



Itanyan a Native American word meaning "To grow by reason"

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February monthly meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017
St. Stephen 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 a beverage, and connect with friends
7:00 p.m. February Program: *Unconscious Bias*
8:00 p.m. Branch meeting
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Bias

Due to the illness of our scheduled speaker for Monday, February 13th, we are currently planning an alternate program.

We would like to have an open, general discussion on the subject of bias, but we would really like at least one woman (or man) of color to present another viewpoint. If any of you know of someone who might like to join the discussion that evening, please let Janet or Joni know immediately.

Our subject remains bias, and all suggestions are welcome.

Submitted by Joni and Janet, Co-Program Vice-Presidents

MAY monthly MEETING

Please note that our May meeting will be held on the **third Monday, May 15th** in order to accommodate our speaker's schedule. Marty Brounstein will tell us about his book "Two Among the Righteous Few: a Story of Courage in the Holocaust" about a Christian couple who saved over two dozen Jews during World War II. We have heard from another branch that he is an excellent story teller.

Submitted by Janet, Co-Program Vice-President

President's Potpourri

Already we are one month into the year of 2017; time does have a way of moving rapidly and our weather changes rapidly, too. Who knows what February will bring? We do know, however, that February brings many designated days/weeks for commemoration and celebration: Black History Month, National Rosa Parks Day (2/4), Susan B. Anthony's birthday (2/15), World Day of Social Justice; and National Human Trafficking Month, to say nothing of St. Valentine's Day. It is not difficult to see how these all have something to say to our purpose as women in AAUW.

February is also important to our own branch. Our speaker on "Unconscious Bias" may well be addressing many of these areas. I hope you will be able to attend the meeting on February 13th. This is

also the month when a nominating committee needs to be appointed to prepare a slate for April election for the offices of president, vice president for membership, and secretary. The committee needs to have three members, one of them a member of the board. Hopefully, our revised job descriptions should make recruitment a bit easier in 2017.

Many important pieces of information have been/are coming to your inbox from the branch as well as from AAUW itself. Please do check your e-mail frequently to be sure that you are up to date on things like the preliminary minutes from the last meeting; the official copy of the Bylaws (now forwarded to AAUW and AAUW MN); and updated Policies and Procedures for our branch (approved at the board meeting in January.)

I thank you for the good work we do together as AAUW here in the East Metro. Keep your eyes, ears and heart alert and ready for even more good things in the year recently begun.

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Branch meeting Minutes

The pending January 9th, 2017 **minutes** can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>.

January branch minutes were emailed to all members 1.23.17 as pending until approved by the branch.

Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary

RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO BRANCH STANDING RULES

The Board, meeting in January, recommended the change below to the Standing Rules. The changes are being made to the section on electronic privacy to ensure that all members' privacy is protected, especially in the Itanyan which is on the website and not in the Members Only section. The Branch will need to adopt this change at the February meeting.

Electronic Privacy

15. Personal contact information of any member (name, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email) shall not be posted on the branch website, unless on a password protected page for members only, without the permission of that member. It is the responsibility of those who submit updates to the website, including newsletter articles when the newsletter is subsequently posted on the website, to use the first name or the first name and first initial of the last name when noting branch members in their articles or to obtain written permission for personal contact information to be included from any person so identified. Written permission by email to the branch author of the article is to be forwarded to the branch communications chairperson for branch records.

Submitted by Bylaws Committee; Jan, Doris and Vernita

YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY INPUT OPPORTUNITY

Each city in the Twin Cities metropolitan area is asked to update its Comprehensive Plan - - a 20-year vision for growth and re-development -- every ten years. The Metropolitan Council provides cities with projections and each city produces plans accordingly. White Bear Lake is in the midst of drawing up the 2040 (!) plan and is interested in hearing from both residents and businesses. If you do not live in WBL, check out your local city's website to see what planning is happening there.

A series of open-house style meetings is being as the planning begins. (The first was 1/19 on Transportation.) Land Use will be the topic of the 2/16 open house and 3/16 will address Housing and Parks. April 20 will focus Economic Competitiveness and Resiliency. The open houses are from 6-8 p.m. in the Public Safety Training room at 4700 Miller Avenue (behind City Hall).

Given that WBL is expected to increase by 2000 residents (1,750 households) by 2040 and employment by 410 jobs by 2040, there are things in our area that are bound to change. *One aspect especially important to us as AAUW members is the provision of affordable housing for everyone, especially seniors, as household size is expected to continue to drop.* Certainly economic competitiveness will need to address equity and equal pay. Add your voice to the mix by attending the open houses or submit ideas/thoughts electronically at: compplan@whitebearlake.org.

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, "wearing the hat" of Public Policy

More on the Holiday Auction

From the bid cards returned I calculated that our generous members and guests donated over 180 items to be auctioned.

35% of the total funds raised came from over 50 mostly homemade food items at an average bid of \$13.

30% of the total funds were from over 50 decorative items accounting for at an average bid of \$10.

20% of the total funds were 29 handmade fabric and yarn items donated at an average bid of \$13.

15% of the total funds were 50 items; candles, jewelry, books and cards for an average price of \$6.

Thanks to all for their generous donations and bids. Our scholarship and other programs are now funded for another year.

Submitted by Linda R, Treasurer

Century College Annual Branch Scholarship recipient

The recipient of the 2016-17 Northeast Metro AAUW Scholarship award is Kelly. She graduated spring 2016 from Century College with an AA degree, and with the honor of Phi Theta Kappa membership.

She is currently attending Bemidji State pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis in Victimology. Having already completed 8 summer credits she is currently taking three classes totaling 9 credits. They are Judicial Process Criminology and Delinquency, and Research and Statistics. Kelly's goal is to work as a victim advocate, helping victims of crime as they make their way through the criminal justice system and obtain social services. We wish her every success in her future.

Submitted by Nancy, Liaison to Century College for Annual Branch Scholarship

For the Technologically Challenged

Hannah Frey, presenter at the RC White Bear Branch Library for our January program about tablet and SmartPhones has sent a copy of her Power Point presentation to share with our members.

If you would like to be sent a copy, please, email Doris.

Interest Groups

Book Club will meet at the home of Clara on Tuesday, February 28 at 10 am. We will be discussing the book "The Troubled Man" by Henning Mankell. For you mystery fans it is the last book in the Wallander series. Everyone is welcome, but please let the hostess know if you are coming.

Gourmet Group

The Gourmet Club will go to dinner at [Hoa Bien Restaurant](#), 1105 University Avenue (at Lexington) in St. Paul on Saturday evening, **February 18, at 6:30 pm**. One reviewer said, "go for the real Vietnamese dishes". Vernita and Dale have invited us to go to their house for dessert and coffee after dinner. Make **dinner reservations** by calling or emailing Donna and Dick W. The **deadline is February 13**.

If attending dinner but unable to join the group for dessert and coffee, please email Vernita.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For questions ask any member of Gourmet.

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