



The ANNUAL FUNRAISER at Coyote Moon

It truly was an evening of Inspiration and Empowerment! There were beautiful decorations and the wonderful food of the Coyote Moon. Special Thanks goes to Jamie Swenson who chaired the event, our President Mahogany Morrison, and our communications chair Hannah Mikels.

Thanks to those who purchased raffle tickets! Thanks to those who gave monetary donations! Thanks to members who donated raffle items (Jan Benson, Ann Fleming, Leah Stanek, Rene Kaluza, Kathryn Gainey, and Linda Nistler-Schnabel).

Thanks to AMG promotions, COSTCO, Fleet Farm, GREAT Theater, and the Paramount. Thank you to those who spoke about the special programs of our organization, and thanks to everyone who attended. AND, a special thank you to anyone I missed who helped make our fundraiser a fun evening of Inspiration and Empowerment!





Leah Stanek was in charge of the beautiful decorations and organizing the raffle table.



Mahogany Morrison in the Photo frame.



Jan Benson and Cindy Leigh sitting at the beautifully decorated tables.

The November Meeting – MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

I plan to attend the November 14th program

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

[Maybe](#)

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Just a quick reminder that the deadline for reservations for our November program is NOVEMBER 7. The program dinner will be held at SCSU Atwood Memorial, on Nov. 14 starting at 5:30 pm.

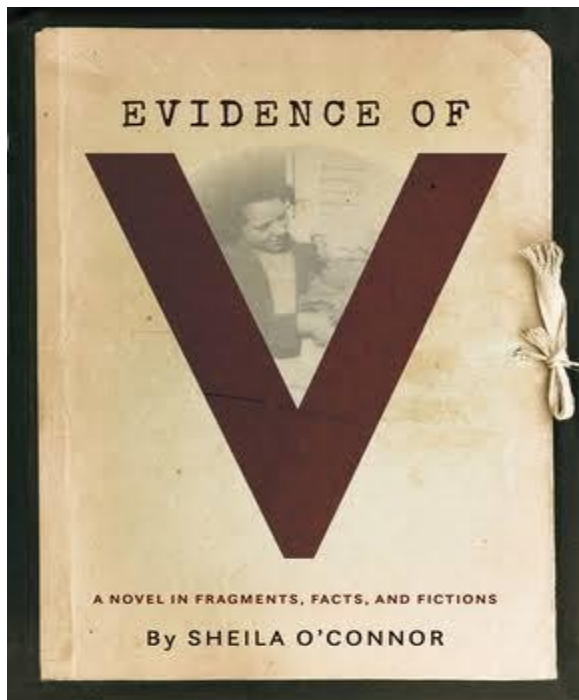
In case you haven't already submitted your email to our reservation system (email to aauwsaintcloud@gmail.com, with subject Reservations), here's an easy way to reserve: just reply YES to this email!

Listed below is a description of our exciting program for November.

Preschool 4 Success is a community wide partnership between the St. Cloud Rotary Club, St. Cloud area School District 742 and other community groups. Through this partnership, 96 three and four year olds are offered the opportunity to participate in a preschool program. The classrooms use District 742 teachers and curriculum. An excellent power point depicts the success of the program. According to MN statistics about 35,000 kids aren't ready for kindergarten. Brian Hart, a member of the St. Cloud Rotary Club, will take her place. He is a business consultant and community volunteer and advocate. He has led sales, marketing, communications, product development, business development and client relations activities in both privately-held and global corporate enterprises. He is also a small business owner. He enjoys volunteer engagements with the Rotary Club of St. Cloud and is the license holder for TEDxStCloud.

UPDATE 10/24: It was announced that the group responsible for Preschool 4 Success met yesterday with the State Legislature and the Department of Education. This program (or one similar) will be MANDATORY across MN for the disadvantaged, poor, etc students. So our November program is very current, relevant and appropriate for our audience.

BOOK CLUB BOOK REPORT



This book chronicles a very disturbing period of our recent history. As historical fiction it is well researched as to the conditions and purpose of the Sauk Center Home School for Girls. The author was attempting to recreate the life of her maternal grandmother who was sentenced at age 15 to six years for getting pregnant and her mother who was born in Sauk Center. Evidence of V is worth reading. Trish Melin

Sheila O'Connor is a Minnesota author who teaches creative writing at Hamline University. The story starts in Minneapolis with a young talented singer who becomes pregnant. At this time, the 1930's, young girls who got themselves pregnant were sent to the Sauk Center home for girls. The story is filled with historical data of how the girls are treated and how the babies are put up for adoption. It is also filled with poetry, realistic fiction, and facts as we follow the life of this young girl to adulthood. Kathryn Gaaney

"I really enjoyed the unique structure of the book, as it clearly indicated the nature of the search for information about this young girl, V. It was often startling, to hear place names from our area, and to realize that this all occurred in our community. I'd recommend this book."

Barb Wismer

An Emergency Board Meeting

An emergency board meeting was called to discuss some recent events. Our President, Mahogany Morrison, is currently on medical leave and our communications chair, Hannah Mikels, has taken a new position in the Twin Cities. Fortunately, our talented membership has stepped up to the plate to fill the gaps.

Kathryn Gainey (that's me) will be organizing and sending out the monthly newsletter. It won't be as slick as the ones Hannah sent out, but I will try!

Heads up for the December meeting! The board would like this meeting to be one where we can have fun, get to know each other and our various talents and hear about a special service project in our community. There will be food, prizes, and special treats.

You will hear more about this meeting in the December newsletter!

December AAUW Branch Meeting: Something to Look Forward To

We will meet on December 12th for our Branch meeting. In the holiday spirit, we'll spend the evening having fun getting to know each other better.

Who are you? What are your talents and interests? What have been your occupational responsibilities?

We'll have the computers available at the meeting for each member to go online and update personal information on the National website.

We'll have the opportunity to help others with a free will donation to local charity.

As we found at the fundraiser, one of the most pleasant parts of belonging to AAUW is the chance to get to know the interesting women who are members.

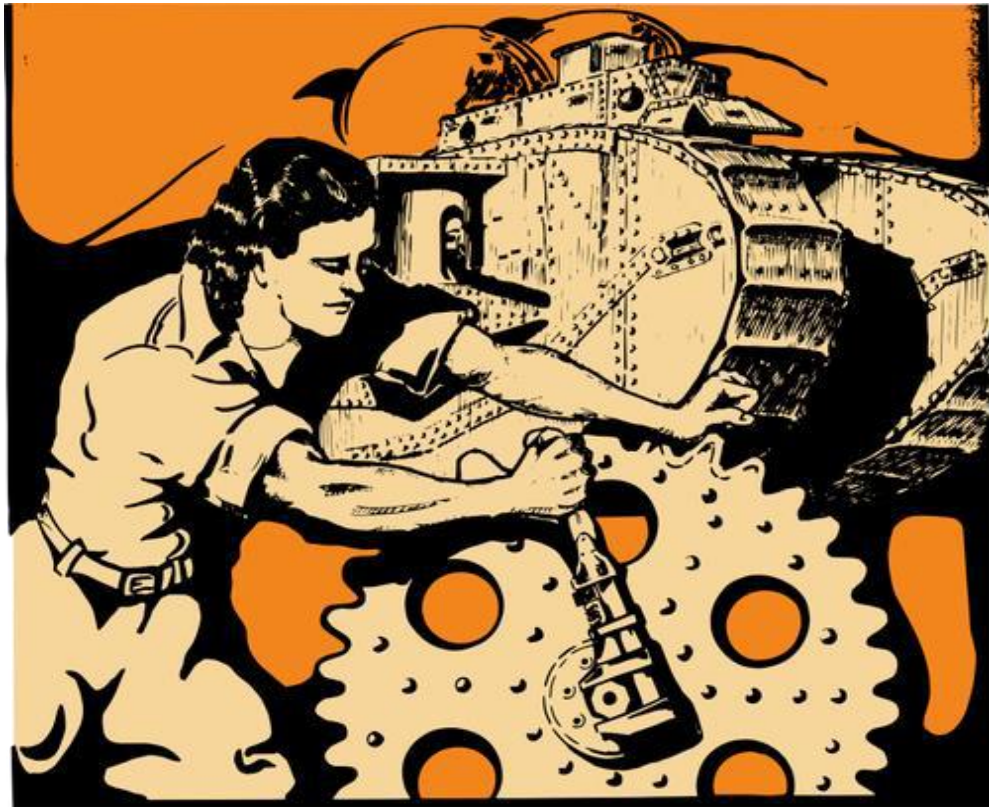
Plan to enjoy the evening.

Jan Benson

AAUW Member Talent and Strength Survey

We want to learn more about YOU. Please help us by taking this 5-10 minute [SURVEY HERE](#). As a member of the AAUW Saint Cloud Area (MN) Branch, you are an important part of the work that we do and your participation is essential to the success of this branch.

The information collected from this survey will serve as a means to ensure our future programs align with our current members' interests and strengths. We will also use this survey to collect your most up to date contact information so you don't miss a thing. Please complete this survey before December 31st, 2023. We will also be providing paper forms for this survey if you prefer a paper version at the program on December 12th, 2023.



OUR AAUW MEMBERS HAVE THE TALENT AND SKILLS TO MOVE THE GEARS FOR CHANGE