

# The Lob Tree AAUW Duluth



## AAUW Duluth Hosts the 2023 Northland Gathering!

### 2023 Northland Gathering

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:30—3:30

At the Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church), 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

#### View from the Top: Women Leaders

The 2023 Northland Gathering, hosted by AAUW Duluth, focuses on leadership issues for women in a variety of fields including health, local government, ministry, science, environmentalism, and academia.

Highlights: Welcome from Mayor Emily Larson, two panels with women leaders, and a presentation by award-winning author Linda LeGarde Grover. Further details forthcoming.

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Speakers: Janet Kennedy, Duluth City Council President; Barbara McDonald, President, CSS; Linnea Mersch, Director, St. Louis Co. Public Health & Human Services; Maggie Nancarrow, Rector, St. Paul's; Jodi Slick, CEO EcoLibrium; Rebecca St. George, Duluth City Attorney.

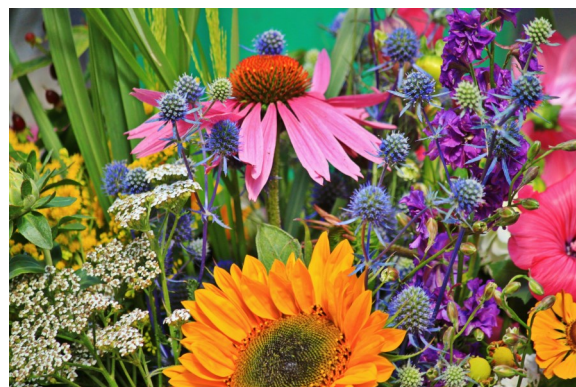


Congratulations to MARY BOWKER for celebrating 70 years as an AAUW member!

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### Summer Social, Hartley Nature Center, September 14, 2023



The Summer Social will be held at Hartley Nature Center on Thursday, September 14, at 5:30 pm. Box meals from Corktown Deli. Watch your mailbox for further information.



**NAOMI YAEGER** has a new position with Harbor Centers Inc, a small nonprofit serving NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin. She will be editor of *The Senior Reporter* and *The Senior Resource Guide* and an advertising salesperson and grant writer there.

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## Congratulations 2023 NCCWSL Attendee Aaliyah Her

University of Minnesota-Duluth student Aaliyah Her was awarded a full scholarship at the national level to attend NCCWSL—the National Conference for College Student Women Leaders—held May 31 to June 3 in Maryland.

At UMD, Aaliyah is majoring in Communications with a Sociology minor. She served as an intern in UMD's Women's Resource Action Center and will serve as Public Relations Chair for the Asian Pacific American Association in 2023-24, also at UMD. As a volunteer with PAVSA—the Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault—she helps educate the public about domestic and sexual violence.



## In Memoriam: Branch Members Carol Kelley, Annelie Sober, Kay Strand

### Carol Ann Kelley, 1936-2023

Carol was an elementary school teacher for 38 years and a Reading Specialist at UW-Superior and CSS. She worshipped at Gloria Dei, and for her many volunteer contributions she was voted 2003 Twin Ports Woman of the Year.

### Annelie Sober, 1941-2023

Annelie studied German and held an MS in Library Science. She was an active branch member and branch president from 2002 to 2005. She is survived by her husband of fifty years.

### Muriel Kay Strand, 1941-2023

Kay's obituary says she was "a lover of life" and someone "filled with personal growth," joy, and fun. She taught Choir, English, and Adult Education for four decades and was the kind of teacher who changes students' lives.

## Focus Group Details, Summer-Fall 2023

### The Lunch Bunch

Contact: Bonnie Edwards, [bkedwards@gmail.com](mailto:bkedwards@gmail.com)

**1st Wednesday of the month usually at 1 pm.**

Members and guests meet at various local restaurants to chat and get to know each other better.

### Roundtable

Contact: Dawn Conlan, [conlan518@gmail.com](mailto:conlan518@gmail.com)

**3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm.**

The group meets in the Lyric Kitchen's private room to discuss a random topic informally.

### Zeitgeist Afternoons

Contact: Geiger Yount, [geigman@aol.com](mailto:geigman@aol.com)

**Contact Geiger for current film viewing options at Zinema or elsewhere.**

This group views an agreed-upon movie and talks about it afterwards.

### Book Club

Contact: Angela George, [ange-la8744@msn.com](mailto:angel8744@msn.com)

**3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm. In person or on Zoom. Next meeting 9/18/23: Dorothy Wickenden, *Nothing Daunted*.**

## Highlights from the 2023 Annual Meeting, May 16, 2023



Branch members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Kitchi Gammi Club. Dr. Melissa Walls (photo left) gave an inspirational talk, "Lessons for Well-being from Indigenous Health Research." Named Grant Honorees, Bonnie Edwards and Diana Brainard, received their certificates from past president Kate Baldwin (photo right). Co-presidents Angela George and Linda LeGarde Grover (center photo).

## Dr. Dorothy Anway 2023 Memorial Scholarships

In May, branch member Dr. Allen Anway presented the Dr. Dorothy Anway Memorial Scholarship to two UW-Superior freshman students, Elroee Hailu (far right) and Andreina Tajada (near right). Elroee, from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is double majoring in mathematics and computer science. Andreina, from Quito, Ecuador, is majoring in computer science. The Dr. Dorothy Anway Memorial Scholarship is funded by donations from family and friends of the Anway family and members of the Duluth branch of AAUW.





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## **A Note from Public Policy Officer, Jackie Falk**

### Looking forward to Public Policy:

Next year is a bonding year in the Minnesota legislature, reducing action on policy; however, the ERA to the Minnesota State Constitutions is expected to be taken up again. When it passes in the legislature, we will need significant funds and volunteer efforts to get a majority of Minnesota voters to approve it in November 2024. Kelsey Waits, MN AAUW vice-president for Public Policy, hopes to provide trainings this coming year so we will be ready.

And to find a quick review of the AAUW's national position on the ERA, go to <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-era/>

### **Diversity Officer's Pick: *The Power Code . . .*, by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman (2023)**

The full title of this newly published book on women and leadership is *The Power Code: More Joy. Less Ego. Maximum Impact for Women (and Everyone)*. Using extensive research, its authors argue that women view and use their power differently than men. Indeed, females actually define "power" differently and may not even want it in its traditional, patriarchal, meaning. For example, females see power as achieving an end

result; whereas males see power as exerting control over someone else.

In fields such as the police and the military, Kay and Shipman discuss added barriers specific to females, such as personal protective gear being designed around a man's body. Women are also more subject to perfectionism, both in their own expectations of themselves and in others' expectations of

them. Men, by contrast, tend to be rewarded on the basis of promise, not performance.

The biggest challenge may not be a woman's boss but her partner/husband—household tasks and childminding still fall disproportionately on women. Not only is this unfair; it also means that men are missing out on caregiving and community work. So let's not try to remake women; let's remake power.

