

Southern Highlights

Austin Branch



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Our Mission: To honor women and girls, empowering them through education, service and leadership development

Snippets from Sue

By Sue Grove

I hope everyone has successfully dug out from our lovely storm. I'm ready for spring!

We had a great February meeting. Jacob Burkhardt gave us a tour of MacPhail and it was so interesting. Thank you to Sue Radloff and Lorene Strobel for helping to facilitate the day. Some of us met for coffee before and others went to lunch after, making it a fun day.

The Austin Branch is entitled to five voting delegates at the AAUW MN Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 29. If you would be willing to be a delegate and virtually attend meeting, please let me know by March 30.

Also, this is an election year for our branch. We need to elect President, Program VPs, Membership VPs, Secretary, Treasurer and appoint several other positions including the Newsletter Editor. For those in the positions currently, it would be amazing if you would continue. If anyone is interested in any of these positions and/or has questions, please contact me.

Stay warm and think spring!



February's Meeting at
MacPhail Center for Music





When We Meet Again

By Angie Loecke & Jeanne Poppe, VPs Program

Greetings all! The days are getting longer and the snow will only last for a short time more. Spring is soon to be in the air.

Our Tuesday, March 14 meeting will be a real treat. I have enjoyed speaking with Susan Joyce about the presentation and want you all to make a plan to attend.

We will start our meeting at 7 p.m., but arrive earlier if you want to mix and mingle. We will meet at Riverland Community College west building in room A238. We will also have dessert to further entice you to attend.

Our speaker will be Susan Joyce, founder and director of Women's Financial Focus Groups of Minnesota and retired Wall Street financial adviser. She will reveal the power women possess to manage one of their greatest resources to live their lives more fully and with greater purpose.

Susan Joyce is an award-winning Wall Street financial advisor who, since retiring, lectures on topics of wealth management and economic trends and political impacts on personal finance. She is listed in the Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals, has been a member of multiple state, national, and international organizations promoting women's issues, is founder and director of the Women's Financial Focus Groups of Minnesota, serves on academic and financial boards within her community, and is an author of both non-fiction books on wealth management and novels about Wall Street. In 2020, her work was nominated for the Minnesota Book Award, Best Indi Book Award, and Writer's Digest Book Award.



First Friday Luncheon

First Friday Luncheon is this Friday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Bella Victoria. Dorothy is vacationing, so if you plan to attend, please text or email Peggy Benzkofer at 612-770-9328 or pjbenzko@gmail.com by this Thursday afternoon.

Morning Book Group

The Morning Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Perkins. Harriet Ulland will lead discussion of *In the Shadow of the Valley: A Memoir* by Bobi Conn.

Travel Club

The Travel Club will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m. at Gail Minerich's home at 1605-27th St. NW. *(Please note change from the regular time)*. Gail and Annie Warner will be sharing stories and photos of their recent trip to and on the Amazon River. This will be an interesting and informative program! Mark your calendars and let DedaRae know if you plan to attend at drgraber@charter.com or 507-433-7897.

Evening Book Group

Evening Book Group will meet on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Peggy Benzkofer's home at 104 21st St. NW. Kathy Parada will lead the discussion of *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Please text or email Peggy at 612-770-9328 or pjbenzko@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on Monday, March 27 at 12:00 p.m. at Room 125 in the Riverland east building. We will discuss the chapter on war crimes.

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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