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HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 P.M. MEETING & PROGRAM

CHARTER HOUSE

NORTHVIEW ROOM, 3RD FLOOR

211 2ND ST NW

PROGRAM:

BOLD. FORWARD. UNBOUND.

MAYO CLINIC'S \$5 BILLION

SIX-YEAR EXPANSION PLAN

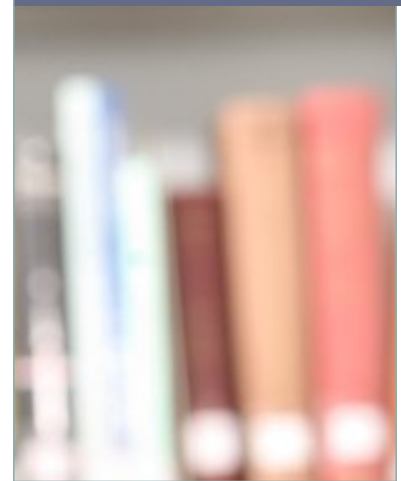
SPEAKER:

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PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENTS



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MEMBERSHIP

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Join us the evening of Wednesday, September 18 at Charter House to hear Ilaya Rome Hopkins describe Mayo Clinic's Bold Forward Unbound in Rochester initiative. This program reimagines Mayo's downtown Rochester campus and introduces new facilities with innovative concepts and digital technologies that will advance Mayo's strategy to cure, connect, and transform healthcare for the benefit of patients everywhere.

~Maryette and Rosemary

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—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—7:00 PM

Location: Fairway Ridge. Board members: Notify Barb if you cannot attend. aauwrochmn@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES—TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3—1:00

Book: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Location: Zoom

Chair: Karen Krueger brkck@charter.net

WHO'S WHO

Does not meet in September but will discuss *The Revolutionary Samuel Adams* by Stacy Schiff on October 1st. If you enjoy reading biographies, please join us.

Chair: Joyce Wenz joycewenz@yahoo.com

READING PLUS—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—9:00 A.M.

Book: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Leader/Host: Kay

Location: Zumbro Lutheran Church

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

WORDSWORTH—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—1:30

Location: Homestead at the home of Nancy and Kay

We will select books to be read this fall.

Chair: Mary Ann Kleis makleis@aol.com

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

Book: *The Twyford Code* by Janice Hallett

Host: Kay Carsell, 2421 Dallman Lane SE

Discussion Leader: Katie Maguire

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

READING WITH A PURPOSE—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—2:00 PM

Book: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Host: Ione Schloegel, 2817 Wellington Ln SW

Discussion Leader: Rosemary Bradshaw

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

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

Sara will lead the discussion on Great Decisions topic 8 "Pandemic Preparedness." Group members PLEASE be prepared to sign up to lead a discussion at one of the fall/winter meetings. 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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Knutsen

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YEARBOOK:

The deadline for corrections or additions to the yearbook will be October 15th.

Send updates to Kathy Lawrence at Kathy-Lawrence@charter.net

Welcome back to another year of information, discussion, and education. Our Program Vice Presidents have arranged stimulating programs for our fall schedule. Who isn't curious about what Mayo Clinic plans to do downtown with their new buildings, new parking arrangements, and patient care. In October we will hear from Superintendent Pekel regarding the education referendum on the ballot in November. At our dinner meeting in November we will hear how a girl from Kenya overcame challenges to earn her Ph.D. in immunology. Mark your calendars now for the third Wednesday of the fall months to attend AAUW. And I'm sure our interest groups will have stimulating discussions generated from books read and foreign policy topics from the Great Decisions book. Check out the Calendar of Events in each newsletter for dates and times of meetings.

I want to update you on a couple issues from last spring. As you know, national AAUW again asked the membership to vote on whether to allow everyone to join our organization, regardless of degree. This proposal was narrowly defeated again by a very small margin. As AAUW looks to increase its membership numbers, I am sure this proposal will emerge again.

Also, you may have heard that the ERA amendment to the Minnesota constitution was not even brought to a vote in the legislature. Hopefully, this will be addressed again in the next term. AAUW members worked hard to get this amendment approved for the upcoming ballot.

On a more positive note, the AAUW scholarship for a female UMR student has reached \$33,893 as of July 31. This means that we can award this scholarship for the 2025-26 school year. In the spring, several of our board members will be meeting with Lindsey Hemker, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at UMR, to finalize the criteria for the scholarship.

As you can see, we have another exciting year to look forward to and participate in AAUW.

Update from Membership Treasurer—Julie Gilkinson

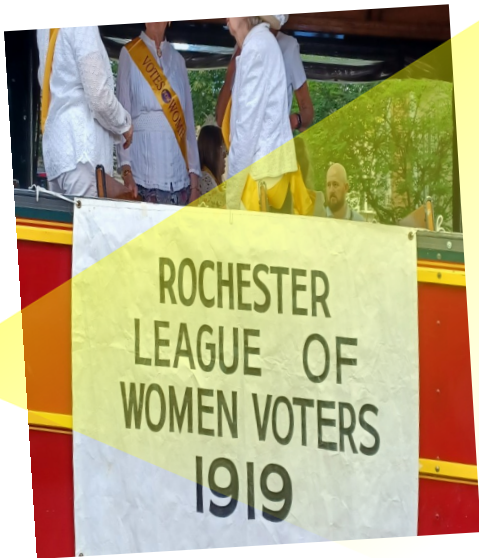
Currently our membership for 2024-25 stands at 99, which includes 3 Life members and 23 Honorary Life members and 1 new member. Please remember to tell your friends about AAUW and invite them to a meeting. If they join at one of our meetings they pay just \$75 for their first year. Now when people join their renewal month is a year after they joined so we do have three members whose membership is not due for another few months. We hope they choose to continue.

Remember, our branch is always happy to receive donations from our Honorary Life members who are no longer required to pay dues. Send donations to Julie Gilkinson at 812 29th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

SPOTLIGHT

ROCHESTERFEST PARADE!

Several of our branch members rode the trolley or walked in the Rochesterfest parade this summer with members of the Rochester League of Women Voters. They wore white to commemorate the women's suffrage movement that led to the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women's right to vote in 1919/20.



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