

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** plus find meeting minutes under the **MEMBERS ONLY** tab. Contact Doris if you need assistance opening either – <https://nometro-mn.aauw.net/calendar/> (Check back in a few days if the calendar is not updated to the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year.)

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Administrator's message

It sounds like everyone had a busy summer, and I hope you have all been reading the round robin that Doris began in late August. It has been a bit of a roller coaster weather wise with heat, storms, drought, and gorgeous summer days. Winter will be here too soon, but I hope we will continue to meet all year. We will have some planning to discuss for this fall, so please think about what you want us to do as a branch. Our future depends on our ability to plan and to participate as both attendees and volunteers. I hope to see you all on September 13.

Submitted by Janet, Administrator

Business Meeting - First of four business meetings for 2022-2023

Tuesday, September 13, 1:30 PM

Location – Linda's

Here are opportunities for you to volunteer!

- A volunteer is needed to provide treats for the September 13, business meeting.
- A volunteer is needed to take the minutes before our business meeting can begin. Our Administrator, Janet is designing the agenda to be user friendly for taking of the minutes.

Call or email Janet B to volunteer for either task.

To assist Linda at setting up for our group, please, send her an email as to your plans of attending or your regrets. Call Linda for directions to her home.

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

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Scholarship parameters agreed upon with Century College and Foundation

We, Christine and Doris, volunteered at our final branch business meeting last June to contact Century College/Foundation about increasing the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch – Nancy Jo Hendrickson Legacy Scholarship to \$5,000 annually.

In July, we met with Adam Haglin, Century Foundation and defined as our main contact, as well as Sonja LaFoy, Financial Aid Advisor and Scholarship Coordinator, Century College. In our

discussions, we learned that the foundation increases scholarship amounts as endowments reach increments. Nancy's endowment fund will need to reach \$75,000 before they will consider increasing it to \$3,000. They have set processes to follow to protect their scholarship program. We must remember, we gave them the funds to manage for a purpose of providing scholarships. They protect their protocols to offer scholarships for the long run. Sonja noted that our \$2,000 scholarship is considered a significant amount. It is enough to cover a full semester at institutions like *Metro State University* where many of their graduates go. We are welcome to add to the endowment at any time to reach the next increment sooner.

We took time during our meeting to introduce them to AAUW and our national organization's support of women through AAUW's Fellowships and Grants awarding for the 2022-2023 year \$6 million to 320 fellows and grantees. We allowed them to skim Doris' tablet of the announcement of this historic AAUW award. It was obvious they were impressed. They could see the value of AAUW's grant program to their staff and students.

After multiple versions of their documents were reviewed over the next month by us, we all agreed upon the two documents. They include parameters for selection of our recipients that will be used in the selection of our scholarship recipients going forward. Realizing the Itanyan is a public setting on our web pages, copies of the two documents will be emailed to members under separate cover.

Submitted by Christine, Committee Volunteer and Doris, Communications Liaison

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Scroll to the bottom of AAUW.org, open the link to *Recent Books by AAUW Fellows & Grantees* by selecting the button READ MORE. You will find a treasure of books to read with descriptions of each.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Not receiving emails from AAUW?

“Don't Miss AAUW Emails”

Visit <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> to update your preferences and get back on the AAUW email list.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Communications note: Any of our branch members exploring their Personal Snapshot in *my.aauw.org* may come across the AAUW Northeast Metro Branch roster. You will see unfamiliar names. As the system currently stands AAUW-MN board members are listed to give them access to information about our branch and members.