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Do you have friends or family interested in participating in the AAUW Two Minute Activists emails? Per AAUW Advocacy, "All are welcome to become Two Minute Activists, including those who are not members of AAUW or who are ineligible. Thanks for helping to spread the word!"

January monthly meeting – Guests are Welcome! Please let Janet or Joni know guests are coming. Remember you will need your tablet or cell phone for this program. Call Doris if you need to reserve a tablet.

Monday, January 9, 2017
Ramsey County Library, White Bear Lake Branch
2150 2nd St., White Bear Lake, MN
(This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.)

Schedule

- 1:15 p.m. Welcome – grab a beverage, and connect with friends
(Please bring your own covered travel mug as we don't want to spill on devices!)
- 1:30 p.m. Branch meeting
- 2:00 p.m. January Program: *For the Technologically Challenged*
- p.m. 10 minute break between topics
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn – but welcome to stay a bit to ask questions and visit

For the Technologically Challenged

Our speaker/teacher for this month is Hannah Frey on the subjects of SmartPhones and tablets like iPads, Kindles,... She works at the Ramsey County Library System where she currently teaches computer skills focusing on people in ESL programs. She comes to us through Jason Lyons, manager of Computer Literacy, who may stop in during our program to meet us and speak briefly about other library programs.

Hannah Frey was born in Gwang-ju, South Korea. She was adopted when she four months old. She has a mother and father, Mona and Mark, but no siblings. She grew up in the Shoreview/Arden Hills area of Minnesota, attended Mounds View High School, and graduated from Augsburg College with a double major in *International Relations* with a focus on East Asia and *History*.

Currently Frey is in *CTEP AmeriCorps assigned to the Ramsey County Library System as the Technology Literacy Coordinator. She has focused working in MPIRG (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group) for the social justice committee encouraging young people to vote and engage in their community. She also contributed to the creation of the Augsburg Debate Team. The fall of 2013 she studied abroad in South Korea at Yonsei University where she took Korean history and language courses. In her free time she works as a freelance/independent artist making jewelry and works on commission making costumes and clothing. She specializes in pattern making and design. She enjoys cooking, reading, writing, and crafting. A secret she shared, "I am an avid video gamer."

* Googling CTEP AmeriCorps, it is the Community Technology Empowerment Project in AmeriCorps designed to bridge the "digital divide" in communities through libraries, ESL programs, adult education, work force centers and community based organizations.

*Co-Program Vice-Presidents Janet Brownell and Joni Henry
Bio provided by Hannah Frey*

President's Potpourri

A New Year Awaits

For many of us we have several times during the year when we think "new" and the opportunity to begin again appears before us. New Year's Day is only one of those times. We have birthdays and anniversaries; we have the start of each school year or program year; and we have elections of many kinds and the beginning of new terms of office.

For us as members of the Northeast Metro AAUW branch (aren't you glad we can keep saying that!), January is sort of a mid-time. We are in the middle of our program year and there are excellent opportunities for us to gather and learn between now and our June salad supper. We have had a delightful time celebrating our 40th anniversary and a successful and fun holiday brunch and silent auction. Elections don't come around until April and new terms begin in July 1st. But now is a good time for us to begin thinking of what might lie ahead for us. What might your role be in the years 2017-2018? How might you be involved in the continuation of our branch? What will your involvement be?

As you make resolutions and look ahead, remember to consider our AAUW branch and what it has meant and continues to mean to you. And Happy New Year!

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Women's March Minnesota

Many of you are aware that women will be marching in Washington, DC in a timely way near the inauguration of President-elect Trump on January 20th. Minnesota will have a solidarity event on January 21st. The sponsors speak of the reasons for the march this way: "Because the rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us. We will march in numbers too great for administration to ignore on their first day in office. We march and stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country."

How can you be involved? The gathering begins at 10 a.m. on the John Ireland Blvd. Bridge in front of the Minnesota History Center. Please plan to arrive no later than 10:30. At 11 the march will go north on John Ireland Blvd. toward the Capitol. Arrival at the Capitol should be around 11:30-noon. You may also join in the event by arriving at the Capitol around noon. A rally, including entertainment and speakers will conclude at 2 p.m.

This march is for any person, regardless of gender or gender identity, who believes women's rights are human rights. The team of organizers and volunteers are committed to ensuring that the march reflects women and femme expressive people of all backgrounds. WMM is committed to ensuring that the convening at the capitol is accessible to people with disabilities. There will be an area with seating to accommodate people with disabilities, elderly people and pregnant women. All necessary applications/permits have been filed and the plan is to have tents and heaters at the rally at the Capitol because one never knows about Minnesota weather.

More information is available on the website www.womensmarchmn.com.

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Branch meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016 **minutes** can be viewed in the Members Only section of <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net> November minutes were emailed to all members 11.28.16 and will go through the approval process at the January meeting.

Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary

ANNUAL Holiday AUCTION Brunch

On behalf of our branch, many thanks again to Nancy and Christine for co-chairing the Holiday Auction Brunch event and the many others who helped/contributed in so many ways.
Sincerely - Vernita Kennen, Branch President

The financial results;

Proceeds for the 2016 brunch and auction were \$1,769.

Costs; Food \$953; Fixed facility room fee \$200; Variable fees that change with other factors are the required tip for staff \$231; sales taxes \$106 = \$1,490

- Hillcrest waived fees at time of invoicing listed in the original contract; bartender \$95; tables \$40; wireless microphone and stand \$100
- NE Metro administrative costs such as supplies and name tags were donated by members

Funds collected; Meals \$1,180; Auction funds and donations collected \$2,079 = \$3,259

We had 59 reservations with 55 in attendance. 75% of those attending purchased auction items or made cash donations making an average donation of over \$50 per person. Brunch at a site like this is not inexpensive; our reservation charge of \$20/person did not cover the expenses and fees for the event. That along with the need for volunteers gives us something to consider as we look forward to plans for 2017.

Submitted by Linda Ruggles, Treasurer

Interest Groups

Book Club

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman
Home of LouAnn Hoppe

Tuesday, February 28, 2017
The Troubled Man by Henning Mankell
Home of Clara

Gourmet Group

For a February gathering watch your emails for more information. The initial plans changed with the closing of the intended restaurant.

AAUW <i>AAUW has been empowering women since 1881</i>	AAUW Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. ----- AAUW Vision Statement: 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.
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