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On Monday, December 18th, AAUW President Mahogany Morrison announced her immediate resignation as President for the AAUW St. Cloud Area (MN) Branch.

"I have reached the difficult decision that it is best for me to step down from my role as branch President. Due to my recent medical issues I lack the stamina and energy needed to adequately engage in branch activities and continue to be absent.

I have enjoyed working with each of you this past year and 1/2 and creating new programming and opportunities to share the mission and vision of AAUW to our global community. However, I am not at my best and do not wish to continue giving less than my best and full effort and attention to this position. That is not who I am, and realizing I do not know when this might improve, I must step down." - Mahogany Morrison

Our board members want to thank Mahogany for her hard work and dedication serving as President to this branch for the past year and a half. We wish Mahogany the absolute best in her journey to better health and all her future endeavors. Mahogany continues to be an active member of this branch.

In the interim, for the remainder of the Presidential term (until June 30, 2024), the Board will provide leadership to our branch.

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We had a successful December Program

December's program was a success. We started the evening with a delicious parmesan chicken meal, buffet style. After dinner, Ann and Karen teamed up to create two fun interactive activities for the attendees. Kathryn then led us with a presentation on food insecurities on campus which also included a successful food and hygiene drive for the Huskies Food Pantry. Jamie followed with a quick overview of the Strengths and Talent Survey.



Talent and Strength Survey

**147
Current
Members**



AAUW Member Talent and Strength Survey

We want to learn more about YOU.

The information collected from this survey will serve as a means to ensure our future programs align with our current members' interests and strengths. Please complete this survey by December 31st, 2023.

Disclaimer: Any and all information from this survey will be used for the sole purpose of the

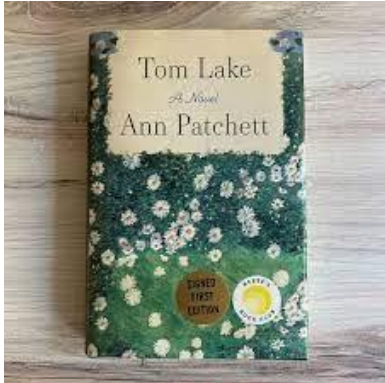


Did you complete the survey???

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NEWS FROM AAUW BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Kathryn Gainey



The AAUW Book Club meets next on Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 6:30 p.m., to discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. AAUW members can contact Mary Harlander-Locke for the Zoom link.

Here is what our members have to say about Thursday Night Book Club...

“Love this group!! Such an amazing group of women!! ❤️❤️❤️” - Linda N S

“I truly adore you all. It's so wonderful to dig deep and have such meaningful conversations - it really means a lot to me that we share”. - Barb

“The discussion was lively and lots of holiday cheer was shared by all (sounds like a small town newspaper clipping, doesn't it?).” - Mary H-L



If you'd like to join our book club, please contact Mary Harlander-Locke (mary.harlanderlocke@gmail.com). The schedule of books they are reading can be found on the AAUW Branch website.

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Upcoming 2024 Events Schedule

January Program -



The January 9th luncheon at the College of Saint Benedict has been cancelled. A whole constellation of circumstances led to this decision.

- It was planned by Mahogany Morrison as a mentoring meet-up between members and students, but CSB students will still be on their semester break, which means that few faculty and staff will be on campus either.
- Mahogany has resigned as branch president, and will not be available to run the meeting.
- The road construction detours on Highway 75 west to St. Joseph makes it less convenient to get to campus from the St. Cloud area.

We will plan a future branch meeting at CSB at a time when students and faculty are on campus.

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Upcoming 2024 Events Schedule

February Program - Tech Savvy

February 24th, 2024

Saint Cloud State University

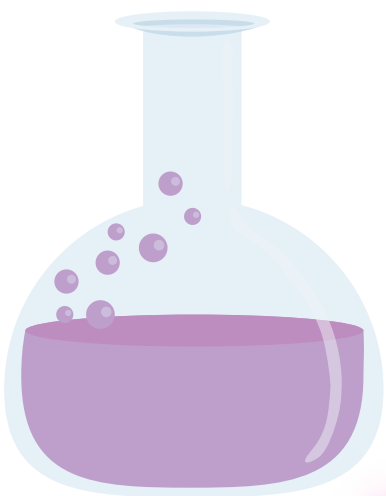
REGISTRATION for fifth- through eighth-grade girls interested in attending the 2024 Tech Savvy is now open.

THE EVENT: Bring a friend or friends and join us on St. Cloud State University's campus for this one day event! Attendees can choose from a wide variety of fun, engaging, interactive workshops that help you explore and learn about the STEM field, and if it might be a perfect fit for your future!

ATTEND: Cost is \$10 (includes materials, lunch, swag, and raffle tickets for sponsored prizes). Sign up early, as space is limited!

VOLUNTEER: Please consider volunteering with Tech Savvy on February 24. This is our only scheduled February branch activity. Ginny Bisek is the volunteer coordinator. Contact her at 320-260-5996 or gbisek@charter.net to get involved.

Contact Us: techsavvystc@gmail.com



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Meet Your Board Members



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Want to join the board?

Contact us today!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you have a special announcement or event you would like to share with all the AAUW St. Cloud Area (MN) Branch members?

**Want it included in our next
Monthly Newsletter???**

**SEND YOUR
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DETAILS WITH PHOTOS TO
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BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH TO
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