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a Native American word meaning "To grow by reason"

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March monthly meeting

Monday, May 15, 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 guests attending the program to partake in refreshments
7:00 p.m. Program **Author and storyteller Marty Brounstein**
--- Branch meeting follows speaker
9:30 p.m. Adjourn

Author and story teller Marty Brounstein discusses *Two Among the Righteous Few*.

Our May meeting will be the third Monday night, May 15th. We hope you all have invited family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances so that we will have a good turn out to hear Marty Brounstein tell us about his book *Two Among the Righteous Few*. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and our meeting will follow the presentation. A big THANK YOU to members who helped distribute flyers for this event.

Submitted by Janet, Program Co-Vice-President

President's Potpourri

Remember to vote before June 16th for your AAUW representatives and proposed changes to AAUW bylaws, Public Policy Program, and resolutions. Look for emails from AAUW titled *Mission & Action AAUW's e-newsletter* for the directions on how to vote. The voter guide full of information about candidates and proposed AAUW changes can be found online and in the spring *Outlook*.

Submitted by Doris on behalf of Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Branch meeting minutes

The pending April 10th, 2017 **minutes** can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>.

April branch minutes were emailed to all members May 5, 2017 and are listed as pending until approved at the next branch meeting, May 15th, 2017.

Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary

Board meeting minutes

The pending April 3rd, 2017 minutes can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <http://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>.

April board minutes are listed as pending until approved at the next board meeting.

Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary

2017 AAUW Minnesota State Convention Willmar

Joni and I attended the 2017 AAUW Minnesota State Convention on April 28-29 in Willmar. The convention was well attended with 25 of the 29 Minnesota branches represented. Bidding was very lively throughout the auction and our Gardening Basket sold for \$33. Joni and I, of course, each came home with a few treasures. The conversations with other branch members were as always a delight.

We started off with a backstage tour of the Barn, Willmar's local theater. John , a locally and nationally renowned wood sculptor, spoke to us about his sculpture in the lobby of the theater. This was followed by the dinner, awards and Legacy Circle Recognition. There were several Legacy Circle pins presented including one to our former member, Barb Wonson. During the remainder of the convention 4 more Legacy Circle members were recruited bringing the total in Minnesota to 16. A sing-along of patriotic songs followed the dinner.

Our Saturday started off early with meetings and training with our state board counterparts. We had questions answered and shared ideas and areas of concern with other branches. This was followed by a welcome from the deputy mayor of Willmar. Senator Amy Klobuchar sent a personal video presentation for our convention that was very well received. The keynote speaker, Kabo Yang, Executive Director, Minnesota Women's Consortium presented a very informative speech about how her personal experiences as a Hmong woman and a refugee have shaped her personally and professionally. Paul Thein, LAF plaintiff, presented the details of his case, and how the support of AAUW was critical to him and his family. The business meeting followed with only a courtesy resolution to ratify.

Joni attended the Marketing AAUW to Engage Millennials and Empowered for Leadership workshops. I attended the Funding AAUW Programs and Leaders in Action – the Willmar 8. I received great information and handouts from Dave Kirkwood, MN state board finance chair. 4 of the Willmar 8 explained the history and outcome of their struggle for equal opportunity and how it affected their lives. They are very courageous and down-to-earth women whose struggle made them internationally famous for standing up for what was right at a time when the women's movement was just starting.

Next year's convention will be held in Faribault.

Submitted by Linda, NE Metro AAUW Delegate & Treasurer

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Club

All branch members are welcome.

Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *Euphoria* by Lily King which is a novel about anthropologists in the 1930's, New Guinea, inspired by the writings of Margaret Mead. Home of Linda. Please advise Linda of your planned attendance.

Gourmet Group

The *Gourmet Grup picnic* will be held on Sunday, June 4th at the home of LouAnn and Del. The hosts invite anyone who would like to come early to stop by and say "Howdy" about 5 p.m. to enjoy some extra socializing. Cowboy Cooking will be served about 6 so gather around the chuck wagon. Let's hope for a warm, sunny day. All are welcome. Make reservations with Dick and Donna W. by May 25 so they can make food assignments.

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