



Itanyan a Native American word meaning

"To grow by reason"

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Editor's note: For your convenience a PDF version of the September 2016 Itanyan is attached.

September monthly meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
1965 County Road E., White Bear Lake, MN
(This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.)

Schedule

6:45 p.m. Welcome – grab the Branch meeting agenda, a beverage, and connect with friends
7:00 p.m. Branch meeting –
Discussion of branch **2016 Bylaws, Policies and Procedures**, and **Standing Rules** previously sent as attachments to all branch members in email Branch newsletters dated August 8 and August 22. All documents are also posted in the MEMBERS ONLY section of our web pages found at <http://nometro-mn.aauw.net> Call Doris for assistance.
8:00 p.m. September Program
9:00 p.m. adjourn

Program for September

Following the theme of our new branch president, our September Program will focus on **RE**-grouping the 2016-17 programs to be sure we are focusing on subjects for you our members. The September program will be conducted by us as your Program Chairpersons; Janet and Joni. We have a few program thoughts to share but anticipate that you will come with more sources, contacts for your suggestions, and ideas. **RE**member we are all in this together to make this a successful year for our AAUW Branch.

Earlier this summer we asked you to collect school supplies for donation. The group we will donate to is *YouthLinkMN.org*. Any school supplies already purchased that would be for younger ages will be donated to Food Shelf. *YouthLink* works with homeless youth, ages 16 through 23 which works well with past focus on helping homeless persons. Fliers about the organization will be available at our meeting.

Submitted by Janet Brownell and Joni Henry, Program Co-chairs

President's Potpourri

Fall is approaching and I find myself wearing a new hat! I will be serving a one-year term as president through June 2017. Thank you for trusting me with this leadership role. The hat fits a bit strangely here in Minnesota; I last served as a branch president while living in California. We are rejoicing in Jan Femrite and Joan Machledt's acceptance of the co-secretary position. As you have seen in a prior mailing, we are still in need of members willing to accept chairperson positions - - funds chair, and public policy chair. Please consider sharing a bit of your time and gifts by joining the NE Metro AAUW leadership team.

Our Northeast Metro AAUW branch is in a time where we will need to do plenty of what I call "**RE**" work. We will need to do some **Reflection** as we look to how we have done things in the past but we will also need to consider

how we **REorient** ourselves for the future. We will want to be **Refreshed** for the **REnewal** that will be necessary for us to continue the work of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. It will take all of us **RE-ing** up and working together.

Working on the bylaws, standing rules, and policies/procedures has required a fair amount of time this summer. It certainly feels good to have been able to send them out to branch members for us to consider and discuss for approval at the September meeting. Please try to find time to read them over prior to our meeting - - board members had some good questions at our recent meeting and I know there will be other questions at the meeting. Do thank Jan and Doris for their work on the documents; we three went through a lot of paper and printer ink!

I'm looking forward to our September 12th meeting and hope you are, too. Come ready for much discussion which will need YOUR input. The year ahead can be a good one if we all work together to make it so. I'm counting on each of you!

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for all Northeast Metro AAUW meetings going forward will be posted in the MEMBERS ONLY section of our web pages found at <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>. Our minutes often include personal information. This decision has been made to protect our member's privacy. The decision also assists our branch in meeting AAUW requirements for the IRS in which we are to keep minutes in an accessible form and place.

Holiday Auction Branch

Our annual fundraiser supporting AAUW Funds, a Century College scholarship recipient going on for her baccalaureate and branch programs will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, 2016. This is our only fundraiser so start planning on how you can help us sustain it! More details to come at the September Branch meeting.

Submitted by N. FitzGerald and Christine Johnson, Holiday Auction Branch Co-Chairpersons

Interest Groups

Book Club

Tuesday, September 27th *Devotion; an epic story...* by Adam Makos
Home of Janet Brownell

Tuesday, October 25 *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout
Home of LouAnn Hoppe

Gourmet Group gathering

Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 2016 at Winzer Stube in Hudson, WI (winzerstube.net)
If interested in attending contact Janet Brownell

NCCWSL Thank you note (from May, 2016)

Dear North East Metro AAUW,

Today I am at the 3rd day of the NCCWSL, I have made many connections and am having fun. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend this event. I believe these experiences will help me in my years to come. I am so grateful to you all!!!! ~ Renee Cortez

Submitted by N. FitzGerald, Liaison for branch recipient to AAUW NCCWSL

AAUW Northeast Metro-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship recipient

Ruth Meza is the first recipient from Nancy's legacy. She is a second-generation immigrant – her father from Mexico and mother from El Salvador. She is truly bilingual as her mother insisted she perfect her English before learning Spanish.

At 15 she had a son and became fully independent. Her son became the impetus that helped her overcome many obstacles. She attended AGAPE-a high school for teen mothers, which also included parenting classes. She completed her senior year in three months graduating right on time.

Century College gave her new hope, opening doors of opportunities she hadn't considered for years. As a full time student averaging 12-16 hours per semester she maintained a 3.75 GPA. At Century she was involved in "Movimiento Latino", Multicultural Center, and a member of the National Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa.

She is a youth pastor at her church-Iglesia Apostolica Altar Familia – with special emphasis on young mothers. She has part-time employment, is a mother to her son and nephew of whom she has custody.

Ruth is the first of her family to graduate from high school, and the first to go to college. She has been accepted at the University of Minnesota, School of Psychology program in the fall, where she plans to pursue her undergraduate degree and continue on for a masters and a doctorate.

Our branch is very pleased to see the first annual AAUW Northeast Metro-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship be awarded to Ruth Meza.

Submitted by N. FitzGerald, Liaison to Century College for annual branch scholarship

Northeast Metro AAUW Branch Scholarship recipient

In the June 28th branch news email, it was announced that Kelly Willette is the recipient of the 2016-17 Northeast Metro Scholarship. More information about her will be published at a later date.

Submitted by N. FitzGerald, Liaison to Century College for annual branch scholarship

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