WHO—Tuesday, August 1—1:00 PM

Book: **Agatha Christie: An Elusive Woman** by Lucy Worsley

READING PLUS—MONDAY, August 7—9:00 AM

Book Selection Meeting

Location: Zumbro Lutheran Church

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As we come to the end of our AAUW year, and my first year as president, I want to thank the members of the board for all their support. I especially want to thank Maryette Braithwaite, Jo Trachy, Judy Argue, and Julie Gilkinson for agreeing to continue in their respective roles on the board. This year we resumed our in-person meetings and met new friends. I hope you will continue your support of AAUW by renewing your membership either online when you receive your personal email renewal notice (preferred) or by sending a check to our Membership Treasurer using the form on p. 6.

On Saturday, April 22, Elaine Schmidt and I went to Winona to help that branch celebrate their 100-year anniversary. It was especially meaningful to Elaine, as she first joined AAUW at Winona, and has gone on to become an Honorary Life Member of our branch. Other guests included the mayor of Winona, the wife of the president of Winona State, and a newscaster from KSMQ television, as well as their past presidents. It was good to meet with their members and hear of their activities and accomplishments. Most notable is the scholarship program through Winona State which awards a scholarship to a non-traditional female student each year. It is inspiring that a small branch can continue the mission of AAUW.

Plan to attend our spring dinner on May 17 to learn who are our branch's Named Grant honorees, what awards our branch may have received from the State, and possibly meet our candidate for the NCCWSL student leadership conference. Also stock up on your summer reading by purchasing books at the book sale.

SPOTLIGHT

AAUW GREATEST NEEDS FUND

Our Spring used book sale at the May General Meeting will raise money for the AAUW Greatest Needs fund. This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge—whether it's a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, we have the dollars we need to pivot as the national dialogue shifts—and get our work covered by major media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN, and Fortune.

Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation.

Giving to Greatest Needs is a great way to ensure AAUW's continued visibility, relevance, and sustainability.

ERA UPDATE

✳ MN STATE ERA BILLS SF37 / HF173 proposes an Amendment to the MN Constitution guaranteeing legal equality for all people. Chief authors: Senator Mary Kunesh & Representative Kaohly Her. HF173 needs to pass House Rules Cmte chaired by Rep Jamie Long before going to floor vote. SF37 is ready for Senate floor vote.

✳ MN BILLS - RESOLUTION SF47 / HF197 calls for Congress to affirm that the Federal Equal Rights Amendment is valid and is the 28th Amendment. Chief authors: Senator Sandy Pappas & Representative Kristin Bahner. Both Bills are ready for a floor vote. Similar resolutions have been passed in CA, HI, MI, CO.

Why is it important to pass ERA Bills in 2023? So there is adequate time to educate the public on the amendment prior to voting on the general ballot in 2024
Learn more at: <https://eramn.org/2023-minnesota-federal-era-resolution/>

RETURNING MEMBER

You may have noticed a familiar face at our April General Meeting: Fran Field! Fran has moved back to Rochester after spending a few years in the Twin Cities and is renewing her membership in our branch. Welcome back, Fran!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (2023-24)

It is membership renewal time. **Please try to get this done by June 30th** (when your current membership expires)

Dues for 2023-2024 are **\$111** (\$30 local dues, \$9 state dues, and \$72 national dues (**\$78 of total dues is tax deductible**)).

You can renew online (this is National's preference) and if you have an email address in the National AAUW registry, you will receive reminders from National that will have a link you can just click. You should have received the first email the last week of April.

If you prefer, you may send a check. Ten of our members have done that already.

Make the check out to **AAUW Rochester** for \$111.00 and mail to:

Julie Gilkinson 812 29th St NW Rochester, MN 55901

*****Please include a note with your name, address, phone number and email address with your check so we can be sure our information is correct in our directory.**

National Life Members (our branch has 4- Emily Anderson, Shirley Edmonson, Beth Nienow & Bonnie Jean Palmen) just owe for State (\$9) and local (\$30) dues.

Honorary Life Members -those members who have paid AAUW dues for 50 years (we now have 21 + 2 more gaining that status this May) –owe no dues. We welcome donations. We do appreciate confirmation of your correct address, phone number and email. That information and any donations can be mailed to Julie at the above address.

Thank You!

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