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February monthly meeting

Monday, March 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. March Program – What makes history true?

8:00 p.m. Branch business meeting

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Refreshments being provided by Jan and Janet

President's Words

Well, what a February we have had here in Minnesota! I consider ourselves most fortunate to have had a relatively snowless evening for our branch meeting with the very informative speakers from Century College. Let's hope that we are equally fortunate for our March meeting on the 11th. Again we have an interesting and challenging topic for the evening.

I suspect you are like me and getting more than a little eager for a bit of green rather than the whiteness outside. But I keep remembering how I dislike a "brown" winter and am trying to appreciate the loveliness of the snow on the pine trees, the swoop of snow on rooftops, and the delight of children on a hill at recess. Soon we will be feeling less housebound, taking longer steps, and thinking salads instead of soups. Hang in there!

As spring approaches (yes, it really will come), we have many items to discuss together. We need to be planning for attendance at the AAUW MN convention near the end of April. We will need to be looking at new bylaws, standing rules and policies. We will be waiting for information about scholarship applicants/recipients at Century College. It is not too early to be saying "Next year we should . . ." Be thinking about the possibilities and see you in March.

Submitted by Vernita, Branch President

Program information for March 11, 2019

What makes history true? Every newspaper contains stories about rethinking the history we grew up with. Our March meeting will feature Dr. Annette Atkins, Professor Emerita, St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict. She will discuss "History and Memory."

Submitted by Joni, Program Co-Vice President

Branch meeting minutes

The pending February 11, 2019 branch meeting minutes can be viewed in the Members Only section of our web pages at <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>. The branch meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved at the next branch meeting which currently is scheduled to take place March 11, 2019.

Submitted by Jan, Co-Secretary

Notice of Proposed Bylaws 2019 vote at Annual Meeting

July 1, 2019 will begin a newly restructured Northeast Metro (MN) Branch. With the restructuring of our branch, concentrating on what fits for our membership, we need a fresh start with new bylaws. We have been working on proposing *Bylaws 2019* using our current *Bylaws 2016* as a base. The **vote** by membership on the **proposed Bylaws 2019** will take place at the AAUW Northeast Metro MN Branch **Annual Meeting on April 8, 2019**. At our annual meeting, amending our bylaws requires a two-thirds vote after a quorum is attained. A quorum is 25% of our members.

As you review the proposed bylaws for our restructuring remember, "The purpose of the AAUW Northeast Metro MN Branch will be for leadership to help members stay connected to AAUW, working to further the mission of AAUW and working to connect local branch members with each other."

The *Proposed Bylaws 2019* for your viewing is in our web pages <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net> under the MEMBERS ONLY tab on the tool bar near the top of the page. To get into the MEMBERS ONLY area you will need the confidential password found on the branch 2018-2019 Directory (bright green). Look on the center of the page under the ★★ Branch Information ★★ to find the Member-only confidential password.

Soon you will be emailed a notice to view the revised companion branch documents; *Standing Rules* (which will also be voted on at the annual meeting April 8, 2019) and *Policies and Procedures*. We apologize that these two documents are not quite ready. Our days have been unexpected busy with personal issues. Note, the board of directors approves changes to the *Policies and Procedures*.

Submitted by the restructuring bylaws committee; Christine, Doris and Jan

A Public Policy Possibility for you

Our Minnesota House of Representatives does a very good job of keeping citizens updated about what is happening during the legislative session via the House Public Information Services. One of the ways this is done is through the "Session Daily", which comes to you in your email each day of the session. You can ask to be added to the email list at: www.HouseInfo@house.leg.state.mn.us

You can also go to www.leg.state.mn.us to find House or Senate Bills. You are able to "Search by Keyword" to find bills related to a keyword of your choice and from there you can click into a specific bill to get recordings of the committee hearings if you want to follow what is being presented and discussed.

It is important that AAUW members stay informed about legislation which affects equity for women and girls at our local, state, and federal levels of government.

Submitted by Vernita

Messages forwarded to you from AAUW-MN

*International Women's Day
March 8, 2019
10:00 am – Noon*

FOLLOWING THE ITANYAN IS THE FINAL SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENT.

Please note the links to Capitol maps for location of the State Office building and parking lots.

ERA MN has asked that attendees wear green or white. AAUW MN attendees will also be wearing AAUW buttons. I'll provide them in the State Office building meeting room & Capitol Rotunda.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: It is the responsibility of your branch to make appointments with your district representative and/or senator. **It is not too late** to call for appointments. Do not be dismayed if they are unavailable. **Even if they are not in their office, go to their office and simply deliver an AAUW brochure with a note of introduction, thanks and your contact information.** I have AAUW Public Policy Priorities brochures and blank AAUW note cards, which will be available in the State Office building meeting room (500 North) and in the Capitol Rotunda.

From: Jan Carey, AAUW-MN VP Public Policy

Dates to note and things to do

- March 8, 2019 AAUW-MN Legislative Day/ERA event at the Minnesota Capitol
- March 11, 2019 branch program and business meeting
- April 8, 2019 Annual Meeting
- April 26-27, 2019 AAUW-MN Convention in Grand Rapids, Minnesota

<p><i>AAUW has been empowering women since 1881</i></p>	<p>AAUW Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.</p> <p>AAUW Vision Statement: 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>https://www.aauw.org/ - AAUW national level https://aauw-mn.aauw.net/ - AAUW-MN state level https://nemetromn.aauw.net/ - our local northeast metro MN branch</p>

TO: AAUW-MN Branch Public Policy Chairs & Contacts

FROM: Jan Carey, AAUW-MN VP Public Policy & the Legislative Day planning group

SUBJECT: AAUW-MN/ERAMN Legislative Day - March 8, 2019

AAUW MN SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8, 2019 – MN State Capitol, St. Paul, MN

- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm AAUW-MN home base. Room 500 North, State Office Building. This room accommodates 50.
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am Info Sessions: AAUW MPLS and AAUW-MN members meet with Rep. Cheryl Youakim (Chair of the House Education Policy Committee) and Rep. Dave Pinto (Chair of the Early Childhood Policy & Finance Division) & others TBA in Room 500 North, State Office Building.
- 10:00am – 11:00 am Capitol Rotunda; ERAMN rally & speeches
- 11:00am - 12:00 pm “Storm the Senate Building”
- 12:00pm – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own or as a group in the Capitol cafeteria
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm Visit your district Representative or Senator
(appointments with legislators are the responsibility of your branch)
- 2:00pm Gov. Walz and/or Lt Gov. Flanagan and AAUW members photo op including requested “AAUW MN DAY” proclamation **(not confirmed)**
- 2:30pm AAUW MN photo op; end of event; Return home and spread the word!

If you are interested in networking with ERA MN officials, you may do so during lunch.

ERA MN SCHEDULE

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00 - 10:00am:** Lobbying Your Legislators
- 10:00 - 10:45am:** Rally & Speakers: Chief bill authors and supporting legislators
- 10:45 - 11:00am:** Group photo in the rotunda
- 11:00 - Noon:** Storming the Senate - presence and lobbying Senators

NETWORKING LUNCHEON:

Noon - 2:00pm: Networking Luncheon at the Best Western Capitol Ridge, Peddler's Pub located at: [161 St Anthony Ave, St Paul, MN 55103](#)

WHAT: International Women's Day, Annual ERA Minnesota Rally at the Capitol

WHEN: Friday, March 8th, 2019

WHERE: Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

CAPITOL MAPS & PARKING:

STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX VISITORS MAP: https://mn.gov/admin/assets/capitolvisitor.7_tcm36-206004.pdf

STATE OFFICE building map: https://mn.gov/admin/assets/SOB.01.3_tcm36-209057.pdf

STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX TUNNEL SYSTEM: https://mn.gov/admin/assets/COMPLEX.12_tcm36-206202.pdf

LIST OF ALL CAPITOL MAPS: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/buildings-grounds/maps/>