

The Lob Tree AAUW Duluth



In recognition of AAUW Duluth President Kate Baldwin's extraordinary leadership, the Board gave her a gift certificate in 2020. Here is the gazing ball she bought to decorate her beautiful garden.

2021 AAUW Duluth Branch Scholarship Winners

During the 2021 Summer Social at Chambers Grove Park, branch member Karen Keenan (photo, center) presented scholarships for \$1,500 to two post-baccalaureate students: Stephanie Kiero (left) and Sarah Erickson (right).

Stephanie Kiero

Stephanie Kiero grew up in Duluth and earned her BA in Elementary Education from the College of St. Scholastica. For the past sixteen years she has taught in elementary schools in Duluth. Stephanie is passionate about supporting teachers and

students in best practices for learning elementary mathematics, a topic she will research further while pursuing her Master's of Education at CSS.

A single parent to two sons, she enjoys hiking, skiing, reading, gardening, and cheering her boys on the soccer field.

Sarah Kate Erickson

Sarah Kate Erickson has worked around the country for nature centers, schools, and museums. She earned a BA in Biology from Smith College and a Master's in Environ-

mental Education from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Since 2004 she has built and delivered impactful educational programming, museum exhibits, and community initiatives in the Duluth area. Her next step is to pursue an MBA at the College of St. Scholastica.

She lives in Duluth with her husband and two children and enjoys swimming, painting, and outdoor recreation.



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“Created Here” is now “**Leaders Created Here**” to celebrate women leaders in all areas. The event will once again be virtual because of the ongoing pandemic. Please join us via Zoom on **November 11, 2021, at 7 pm.**

Donations of \$30 or more will be eligible for

a gift card drawing to New Scenic Café (\$100), Hannah Johnson Fabrics (\$75), and Lake Aire Bottle Shop (\$50).

Speakers Rebecca St George and Sara Socha will share how receiving a scholarship from AAUW Duluth has impacted their lives.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Program Updates for Winter 2021-22



Winter Social, Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Winter Social will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021, in the afternoon. If it is an in-person event, it will be held at Lakeshore Ecumen. Otherwise, it will be held via Zoom. As usual, there will be a speaker and entertainment and the branch will collect money and gift certificates for Safe Haven. Details are still TBD owing to the continuing pandemic.

Fireside Chats, February 2022

The February Fireside Chats will be virtual. Full information will be announced in the January 2022 *Lob Tree* and by email.

Native Women's Equal Pay Day, September 8, 2021

As reported by national AAUW, September 8 marked the date "that Native women have to work into the new year to finally reach equal pay from the previous year. Native women experience one of the most harmful pay gaps: taking home, on average, 60 cents to every dollar white, non-Hispanic men make. But as a notoriously understudied group, more research and data are needed. . . . We do know that Native women face high rates of systemic violence, poverty & healthcare disparities, all compounding a gender pay gap that endangers their economic security during a global crisis."

Focus Group News and Activities Fall 2021

The Lunch Bunch

Contact: Bonnie Edwards,
bkedwards@gmail.com

1st Tuesday of the month

Contact Bonnie to get on the email list. RSVP by the deadline so she can book a table.

Roundtable (Zoom)

Contact: Dawn Conlan, conlan518@gmail.com

3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

A random topic is chosen for friendly discussion each meeting.

Zeitgeist Afternoons, now Zoom Happy Hour

Contact: Geiger Yount,
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**1st & 3rd Thursdays at 4 pm
(may change)**

Using Zoom, the group chooses and discusses films. Seeing

films is done individually. Email summaries and next film titles are provided to all. A few small group viewings take place in member homes. Call or email Geiger for details.

Sampler

Contact: Lou Anne Siefert,
lasiefert@charter.net

This eclectic group will resume meeting in the New Year.

Book Club

Contact: Angela George,
angela8744@msn.com

3rd Monday at 7 pm

One person per meeting leads discussion. Some meetings take place in homes (may be Zoomed too) or other venues. Jan., Feb., & March meetings on Zoom. October selection: *A Woman of No Importance* (Purnell).

New Book by Anita Hill



“From the woman who gave the landmark testimony against Clarence Thomas as a sexual menace, a new manifesto about the origins and course of gender violence in our society; a combination of memoir, personal accounts, law, and social analysis, and a powerful call to arms from one of our most prominent and poised survivors. In 1991, Anita Hill began something that's still unfinished work. The issues of gender violence, touching on sex, race, age, and power, are as urgent today as they were when she first testified. *Believing* is a story of America's three decades long reckoning with gender violence, one that offers insights into its roots, and paths to creating dialogue and substantive change.” (Text quoted from www.alibris.com)

Dr. Dorothy Anway Award Winner Agnese Apsite

The 2020-2021 Dr. Dorothy Anway Memorial Scholarship was presented by Dr. Allen Anway to Agnese Apsite on September 1, 2021. The scholarship is funded by donations from Anway family members and friends and members of the Duluth Branch of AAUW in honor of late branch treasurer Dr. Dorothy Anway.

Agnese Apsite is currently a senior at UW-Superior with two majors: mathematics and biochemistry. Originally from Latvia, Agnese came to the United States her senior year in high school through an exchange program. In 2017, she was recruited by the UWS women's hockey team and she has been a student at UWS ever since. Agnese will graduate in May 2022 and says, “I am not 100% sure what I want to do after I graduate but I know that with the two degrees earned at UWS I will have plenty of opportunities.”

Photo shows Dr. Allen Anway with Agnes Apsite





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AAUW Duluth Branch Educational Opportunities Fund 2020-21 Named Gift Honorees

Every year AAUW Duluth recognizes as “Named Gift Honorees” members whose community service and contributions to the organization have been exemplary. As fully reported in the April 2021 *Lob Tree*, Karen Moen and an honoree who wishes to remain anonymous are this year’s Named Gift Honorees.

Below is a photo of Karen Moen (right) receiving her certificate from Karen Keenan at the 2021 Summer Social, the branch’s first in-person event in over a year.

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Gichigami Hearts: Stories and Histories from Misaabekong, Linda LeGarde Grover

Thursday October 14,
2021, 7-8:30 pm

The Zenith Bookstore invites you to the book launch of Linda LeGarde Grover’s new book, *Gichigami Hearts*, at the West Theater, 319 N. Central Avenue, Duluth.

Published by the University of Minnesota Press, this lyrical work melds myth, history, fiction, and family his-

tory into a rich narrative filled “with tales of marriages to voyagers, relocations to reservation lands, [and] encounters with the spirits of the lake and wood creatures.”

In reviewing this book, author Carolyn Holbrook states, “With compelling stories of sacred places, beloved people, myths, legends, and treasured memories, *Gichigami*

Hearts is a moving tribute to the Ojibwe past.”

Linda LeGarde Grover is professor emerita of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth and an award-winning author of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction.

Information from [Gichigami Hearts – University of Minnesota Press \(umn.edu\)](https://www.umn.edu/press)