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HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

6:30 P.M. SOCIAL TIME

7:00 P.M. MEETING & PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ROCHESTER

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3RD FLOOR, ROOM 322

PROGRAM: CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

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OCTOBER PROGRAM: CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

Dr. Cassidy Terrell started her academic career at the University of Minnesota, earning a B.S. in Chemistry. Her interest in medicinal chemistry led her to pursue a Ph. D. in Biochemistry from the University of Texas. During her years at UT she discovered the joy of teaching. For two years after graduating from UT, Dr. Terrell was a Visiting Assistant at St. Olaf College. She started at UMR in 2014 and is now a tenured Associated Professor, primarily teaching Biochemistry courses.

As an educator, her goal is to advance student Creativity through effective curricula and to embody a professor who values integrity, creativity, and inclusivity. The focus of Dr. Terrell's research is to develop and assess visual literacy related curricula. Visual literacy is the ability to read, interpret, and create visual images which can improve comprehension, communication, and collaboration.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All branch members are invited to participate in any of the following groups. Please let the chair or discussion leader know in advance, if possible. Contact the chair, discussion leader, or host for additional meeting information.

BOARD MEETING—MONDAY, OCTOBER 2—7:00 PM

Location: Fairway Ridge. 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, OCTOBER 2--9:00 AM

Book: *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

Leader: Ann Jones

Location: Zumbro Lutheran Church

Chairs: Ruth Stroebel 507-271-3240 ruthstroebel@yahoo.com and Carol Hartley 916-712-8899 chartley2@comcast.net

WHO'S WHO--TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3—1:00

Book: *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey* by Kamala Harris

Location: Zoom

Chair: Joyce Wenz (joycewenz@yahoo.com)

BETWEEN THE LINES—NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

The group will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver in November

Chair: Pat Espeset patespeset@gmail.com

AFTERNOON READING—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11--1:00

Book: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Host: Ginny Arey, 1630 9th Ave NE, 206-3304

Discussion Leader: Kay Karsell

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

WORDS WORTH—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11—1:30

Book: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

Location: 4626 Twilight St SE

Host: Kathy Lawrence

Chair: Mary Ann Kleis makleis@aol.com

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26—1:00

Ruth Van Vugt will lead the discussion of Great Decisions Topic 1: Energy Security. Ruth will also host the meeting at her home, 3630 Meadow Ct NE. Anyone who is interested but isn't on the Foreign Policy email list can email Sara at jeff.sara.staab@gmail.com for information about the meeting.

READING WITH A PURPOSE—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26—7:00 PM

Book: *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg

Host: Elaine Schmidt 2518 18th Ave NW 282-4107

Discussion Leader: Ione Schloegel

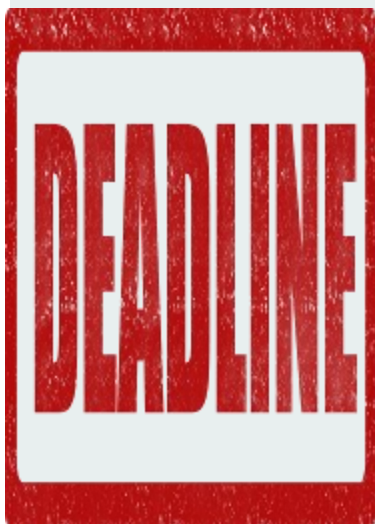
Chair: Julie Caesar (288-9209; rstgardener@gmail.com)

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October 15th to send your
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FROM THE PRESIDENT — BARBARA KNUTSEN

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It was good to resume our general meetings beginning at the Chateau in September. I want to thank the representatives of the Interest Groups who gave an overview of their group's topics and meeting places and times. There are a couple book groups who would welcome additional members, and I again want to encourage all AAUW branch members to participate in any of the groups listed in the newsletter.

The Board approved our budget for the coming year. We take into account the amount to be expected from memberships as well as supplementing from our savings account. The branch is doing well financially so we are able to offer excellent programming as well as support women and girls in our community to develop their educational goals (Science Fairs and leadership skills NCCWSL).

Dr. Kent Pikel, superintendent of Rochester Public Schools, asked to come to one of our meetings to present the levy referendum to be on the ballot in November. The Board decided that we would encourage our AAUW members to attend the League of Women Voters' forum to be held October 11 at the Rochester Public Library Auditorium from 7 to 8 pm.

Dr. Pikel will discuss the purpose and the impact the levy would have on the school district's educational and operational performance, as well as the financial impact the levy would have on Rochester homeowners and businesses.

I look forward to seeing you at UMR in October.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are happy to welcome **Fran Field** back to our branch!

Fran writes, “After 13 years in the twin cities it is good to be back in Rochester and to renew my membership in AAUW. I did enjoy being a member of the St. Paul branch. For years this was the one organization I always wanted to be a part of, but could not because I lacked a degree. Well, I finally earned it and I am so thankful for all AAUW has to offer and look forward to continue with the Rochester branch.”

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League of Women Voters to host information session about proposed tech levy for Rochester Public Schools

STAFF REPORTS

Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — The League of Women Voters will host a public information session on Wednesday, Oct. 11 about Rochester Public Schools’ upcoming 2023 Capital Projects Levy Referendum, “Technology for Transformation,” that will be on the ballot this

November.

The event will be held from 7-8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Rochester Public Library.

RPS Superintendent Kent Pekel will discuss the purpose and the impact the levy would have on the school district’s educational and operational performance, as well as the financial impact the levy would

have on Rochester homeowners and businesses.

There will be time for questions from the audience. People can submit a question ahead of time with the Google Docs link. To view the livestream or view the recording afterwards, go to the Library’s YouTube channel.

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