

Open the following link to review the information on future meetings and gatherings in our branch internet **CALENDAR** plus find meeting minutes under the **MEMBERS ONLY** tab. Contact Doris if you need assistance opening either - <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net/calendar/>

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Business Meeting - year end

Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 PM

Location – Leah Marie's

Snack – provided by Linda

Our fourth and final business meeting for this year is scheduled to be at Leah Marie's home. An email with directions will be sent prior to the meeting day. To assist the host, please send Leah Marie an email as to your plans of attending or your regrets.

A volunteer will be **needed to take minutes** before the business meeting begins. Our Administrator, Janet is designing the agenda to be user friendly for taking of the minutes. If you already know you are willing to volunteer, please, call or email Janet.

Wearing of masks is optional. Use your own discretion dependent upon your situation.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Administrator's message

Hello all,

June 21 will be our last meeting until next autumn, so we hope everyone can make it. The weather seems to have finally warmed up, so Leah Marie's backyard should be a wonderful place for meeting and socializing. Since we had no volunteer to plan a May get-together, it has been a while. With all the bad stuff going on in the world we need each other more than ever.

Please read the minutes of our April meeting as found on our web pages. The link is at the top of this email in bold directly under the header.

Your volunteer branch leaders have been very frustrated regarding communications with national AAUW, and as your convening officer, I have received no communications from them.

Before coming to our year end meeting be prepared to discuss where you want to go from here: stay with AAUW, just be a social club, or is it time to revisit disbanding?

Submitted by Janet, Administrator

Not getting emails from AAUW?

The following message with the link is a repeat from the April Itanyan. When I selected the link a few days ago it gave me hope that I may have discovered why I am not getting AAUW emails from national. Try it and let me know your results by a phone call, email or at our final business meeting.

I will give an update at our final meeting this year as to any correspondence received from AAUW since I took this action.

Take care - Doris

Not getting emails from AAUW? (A message from MEMBERSHIP MATTERS MARCH edition)

“Don’t Miss AAUW Emails”

“Help us help other volunteers who report not receiving AAUW emails by directing them to visit <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> to update their preferences and get back on the AAUW email list.”

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Connecting with AAUW (national)

Our members continue to be plagued with an inability to get properly connected with AAUW national through their new web pages. I have monitored our branch roster to make sure our members are all listed at the <https://my.aauw.org> site. Two weeks ago my branch status showed as “inactive” but all of our other branch members status show as “active.” I made corrections, luckily my status remains as “active.”

As Janet noted, I am amongst those frustrated. If I cannot navigate the system how can I help fellow members navigate it? Communications is my responsibility. I cannot get answers sending emails to connect@aauw.org or calling the “connect to AAUW” phone 1-800-326-2289. Note the phone number tells you to email connect@aauw.org. This loop is exhausting me. It feels like failure.

At our final meeting this year I would like to hear from our members;

- What are **you** looking for from your AAUW membership?
- Do we as a branch accept the status quo as to AAUW’s communications?
- If you do not accept the communications status quo, what do I advocate for our members to receive?
- Do you want to receive the emails for Mission & Action (AAUW’s electronic newsletter), Membership Matters (includes Action Alerts), AAUW Action Network (includes Two Minute Activist for you to contact your representatives in congress about issues before them, Washington Updates, or AAUW Webinars such as the upcoming Webinar June 15 of AAUW Lens; Title IX and Transgender Student Rights? This list are the emails from AAUW (national) we are missing out on receiving by not being connected.

If you will not be attending drop me an email answering these questions.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison