

The Lob Tree

AAUW Duluth



Quotable Quotes from the Notorious RBG

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Abortion rights are "central to a woman's life, to her dignity. It's a decision that she must make for herself. And when government controls that decision for her, she's being treated as less than a fully adult human responsible for her own choices."

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AAUW Duluth Scholarship Winners 2020

Congratulations to our four scholarship winners, who have each received a \$1,000 check. See the website for further details about them.

Erica Henkel, pursuing a PhD in Business Administration, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Rachel Hutar, pursuing an MA in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Donna Kirk, pursuing a MS in Education with a Mathematics Emphasis, Southwest Minnesota State University

Meaghan O'Connor, pursuing an MA in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Left column: top, Erica Henkel, bottom, Rachel Hutar. Right column: top, Donna Kirk, bottom, Meaghan O'Connor



Upcoming Programs October 2020 to February 2021

Watch for further information about these virtual activities for AAUW members and guests!

Monday, October 26, 5 pm
Pre-Election Zoom Happy Hour

Sunday, December 6, 4 pm
Winter Social

Address by Diana Oestreich, author, activist, and peace-maker

Festive piano music from Linda Turpening

Information about how to make our traditional donations to Safe Haven

February Fireside Chats, exact dates TBA

1. Rebecca St. George, Duluth City Attorney and AAUW Duluth past scholarship awardee
2. Nancy Nelson, "150 Year History of Duluth Parks"

From the 2020 AAUW Voter Issue Guide: “When women vote, we change the conversa- tion.”

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Native Women and the Pay Gap

American Indian and Alaska Native women earn only sixty cents for every dollar paid to white men. And they're compensated ten percent less than Native men. They are literally shortchanged.

Thursday October 1 was Native Women's Equal Pay Day because it would take that long in a year for them

to catch up to the pay rate for white men.

According to information on the national AAUW website, "Native women are a notoriously understudied group."

The small size of the female Native population may partly explain this lack of attention. Natives comprise less

than two percent of the US population, and government survey data contain less information about smaller groups. AAUW advocates for more information and real change in this area.

See <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/native-women-and-the-pay-gap/>



Photo: The 2020 invitation is a collage of previous Created Here programs

Members should have received their invitation to participate in this year's virtual fundraiser. All donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a drawing for

gift cards purchased by committee members from local artists and businesses. October 30 is the deadline for donations for the gift card drawing.

The drawing itself will take place during a Zoom gathering on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 7 pm.

The Zoom address is <https://tinyurl.com/y39oedtk>

Meeting ID: 959 5491 2804

Passcode: CH2020

Contact Cathy Ameel for more information at ameelc123@aol.com.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020)

From “A Very Bright Star Shines Brighter Still When Viewed Through Brimming Eyes,” by Nucchi Currier, President of the Woman’s National Democratic Club, and posted on September 19, 2020.

“Oh, how she fought. She fought to be taken seriously in law school, despite top grades. She fought to get a job in that bastion of male dominance—the US legal

system. Kept out of law firms she ended up teaching law and fighting for justice for women. As the second woman on the US Supreme Court, she continued her fight for justice for the oppressed for 27 years. And finally, she fought for her life to maintain the precarious balance on the US Supreme Court. . . . ‘I do think that I was born under a very bright star,’ she said in an NPR interview.

‘Because if you think about my life, I get out of law school. I have top grades. No law firm in the city of New York will hire me. I end up teaching; it gave me time to devote to the movement for evening out the rights of women and men.’

Just vote. . . . That is what will save the legacy of this diminutive yet heroic woman.”



In Memoriam

Roberta Dwyer (1958-2020)

Roberta Dwyer graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1982 with a degree in Civil Engineering and joined the Duluth office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation at a time when there were few women engineers. She worked there for 39 years, rising to the position of Project Manager and working on some of the

biggest projects in the Northland.

Passionate about engineering, and a mentor especially to young women engineers, Roberta was also a longtime, loyal, and very involved member of AAUW.

She served as branch President from 2012 to 2014 and chaired the annual scholarship fundraisers in 2003 and 2005.

For all her contributions to AAUW Duluth, she received the Named Gift Honoree Award in 2014.

Wendy Williamson shared this at the memorial service, “Roberta had an amazing leadership quality, mixing competence with energy, hard work, good sense, and personal attentiveness. . . . Her influence continues.”

Check out Angelina Jolie's essay “How the Pandemic Is Hurting Women in a World That Already Didn't Care About Them,” TIME Magazine, October 9, 2020

Acts to Address Missing and Murdered Natives Signed into Law

On October 10, 2020, two important bills were signed into law. [Savanna's Act](#) addresses the poor response to missing and murdered Native women by improving tribal access to federal criminal information databases; requiring data collection on missing and mur-

dered Native people; and directing the U.S. Attorneys to develop law enforcement and justice protocols. The [Not Invisible Act](#) will establish an advisory committee of local, tribal, and federal stakeholders to recommend best practices to combat the epidemic

of disappearances, homicide, violent crime, and trafficking of Natives to the Department of Interior and Department of Justice. Thanks to Wendy Williamson and Theresa O'Gara for representing AAUW at Sex Trafficking Awareness month meetings in Duluth.

Zoom screenshot of participants at the
Virtual Summer Social on August 17, 2020



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New Novel from Linda LeGarde Grover

Let's celebrate AAUW Duluth member Linda LeGarde Grover's new novel, *In the Night of Memory* (University of Minnesota Press, 2020).

The book description on the University of Minnesota Press website begins, "Two lost sisters find family, and themselves, among the voices of an Ojibwe reservation." It continues, "Some ruptures simply cannot be repaired; they can only be lived through, or lived with. Linda LeGarde Grover re-

turns to the fictional Mozhay Point Reservation in this nuanced, moving, often humorous picture of two Ojibwe girls becoming women in the long, sharply etched shadow of Native American history."

Linda LeGarde Grover is a professor of American Indian Studies at UMD. She has won numerous awards for her previous novels, poetry, and other writings.

