



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

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*Heartfelt condolences go to our friend and branch member Jan at the loss of her husband Sig.*

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**February monthly meeting**

Monday, February 11, 2019

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 - Gender Studies and Title IX at Century College

8:00 p.m. Branch business meeting

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Refreshments being provided by Clara and Doris*

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**President's Message**

February is an "interesting" month. February brings us a welcome holiday between Christmas and the Easter season when we celebrate Presidents' Day but many of us are old enough to recall when we celebrated separate holidays for Washington and Lincoln. Remember when February used to be called "Brotherhood Month"? Not only has our language become more inclusive but the idea itself seems to have become outdated or obsolete. Thankfully, the celebration of Valentine's Day remains an annual event. The emphasis might have drifted from honoring a saint valued for his caring for others to a day solely for flowers, candy and expensive jewelry but at least we continue to celebrate the ideal of love. We can only hope that this February in 2019 will bring a renewed emphasis on working together for the good of all in our communities, our country and around the world.

I'm looking forward to being back in time for the February meeting and seeing familiar AAUW faces again. Being away is always good but returning home is even better.

*Submitted by Vernita, Branch President*

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**Program information for February 11, 2019**

For our February 11 program we have invited two professors from Century College, Ruth Wollersheim, director of the gender studies program and Jennifer Rassett, Title IX Coordinator, to speak to us about their programs and general information about the women students at Century College.

*Submitted by Janet, Program Co-Vice President*

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**Branch meeting minutes**

The pending November 12, 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 currently is scheduled to take place February 11, 2019.

*Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary*

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**Board meeting minutes - date correction**

The pending October 23, 2018 board meeting minutes can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>. The board meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved at the **next board meeting which takes place Tuesday, February 25, 2019 at 10 AM.**

[Editor's note; The *January Itanyan* and October 23, 2018 board meeting minutes listed an incorrect date for the next board meeting.]

*Submitted by Joan, Co-Secretary*

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**A reminder goes out to board members to review the minutes from October 23, 2018.  
Board members are to bring the documents for their office in a format ready to be archived.**

*Submitted by Doris, Communications Chairperson*

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**Due to the cancellation of the January 7, 2019 branch meeting, voting to amend the bylaws will take place at the February 11, 2019 branch meeting.**

**Northeast Metro Branch Members will vote on the proposed branch bylaws amendment**

As a result of the branch's vote to restructure rather than to disband the branch, on October 23, 2018 the board passed a motion recommending to the branch that we amend the Bylaws by eliminating ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. This article requires we set up a nominating committee. Restructuring, we will be a self volunteer branch no longer needing a nominating committee.

We discussed this proposal at the November meeting. Branch members attending the February 11, 2019 business meeting will be voting on amending the Bylaws to remove *ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.*

The November Itanyan notice of the bylaws amendment fulfills the requirement that we notify branch members at least 30 days before the vote.

*Submitted by Jan, Co-secretary*

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**Messages forwarded to you from AAUW-MN**

Cyndy sent on January 10, 2019 an apology for lacking communication in the fall of 2018 stating, "My 2018 was quite difficult especially the fall and that was unfortunately unfair to all of you." She noted the web pages are being updated and in the near future The Pine will be released monthly through the AAUW-MN web pages.

*From: Cyndy Harrison, the AAUW MN Pine Editor and Website Chair*

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## **International Women's Day**

**March 8, 2019**

**10:00 am – Noon**

**ERA MN Rally at the Capitol**

Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda

ERA MN will be holding its annual rally complete with bill authors, speakers

and resources to help you find your reps and talk to them about what the ERA means to you!

This year ERA supporters will be wearing **GREEN** and want to make sure every spare bit of space is **GREEN**

and covered in the letters **E.R.A!!**



AAUW-MN is ready to participate in this ERA MN Event, Friday, March 8, 2019 and utilize our support as part of our Legislative Day.

For more information about ERA MN go to: <https://www.eramn.org/minnesota-era.html>

A highlight to this event is the introduction of HF189 by MN House Speaker Melissa Hortman which would add gender equality under the Minnesota law.

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF189&version=0&session=ls90&session\\_year=2017&session\\_number=0](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF189&version=0&session=ls90&session_year=2017&session_number=0)

*[Editor's note: The links provided above may not work for you to view the web sites; copy, then paste the web site starting with the https... through the underlined site name into your web browser.]*

AAUW-MN is listed as an ally on their website. <https://www.eramn.org/our-allies.html> As such, it is obvious, we should attend and use the time to advocate for AAUW issues as well.

AAUW-MN activities may commence simultaneously or may be dedicated from noon-2pm. Many legislators leave St.Paul early for the weekend. \*Thus, it is important to know which branches will attend and how many members will attend in order to schedule meeting times, photo ops, etc.

THIS IS OUR MOMENT. AAUW-MN has not held a Legislative Day in years. Let's make it count! More information to come...

\*Note the date to notify AAUW-MN of a Northeast Metro branch member's plans to attend has passed. Jan Carey knows that our board of directors agreed, we could not commit to sending anyone from Northeast Metro branch. However, if you plan to attend, please, let Vernita know ASAP. The names of your district legislators; MN house Rep and MN Senator will be needed. AAUW-MN will be notified of your planned attendance.

*From: Jan Carey, AAUW-MN VP Public Policy*

**Public Policy note from AAUW-MN about "State Net"**

This is an opportunity for you to be aware of bills being addressed at the Minnesota Legislature.

Jan Carey, AAUW-MN Public Policy VP sends Vernita frequent updates from "State Net", a Minnesota legislative bill tracking system. These updates come with varied subjects, the most recent one being EDUCATION. The information is comprehensive and requires careful reading; some things are pertinent to all AAUW members while some would be branch specific. IF you are interested in receiving these updates, let Vernita know and she will put you on a forwarding list so she can pass them along to you whenever she receives an update.

**Gourmet Group**

Currently no gatherings are planned. If you missed becoming a member and are interested in participating in future Gourmet Group events, please, contact Donna or Janet to get on their email list.

**Dates to note and things to do**

- February 11, 2019 branch program and business meeting
- February 25, 2019 board meeting at Vernita's; all welcome to attend
- March 8, 2019 AAUW-MN Legislative Day/ERA event at the Minnesota Capitol
- April 26-27, 2019 AAUW-MN Convention in Grand Rapids, Minnesota

<p><i>AAUW has been empowering women since 1881</i></p>	<p><b>AAUW Mission Statement:</b> AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.</p> <p><b>AAUW Vision Statement:</b> AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.</p>
<p>For more information about AAUW check out our web sites</p>	<p><a href="https://www.aauw.org/">https://www.aauw.org/</a> - AAUW national level  <a href="https://aauw-mn.aauw.net/">https://aauw-mn.aauw.net/</a> - AAUW-MN state level  <a href="https://nemetromn.aauw.net/">https://nemetromn.aauw.net/</a> - our local northeast metro MN branch</p>