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**October monthly meeting**

Monday, October 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. October Program

8:00 p.m. Branch business meeting including discussion of branch continuation options

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

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**Words from the President**

**DECISIONS, DECISION, and MORE DECISIONS**

This is the time of year for many decisions, not just for our AAUW branch. Our TV programming and radio listening is filled with campaign material for elected offices of all kinds. Some of the ads are those we applaud as they stick to the facts and provide needed background while others don't do much but attack and malign an opponent.

While this can be frustrating, it is important that we are continuing to pay attention. Decisions we make during this election cycle will impact what happens in our cities, counties, state and in our country for the future. As we well know elections and appointments bring about direction far into the future. While our immediate reaction often is about how this decision might affect us personally, we need also to be looking at how it might affect our children and grandchildren but also our neighbors.

We will learn at our October meeting about an important decision about the future of our branch. Whatever the result of our recent vote, we need to honor the considered votes of all our members. I doubt that any of us marked our ballot without giving thought not only to ourselves but to other past, current and future members of the branch. Thank you all for taking part in the vote - - and for your willingness to help us move together into our future.

*Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Branch President*

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**Program information for October 8, 2018**

Our speaker for October 8 will be Jill Freeman, a "Senior Move Specialist and Professional Sorter" with the company Gentle Transitions. She will present tips to help declutter and downsize, including sorting, getting rid of excess, and for those contemplating a move, packing and resettling, as well as resources to help you get through the process.

*Submitted by Janet, Program Co-Vice President*

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**Branch meeting minutes**

The pending September 10, 2018 branch meeting minutes can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <https://nemetromn.aauw.net>. The branch meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved at the next branch meeting which takes place October 8, 2018.

*Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary*

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**Reminder of branch vote, ballots to be returned before October 8**

The September 10, 2018 branch business meeting included a presentation from the restructuring option committee (Christine, Joni, Linda and Doris) with a proposal of how we might reorganize our branch. Information was also presented on what would be involved in disbanding our branch.

Included with the ballots mailed by Linda on September 11, 2018 to any member not in attendance at the September branch meeting was the written material presented with the option for the individuals to call any of the committee members with questions.

The results will be presented during the October 8, 2018 business meeting.

*Submitted by Doris, Communications Chairperson*

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**INTEREST GROUPS**

**Book Club** will meet at the home of Linda on Tuesday, October 30 at 10 AM. They will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Everyone is welcome, but please let the hostess know if you are coming.

*Submitted by Linda*

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**Gourmet Group** has not determined plans for the upcoming year.

To be added to the Gourmet Group, please, email Donna W. or Janet B.

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**Dates to note and things to do**

- **Call your senators to urge them to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation**
- October 8, 2018 branch program and business meeting, St. Stephen Lutheran Church
- October 30, 2018 Book Club
- Read or review *Uncle Tom's Cabin* before the November 12 branch program. Program speaker Nancy Koester, author of *Harriet Beecher Stowe, a Spiritual Biography* suggests the read/review.

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