



## AAUW FARGO-MOORHEAD BRANCH

JANUARY 2014

**Next Branch Meeting: SATURDAY, Jan. 11 10am Radisson. Please RSVP to Joan Justesen at [Justesen@cableone.net](mailto:Justesen@cableone.net) or [701 793 2815](tel:7017932815).** Once you reserve, you will have to be charged even if you do not make it as we have to pay Radisson for the numbers we confirm. Heidi Manning is our guest speaker for the January 11 Brunch. She teaches physics at Concordia College and is a part of a large scientific team that will analyze data and recreate experiments conducted by Curiosity, the large robotic explorer that landed on Mars in 2013. Heidi and her husband live in Moorhead and are parents to two teenage sons. She is also active in leading STEM activities in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

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This annual brunch is an excellent opportunity to invite potential new members to join at a reduced rate. **You have until Jan. 7 to send your \$11 to Joan to reserve your seat.**

**Next Book Club: Jan. 27**

Book: *Unbound: A True Story of War, Love, and Survival* by Dean King.

Leader: Sandy Sidler

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. Park East Lounge, One 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S., Fargo

### **MINUTES of the December 16, 2013 FM Branch of AAUW**

The December meeting was held at the Fargo Fry'n Pan with 15 members present. Baskets were available for collecting donations to PATH's project that seeks sponsors to fill Welcome Baskets with basic household items a young person may need as they move out on their own.

The meeting was called to order by Laurie Wigtil, vice-president, at 5:30pm. Guests, Nancy Johnson and Kay Werremeyer, were introduced. Janet Miller presented the current event.

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

-Treasurer's Report was approved. Book sale was discussed and it was reported that left-over books from the sale were delivered to the Churches United Homeless Shelter. The LAF funds were collected. These may also be paid directly to National AAUW.

-New Business:

The State AAUW meeting will be held in Fargo on April 25-26, 2014. The meeting on Friday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup> speaker will be ND Senator Heidi Heitkamp. The dinner cost will be \$14.95. Saturday sessions will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Rooms for attendees may be reserved there. National AAUW Board member, Sally Goodson, New Jersey state president, will be guest speaker on Saturday.

AAUW January 11th meeting will be a Saturday brunch at the Fargo Radisson at 10am. Cost of the brunch will be \$11.00. Heidi Manning from Concordia will speak on the Mars Rover Program and Women in Science. Please email Joan Justesen by January 5 if you plan to attend!

Nancy Johnson reported on the North Dakota Against Measure One Personhood Bill and Ruth Stefonowicz reported on the AARP sponsored bill requiring ID for Voting.

PATH Welcome Basket donations will be delivered to the PATH office by Lucia Schroeder.

-Announcements:

The AAUW Book Club will meet January 27<sup>th</sup>. The book, Unbound: A True Story of War, Love and Survival by Dean King will be discussed.

-Program:

The December program, "These are a Few of My Favorite Things", was presented by the members present who each shared something personally meaningful. The stories included photos of a newly-found family member and of other special members; objects or pictures of objects that held special meaning, including a tea set from early ancestors, a sky chart showing the constellations, a passport depicting travel around the world, a phone that kept family members connected, a doll that began a large collection of dolls, received from a husband while he was on a US cruiser in Japan; papers from the 1600's that showed Welsh heritage and documentation of shaking hands with Abraham Lincoln; a picture of a trip to Juneau in a camper; a stone from Dachau concentration camp; gravel made up of sea shells from a beach in Maine; a ceramic lion cub from a grandson; and a snow globe that was a gift from a mother who died recently.

Editorial note: If I missed some objects it was unintentional! The stories were

wonderful and heartfelt. It was a perfect program for the holiday season and for bringing our members together! HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Submitted by Bobbe Shreve, Secretary



*December 2013 Finance Report*

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Balance</b>
November	Beginning Balance Nov. 1			\$970.22
"	Book Sale Receipts \$1854. - 438.60.= \$1415.40			
"	Book Sale Distribution 1270.00			
"	Book Sale Funds for Local Use		145.40	1115.62
Nov. 15	Local Dues – Added Member		13.00	1128.62
Nov. 15	Expanding Horizons, Grade 7-9 Area Girls	200.00		928.62
Nov. 20	Stamps	9.20		919.42
December	LAF collected and forwarded to National	90.00	90.00	919.42
	Current Balance			<b>919.42</b>
Anticipated Expenses / Donations	Women’s Perspective canceled for 2014 \$150. New Leadership April 300. Speaker Fees, State Meetings, etc 250. Mailbox, Postage, Printing etc. 150. 100.	( <del>\$800.</del> \$650.)		

HAPPY NEW YEAR!