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BY MAHOGANY MORRISON, BRANCH PRESIDENT

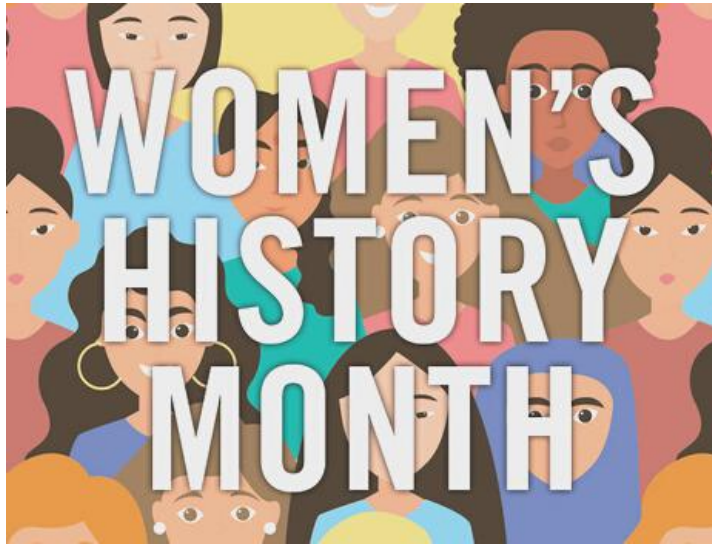
Can you believe it's already **March**? Spring is just around the corner as we continue to work ourselves out of the clutches of "Old Man Winter."

When I think of Spring, I think about the "newness" of life. I envision the return of beautiful flowers and the vitality that appears to explode all around us as the sunshine returns, and the air is filled with the songs of birds, who return once more from their winter homes.

How easy it is to forget that the beautiful flower we eventually see and enjoy, in all its glory, was once just a seed buried deep within the darkness of the earth waiting for the right elements to come together to release it from its caged confines. One day, it then finally begins its victorious journey out of the soil of the earth, lifting its glorious face towards the sun.

I believe that each of us **IS** that seed at different points in our lives. We have much to offer others who are beginning their journey or are at some point along the way. Help another "flower" share its beauty with the world. **Come out - Get involved!**

NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING: March 30 @ 6-8 p.m.



March is Women's History Month

Commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history

Women's History Month Quiz

Created by Margaret Zierdt, National Women's History Alliance Board Member

Can You Identify These Women of Great Vision and Achievement, Whose History Is Our Strength?

1. Who became the first female Secretary of State of the United States, appointed by President Clinton in 1997?
2. Who took over management of Columbia Sportswear Company in the late 1930's, when it was near bankruptcy, and turned it into the largest American ski apparel company worth \$4 billion in 1972?
3. Who was the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native-American tribe, the Cherokee Nation?
4. Who was the first American woman poet whose poetry was published in London in 1650?
5. Who is considered the first American woman to be ordained by full denominational authority in 1864, and who also campaigned vigorously for full woman suffrage?
6. Who was the first woman of color elected to the U.S. Congress and was a founding member of the National Women's Political Caucus?
7. Who was the ecologist writer whose path breaking book, "Silent Spring" in 1962 initiated the environmental movement?
8. Who was the first black woman and the youngest poet laureate in American history when she was appointed in 1993?
9. Who was imprisoned and then hanged for her Quaker faith in Boston in 1660, and 400 years later her statue was placed in front of the state House?
10. Who was the female lawyer who worked for equal rights and suffrage, co-founded the ACLU in 1910, and helped write the Equal Rights Amendment?

(Answers on last page!)

TECH SAVVY 2023 OVERVIEW

By the numbers...

Submitted by Jan Bensen

- 89 girls attended from 17 schools and three Boys and Girls Club locations
- 15 workshop presenters
- 25 college student STEM majors
- 15 adults from the planning committee and the local AAUW branch
- COUNTLESS volunteers made this event happen!



Filling the backpacks with pens, water bottles, notepads, playing cards, snacks, and more.



Students checking in and getting all their goodies and the workshop schedule.

MORE TECH SAVVY FUN...



An analysis of urine



What is in the petri dish?



The chemistry of Tie-Dye



Using lasers to create tiny craters



It's time for lunch!



Ending with a raffle for prizes!

2023 HIGH SCHOOL JURIED ART EXHIBITION

The Paramount and AAUW as a sponsor are committed to hosting a meaningful experience that showcases student work from across Central Minnesota. This program is designed to complement the work of area teachers by providing students with the opportunity to visualize themselves as artists, explore ways to talk about their work, and to participate in an arts-based experience among peers. As we transition back to an in-person gallery exhibit staff would like to invite you, participating students and their families to the Paramount for the 2023 Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 28 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.



Program overview...

More than 30 area high schools, located within a 35-mile radius of the Paramount Center for the Arts, are invited to participate in the Juried Show: generally featuring the work of about 100 students annually.

News from AAUW Book Club

Submitted by Barb Wismer

Our AAUW Branch Thursday night book met in February to discuss *Ejaculate Responsibly* by Gabrielle Blair. The discussion guide for the book notes “In a series of 28 brief arguments, author Gabrielle Blair deftly makes the case for moving the abortion debate away from controlling and legislating women’s bodies and instead directs the focus on men’s lack of accountability in preventing unwanted pregnancies.”

The book actually started as a series of tweets she posted, and got so much response and discussion that she eventually made a book out of it. The author is a Mormon mother of six, and she and her family are restoring an old home in rural France. She can be followed on Instagram (where she posts many fascinating stories about that renovation) @designmom. She has a fascinating way of presenting various topics and really thinks out of the box. Here are some comments from our book club discussion:

“I liked the title – very empowering and positive approach; the whole book had a call to action and a lot of information”...Laura

“She said in the book ‘100% of unplanned pregnancies are caused by men’. How true!”...Kathryn

“Excellent to learn about our own bodies-good reading for females, but also a good book for a father to share with his son”...Trish

“We need to be supportive about these issues even if it doesn’t personally affect us”...Mary

“A really great book and a lot of people should read it. A male friend said he’d like to read the book. Let’s all buy some extra copies and give it out”...Jean

“Should be required reading in middle and high schools”...Barb

“This book could be used in Catholic marriage preparation sessions”...Linda

“Reading this book would give young women more confidence to talk about the shared responsibility”...Chris

“I was interested when I saw my wife reading it and we had some good conversations about this. Couples should be talking about it”...Jerry

“I agree it’s a great book for couples”...Donna

Pertinent to the book and our discussion, Mary sent us all a recent article from The Washington Post regarding a promising new male contraceptive. Again, shifting the responsibility for birth control from women to men. We had a very rewarding discussion about this book.

And if you’d like to join our book club, please contact Mary Harlander-Locke at mhlocke@csbsju.edu. The schedule of books we are reading can be found on our AAUW Branch website, <https://stcloud-mn.aauw.net/book-clubs/>.



UPCOMING START SMART PROGRAMS

Start Smart

WAGE GAPS | NEGOTIATING WAGES & BENEFITS | BENCHMARKING SALARIES

Wednesday, March 22
5-7 p.m.
Centennial Hall 234
<https://scsu.mn/3DSW1z1>



Tuesday, April 4
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Centennial Hall 234
<https://scsu.mn/3DN6pbq>



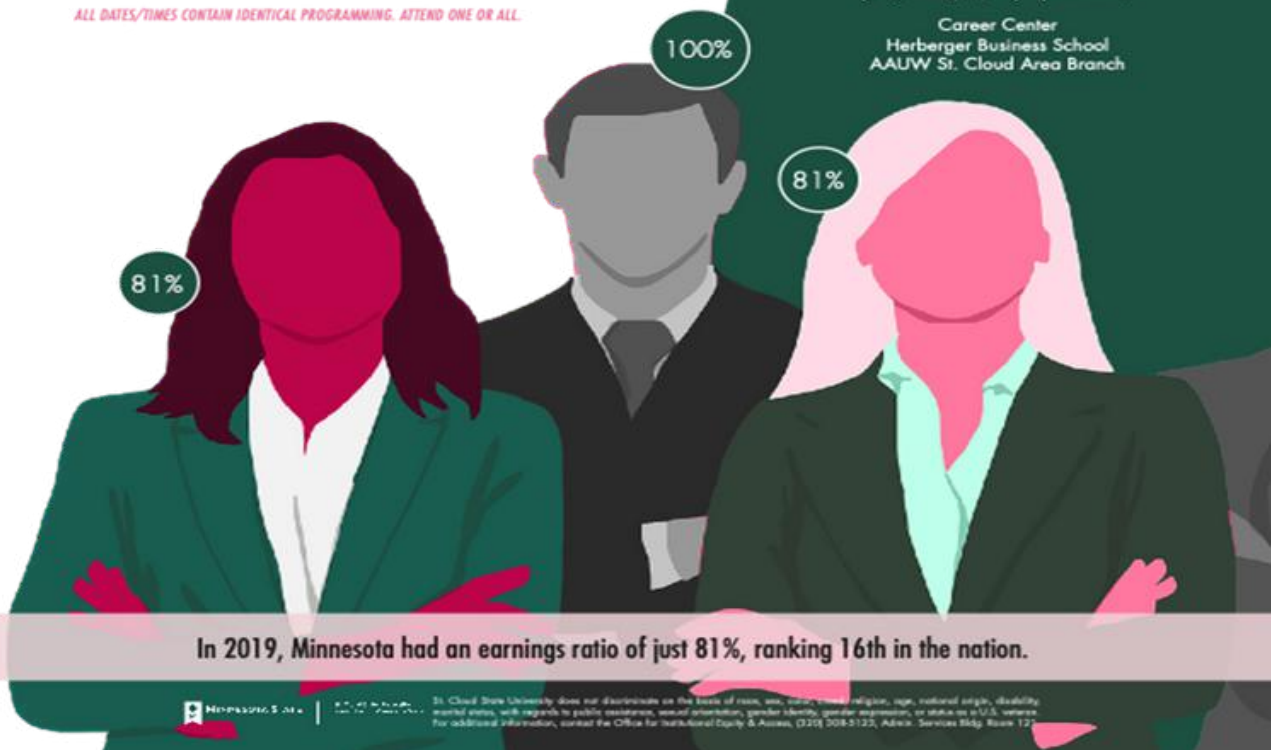
ALL DATES/TIMES CONTAIN IDENTICAL PROGRAMMING. ATTEND ONE OR ALL.

Gain the confidence, knowledge, and techniques you need to earn fair compensation.

Designed for women.
All genders welcome!



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SCSU WOMEN'S CENTER REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE EVENT

Organizing for
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
POST-ROE


Wednesday
Mar 1, 2023
6 – 8 PM

Voyageurs Room, 2nd Floor
Atwood Memorial Center (SCSU campus)
249 6th St S, St Cloud

UNRESTRICT MINNESOTA


WOMEN'S CENTER
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ABENA ABRAHAM
of UnRestrict MN



Upcoming 2023 Events Schedule

- **March:** Sister Ephrem Hollermann, Gorecki Center, CSB
- **April:** St Cloud Mayor, Dave Kleis, SCSU
- **May:** St. Cloud Symphony Artistic Director and Conductor, Hisman Bravo Grover & Paramount Center for the Arts Executive Director, Bob Johnson

March Dinner Event

“Ardent Women: Impact of the Sisters of St. Benedict in St. Cloud and Central Minnesota”

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict

Just a reminder that the March 14 Dinner Program will be at Gorecki Center on the College of St. Benedict campus in St. Joseph, MN.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a program featuring S. Ephrem Hollermann.

As you enter the North Entrance of CSB (off Minnesota Street), Gorecki Center is straight ahead, and to the left-- parking is in the lots to the West of Gorecki.

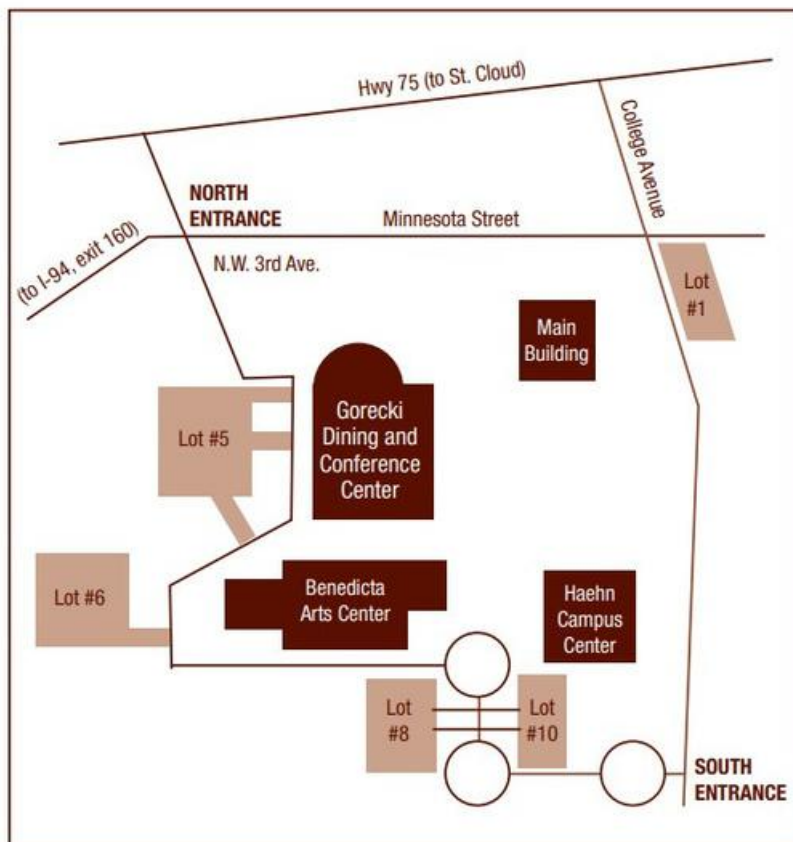


VP of Programs,
Linda Nistler-Schnabel,
coordinated this program.

Cost: \$21.50

Reservations are due by
March 7th, 2023

RSVP to:
aauwsaintcloud@gmail.com



Answers from Women's History Month Quiz on Page Two:

1. Madeline Albright,
2. Gertrude Boyle,
3. Wilma Mankiller,
4. Anne Bradstreet,
5. Olympia Brown,
6. Patsy Pink,
7. Rachel Carlson,
8. Rita Dove,
9. Mary dyer,
10. Crystal Eastman