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November Gathering

November 11, 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM be at Christine's come for an open discussion on AAUW current topics Beverages will be provided by Christine. Jan B is providing a simple refreshment.

Note, the *Itanyan* is posted for public viewing in our branch web pages. Therefore, respecting the privacy of members, driving directions are being emailed separately from the *Itanyan*.

Open Discussion

Our November gathering will be an open discussion on *current topics* AAUW addresses in recent publications. All members' opinions matter (even if your opinion is that the topic is not of concern to you).

Some topics we have discussed before, but there are new ideas that we can discuss;

- Investing in Education, a pathway for women and girls
- Reducing Student Debt, woman hold 2/3rds of the educational debt
- Strengthening Social Security, women collect much less than men
- Implementing Paid Leave, the U.S. is the only developed country without paid family and sick leave

What do you think about these topics? Are there other topics in which AAUW should be concentrating? Hopefully by the end of our discussion you will feel a little more enlightened on current topics.

Submitted by Christine, Moderator for Gathering

Convention news from AAUW-MN

The AAUW Regional Convention is June 18-20, 2020 in the *Quad Cities, Moline, Ill. The cost is expected to be \$165 for the convention registration and \$145, including taxes and fees, for the rooms. The rooms can be shared. There will be more information shared later as it is received. We will check in with members at the next business meeting January 14, 2020 to see who is interested from our branch.

Mark your calendars **blocking out June 18-20, 2020** if you are considering attending.

There is no scheduled AAUW-MN Convention for 2019-2020.

Submitted by Christine, Co-administrator

Editor's note; Per Google "Quad Cities" reference a group of cities and counties in both Iowa and Illinois that share the Mississippi River such as; [Davenport (Iowa), Moline (Illinois), Rock Island (Illinois), Bettendorf (Iowa)].

Branch meeting and board minutes

The pending September 16, 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 business meeting scheduled for January 13, 2020.

The August 26, 2019 board meeting minutes from August 26, 2019 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 currently scheduled for January 6, 2020.

2020 Census speaker

Our members have expressed concern over the 2020 Census. A public forum has been scheduled by the League of Women Voters for 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the White Bear Lake City Hall. Andrew Virden, Director of Census Operation and Engagement, MN Demographic Center will be the speaker. If you would like more information including sending in your questions prior to the public forum, please contact Doris. I can email you their flier.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Joni

This evening, Sunday, November 3, after emailing Joni earlier in the day I received the following response;

I came into Emergency last night (low oxygen and coughing), and they admitted me. Lots of tests, but I'm feeling fine as long as I'm sitting. I have my iPad and my cell with me. They plan to keep me probably 3 days, and then maybe transitional care before I go home. We can certainly talk while I'm here.

Joni

Joni approved sharing her news with members. In subsequent emails with her, she expressed appreciation for positive thoughts and prayers being sent her way.

Take care, especially of each other - Doris