



OCTOBER MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
7:00 P.M.
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROGRAM

"HUNGER IN MARTIN COUNTY"
PRESENTED BY CONNIE ANTHONY

Please bring a non-perishable food item [or more!] to the meeting.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEES

October 24th
Judy Beckman*
Lorraine Carlson
Patti Knewton

November 28th
Melissa Roeder
Jean Burkhardt
Emily Lagerstrom

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

November's program (Nov. 28, 6:00 p.m.) will be a culinary presentation on "Appetizers for the Holidays", at Melissa Roeder's store. There will be a cost of \$5 per person, and space is limited! It would be appreciated if you would RSVP to Melissa as soon as possible if you are planning on attending – she needs to plan the menu and ingredients! kitchensmore@frontiernet.net

TAX STATUS – AAUW DUES

A reminder from our treasurer: \$46 of the total \$75 paid for dues is tax deductible.

GLOWS PARADE

Lael Luedtke is working on a parade float & walking unit. Please consider participating on November 18!
Contact Lael with any questions: ggertdog@aol.com

DECEMBER MEETING: SILENT AUCTION

The December meeting will be our usual Christmas/Holiday Party on December 12 at the Red Rock Center. A change this year will be the Silent Auction – with proceeds going to the AAUW Funds. Members are asked to donate an item or basket or service for the auction – use your creativity!

Please contact Elly Sherry or Nancy Klemek by DECEMBER 1 to let her know what your donated item[s] will be. Stuart44@midco.net nancy.klemek@gmail.com

Thanks!!

| AAUW Branch Budget | | | | | |
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| July 2011 to June 2012 | | | | | |
| Reg. Chkg | | | Tour of Homes 2012 | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| | memberships -- 35 | 2625 | Interest income | 2 | |
| | interest income | 10 | sock sales | 10 | |
| | miscellaneous | 30 | ticket sales | 5250 | 350 x \$15 |
| Total income | | 2665 | | 5262 | |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| | AAUW Assn dues | 1715 | AAUW Funds | 250 | for 2011 expenses |
| | AAUW State dues | 315 | Advertising | 150 | |
| | Hospitality | 25 | Dollars for Scholars | 1000 | for 2011 expenses |
| | Insurance | 125 | Flower allowance | 140 | |
| | Membership | 75 | Flyers | 25 | |
| | Miscellaneous | 25 | Homeowners lunch | 75 | |
| | Newsletter | 25 | Insurance | 75 | |
| | Program | 150 | Miscellaneous | 130 | |
| | Room rental | 125 | Postage | 25 | |
| | Speaker meals | 50 | Signs | 100 | |
| | Treasurer exp | 35 | Ticket expense | 200 | |
| | | | Socks | 10 | |
| Total expenses | | 2665 | | 2180 | \$1250 for 2011 exp |
| Net income | | 0 | | 3582 | |
| Balance in Regular Checking Account as of 7-1-2011= \$4075.61 | | | Balance in ToH account as of 7-1-2011 = \$2066.43 | | |

2011-2012 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEES

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| September 26th Kristen Gaalswyk* Aileen Stougaard Char Kahler | February 27th Elly Sherry* Joan Schaffer Liz Garakani |
| October 24th Judy Beckman* Lorraine Carlson Patti Knewton | March 26th Wanda Johnson* Erica Volkir Ruth Draut |
| November 28nd Melissa Roeder* Jean Burkhardt Emily Lagerstrom | April 23th MaryDon Kislingbury* Donna Hillestad DeeAnn Helfritz |
| December 12^h Linda Paplinski* Jennelle Cunning Mary Jo Moltzen Lael Luedtke | May 21rd Linda Meschke* Carol Nasby Margot Madsen Sue Olson |
| January 23th Jennifer Tow* Nancy Klemek Pat Fahey-Bacon | |

** Chair*

All meetings will be held at Grace Lutheran Church except the meetings in September, November, December, and May.

If you are unable to serve for your assigned month, you are responsible for finding a trade or replacement – please let the Chair for the month know of any changes.

Help HER Run!!!

By Char Kahler, Public Policy

We only have until October 25, 2011 to encourage women to run!! That is when filings close for the office of Martin County 1st District Commissioner. Then we will have until the election on February 14, 2012 to support a qualified woman in her campaign.

The 1st District includes the eastern townships of Westford, Nashville, Center Creek, Pleasant Prairie, Fairmont and East Chain. The towns are Truman, Granada, East Chain and a portion of NE Fairmont. Within Fairmont it is Ward 4, Precinct 2 (areas east of N. North Avenue & N. Prairie as far south as Blue Earth Avenue. Map of districts available at www.co.martin.mn.us

Even though Commissioner terms are for 4 years, she would be filling out the remaining term of Gerald Boler. Should she win, she would have to run again for the Nov. 6, 2012 election. At that time the District 4 seat held by Dan Schmidtke will also be on the ballot.

Women comprise 50.8% of our county's population, yet we do not have a woman representing us. Minnesota women hold 37 percent of the state's public school board seats, 12 percent of county commissioner seats, and 26 percent of city council seats. Fortunately we have some brave women on city councils:

Ceylon-Kathy Bremer; Dunnell-Bessie Reinhardt; Granada-Melissa Engel; Trimont-Karen Koeder, Truman-Kathy Hendricksen and Welcome-Kim Holm. Only one woman mayor—Darliss Green in Granada.

Information on Fairmont's City Council was requested at our AAUW Board meeting. Up for election in 2012 are:

- Ward 2 held by Harlan Gorath,
- Ward 4 held by Andy Lucas
- At-Large held by Wes Clerc.

These are four year terms with filings open from August 2 to 16, 2012.

Ward 1 held by Darin Rahm, Ward 3 held by Joe Kallemeyn and Mayor held by Randy Quiring will have elections in 2014.

Many other elections will take place in 2012: US President & Vice President, US Senate & Representatives and MN State Senate & Representatives.

We have help for women pursuing public office from the Women Candidate Development Coalition (WCDC). It is a coalition of nine major Minnesota women's/feminist organizations committed to legal and economic rights for women and girls. WCDC's mission is to provide the education and assistance needed to motivate and empower progressive women, regardless of political party, to become actively involved in all aspects of Minnesota's politics and government, from voting to running for office.

When I ran for both State Representative and County Commissioner, I received tremendous help from Shirley Nelson. She can be reached at the Women Candidate Development Coalition; 550 Rice Street; St. Paul, MN 55103 wocandevcoal@yahoo.com (612) 724-6348