



AAUW FARGO-MOORHEAD BRANCH

February 2014

Next Branch Meeting: Feb. 17 5:30pm Fargo Fryn Pan on Main. Speaker: MSUM Volunteer Chaplain Elizabeth Evert on Chaplaincy for Women in Jail.

Feb. 24 Book Club: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of American's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. Leader: Janet Miller
Location: One S. 2nd St. Park East Lounge at 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE – April 24 and 25

Friday – April 24 AAUW Fargo-Moorhead will host a dinner at the Plains Art Museum featuring a keynote by Senator Heidi Heitkamp, ND's first elected woman to the Senate. Tickets are \$25 per person and seating is limited. Committee members will have member sign-up (and prepay) at the Feb. 17 meeting and it will be possible to register and pay online with credit card as well as by check through traditional mail.

Sat. – April 25 AAUW Fargo-Moorhead will host the AAUW ND Annual Meeting at the Howard Johnson Inn downtown for a wonderful day of workshops and activities including NJ State President/AAUW National Board Member Sally Goodson
Registration for the day, including lunch and refreshments, is \$30. Please register online or by check as soon as possible. We will welcome branch representatives from throughout ND and would greatly enjoy a great local turnout. Dena Wyum is in charge of registration. Materials will soon be in the mail to you.

MINUTES of the January 11, 2014 meeting of the FM Branch of AAUW

The January AAUW meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel at 10am following brunch with 15 members present. The meeting was called to order by Joan Justesen, president. Lucia Schroeder presented the current event.

-Minutes from the December meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

-Treasurer's report was presented.

-New Business: President Joan Justesen reported on the December ND AAUW conference call and noted that the Bismarck AAUW has disbanded. She also reviewed plans for the State AAUW meeting that will be held in Fargo on April 25-26, 2014. The Friday evening session will be held with a banquet at the Plains Art Museum. Heidi Heitkamp will be speaker. Saturday sessions will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel. National AAUW Board member, Sally Goodson,

New Jersey state president, will be guest speaker on Saturday. Deena Wyatt and Molly McClain will assist with registration for the conference.

-Old Business: There was no old business

-Announcement: The AAUW Book Club will meet January 27th at One 2nd Street South at 7:30pm. The book, *Unbound: A True Story of War, Love and Survival* by Dean King will be discussed. All are welcome to attend but must arrive by 7:30pm so someone is present to open the doors, which are kept locked.

-Program: Heidi Manning of Concordia College presented slides of the Mars Rover's landing. These slides, taken by the Rover showed up-close views of the landscape of Mars. The speaker shared information about the data gathered and its importance to the space program and our understanding of another planet. She also noted that there has not yet been a successful retrieval of any objects that have landed on Mars. Until we can both send space ships to Mars and return them, we will not be sending people there. A very interesting presentation!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Executive Meeting: 12noon on Wednesday, Jan 8, 2014 at The Plains Art Museum

Present: Joan Justesen, Lucia Schroeder, Bobbe Shreve, Ruth Stefonowicz, Laurie Wigtil, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Deena Wyatt, Molly McClain

Plans were discussed for the January 11th meeting: The meeting will be held following the January brunch at the Radisson Hotel. Lucia Schroeder will present the current event and Ruth Stefonowicz will serve as greeter. Heidi Manning is scheduled to speak on the Mars Rover program.

Plans for the Annual ND State Membership Meeting:

-To be held in Fargo on April 25-26. A Friday evening banquet will be held at the Plains Art Museum. Laurie Wigtil will arrange for the meal. The cost will be \$25 with a cash bar available. Deena Wyatt will contact students to serve as greeters. Ask Irene Hogan about using dolls from her collection for table decorations.

-The Saturday sessions will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Fargo. Rooms there will cost \$90 a day. Breakfast and lunch will be available at \$3.25 and \$8.95. We will provide a list of other hotels available that weekend for registrants.

-Heidi Heitkamp has been scheduled to speak on Friday evening. Possible topics: "Heidi's Path to becoming a Legislator", "Women in Leadership", "Heidi's advice to women in ND interested in becoming active in policy". Ruth Stefonowicz will contact her.

-Saturday's speaker will be Sally Goodson, National representative from NJ AAUW. She will be asked to give an update on what is happening nationally. Other possible topics: "Suggested options for working with colleges/universities", "Rural state issues", either with a Q & A session following.

-Other suggestion for the day is to check options available on the AAUW website from Programs in a Box. Bobbe Shreve will check on this possibility.

-The business meeting will follow the speaker on Saturday at 3pm.

Committees (to date):

Publicity: Send invitations to other branches, advertise meeting on the web site. Contact Deb Albers, state AAUW president for access to website. Deena Wyatt and Molly McClain will check on this. Mary Markland and Ruth Stefanowicz may also help with publicity.

Finances: Lucia Schroeder

Tri-College NEW Leadership Institute deadline for application March 1.

May 28-June 1 FREE 5-day intensive residential training held this year at MSUM for women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Contact Deb White at whitede@mnstate.edu AAUW ND and AAUW FM both contribute to keeping this educational opportunity complete free to all participants.

Also March 1 Maureen Kelly Jonason will host a house party for North Dakotans Against Measure 1 at her home. All AAUW members are invited. This event will give you lots of information about the controversial measure one and other issues. It is a fundraiser as well as an educational opportunity, so please bring your checkbook. The gathering will be 4-6pm at 1021 10th Ave. S. Fargo, ND 701-232-7313, 701-429-4716, maureenkellyjonason@gmail.com

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER (especially Minnesota news), PLEASE GET THEM TO MAUREEN KELLY JONASON BY Feb. 25: 1021 10th Ave. S. Fargo, ND 58103-3110.

Maureen will send hard copies of this newsletter out to members without email.