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THE MONTHLY MONITOR

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF AAUW ST. CLOUD (MN) AREA BRANCH



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We had such a successful Fundraiser! It was a lot of fun and I believe that everyone enjoyed themselves. Hope you are seeing all the pictures on our website, in this newsletter, and on our social media. Do note that \$50 of your fundraiser admission ticket is tax deductible. Right now our finances show as a profit of \$11,296.89 to use for our projects this year! And possibly this amount will increase, as we've applied for three grants from Central Minnesota Community Giving for the following projects:

MN Women's Fund Grant for Scholarships for Young Leaders (\$14,000)

MN Women's Fund Grant for Flash Funds (\$6,700)

Julianne Williams Fund Grant for NCCWSL (\$3,500)

We probably won't know until late December if we have been awarded those grants, but we've got our fingers crossed! And please note that if we get the NCCWSL grant, we will be looking for a NCCWSL chairwoman, so tuck that away in your mind. Any volunteer will be gladly welcomed!

Further good news - Aditi Dhakal, one of our student members at SCSU, has activated our Student Organization. So in addition to hopefully gaining more student members, we are allowed to rent the facilities free for our monthly meetings. That means more \$\$\$ for our projects-yay! And thank you so much Aditi!

Kathryn Gainey and Jan Sorell are gearing up to produce a current Member Directory for us. Thanks, you guys!

Tech Savvy is starting up the planning and organization process. The event will be held on February 22, 2025. Volunteers are welcome! We'll be talking about this year's event at our November 12th meeting - don't forget to make your reservation for it!

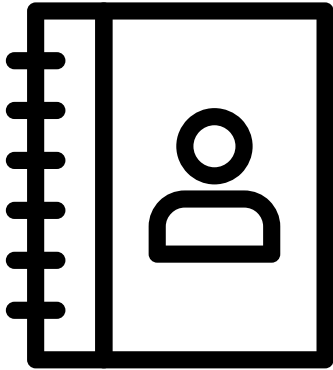
And finally, we are going to raise our monthly program meal charges beginning in January 2025. The rising costs of food are just killing us - we've lost money on the majority of our programs last year, and our September program this season. So we're reluctantly having to go to a \$25.00 meal charge for our monthly meetings. Again, not starting until January 2025.

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NEWS

UPDATE



**New Directory
coming soon!**

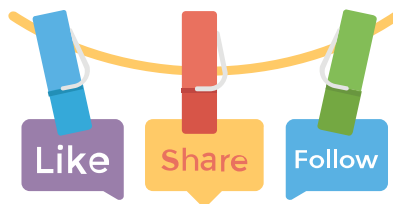
Jan Sorell and Kathryn Gainey are starting work on a 2024-2025 AAUW Directory. If all works out, we are planning to have it ready for you by the December meeting!

If you are a new member, we may be contacting you for a photo and some information regarding your degrees and work experience.

If you are a long time member you may want to update your information or photo. You can send updates to

kagaine@stcloudstate.edu

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TECH SAVVY
IS BACK!

TECH SAVVY

Tech Savvy will take place again on **February 22, 2025**. Girls in 5th-8th grade will participate in hands on workshops offered on the campus of SCSU. Workshops are hosted by faculty from St. Cloud State University and the College of St. Benedict, Microbiology, and Blattner Companies. Local businesses partner with Tech Savvy to cover the costs: AMG Printing, Big Oaks Foundation, Granite Partners, and J.A Wedum. The girls pay only a \$10 fee for the day which includes all materials and supplies, a backpack, Tech savvy t-shirt, lunch and snacks. The workshops are designed to be fun: a maker space, Harry Potter wizarding, solving a crime, the planetarium show, solar energy, discovering germs among others. It's a fun day for girls and adults.

Please considering volunteering.

CALL for **VOLUNTEERS**

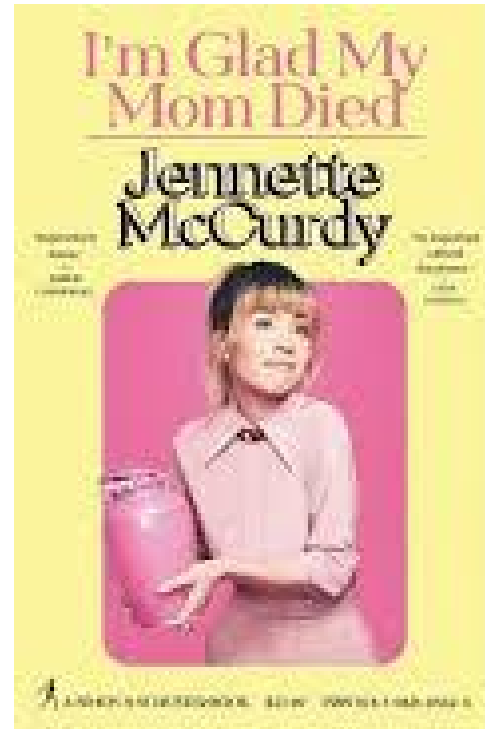
Contact us: techsavvystc@gmail.com

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AAUW Book Club

The Thursday AAUW Book Club meets next on Thursday, November 21, @ 6:30 p.m., to discuss "I'm Glad My Mother Died" by Jennette McCurdy - lead by Joyce.

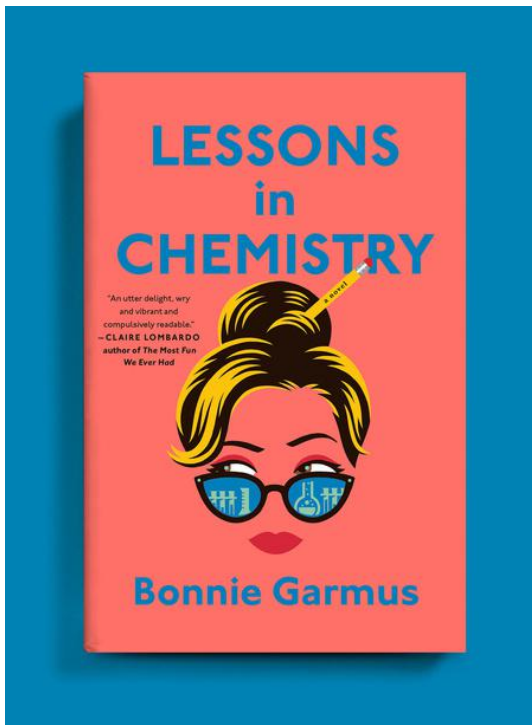
AAUW members can contact Mary Harlander-Locke if they are interested in joining.



Please join us on Wednesday November 6th, 2024 at 1:00 PM for a discussion of Bonnie Garmus'

Lessons in Chemistry. Hostess for this get-together is Glenda Burgeson 1114 7th Ave, St. Cloud

You must be a current member of AAUW to join the group. Contact Molly at 252-2166 or Cleone at 255-1397 if interested. Hope to see you there !



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November Program



When: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
5-7PM,

Where: Atwood Memorial Center

What to expect... Diane Nelson, Master Weaver and Coordinator of heart of the Lakes Weavers, will share with us their incredible journey to create a place of creativity and artistry for young adults with a variety of learning styles and abilities.

Deadline to RSVP for this program is 11/5/2024

JOIN US

Elizabeth and Diane will be bring lovely items that the Heart of the Lakes Weavers have created. They will be available for purchase.

**> CASH AND
CHECK ONLY**



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HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR A MONTHLY PROGRAM...

Email: aauwsaintcloud@gmail.com

Subject Line: Reservations

Email Body/Message: Please reserve [#] places for [Name] for the program on [Date]. I am a [Member, Student or Guest] and I require a [Special Dietary Needs] meal.
Thanks!

Deadline to make reservations is ONE WEEK from the date of the program.

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2024-2025 Programs



Season 2024-2025 Program Schedule

PARKING NOTE: Parking at SCSU is available for free at Lot "C", which is at the corner of 4th Avenue/5th Street. It's about 3 blocks from Atwood Memorial Center. You can use any of the pay lots (4th Avenue Ramp, Miller Pay Lot). To pay to use Lot "L" (directly across from Atwood), you will need to download and use the Flowbird Mobile Parking app.

RESERVATION DEADLINES: Tuesdays, seven (7) days prior to event by 4:00 p.m.

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|----------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Tuesday | November 12, 2024 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Atwood Memorial Center
Elizabeth Bayer and Diane Nelson, Annandale Art and Textile Center
Shop for Christmas and support an excellent cause |
| Tuesday | December 10, 2024 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Atwood Memorial Center
AAUW Branch Members "What is it like to live abroad?" Panel Discussion
Holiday traditions Cookie Exchange |
| Saturday | January 18, 2025 | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | Atwood Memorial Center
Matt Glaesman, Community Development Director, City of St. Cloud
"Community Planning: Initiatives Achieved and New Objectives" |
| Saturday | February 15, 2025 | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | Atwood Memorial Center
Cassandra Miles, Executive Director of the Great River Children's Museum
"A Dining Table Conversation: How to Launch a Children's Museum" |
| Tuesday | March 11, 2025 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict
Anita Jones, Family Advocate for the St. Cloud area school district 742
"The Erosion of Voting Rights & Women's Rights-What's the Solution?" |
| Tuesday | April 8, 2025 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Atwood Memorial Center
Ellen Heneghan, Charlotte Stephens, Natural Parks and Trails Coalition
Our Region's Natural Parks and Trails |
| Tuesday | May 13, 2025 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Atwood Memorial Center
Annual Business Meeting plus AAUW National Speaker (Video or Virtual)
"Current Status of AAUW National Lobbying Efforts" |

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Fundraiser Results

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Scholarship Recipients



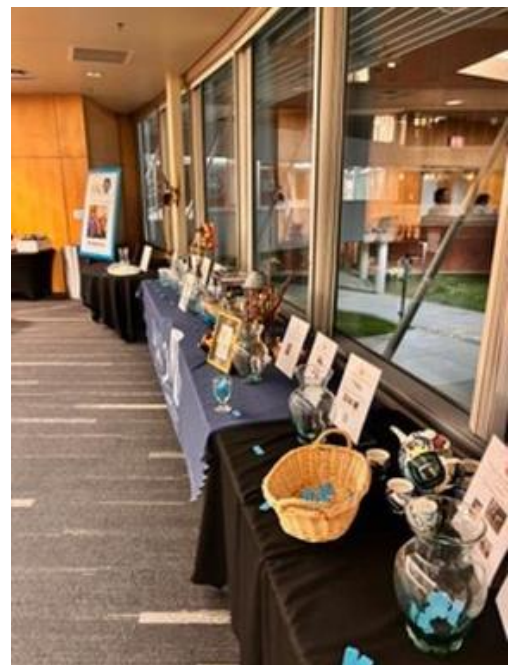
Janelle Kendall:
The Wheelhouse Trio



Full house



Raffle Prize Winners



Raffle Prize Table

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AAUW 2024 Webinar Schedule

These webinars are designed to provide you with the tools and knowledge needed to negotiate better salaries, enhance your career, and achieve financial independence. Whether you're a student stepping into the professional world or a seasoned professional aiming to advance, our webinars offer valuable insights for every stage of your career. Check out our schedule and secure your spot to start transforming your future today. All the below webinars are FREE for students from member institutions.



Webinar	Date	Time
AAUW Work Smart: Know Your Value and Get Paid	Thursday, September 12, 2024	12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Start Smart	Thursday, September 19, 2024	12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Money Smart: Smart Foundations	Tuesday, September 24, 2024	12:00 - 12:45 p.m. ET
AAUW Work Smart: Refresher	Wednesday, October 9, 2024	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Work/Start Smart Deep Dive: Developing Your Value Statement	Wednesday, October 16, 2024	12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Money Smart: Smart Finances	Wednesday, October 23, 2024	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Work Smart: Know Your Value and Get Paid	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Start Smart	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Money Smart: Smart Future	Thursday, November 21, 2024	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Work Smart: Refresher	Tuesday, December 3, 2024	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET
AAUW Work/Start Smart Deep Dive: Developing Your Value Statement	Tuesday, December 10, 2024	3:00 - 3:45 p.m. ET
AAUW Money Smart Deep Dive: Finances-Budget and Credit Management	Tuesday, December 17, 2024	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

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HELP NEEDED

A little help from friends, please ...

I'm seeking a review team for the Branch's website.

I'm looking for 4-6 volunteers to assess the site. This is a short-lived volunteer task. One and done.

Even if you don't use the site, you can be helpful.

When you volunteer, I will send you a short list of items to consider about the site. You'll be asked to visit the site and consider it from a couple of perspectives and submit a few notes. Not hard work.

Contact Rene Kaluza at renevk1@gmail.com if you're willing to help. Thanks!

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Stearns History Museum Event



Grant Wilson

“STARS OF STEARNS
COUNTY”

**\$10/person,
members free**

Join SHM Archivist Grant Wilson as he talks about some of Stearns County's most famous actors and singers, including June Marlowe (left), Gig Young, and Stephen Sommers. Grab a cocktail, sit back, and learn about the big stars this county has produced!

NOVEMBER 21ST, 6PM, IRON STREET DISTILLERY

For more information:

- 320-253-8424
- www.stearnshistorymuseum.org
- 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301



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Stearns History Museum Event



PHOTO: STEARNS HOUSE, 1869-1884. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES.

GINGERBREAD ARCHITECTURE: THE SWEET ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Tap your inner architect at this delicious all-ages, family-friendly workshop. Learn the basics of architecture and structural design with everyone's favorite building materials - gingerbread and frosting. Learning couldn't be more sweet! Taught by Evan Larson, AIA Principal/President/Project Architect at GLTArchitects (St. Cloud), this hands-on interactive workshop shows you how to create your own scrumptious architectural masterpiece using gingerbread kits from Cold Spring Bakery. It's sure to be a tasty treat!

Held at the 510 Art Lab in Sauk Centre, stick around following the class for an optional talk/tour courtesy of 510 Art Lab executive director, Emily Kramer. Class size is limited, so register today!

For more information, visit stearnshistorymuseum.org or contact the museum at 320-253-8424 or development@stearns-museum.org.

*Special thanks to class sponsor, **GLTArchitects!***

www.gltarchitects.com; 320-252-3740



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
11 A.M. - NOON



510 ART LAB
510 SINCLAIR LEWIS AVENUE
SAUK CENTRE, MN

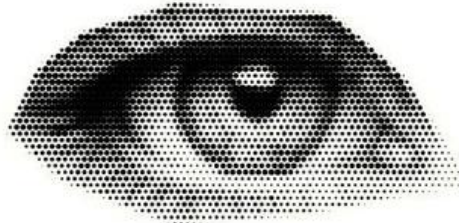


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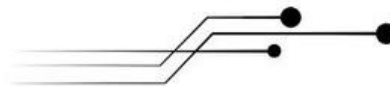
Stearns History Museum Event

Stearns History Museum Escape Room 2024

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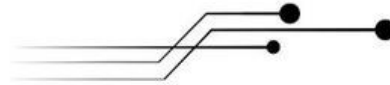


In our third annual Escape Room, Big Brother is watching. The past has been erased, and the future is bleak. It is up to you to find enough historic relics to make yourself remember. Otherwise, you will be trapped, and under surveillance, forever.



Begins Thursday, December 5

December 5, 12, 13, 19, 20 - 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm slots
December 14 and 21- 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm slots
Maximum 6 per session. Sign up today!



\$25/nonmember

\$20/member- code required*

*check your email!



235 33rd Ave S., Saint Cloud, MN 56301 320-253-8424 www.stearnshistorymuseum.org

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Tap your inner architect at this delicious all-ages, family-friendly workshop. Learn the basics of architecture and structural design with everyone's favorite building materials - gingerbread and frosting. Learning couldn't be more sweet! Taught by local preservation specialist and educational historian, Emily, this hands-on interactive workshop shows you how to create your own scrumptious architectural masterpiece using gingerbread kits from Cold Spring Bakery. It's sure to be a tasty treat!

Held at Fisher's Club in Avon, stick around following the class for an optional talk/tour courtesy of Fisher's Club owner, Cristina Berg. Class size is limited, so register today!

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
11 A.M. - NOON



FISHER'S CLUB
425 1ST STREET NORTHWEST
AVON, MN



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Whats happening with the LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. CLOUD AREA???

Important Dates for 2024 Election Year:

General Election: November 5, 2024

- Early registration deadline: Oct. 15, 2024
- Early/mail-in voting: Sept. 20 - Nov. 4, 2024

LWVSA Special Dates

Unit Meeting

September 11, Topic: **How League is Building Trust in Elections**, Convener, Linda Kotschevar
Speaker: Sam Streucken, LWVMN

October 9, Topic: **Defending Democracy**, Convener, Jerilyn Petersen
Members: Diane Bublitz, Ralph Carr, Angie Revier

November 13, Topic: **Separation of Church and State in Education**, Convener, Carie Essig
Members: Kate Meyer

January 8, Topic: **Chevron USA Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council**, Convener, Lee Morgan
Members: Marlene Haider, Kate Meyer

February 12, Topic: **LWVSCA Program Update on Book Bans**, Convener, Shirley Adams
Members: Marge Bates, Sheila Ferguson, Judy Foster, Judy Heeter, Julie Joplin

March 12, Topic: **Water Rights—Protecting the Fair Use of Water**, Convener, Julie Joplin
Members: _____

April 9, Topic: **Religious Nationalism in the US**, Convener, Linda Kotschevar
Members: Diane Bublitz, Ralph Carr, Linda Saupe

May 14, Topic: **Rural Healthcare in Minnesota**, Convener, Jan Stavros
Members: Kate Meyer, Linda Saupe

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Obituary

**Lilly Ledbetter,
equal pay and
women's rights
activist,
dies at 86**



Lilly Ledbetter was known for her equal pay and women's rights activism that led to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act being the first bill Barack Obama signed into law as President in 2009. You can read more on Lilly's obituary [here](#).

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Meet Your Board Members

Executive Board Members



Barb Wismer
Branch President



Jan Benson
Co-VP Finance



Mary Harlander-Locke
Co-VP Finance



Molly Ewing
Recording Secretary



Kathryn Gainey
Recording Secretary
Alternate



Pat Obstarczyk
Co-VP membership

Executive Board Members



Leah Stanek
Co-VP membership



Jan Benson
VP Public Policy



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VP Programs



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VP of
Communications

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Caroline Williams
Co-Social
Chairwoman



Joyce Hummel
Co-Social
Chairwoman



Rene Kaluza
Website



Jamie Swenson
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Cecilia McNair
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Kathryn Gainey
Directories



Kathryn Gainey
Ads & Flyers



Joanna Pucel
Archives



Chris Lepkowski
SCSU Representative



Whitney Court
CSB Representative

Non-Voting Advisory Board



Jan Benson
Tech Savvy Event
Chair



Keshia Anderson-King
JEDI (Justice, Equity,
Diversity & Inclusion
Chair



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NCCWSL Event Chair



Whitney Court
Scholarships for
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Barb Wismer
Flash Funds Chair



Keshia Anderson-King
8th Grade Graduation

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Start Smart Event -
SCSU



Christi Siver
Start Smart Event - CSB



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Committee



Peggy Lodewyk
Fundraising
Committee

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Joyce Hummel
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Kathy Kampa
Fundraising
Committee



Kathryn Gainey
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Committee



Cindy Leigh
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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 ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND EVENT DETAILS WITH
PHOTOS TO JAMIE SWENSON
JAMIE_2992@YAHOO.COM
BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT
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Disclaimer: There is no guarantee that your information will be shared but we will do our best to get it shared in the following newsletter.

