



Itanyan a Native American word meaning “To grow by reason”

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October monthly meeting

Monday, October 9, 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. September Program: Maria Nambu
8:00 p.m. Branch meeting
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Words from the President:

I’m guessing that you are like me, wondering how it can be possible for it to be October already. With the warmer than usual weather at the end of September, it seems as if only the changing of leaf color gives us an indication of the time of the year. October is perhaps my favorite month because of that color and the smell of the fallen leaves and backyard fires, the many foods tasting of apple and pumpkin, and the anticipation of family gatherings in the months ahead. It’s also that time of year when programming for many activities is back on track and humming along.

We, in the Northeast metro Branch, seem to be humming along, too. The book group and gourmet group have begun meeting again and we had a good September branch meeting. (Perhaps some of you have been shopping at Neighbors Helping Neighbors now that we know more about the possibilities of “new” clothes and helping others at the same time.) I submitted a letter to the editor of the White Bear Press about Title IX after action at the September meeting; keep watching to see if it is published. We’re looking forward to hearing our guest speaker and author at our October meeting. Be sure to let Christine or Joyce know if you will be able to join other branch members at the December luncheon on December 2nd - - we didn’t want to let the holiday season go by without the opportunity to celebrate together.

We will have many decisions to make during this year. Continue pondering the “What Ifs” and let me know if you are feeling the call to leadership (Program VP and Treasurer) for the 2018-2019 year. Planning ahead is more important than ever.

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Program for October 9, 2017

The featured speaker is author, Maria Nambu who will talk about her life and her first two memoirs in a planned “Dancing Soul” trilogy. In her first book, “Africa’s Child,” she relates some amazing stories about her growing up in an orphanage for mixed race, or as they were called, half-caste children run by German nuns in the country then known as Tanganyika. She tells about her joys and sorrows as a young child, her drive to get an education, and her passion for African dance. It ends with an unexpected twist of fate. Her new book, entitled “America’s Daughter,” begins with her trip to the USA to start a new life in

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America. After graduating from St. Catherine's College, now University, in St. Paul she became a teacher and shared her love for Africa and dance with her students. She traveled extensively world wide and continued her search for identity. She also developed an exercise program based on African dance called "Aerobics with Soul" which gained acclaim in that field. Please invite your friends and neighbors, anyone who likes to read, anyone who works with foreign students (or any students), or anyone who would enjoy hearing Nhambu tell her fascinating story.

Submitted by Janet, Program Co-Vice-President

Branch meeting minutes

The pending September 11th, 2017 **minutes** can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <https://nemetromn.aauw.net>

September branch minutes were emailed to all members under separate cover today, October 2nd, 2017 and are listed as pending until approved at the next branch meeting, October 9th, 2017.

Submitted by Jan, Co-Secretary

Brunch for Northeast Metro AAUW Branch members

Remember to email your reservation for our Holiday Lunch which will be at Lake Elmo Inn on Saturday December 2, 2017 at 1:00PM. Each of us will pay for our own lunch. RSVP Christine or Joyce by November 1, 2017. For your convenience the invitation is attached as a Pdf and our email addresses below are links. Our email addresses are: Joyce: buzandjoyce@yahoo.com and Christine: grantandchristinej@msn.com

Submitted by Christine and Joyce, Event Co-chairpersons



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AAUW is pleased to announce a new member benefit with Target. Every time you make a Target.com purchase, you can now donate to AAUW — and take advantage of weekly flash sales and promotions!

For every Target.com purchase you make, AAUW earns up to 5 percent commission. It's a win-win situation! Simply use AAUW's dedicated link, bit.ly/AAUWtarget, to shop for your favorite items at Target. All sales made through our link will be eligible for supporting AAUW.

Even better, when you sign up for a wedding, baby, or college registry at Target.com via [AAUW's member link](#), AAUW will get a \$4–\$6 donation. We'll also get \$8 for every Target REDcard registration.

Enough - - just when you thought your job was getting easier after the nice job you did with the home page! I'll try not to find anything else!

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Club will meet at the home of LouAnn on Tuesday, October 17th at 10 am. We will be discussing *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. Everyone is welcome, but please let the hostess know if you are coming.

Gourmet Group members enjoyed a delicious dinner on September 17th at two member's homes. The recipes we prepared were from several ethnic groups that help make up our state, including Native American, Mexican, German, Swedish, and Greek dishes.

Our next meeting will be a holiday party on January 1, 2018 at the home of Janet & Ted B. The theme for the day will be French cuisine.

To be added to the Gourmet Groups email list, phone Donna at 651-636-2401 or Janet at 651-765-4990. Planning Committee members are Linda, LouAnn, Donna and Janet.

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