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President's Message

Hi Ladies!

Welcome to what I believe will be my last official activity this year as your president.

Unfortunately, we made the choice to cancel our annual meeting due to possible bad weather and lack of a quorum to vote for the new board. After an email vote, our new officers will be:

President - Carol Freeland

Secretary – Kathy Miles

Treasurer/membership – Nancy Hendricks.

Thank you for stepping up to help keep our branch active one more year.

Those of us that have participated have had some fun monthly lunches. It has been great to spend time visiting with each other and supporting some of our HSV restaurants. We plan to continue organizing these in the coming months. More information to follow.

We had two great programs this past year. In July our talented author Nancy Hendricks educated us about the Women's Rights Conference in Seneca Falls and in February our new Police Chief Kristi Bennett and Administrative Commander Shawna Yonts talked with us about their jobs and our safety (and, by the way, they said we live in one of the safest places in the country).

Your board has been discussing a couple of ideas for programs for the upcoming year.

This past year, we have had 46 members, which includes three new ones – Vikki Powell, Lois Pritchard and Nancy Wolterstorff-Burrell.

It is the time of year to renew your membership for 2023-2024. You can send your check to TerryLynne Marx or renew online at aauw.org. The coming year's membership fee is \$89.

As I write this, we have a recipient that we have sponsored at NCCWSL. I just heard from her on the first day of the conference and she is very excited to be there and wanted me to thank all of you for this opportunity. Later on, I will try to have her come and tell us about her experience.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your leader once again. We have all worked very hard to give many women a helping hand and I hope we will be able to do that for many years to come.

Hope to see you all soon,

Sue Luerssen

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Your scholarship interview committee interviewed applicants in mid-April at the NPC campus.

We started with 16 applications and the board authorized investment of \$20,000 for the academic year of 2023-24. The interview committee presented five final candidates to the full scholarship committee.

With a lower number of recipients than anticipated (or in past years), the board authorized the scholarship committee to allocate \$3,000 per scholarship, bringing our total investment to \$15,000.

Equal awards have been made to the following young women: Leslie Huggs, a respiratory therapy major who also received our scholarship for the current school year; Sonia Lopez, majoring in business; Alyssa Sconyers and Hailey Stauder, both of whom are nursing majors; and Summer Williams, majoring in nursing and business. Alyssa will be attending Henderson and the remaining recipients will be at National Park College.

Recipients will receive half the funds for the Fall 2023 semester and the remaining half for Spring 2024 semester. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better and must have a 3.0 each semester in order to receive funds. They must also be fulltime students with 12 or more semester hours.

Hopefully, we will have an event this fall for AAUW members and these outstanding young women. I'd love for you to meet them and we thank you for your financial support of the scholarship fund!

Carol Freeland, scholarship committee chair

Our NCCWSL attendee, Karin Owens, sent a lovely note to president Sue Luerssen after arriving at the conference:

Hi Sue!

Just a little update. Made it here safely last night. So far we've had the opening session and the first session of our choosing. So great! I chose one called SHINE: How to overcome burnout. So very applicable for where I currently am.

Thank you so much to all you AAUW ladies for allowing me to come!

This is a picture of Anna and I at the Atlanta airport. Lol

Blessings and gratitude, Karin Owens



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Novel Discussion: "Exiles" by Jane Harper— July 4, leader Mary Eliades

Contemporary Lit: "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict—June 27

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