



NOVEMBER 2013

November Meeting

Monday, November 25

6:30 pm

A light supper will be provided.

Home of DeeAnne Helfritz

411 Woodland Avenue

The program will be Anastassiya Novgorodova. She is currently the Youth and Family Ministry Director at Grace Lutheran Church.

Anastassiya is from Kazakhstan, a former Soviet republic. She will be speaking on what brought her to this country, her impressions of America, and Kazakhstan. Come with questions.

December Holiday Party

Monday, December 16

6:00 pm

A light meal will be provided.

Pioneer Museum Parsonage

Come join us for an evening of food, friends and holiday cheer. More details will be sent later, but start looking for your white elephant gift now!

Message from the President

November and December Greetings,

Yes, that's right—this is a double issue of the INKLINK so be sure you hold on to it for information for the next two meetings. You will find information for location and time of the meeting plus information on who is hosting and what the program is. I don't have much news this time except to say that the state is looking for members to fill their slate of officers. If you are interested, contact me and I will give you more information.

My mantra this year will be Tour of Homes. Please consider volunteering to be chair/co-chair for this event. The date is set at September 20th of 2014. Committee work should be under way by April. If you have read this far, you will qualify for a treat/prize at our November meeting. If you e-mail or phone me before our November meeting, you will receive your reward that evening. Just say I read it.

I hope to see you at our November/December meetings. For those who cannot make it (and actually for everyone) a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

DeeAnne Helfritz

HOSPITALITY

November's meeting will be at DeeAnne Helfritz's home.
Hospitality will be: Nancy Klemek and Ruth Draut.

December's meeting will at the Pioneer Parsonage.
Hospitality will be: Erica Volkir, Kristen Gaalswyk, and Linda Meschke

February's meeting is still looking for a home.
Hospitality will be:

March's meeting will be at Char Kahler's home [weather permitting!]. (Tentative)
Hospitality will be: Jennelle Cunning and Char.

April's meeting will be at Linda Paplinski's home. (Tentative)
Hospitality will be: Judy Beckman and Linda.

May's meeting will be dinner at a local restaurant.
Hospitality will be: Sue Olson [Chair], Sue DeWar, Lorraine Carlson & Jennifer
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If your assigned month doesn't work for you,
it is your responsibility to change months with another member.

Nancy Klemek
Hospitality Chair

Fairmont Area AAUW Branch Meeting, October 28 , 2013
Jean Burkhardt

notes taken by

Secretary's minutes from September were published in Inklink. Request made to include the bank account balances from the treasurer's report in the secretary minutes. Question raised by Linda as to what should be included in the minutes. Discussion among members. Minutes should reflect decisions made and votes taken, with some informational information shared. No need to include content of discussion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was included in Inklink. Only bill paid this month was for the dinner meal for our September speaker. Balance in regular account \$2306, Tour of Homes \$2413.

Treasurer's report approved.

Judy asked to reconsider the decision from last month to pay \$250 into the AAUW funds. She provided background information as to our history of giving. After discussion among members, the vote to reconsider failed.

President's report DeeAnne shared email from Susan Moody of Hibbing branch and a member of state board nominating committee. Openings on state board for VP of AAUW Funds, VP of Membership, Secretary and Nominating Committee. Applicants must fill out application by November 15. Local members who have served on the state board found the experience valuable and were able to bring perspective from the rural part of the state.

Program/visibility committee

The speaker for the November 25 branch meeting will be Ana Novgorodova who works with youth at Grace Lutheran Church. She is from Kazakhstan and holds three master's degrees. DeeAnne Helfritz will host. The December holiday meeting will be at the recently renovated Pioneer museum parsonage building on December 16. Erica taking the lead, with Linda Meschke and Kristin Gaalswyk on hospitality committee. Programs for 2014 still being organized.

Hospitality committee continues to work on the schedule and will complete it as soon as locations for 2014 meetings are set. Need host for March – Char indicated she would do so unless inclement weather intervened!

Public Policy Char provided a newspaper article reflecting on the founding of the Crisis Support Center 35 years ago; AAUW provided leadership and many volunteers. Training was provided for law enforcement and other front-line staff. Volunteers also were responsible for a 24-hour hotline service. Many of those functions have been now taken over by others, or new technologies have allowed the work to happen differently. However, the need for the work has not stopped: There were 38 domestic assault deaths in Minnesota this year, double that of last year. Char challenged the membership to take action again, 25 years later, to meet the local needs. She also indicated that AAUW state and national would be seeking sex trafficking legislation.

Historian received the Crisis Support Center news article and also newspaper articles in the Sentinel and Photo Press regarding Rachel Boztet's on-going project for Women in Transition.

New business

Reminder that Tour of Homes will happen in the fall of 2014. Time for members to think about the role they might play for this event.

Program guests were Allison Schmidt, Superintendent of Martin County West schools; Michelle Rosen, assistant principal of Fairmont Elementary; Kim Niss, principal of Fairmont High School. Each spoke about their own path into educational administration, educational philosophies and what they see for young women and girls in the future.

Updated calendar for 2013/2014

Meeting dates	Board meeting time and location	Branch meeting time and location	Program topic	Hospitality
9/16/13	5:30 Jakes	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx
9/30/13	5:30	6:30 meal, program 7, meeting 7:30 Interlaken	Women and finance	Patty,
10/28/13	5:30	Jean Burkhardt's 1021 Martin Rd., Welcome 6:30 meal, 7 program	Women in educational leadership roles: guests are women superintendents and principals	Jean,Liz
11/25/13	5:30	DeeAnne Helfritz's 411 Woodland, 6:30 meal	Ana Novgorodova, youth director at Grace Lutheran	
12/16/13	xxxxxxxx	Holiday party at Pioneer Museum		Erica, Linda, Kristin
1/27/14	5:30 Jakes	Xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx
2/24/14	5:30	Jo Moltzen's 6:30	Bob Luedtke, Saudi Arabia trip	
3/24/14	5:30	Char Kahler's 6:30		
4/28/14	5:30	Linda Paplinski's 6:30		
5/5/14	5:30 Jakes	xxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxx
5/19/14	5:30	Annual meeting, Holiday Inn?	Jeanne Fournier, WWII experiences	

Financial Report - October 2013

Regular Checking

Beginning Balance \$2,306.27

Income

Interest Income \$0.10

Total Income \$0.10

Expenses

Liability Insurance \$170.00

Speaker Gift Cards \$30.00

Total Expenses \$200.00

Ending Balance 10/31/13 \$2,106.37

Tour of Homes Account

Beginning Balance \$2,413.56

Income

Interest Income \$0.10

Total Income \$0.10

Expenses

None

Total Expenses \$0.00

Ending Balance 10/31/13 \$2,413.66

Recycling Opportunities

The Martin County Girl Scouts currently have 2 recycling opportunities available if you would like to participate.

- 1. "Caps Off" is our ongoing project to recycle a large variety of bottle caps: soda bottles, water, shampoo, detergent, etc. All "hard" caps are acceptable; we cannot accept the soft, flexible lids such as margarine lids. This project was started several years ago, and 2 of our troops have kept it flourishing. There are a number of drop off sites around town, including the Martin County Library.*
- 2. One of our older troops has arranged to recycle shoes that will then be distributed to developing countries. Let's keep our unused and discarded shoes from landfills!*

All caps and shoes may be dropped off with Nancy Klemek - or call to arrange a pick up!

Thank You for supporting the Girl Scouts!
