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THE MONTHLY MONITOR

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



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REMINDER: The reservation deadline for our December program is DECEMBER 3. Do please plan to attend – it's going to be tons of fun. (Optionally) bring a dozen cookies to swap, and also a toiletry donation for the Husky Pantry. (Note: I'm bringing my great-great-grandmother's iced sugar cookies. The recipe takes 7 cups of flour, but they're really yummy!)

Please also know that Kathryn Gainey and Jan Sorell have created an updated member directory. They'll be sending out the online version to all members. We printed 50 copies, so if you want hardcopy, those directories will be available at the December meeting for a cost of \$2.00 each (which covers our printing costs). And then we'll present our "Living Abroad" panel, where several of our members who have lived abroad will share their experiences.

Your Board reviewed updated Fundraiser statistics – we made a net profit of \$10,893.14! And a good time was had by all at the event. If you attended, you know that. And if you weren't able to join us this year, why not make plans now for our event next October?

We also discussed increasing the charges for program dinners from \$20 to \$25. The Finance team presented the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 SCSU Reconciliation sheets, showing that we lost money on our programs last year, and so far this year also. We had to budget for a considerable shortfall, which is really unacceptable. Your Board is considering several other options, as we are reluctant to raise the cost for our monthly programs. We'll keep you posted.

We voted to make some procedure changes in our Flash Funds and Scholarships for Young Leaders programs, in that we want to require our grantees to provide us with feedback regarding how the funds have helped them out in their education experience. Up until now we haven't been very rigorous in requesting this feedback; however, as we continue to include requesting grant assistance, we will need such information to prove the success of our projects.

Tech Savvy is well on track for the Feb. 22, 2025 event. We do need volunteers to help, so please contact Linda Nistler-Schnabel or Jan Bensen to volunteer your services.

AAUW National has made changes in the NCCWSL program. The costs of organizing and administration have not been feasible for AAUW. However, NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) will be handling registration and administration for NCCWSL starting this year. AAUW will still provide speakers, exhibitions, presenters and promotional supporter. Just that registration will occur at the NASPA website rather than the AAUW site. We will have to wait to hear from NASPA regarding when this year's NCCWSL conference will be, and what the costs will be. We have not committed to sending anyone, but have applied for a grant to help us send some students. So we'll see about NCCWSL.

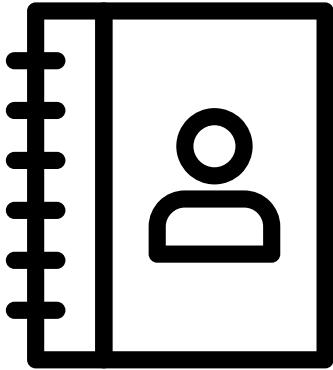
Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we'll see you at the December program (she said, hopefully).

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Branch Update(s)

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

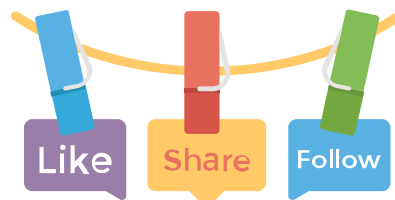
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

AAUW has some exciting social media updates for the month! First, we just started an Instagram, it can be found with the username: @aauwstcloud. We also are active on Facebook, which can be found by searching "AAUW St. Cloud Area." Check us out on both platforms for updates about our events and photos!

We are happy to have anyone contribute to the social medias and continue to stay active, reach out to Ceci McNair through email: cecimcnair@gmail.com to have any photographs or updates posted! By maintaining an active social media presence, we can find new members and keep the community posted on our events. Thanks so much for your engagement and support!



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

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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**

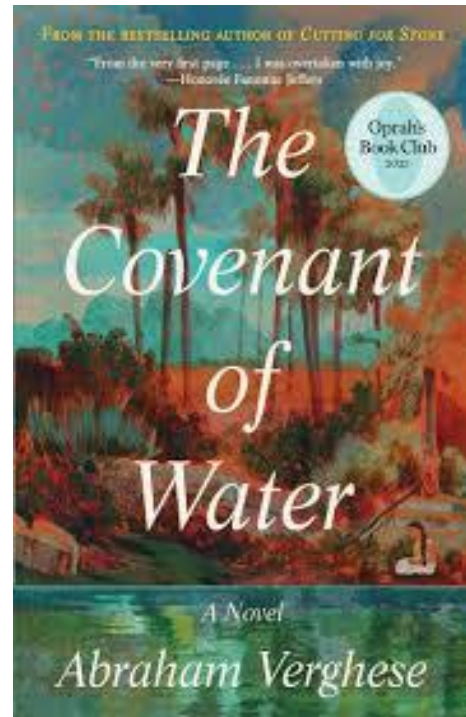
Contact us: techsavvystc@gmail.com

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AAUW Book Clubs

The Thursday AAUW Book Club meets next on Thursday, December 19, @ 6:30 p.m., to discuss “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese – lead by Donna.

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



Wednesday Book Club

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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December Program

We will be collecting Toiletry items for students at the December 10th Meeting for the Husky Pantry like we did last year!

The "Husky Food Pantry" is now located in the Miller Center. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons students can get food items and needed toiletry items.

St. Cloud State University
HUSKIES FOOD PANTRY
Supporting student learning and wellness



Examples of items Needed:

Toothpaste, Deodorant
Soap, Shampoo
Conditioner, Vaseline
Lotion, Mouthwash
Tampons, Hand Sanitizer
Toilet paper, Kleenex

Attend the December Meeting to pick up your 2025 Membership Directory!

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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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November Program Review

Our November program featured Elizabeth Bayer, Executive Director of AATC and Diane Nelson, Master Weaver and coordinator of Heart of the Lakes Weavers. They shared with us the story of their incredible journey to create a place of creativity and artistry for young adults with a variety of learning styles and abilities. It's "a hub of joy, a nucleus of belonging and a joyful place for deep and meaningful connection." Many of us purchased Christmas presents from their assortment of textiles: napkins, table runners, shawls, placemats, etc. Check out their website and Facebook page <https://www.artandweaving.com/>; <https://www.facebook.com/AnnandaleArtandTextileCenter>



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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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2024 Fundraiser



2024 Fundraiser

Many, many thanks to our Fundraiser Committee members: Fay Bolin, Ann Fleming, Kathryn Gainey, Joyce Hummel, Kathy Kampa, Karen Langsjoen, Cindy Leigh, Peggy Lodewyck, Barb Wismer.

We recently held our wrap up meeting, and wanted to share our conclusions with you, and also ask you to give us your feedback on the event. Comments may be sent to bwismer1040@gmail.com.

THINGS WE DID WELL:

- Having the planning and prep done by a committee, not a single person
- Gorgeous name tent cards for saving places
- The room at Atwood – excellent tech and great size
- Beautiful décor
- Terrific raffle prizes
- Wonderful dinner music
- Utilizing our student scholarship winners to assist at the event
- Having Pat's husband Tom sell raffle tickets and conduct our auction (He's terrific!)
- Keeping the event short and efficient

THINGS TO BE IMPROVED UPON:

- Having our summer event at a bar
- Using EventBrite – only five people used it
- Committee calling all members to invite to event – didn't convince many people to attend (wasn't really a good return for the effort)
- Not sure there was a vegetarian option for the food
- There was no presentation on a loop showing our programs that was supposed to run during the social hours (your President had technical difficulties).

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Don't use EventBrite – not many people use it and it's difficult for Finance to reconcile
- Need a crew of strong people to help in set-up. Lots to lug into Atwood and it was a very hot day.
- Include a tip jar for the dinner musician
- Skip the entertainment portion, just have dinner music and then go right to drawing the raffle prizes
- Have our members sponsor a student's dinner, including all our scholarship winners
- Need a couple of strong summer events so members can get excited about the upcoming season
 - (suggesting a summer potluck picnic in June, and an ice cream social in August, thus Early Bird prices could run from June to the end of August)
- Point out at every program meeting that we only have ONE annual Fundraiser for all our charitable projects and ask for committee volunteers.
- Establish definitive responsibilities within the Fundraising Committee:
 - Raffle Prizes
 - Programs & Marketing
 - Entertainment
 - Decor
 - Set-up & Clean-up

So, who wants to be on the Fundraiser Committee for next season? Remember, we only have ONE Fundraiser a year, and it has to support all our charitable projects – any perhaps allow us to add new projects? Let us hear from you – and, as always, thanks for all your hard work and support.

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2024 Fundraiser Raffle Winners



Winners!!!

Congratulations to all of our Raffle Prize

Prize #	Description	Winner(s)
1	Iranian Dinner (for 4) at Donna Nordang's home	Mary Petersen
2	Ethiopian Dinner (for 4) at Donna Nordang's home	Linda Nistler-Schnabel
3	\$150 gift certificate to Café Renaissance. Also included are two bottles of wine. HAHN Santa Lucia Highlands 2021 Chardonnay Inscription Pinot Noir 2022 Willamette Valley	Ginny Bisek
4	Chauffeur to see "Art in Bloom" at Minneapolis Institute of Art (March or April 2025: dates not yet determined) Barb Wismer driving; can take 3 people, so we'll have 3 prize winners!	Leah Stanek Mary Lou Lenz ??
5	Holiday Inn \$499 voucher	Ann Fleming
6	"Basket of Best Sellers" plus \$100 Barnes & Noble giftcard from the AAUW Evening Book Club	Kathy Kampa
7	One-of-a-kind garden whirligig (specially made for this event) and 2 garden stone kits	Cecilia McNair
8	Pottery tea set made by local artist; tea from the teashop. "Please enjoy a unique cup of tea in an original hand painted tea set"	Bernie Rolle
9	Art print donation – the old fort at St. Augustine, FL	Rne Kaluza
10	2 tickets to Great Theatre "Wizard of Oz"	Mary Petersen
11	Two Season tickets to St. Cloud Chamber Music Society	Bobbi Lampi Mary Harlander-Locke
12	Gift basket from Xalon Salon	Lori Robinson
13	Basket of gift cards: 2 - \$25 Olive Garden gift cards; 2 - \$25 Target gift cards; \$50 Target eCard; \$20 gift card from Backwards Bread; 2 - \$25 gift cards from Schuler Shoes; \$15 gift card from District Coffee	Jan Sorell
14	HAND CRAFTING: Hand-crafted "jelly roll" rug and assortment of hand-made greeting cards	Kathy Kampa
15	Watercolor Artist Maria Peters-Bodette collection (Sweatshirt, scar, notecards and winter scene)	Diane Atkinson
16	Two tickets to Paramount Center for the Arts	Mary Harlander-Locke
17	Cabin weekend (auction item)	Mary Harlander-Locke

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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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A Message From Our Members

Thank you AAUW

Like many of you I felt so many negative emotions after the election, but the most defeating was despair. The afternoon after the election I went to my AAUW Book Group with a heavy heart... but my spirits lifted as we consoled and debriefed one another. I left energized by the idea that our work for advocating for women is even greater now ...it's not the end.

This message was reinforced by CEO Gloria Blackwell's letter to members. She says:

We shall not back down from our belief that women's work should be valued, our bodies should be respected, and that our education and work spaces should be inclusive and free from violence, harassment, discrimination, and bias....We will persist.

The letter also includes an idea for action one can take for anyone who also would like to change frustration to productivity. My favorite is the Two-Minute Activist...although a long time user, the election spurred me to using it more. Then we recently received the announcement of a webinar titled: Securing the Future : A Post-election Conversation on Women's Economic Security.

Thank you, AAUW for being there when I needed you.

Mary Lou Lenz

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AAUW MN Public Policy Update
November 19, 2024
Jan Carey, AAUW MN VP Public Policy

Greetings AAUW MN Branch Public Policy leaders,

There is no question, the election did not produce the outcome expected to secure the rights of women and girls. Now is the time to reorganized, prioritize, strengthen our resolve and bring equity for women and girls.

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives is saying that right wing algorithms are creating women in isolation; that women can't trust other women and that women don't support other women. And, furthermore shouldn't support them. This is a major hurdle of disinformation and fake information that members of AAUW have to organize against. If we are to overcome the mandate that we are being given, which is to let men make decisions for us, then we have to believe that women are not isolated and not against each other. We need to roar and announce our collective strength and support for each other. AAUW must remain leaders in equity regardless of color, politics, or gender.

Please forward this information to your branch members and advocate accordingly. We all know what is at stake. This could be our last opportunity to achieve equity for women and girls.

Recently, the ERA-MN Annual Meeting called upon members to prioritize the Equal Rights Amendment both nationally and locally by taking action in two areas:

1. contacting President Biden and urging him to direct the Archivist of the United States to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
2. contacting Governor Waltz to urge him to immediately call a Special Session of the MN legislature to pass the MN-Equal Rights Amendment so it can be placed on the 2026 General Election Ballot.

Now that the Democrats no longer have a trifecta and the governing arrangements remain vague, ERA-MN leadership believes time is of the essence to get the amendment passed while the Democrats still control the legislature.

The information and links below provide easy access to complete this request.

For the Federal ERA:

➔ Contact the White House here ASAP!

Call: 202-456-1414
Text: 302-404-0880

Email: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/share/>

Tell President Biden to please take action on the ERA by instructing the US Archivist to set aside the Trump Administration memo and certify the ERA.

✅ For the Minnesota State ERA:

Ask Gov. Tim Walz to "call an immediate Special Session to finalize the State Equal Rights Amendment to add to the 2026 General Election."

➔ Contact the Governor's Office here:

Call: 651-201-3400

Email: <https://mn.gov/governor/connect/contact-us/contact-form.jsp>

US Mail Address:

Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Contact your State Representative and State Senator and let them know that passage of the MN-ERA is a top priority for you and ask them to support Gov. Waltz calling a special session before December 20th so the MN-ERA can be placed on the November 2026 election ballot.

You can find your state legislators at this link:

[Who Represents Me?](#)

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Who Represents Me?

Interactive map of the Minnesota Legislature.

In addition to the ERA issue, there will be considerable legislative actions and bills that will be a daily assault to women and girls. Below, is an example of current legislation, if enacted would leave AAUW and its mission a dire future.

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS NOT CURRENTLY BEING PROMOTED BY AAUW. BUT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY AAUW MEMBERS AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION. IT REPRESENTS A BLEEK STANDARD WHICH WILL ENGULF OUR STATUS. TAKE ACTION ONLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

H.R. 9495

This legislation would give Donald Trump the power to shut down any organization that would criticize his administration, by muzzling non-profit organizations like NOW and thousands of other non-profits who publicly comment on the government. In essence, H.R. 9495 would enable the future president to quash any criticism, punish people who speak out and use power of the government to punish those who dare to criticize his administration.

H.R. 9495 would give Trump's Treasury secretary the power to declare any non-profit a "terrorist supporting organization" and to strip them of their tax-exempt status -without requiring any evidence. NOW and many other organizations that fight for people's freedoms will struggle to survive if their funding is fundamentally altered by the actions of this bill. Unfortunately, a significant number of Democrats - who apparently did not study the bill carefully - voted for it.

Why it matters:

This bill would give the Trump Administration unprecedented power to essentially stop funding and shut down any non-profit organization that they deem as violating this act. It would allow Donald Trump and future presidents to use the government to mobilize against their "enemies". The Trump Administration would effectively be able to silence any organization or group that speaks out against the actions of the administration. This bill, if passed, dramatically undermines our First Amendment right to free speech --one of the most important freedoms in a democracy.

Status:

This bill failed to pass the House of Representatives last week when a two-thirds vote was required, 256-145. Inexplicably, 52 Democrats voted for H.R. 9495. This bill, if passed, dramatically undermines our constitutional right to Free Speech.

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H.R. 9495 will be re-introduced on Wednesday, November 20. The right-wing leadership of the House of Representatives is likely trying to line up more votes for passage as a two-thirds vote is required. There is the urgent need to contact all House Democrats who may have mistakenly voted for the bill last week.

TAKE ACTION

Your Message:

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE NOW- ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT WHO VOTED INCORRECTLY. You can check the vote tally [here](#).

Vote AGAINST the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act (H.R. 9495).

The bill would give the president unprecedented power to strip non-profit organizations of their funding and weaponize the government against those organizations that speak out against the administration's actions.

H.R. 9495, if adopted in law, is serious threat to our First Amendment right free speech.

The Capitol switchboard number is 202-224-3121; a list of representatives appears here (U.S.

Representatives). You can also go to the representatives' websites and enter a message or obtain their in-state office phone number and call to deliver your message.

Keep calm. But remain vigilant!

Jan

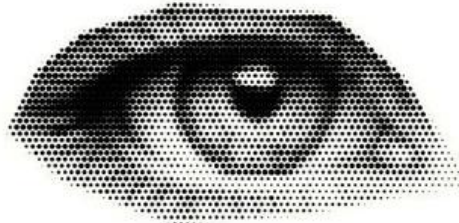
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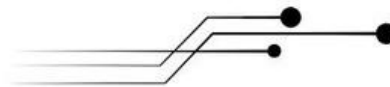
Stearns History Museum Event

Stearns History Museum Escape Room 2024

1984



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.

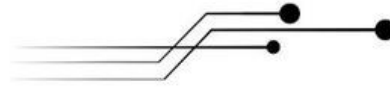


Begins Thursday, December 5

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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Stearns History Museum Event



PHOTO: STEARNS HOUSE, 1874-1884. 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 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!

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, DECEMBER 7TH
11 A.M. - NOON



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



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Stearns History Museum Event



Michelle Skroch
SHM Registrar
An Object's Life in a
Museum

Wednesday, December 11th, 9 am

What happens to your treasure once it's given to the museum? Join us for an introduction to the process of donating an object to the Stearns History Museum and how that object is then integrated into the museum's 3D permanent collection.



Free for Museum Members, \$7 for non-members

www.stearnshistorymuseum.org

320-253-8424

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

St. Cloud Mayor Dave Kleis to Speak in December for LWV-UMRR

[Exploring the Idea of a Mississippi River Compact](#)

(Click for more info, including LWVUS position on Inter-Basin Water Transfers)

December 4, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom webinar

Registration Required - [CLICK HERE!](#)

The idea of a Mississippi River Compact has been discussed for years. A Mississippi River Compact would be a legal agreement between all ten mainstream Mississippi River states and the Federal Government. If enacted, a Compact could provide a forum for management over the entire watershed comprehensively.

We will learn about the legal basis for a potential compact and the recent call by a group of Mayors along the River for a compact. Finally, we will look at the political situation and what it would take, at least in one state, to establish such a Compact.

SPEAKERS:

Mayor David Kleis of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and member of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative will focus on the city perspectives on the river and how a Compact will help. This will include discussion of actions taken by Mississippi Rivers and Towns Initiative in September; and perspectives of a river city Mayor.



John Stack, author of "The Mississippi River Basin Compact: A New Governance Structure to Save the Mississippi River".

Minnesota **Senator John Hoffman**, Senate District 34 has advocated for a Mississippi River Compact.

2024 Holiday Potluck Brunch

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 10:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE: St. Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
3226 Maine Prairie Road, St. Cloud MN

TIMETABLE:

- 10:00am Social time and book exchange
- 10:30am Brunch begins
- 11:15am LWV Trivia
- 12:00pm Party ends

PLEASE BRING:

- A dish to share
- \$5.00 fee for incidental costs
- Books for the book exchange
- Checkbook/cash



Look for further details in your invitation to be sent via email in November.

Friends and spouses are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

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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



OPEN
VP Programs



OPEN
VP of
Communications

Voting - Standing Board Committee Chair Members



OPEN
Monthly Program
Chair



Caroline Williams
Co-Social
Chairwoman



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CSB Representative

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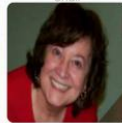
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Want it included in our next Monthly Newsletter???

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BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

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