AAUW Northeast Metro (MN) Branch

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

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Open the following link to review the information on future meetings and gatherings in our branch internet CALENDAR - https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net/calendar/

Many members viewed the newly designed AAUW Web Site launch which you were invited to view on April 10th, did you? Go to https://www.aauw.org/

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Annual Meeting set for Thursday, May 14 at 3:30 PM via Zoom.US

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is causing us to remain isolated in our homes. Therefore, the *AAUW Northeast Branch Annual Meeting* will need to be online using the technology of *Zoom.US*.

It is strongly advised that if you plan to attend the Annual meeting, you register or set yourself up in **Zoom.US** which is a video conferencing technology. This is going to be a challenge for our branch because we already know some people will not be able to get into Zoom. For those members who cannot get into Zoom and want to attend, we will do our best to set up phone conferencing.

Your cooperation is needed. Doris will be calling members who have <u>not</u> been a part of branch Zoom sessions to ascertain these members intentions and your device capabilities. It is fine if you prefer not to attend. It is important that we make sure every member who wants to be at the annual meeting gets the opportunity to do so. For those who have already attended sessions in the next few days you will receive a call from Joni, Christine, or Joan M to check on your planned attendance.

To be successful at having a Zoom meeting a list of participants attending is a must. Zoom meetings are limited in time. So we need to be prompt at getting just those attending into the session.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

An Administrator's perspective of her role this year

You, as a branch member, need to be thinking about our branch continuing for next year. If we *do not have a volunteer for the Administrator position* by our business meeting in June we will need to disband.

From my experience this year, the position takes a few hours of preparation before each meeting. There is a lot of information that comes from AAUW, the national level. I don't see a lot from AAUW-MN, the state level. The amount of time is probably 2 to 3 hours monthly reading the information and making sure we have an orderly meeting following the goals set out by National and by our branch.

Submitted by Christine, Co-Administrator

Editor's note; Volunteers have stated a willingness for 2020-2021 to fill the required positions of Financial Officer (Linda), Record Keeper (Joan M) and Communications Liaison (Doris). The term is for one year, July 1st through June 30th, for all positions.

Business meeting and board minutes – please take a moment to review the previous minutes

The pending January 13, 2020 business meeting minutes can be viewed in the MEMBERS ONLY tab of our web pages https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net. The business meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved during business when we have our next business meeting.

The May 5, 2020 board meeting minutes can be viewed in the MEMBERS ONLY tab 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.

February Gathering Highlights

Our February gathering at MIA was successful. Six of us were able to take in the exhibits, of which there were many. The Japanese exhibit of prints was interesting, some of it a little gruesome. The St. Paul Paper had a photo and small write up of the life jackets that adorn the pillars, life jackets worn by refugees escaping war torn countries. It was a chance for us to communicate with each other which is a goal of our branch. We had a nice lunch at Bakers Square in Roseville with more discussion.

Thanks to the drivers, Linda and Leah Marie, it was a snowy morning and traffic didn't move too fast. We all got there safely and home again.

Submitted by Christine

AAUW Funds Awards

Congratulations to our branch. We received the Minnesota AAUW Funds 2nd place award for Top Ten per Capita at \$90 per member. Despite being small in size we are big in giving. We also have a certificate for our named gift honoree, Jan Femrite, to be presented whenever we can get together again.



Submitted by Linda, Financial Officer

Century College scholarship recipients for the current year

(See the following article showing the scholarship listing for our remaining scholarship to be awarded for 2020-2021.)

2019-2020 AAUW Northeast Metro Branch-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship Jalizbeth Dominguez-Matheis is the fourth recipient of the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch-Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship. In the Spring of 2019, she graduated with a Liberal Arts and Sciences, AA degree from Century College with plans to continue her education.

During her interview when asked what inspired her to pursue higher education, Jalizbeth stated, "My parents always instilled in me a sense of gratitude towards education and what it could lead to." In elementary and high school, Jalizbeth felt like she "wasn't cut out for school." She did not believe she would be able to get into a college, but her parents were "inspirational influencers" in her life. Her parents went through financial hardships working multiple jobs, supporting their extended families back home while providing Jalizbeth and her brother with everything necessary to continue their education.

She knows they want her to have a better life. Continuing her education in college, she "... feels like (she is) carrying their dreams and goals with (her) to the finish line."

Jalizbeth plans to attend Augsburg University in the fall of 2019. Her goal is to attain a BS degree in Marketing, with a minor in either International Relations or Advertising. She hopes someday to help others achieve their degrees as AAUW Northeast Metro Branch has helped her.

2019-2020 AAUW Northeast Metro Branch Scholarship

Salwa Farag is the 35th recipient of the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch Scholarship. She took prerequisite courses at Century College in the field of nutrition. She completed the program in the spring of 2019.

In the fall of 2019, Salwa plans to attend the University of Minnesota, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences through the Department of Food Science and Nutrition. She has not declared which of the three tracks in the Nutrition major she will pursue. She will make that decision later. Her educational goal is to become a registered dietitian.

As with many college students, she is busy balancing her time between family, school and life while pursuing her personal plans and accomplishing a four-year degree.

We wish to congratulate Salwa on becoming the recipient of the 2019-2020 AAUW Northeast Metro Branch Scholarship.

Based on interviews by Doris and Christine last summer Articles prepared for publication on our web pages by Doris and LouAnn

From Century College Foundation online scholarship listing found at

https://www.century.edu/.../Scholarship%20booklet%202020-COVID19- Update-03.18.20.pdf

Gen Ed & Transfer AAUW Northeast Metro Branch

Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy



Purpose

AAUW, (American Association of University Women) is an organization that has promoted higher education for women since 1881. The AAUW Northeast Metro Branch Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship honors a member whose lifelong interest was in furthering education and opportunities for girls and women.



To encourage a student transferring to a four-year institution upon completion of a two-year degree program at Century College.

Amount

1 @ \$2,000

Criteria

Credits	GPA	Letter of
(per semester)	(cumulative)	Recommendation
6+	3.0+	1

- Applicant will graduate from Century in the spring and plans to transfer to a fouryear college/university for the upcoming fall semester;
- Applicant studies indicate intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree;
- Personal essay demonstrates well-defined career goals and financial need.

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Apply Online: www.century.edu/scholarships

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Take care of yourself, stay safe! Need to boost your spirits? Call to check on an AAUW friend! Emails are good but hearing a human voice is better!