From the President

By Kay Humphreys, President

A new season is coming upon us and with it our Fall Kick-Off for AAUW Red Wing Area Branch.

We have read each of the surveys which you completed last spring. As you can imagine, with such a large and varied group of members, we had many great ideas and responses, some of which were conflicting.

It is with great excitement that I look ahead to this 2015-2016 year as your president. You have an outstanding Board that is dedicated to fulfilling AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. How will we do that?

Advocacy: Our branch and branch members support women in business, the health and wellness industries and education. We are vocal in our community regarding women’s issues through writing letters to the editor, holding and sponsoring events, and creating opportunities for women and girls to thrive.

Education: Our branch partners each year to create and hold Brave New Girls for middle school girls. Each spring we sponsor a participant to the NCCSWL Conference in Leadership Training for young women across the nation. We host informative events for members and the community. Our most recent big event was the Documentary Film Premier of Anita Hill, organized by Ann-Marie Rose and other volunteers. We have a presence at the Technical College, hosting a table at their fall event. I have made presentations to: the Student Leadership Group, their women’s studies class, and at their forum for luncheon speakers.

Philanthropy: We fundraise for local and national pursuits. Your dues and participation in the Holiday Brunch Auction and the Garage Sale allow us to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.
**Research:** While we may not complete research at the local level, we are a group of well informed women who use the research from National to advocate for women, educate the community on women’s issues, and created opportunities for women and girls in the Red Wing Area.

Watch for announcements of upcoming events.

Now what’s not to like about that? As your president I ask that you be mindful of the volunteer hours that the board and committee members are giving to your organization. Please offer to help if and when you can, respond to requests for information and action, and please RSVP in a timely manner for planning purposes. I can’t tell you the number of volunteer hours that doing those three simple things would save. In return as your president I will be mindful of your expressed opinions in the surveys and in so doing work to maintain the high standards of your organization.

### Thank You and Farewell

*By Kay Humphreys, President*

Thank you and farewell to long standing Red Wing Area Branch Members Roger and Pat Sween, and Alice Ellis. Pat was president of our Branch four times, and Roger held the office with her in 1992-94. They have been active office holding members at both local and state levels and active at the National level as well. Their participation and contributions will be difficult to replace. They are enjoying their home in Maplewood and are living much closer to family.

Alice has moved to St. Paul to be closer to family and is enjoying her new home. She served as president in Red Wing 1978-80 and again in 2000-2001. Alice contributed to the organization in many ways during her time in Red Wing. She is joining the St. Paul Branch this fall. We wish her well.

It is through the work of dedicated members like Pat, Roger and Alice that the Red Wing Area Branch has been so successful. Thank you.

### Membership Matters

*By Laurie Andrews and Sherry Drysdale-Schruth, Co Membership VPs*

As your new Membership Co-Chairs, we look forward to a new year in AAUW for the Red Wing Area Branch members. We are glad to have YOU back to enjoy another year of great programming.

Your membership matters to us. We hope to let you know throughout the year that because you are a member, all levels of AAUW are able to do so much more to empower women and girls.

Over the summer we have lost three members because they moved and three for other reasons. We hope to replace those 6 members and increase by six—a worthy goal, but we can do it. To that end, we want to welcome a new member, Deb O’Donnel with a Masters in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders from St. Thomas. Deb is neighbor of Becky Foot who invited her to the Holiday Brunch and encouraged her to join. Thank you Becky and welcome again to Deb!

As you see, your help is needed to grow our branch. Who in your circle of friends, co-workers, family, etc. would like to make a difference to empower women? Invite them to one of the amazing programs we have scheduled this year! We will gather their contact information and help them through the application process. With your help, we will reach our goal!

Enjoy another year in AAUW!
AAUW - The BIG Picture
By Dee Bender, Public Policy VP

AAUW is 130 years old! What we’ve done for all those decades is to work together to encourage and empower improvement of the lives of women and their families.

To read about what’s current, google ‘AAUW,’ and click on “ISSUES.” You’ll find seven categories with fantastic insight and information.

- **Advocacy**—Equal Pay, State by State (Twitter users go to #womensEqualityDay)
- **Education**—The unspoken barrier to Higher Education: Sexual Assault
- **Leadership**—Women of color who fought for gender equality
- **Career and Workplace**—Read about the five women scientists who were “Disruptive” and why we should thank them!
- **Economic Justice**—Take the Social Security Quiz (T & F)
- **Community**—Read about the victories in voting rights, health care, marriage equality and pregnancy discrimination laws secured by this Supreme Court term.
- **Campus**—Six reasons to organize at SE MN Tech here in Red Wing

Or ‘like’ AAUW on FACEBOOK. We even have a Red Wing branch FB page, AAUW Red Wing Branch!

No matter how you do it, inform yourself!

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AAUW Book Club 2015

What is included in the branch reads for this year? Here is the Book Club information. All members are invited to join in book club discussions for one or all of the meetings. If you see a book you are interested in, please consider coming to review it and express your opinions. We share a beverage—even wine—and a snack. Book club members host the meeting.

Watch for your book club reads and dates coming as a bookmark in your Blue Book. We welcome all readers to our meetings. Come every time or only when the book strikes a chord for you. We choose interesting reads and have lively discussions. Feel free to come to just listen to the discussion even if you are not sure what you think of the book.

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Kai Rodgers, 2015 Citizen of the Year with Kathy Bell

Prizes at the Summer picnic in June
Ellen Hutchinson shares wonderful news. She has completed her chemotherapy and is CANCER FREE. A week later she flew to Montana to take part in an ovarian cancer camp.

Kay Humphreys organized and hosted a family reunion for 56 relative from across the country for four days at the family cabin on Mille Lacs Lake. They served 275 meals with work crews consisting of cousins, aunts and uncles, and grand nieces and nephews. Each crew was in charge of assembling their assigned meal from their ingredient box and recipes.

A 5K Run/Walk was held and the youngest runner (9) came in first. The biggest hit was the minnow races.

Need more be said?

Mary Kay Inc.’s Annual Seminar in Dallas, TX brings together Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants from across the country and around the world to celebrate their business achievements and provide education, recognition and motivation for the year ahead. Sherry Drysdale-Schruth began her Mary Kay business in 1994 and is currently an Independent Sales Director. At Seminar, she was recognized for being in the Queens Court of Personal Sales for the 9th time & had her best year ever in personal sales. She was the number two Director in personal sales for her National Area out of 70 Directors.

Thanks!

Sherry Drysdale-Schruth, Mary Kay Sales Director

From Becky Alsop I’m so so, so excited to be teaching science at the new River Bluff Education Center. I’ll be working with secondary students in the REACH program and the Pathways programs (ALC). I’m developing a very hands on and inquiry based curriculum. We’ll explore in the new science lab and then head outside to explore the bluffs and rivers learning about glaciers, erosion, rock formations, water quality; plant, animal, and fungi behaviors; and the chemistry and physics behind all these forces and behaviors.

New Grandson
Born
8/21.  7.9#  20.8”

Kathy Bell’s new grandson, Carter

Sandy Wollschlager Wins Her First Blue Ribbon at the Fair

Collections of Historical Significance - cigar box labels from Havana as a trade item depicting women as Goddesses and Queen. In 2010 Sandy was a delegate to Cuba on a cultural mission in understanding.

Shannon Hanson

I am the Red Wing Retention Advisor. I will be working closely with students to help them navigate their way through the college process with the end goal of them being successful in their classes and graduating from their programs. I LOVE IT!!!
Join AAUW for a Guided Tour at Minneapolis Institute of Art

Women in Art
One hour free tour 10:00 a.m.

Saturday October 17

What you need to know

Car Pooling: Leave Red Wing approximate 8:30.
Lunch after: at Christos Greek Restaurant at member’s expense.
Choose from Soups, Salads, Sandwiches and Lunch Entrees.

What you need to do

RSVP Now! Don't wait.
Contact Kay today @ laurelkay1@yahoo.com
or call 651-328-7594.
First 10 to sign up will be assured of a spot.
**Red Cottage Montessori**

*By Kai Rodgers*

Red Cottage Montessori is busy getting ready for big changes with the new school year. Over the summer, we moved out of our Hay Creek location to a one-year temporary location at First Covenant Church. We did this because we needed more space.

Starting September 8, Red Cottage will open three classroom doors! We will have a Toddler Community for children 18months-3 years, a Children’s House for 3-6 years, and an Elementary House for grade 1-3 children. We feel truly fortunate to have found fabulous staff. Juliane Dennis of Lake City comes to us from Rochester Montessori with over 30 years of Toddler Montessori teaching experience. Nicole Cashman of Red Wing comes to us after a leave of absence teaching first grade in RWPS. She will begin official Elementary Montessori Training next summer, however is ready for this year after many hours of training spent at St. Kate’s in their Elementary Montessori environment.

At this time, all three programs are full! After a year at First Covenant Church, we are certain that a perfect permanent location for Red Cottage will emerge in Red Wing. We are working on one location currently and hope to make an announcement later this fall. Thank you to all of our supporters as we make this leap of faith to grow!

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**2015 Holiday Brunch & Auction**

The committee has been hard at work this summer making plans for our annual, winter fundraiser. This event is the highlight of the year when our members look forward to socializing with members and friends, enjoying great food and trying to outbid each other on the awesome items brought for the silent and live auctions!

“*Twas the Night Before Christmas*” is the theme this year. We love this poem and have found an interesting twist to it that we think you will enjoy! The committee looks forward to surprising you with great decorations and favors to take home.

Details are: Saturday, December 5th at the Mississippi National Golf Links Clubhouse, Registration begins at 8:30, brunch served at 10:00 with the Live Auction at 10:30. Cost will be $20 per person. RSVP by November 28th to Kathy Gronvall

Funds raised from this fundraiser are for both a national donation and our local branch. The Board will determine the amount of distribution to each after the event. As always, we are proud of the generosity of our members at this event.

If you are a seasoned member, you may have already thought of your auction item. If you are a new member, your item donation can be a service (a movie night in a home theater setting or a boat ride next summer) or a handcrafted item (a quilted pillow or a Santa carved by your hubby) or a homemade food item such as caramels, cookies or fudge!! Presentation of these items has been so creative in the past; we look forward to seeing what you come up this year!

Laurie Andrews, Marm Nihart, Kathy Gronvall, Marge Henke, Becky Foot, Deb O’Donnell
‘Twas the Night Before Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 2015
AAUW—Red Wing Area Branch
Holiday Brunch & Auction

Cost: $20 per person
Registration—8:30 a.m.
Silent Auction 9–10:15
Brunch 9:45 followed by the Oral Auction

Mississippi National Golf Links
Reservations due by November 28 to Kathy Gronvall
Phone: 651-388-5336 or email: kathleengronvall@hotmail.com

American Association of University Women’s Annual Fundraiser to support
Looking Ahead

Sept 15    Fall Kickoff, Indigo Room, 6 p.m.
Oct 17    MIA Tour, 10 a.m. (see p 5 for details)
Nov    Emergency Preparation (date, time, and location TBA)
Dec 5    Holiday Brunch & Auction, 8:30 a.m., Mississippi Golf Links (see p 7 for details)

If your email address changes, please notify me and our president ASAP so that you don’t miss any of our AAUW email notices.

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