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**Reminders: November branch meeting starts promptly at 6:30pm**

***Everyone is requested to RSVP for the Northeast Metro AAUW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion***

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**October monthly meeting**

Monday, November 14, 2016

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

1965 County Road E., White Bear Lake, MN

(This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.)

**Schedule**

**6:30 p.m. Branch meeting PROMPTLY** we only have a half hour to get business completed

7:00 p.m. October Program: Northeast Metro AAUW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

***Northeast Metro AAUW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion (1976 – 2016)***

All current & former members have been invited to Celebrate NE Metro AAUW's 40 Years of Empowering Women and Girls. Join us for a short program celebrating our achievements followed by refreshments.

For more information or to RSVP by 11/7/16 contact LouAnn Hoppe.

The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Submitted by Joni Henry on behalf of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee

**President's Potpourri**

**NOVEMBER IS ALL ABOUT GRATITUDE**

I know two people who always respond to the traditional question "How are you?" with the single word "grateful". I like that a lot – it makes me stop and think each time of the many things for which I, too, am grateful. Gratitude is an important aspect of our lives as individuals and of our lives together.

November 2016 is a month filled with thoughts of gratitude. As we look forward to family gatherings to celebrate Thanksgiving for all the good things that are ours, we are also grateful for the forty years we will celebrate as a branch of AAUW.

I hope many of both our current and former members will be together to remember and reconnect on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We have much of which to be proud and much still lies ahead for our branch. Do be part of the party! I am particularly grateful for women in our branch who say "yes" – to positions on the board, to chairing events, to sharing hospitality, to bring friends to meetings and events, and to continuing to be a force for education and equity for women and girls. Thanks to each and every one of you. (I'd be even more grateful if someone volunteered to fill the open positions of Public Policy and Fund Chairs. Let me know of your willingness.)

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

**November Branch meeting discussion; DECISION ABOUT FUNDS DISTRIBUTION TO AAUW in 2016**

Funds contributions to AAUW are due December 15<sup>th</sup>, soon after our holiday brunch. That means we need to decide in November how our budgeted \$400 will be allocated to AAUW. The budget, as proposed and adopted,

split our contribution evenly between #4336 (Educational Opportunities Fund which supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities like fellowships and grants) and #3999 (Legacy Advocacy Fund which supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing sex discrimination).

While we are familiar with these programs (formerly known as EF and LAF respectively) AAUW has been clear recently about the need for unrestricted gifts to support existing programs and give dexterity to act quickly and responsibly in the wake of new challenges facing women and girls. It is also important to know that #3999 now includes campus outreach project that protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus program grants -- something unfortunately much in the news.

Acting in lieu of a Funds Chair, I ask you to consider the possibility of allocating \$200 to #3999 and \$200 to #9110 (the AAUW Fund, unrestricted). We will discuss and vote on the distribution in November.

*Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President (branch Funds Chairperson still needed)*

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### **Branch meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2016 **minutes** can be viewed in the Members Only section of <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>

*Submitted by J. Macheledt, Co-Secretary*

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### **Holiday Auction Brunch**

The plans for the Auction Brunch on December 3rd are proceeding on schedule. Everyone is reminded that the deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 23rd and that you are thinking about who to invite and what item(s) to bring for the auction. A printable copy of the Holiday Auction flier can be found at <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>.

We are looking forward to a enjoyable fun time!

*Submitted by N. FitzGerald and C. Johnson, Co-Chairpersons*

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### **Fall MN Pine: Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy**

<http://aauw-mn.aauw.net/files/2012/07/Fall-2016-Pine.pdf> See Pages 11 and 12.

AAUW Northeast Metro shares Nancy's legacy with AAUW Minnesota members and addresses our experiences. AAUW-MN leadership encouraged our branch leaders to share our experiences for the benefit of Minnesota AAUW members.

*Submitted by Vernita Kennen with the assistance of other branch leaders*

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### **CENTURY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET**

The Banquet was held on October 25 and our two scholarship recipients Ruth Meza and Kelly were in attendance along with Duane Wilroth. Duane was recognized by Jill Greenhalgh, Executive Director of the Century College Foundation, for the endowed scholarship of the Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship. Ruth Meza, our first recipient of that scholarship, was one of the speakers at the banquet. She spoke eloquently of her experiences and how much the scholarship means to her. The other three speakers also spoke of how meaningful the scholarships are and expressed their gratitude to those who provide them.

*Submitted by N. FitzGerald, Century College Liaison*

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### **AAUW news**

"Our nation's election isn't the only one that requires our attention: AAUW's National Election comment and proposal period is now officially open! Please note that the bylaws were restated to bring AAUW into compliance, so comments should pertain to proposed amendments to the 2017-19 bylaws only. We encourage you all to discuss proposed amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program at the local level and challenge members to use their voices and ensure that AAUW continues to be a relevant thought leader in our space." (This message was distributed to branch leadership via email.)

*Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President*

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### **Interest Groups**

#### **Book Club**

Tuesday, November 15

*Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy; four women undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott

Home of Joni Henry

Tuesday, December 27

*Paper Towns* by John Green

Home of Linda Ruggles

**Gourmet Group**

Holiday gathering Sunday, January 1, 2017

"A Jolly Olde English Holiday"

Home the Brownells'

<p><b>AAUW</b> Northeast metro (MN) Branch</p> <p><i>AAUW has been empowering women since 1881</i></p>	<p><b>AAUW Mission Statement:</b> AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>AAUW Vision Statement:</b> 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.</p>
<p>For more information about AAUW check out our web sites</p>	<p><a href="http://www.aauw.org/">http://www.aauw.org/</a> - AAUW national level <a href="http://aauw-mn.aauw.net/">http://aauw-mn.aauw.net/</a> - AAUW-MN state level <a href="http://nemetromn.aauw.net/">http://nemetromn.aauw.net/</a> - our local northeast metro MN branch</p>