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Editor's note: Reminder Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 is the next board of directors meeting at Doris', 10:00 a.m. in which all branch members are welcome. Contact Vernita today if you are *not on the board but plan to attend*.

January monthly meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018
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. January Program: Anne Kane, Community Development Director
8:00 p.m. Branch meeting
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Words from the President

NEWNESS is the word these days as we begin the year 2018. We have new minutes of daylight each day, thank goodness, as the days lengthen. Many of us have new happenings in our lives in the year ahead - - new homes, new grandchildren and great-grands, new books to read and discuss, new foods to sample, and new challenges to face in personal health, in our communities and in our country. New is usually not bad, but it is often a bit scary.

We are going to have to look seriously at how we in the Northeast Metro branch are going to have to be new, too. We have to take a good look at the "what ifs" from last year and make some further decisions. Your input is needed as well as your offers of help and assistance. Let's make the New Year a good one, not being afraid to try something new as we learn to let go of the old.

Plan to attend the January meeting to learn about some of the decisions and newness that our communities have to face as they decide on their Comprehensive Plans which will guide them for the next 10 years and even longer. Anne Kane will help us understand what is included in the comp plans and how the cities make those decisions. See you there.

Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President

Program for January 08, 2018

On Monday evening, January 8, Anne Kane, Community Development Director for the City of White Bear Lake, will discuss comprehensive planning in the Twin Cities, required by state law and coordinated by the Metropolitan Council in our seven county area. Comprehensive plans are required to be updated every 10 years; the latest update needs to be submitted to the Met Council by December 31, 2018. We will learn how the metro wide process works, what areas are included in the planning, and what that might mean for our individual communities. Find out how you can be a part of your local community's planning, too.

Submitted by Janet, Program Co-Vice-President

Branch meeting minutes

The pending November 13th, 2017 minutes can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>

November branch minutes were emailed to all members November 27th, 2017 and are listed as pending until approved at the next branch meeting, January 8th, 2018.

Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary

THANK YOU

A huge and heartfelt **thank you** goes out to all of our generous members and friends who donated funds to our branch treasury. We collected \$810 from members and \$70 from friends for a grand total of \$880.

As always you exceeded expectations.

Gratefully submitted by Linda, Treasurer

Excerpt from "AAUW in the Statehouse" <advocacy@aauw.org>

Wed 12/20, 1:01 PM



State Legislative Proposals to Curb Human Trafficking

A new toolkit from Shared Hope International provides rankings based on each state's [human trafficking laws](#) and offers policy solutions to strengthen existing legal frameworks. The guide focuses on six primary areas – criminalization of domestic minor sex trafficking, criminal provisions addressing demand, criminal provisions for traffickers, criminal provisions for facilitators, protective provisions for child victims, and criminal justice tools for investigation and prosecution. Tennessee earned the highest ranking. Coupled with the [Polaris Project's model state legislation](#) resource and the AAUW and National Council of Jewish Women [Sex Trafficking Toolkit](#), advocates have many avenues to pursue in the fight to stop human trafficking.

Book readers' invitation, excerpt in Mission & Action AAUW's e-newsletter dated December 21, 2017
AAUW Adelante's Book Discussion Webinar

Stay warm, stay home, and enjoy a [January 11 webinar](#) at 6:30 pm central time with the author of *The Gilded Years*, a novel about an African American student "passing" as white at Vassar College in the 19th century. Pre-registration is required. Call Doris if you need help registering.

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Club will meet at the home of Clara on Tuesday, January 16th at 10 AM.

We will be discussing *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

Everyone is welcome, but please let the hostess know if you are coming.

Gourmet Group

Members are gathering for their holiday party with a French cuisine theme on January 1, 2018 at the home of Janet & Ted.

The next tentatively planned gathering will be at Taste of India Restaurant in April, 2018 with the date and time to be determined.

To be added to the Gourmet Group email list, phone Donna at 651-636-2401 or Janet at 651-765-4990.

UPDATES and DATES TO NOTE

Continuing to send thoughts and prayers - -

As the New Year begins, we know that our friends Nancy and Robbie continue to face serious health issues. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as well as continuing to send them notes of encouragement. We know the notes are especially important since phone calls are often more tiring - - and repetitive - - for the recipient. Others in our branch (and some spouses) are also having health concerns especially during the cold weather and the flu season. Remember those folks as well. Our friendships are important to each of us and we need to continue to cultivate them.

Dates to Remember

January 3 – Branch Board meeting

January 8 - Branch meeting (6:45 p.m. St. Stephen Lutheran Church)

January 15 – Martin Luther King Day celebrations, locally WBUUC and also in St. Paul

February 6 – Precinct caucuses for both DFL and Republican parties at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Vernita

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