



NOVEMBER 2011

NOVEMBER MEETING

Monday, November 28
6:00 pm
Kitchen's & More

November's program at Kitchen's & More by Melissa is full. If you had planned on coming but not yet RSVP'd, Melissa does have a waiting list if someone would cancel. Please email kitchensmore@frontiernet.net to be put on that list.

Melissa

December Holiday Party

*Monday, December 12
Red Rock Center*

Come join us for an evening of conviviality, refreshments, and games!

The Silent Auction is meeting with great interest – we have several auction items promised already! If you are interested in donating an item or basket of items, you can just bring your donation to the party – bidding sheets will be available for you to fill out: what your item is, and a minimum value to start the bidding. We are looking forward to a nice variety of items or services. Proceeds will go to the AAUW Funds, so bring your checkbook!

In addition, Sue Olson will be collecting donations towards the AAUW funds – anyone donating will be entered into a drawing for a poinsettia. Help us support the AAUW mission!

HOSPITALITY: December 12

Linda Paplinski
Jennelle Cuning
Mary Jo Moltzen
Lael Luedtke

NOW is the time to join CGUW – so start recruiting!!

An anonymous donor has offered to pay \$29 towards the cost of membership for up to 10 new members for the 2011-2012 membership year! The new member would then only have to pay \$46, which is totally tax deductible for her.

The application form, and a check for \$46, must be submitted to the Fairmont CGUW Treasurer [Judy Beckman]. She will obtain the remaining \$29 from the donor.

Contact Judy Beckman [238.4902 or jnbemb@frontiernet.net] or Lael Luedtke - Membership [612.201.4781 or Fairmontaauw@gmail.com] with questions.

Tour of Homes

We need 2 Chairs for the 2012 Tour of Homes - what about YOU?
Please contact Linda Paplinski or DeeAnn Helfritz if you think you could help!

Minutes of Martin County AAUW branch meeting October 24, 2011

Members gave updates on their lives—sickness and mayhem everywhere!

1. Secretary **minutes** from last meeting read and approved.
2. Judy Beckman reviewed **finances**. Checking account \$3762 and tour of homes account \$1966. The budget reviewed and Char moved approval of the budget as printed in Inklink.
3. **Program/visibility report**. Elly reviewed 2012 schedule and hospitality committees—see below.

September Presentation College

October Hunger in Martin County

November Holiday appetizers--culinary presentation at Kitchens by Melissa

Cost will be \$5 per person and recipes will be included later in Inklink

December Holiday party at Red Rock Center

date adjusted to December 12 at 6 pm Event will include a silent auction and member should get a list of the items they will be donating to Nancy or Elly by December 1.

January Presentation College graduate nursing program, Pat Fahey as presenter

February Soup supper and favorite book

March Focus on equity for women and girls (Jean and Char will develop program)

April Therapeutic Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy, Stacy Bulfer and Tammy Stuber as presenters

May Annual Meeting, May 21

4. **Membership report** Lael announced anonymous source of funds to subsidize partial cost of membership fees. Subsidy of \$27 for the first year with the remaining \$46 now being tax deductible. She is also considering some ideas for fundraising (a Christmas tree poncho contest!)
5. No report from president.
6. **Committee reports.**
 - a. hospitality [chart sent out last month]
 - b. AAUW funds-- none
 - c. Public policy-- Char shared the boundaries of the county commissioner district seat which is open and where filings close tomorrow. Members discussed possibilities for women who could be encouraged to run. Char has already made some calls, and members agreed to call those they knew who might need a pep talk!
 - d. no historian report
 - e. no bulletin report
7. No **old business**
8. **New business** Tour of Homes will need co-chairs by January and the Glows parade needs at least 8 walkers—Lael is working on costuming. Walkers will meet at Lael's and walk to the parade together.

Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Connie Anthony, Martin County Hunger Coalition, then gave presentation on **hunger in Martin County.**

- One in six Americans don't have reliable, consistent access to food
- in Minnesota 125 million meals are missed annually
- Martin County has a population of 21,000; 5600 of those are at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines (federal poverty rate is approx. \$12,000 for an individual and \$22000 for a family of four.
- 2900 people in Martin County are eligible for food support program; just 1440 are enrolled
- 19% of our population are missing meals.
- What can we do here?
 - Get the word out to others
 - sponsor grocery bags
 - volunteer for St. John Vianney Hope Shop
 - help identify location for new food shelf site
 - perhaps help sell food dips (a hunger fund-raising effort) at our December meeting