

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2015-16 will be a watershed year as we host our first dinner/silent auction to raise funds for NCCWL and other AAUW activities like graduate student fellowships, ground breaking gender research, and advocacy efforts. It is exciting for our branch to be doing things which have both national and local impact on efforts to advance the status of women. Our excellent programs developed by our new Program VP, Paula Tompkins, also attest to our continued interest in subjects that improve the lives of women and girls. I hope that you can and will participate in all of our programs this year.

Lora Robinson
Branch President

MEETING INFORMATION

All meetings this year will be held at the recently renovated Courtyard Marriott (formerly Le St. Germain), 404 West St Germain, St. Cloud MN 56301; free parking via valet or ticket validation parking. All meetings are open to the public but reservations for meals must be made four business days prior to the event. RSVP to either Janet Lore, jllore@gmail.com, 320-251-7698 or Mary Lou Lenz, mllenz@cloudnet.com; 320-259-8864. If you don't receive confirmation of your reservation, recontact either Janet or Mary Lou.

PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to attend the programs described in this brochure and to add the dates to your calendar.

We look forward to another year of improving the lives of women and girls both locally and nationally.

AAUW has been empowering women since 1881. If you wish to join, call or email Mary Anne Kieser (320) 252-3434 or makieser@charter.net.

You may also write us at:
AAUW St Cloud Area Branch PO Box 7694, St Cloud MN 56302.

Dues have not changed for many years and are

\$77/year of which \$46 is tax deductible. Student dues are \$20.00. Or applications may be found on our web site:

<http://stcloud-mn.aauw.net>

AAUW Mission Statement:
AAUW promotes equity for women and girls through education, advocacy and research.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS 2015-2016

2015-2016 PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
(TUESDAY)

5:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: Teresa Bohnen, President, St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce

Topic: "What's new with the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce?" Catch up on changes in opportunities and leadership St. Cloud area business women, as well as opportunities available at the new home for The Chamber.

OCTOBER 20, 2015
(TUESDAY)

5:00-6:30 Registration and social; 6:30 Dinner; 7:00 Program; Banquet Room of the Courtyard Marriott; Plated dinner; Tickets \$50.00 (\$20.00 tax deductible)

The first annual dinner/silent auction:
Building Future Leaders One Student at a Time

Speaker: Mary Hinton, President of the College of St. Benedict and testimonies from students who have attended the National Conference for College Women Students Leaders (NCCWL). NCCWL has been held for 30 years and is designed to help students hone leadership skills. In 2015, the Branch sent one student from St Cloud State University, one student from the College of St benedict and one from the St Cloud Technical and Community College.

NOVEMBER 10, 2015
(TUESDAY)

5:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: Lu Yuan, Teacher, Chinese Immersion Program, SD 742

Topic: Lu will speak about her teaching in the K-8 Chinese Immersion Program at Madison Elementary and North Junior High. Her talk will include comparison of the education of girls in China where she grew up in China, and the US educational system. Lu received her BS degree in special education at SCSU.

DECEMBER 12, 2015
(SATURDAY)

9:00 SOCIAL

(NOTE THE BEGINNING OF THE
MORNING SCHEDULE)

Holiday Party: Celebrate the holidays with a breakfast buffet and holiday entertainment by local performers. The Branch's traditional fundraiser Make It, Bake It and Take It will occur.

JANUARY 9, 2016
(SATURDAY)

9:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: A representative from Perseverancia (The 2015 recipients of the Branch's Community Grant program)

Topic: Perseverancia, an organization which provides professional development opportunities to local women of color, will present on the project funded by our grant. Come hear about this organization and how our award impacted their development efforts.

FEBRUARY 13, 2016
(SATURDAY)

9:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: Debra Day Laxson, local author.

Topic: *The Grey Zone*, a personal account of Deb's experience of her husband's end of life, especially the challenges in executing her husband's health care directive. Since writing *The Grey Zone* she has devoted her time to promoting conversations about end of life in the Honoring Choices program through the St. Cloud hospital. This talk is of special interest as women often are responsible for the end-of-life of their parents or husbands.

A BUFFET MEAL WILL BE SERVED DURING THE TUESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS AT 5:30PM. BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE SATURDAY MEETINGS AT 9:30AM. MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE MEAL.

MARCH 8, 2016
(TUESDAY)

5:00 SOCIAL

(NOTE RETURN TO EVENING
SCHEDULE. ALSO THE DATE OF OUR
ANNUAL MEETING)

Speaker: Melissa Kelley, owner J.F. Kruse Jewelers

Topic: "Leading the family business." Melissa started working in her father's jewelry business while in high school. After earning a graduate gemologist degree from the Gemological Institute of America, she became sole owner of J.F. Kruse Jewelers. Melissa will talk about her experiences as a young business woman in the St. Cloud area.

APRIL 12, 2016
(TUESDAY)

5:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: Ellyn L. Bartges, Ph.D., St. Cloud State University Equity & Affirmative Action Officer, AAAA Sr. CAAP, Title IX Coordinator, ATIXA and NACUA Certified

Topic: "Title IX at SCSU." Ellyn will talk about issues regarding Title IX at SCSU, including enforcement. Ellyn is a historian by training, with a special focus in the history of sport. This talk will be of special interest to those wanting to understand the importance of Title IX in the long term, both past and the future.

MAY 10, 2016
(TUESDAY)

5:00 SOCIAL

Speaker: Dr. Angie Ausban, MD

Topic: "The Epidemic of the Expanding Waistline: Obesity Incidence, causes and treatment." Dr. Ausban is originally from Northern California and graduated from Mills College in Oakland with a degree in Chemistry. She went on to graduate from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, TN and completed a combined Medicine/Pediatrics Residency from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obesity Medicine. In addition to practicing Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at CentraCare Clinic, she has a special interest in Wellness, specifically in working with adults and children to lose weight and improve their health.