



**AAUW FARGO-MOORHEAD BRANCH**  
**NOVEMBER 2013**

**DON'T FORGET!** The November meeting Monday, Nov. 18, is at the new Family Healthcare Center, 301 NP Ave. at 5:30pm for a guided tour with director Patricia Patron. Don't miss seeing this fabulous new facility and learn about all it does for the disadvantaged in our community.

**BOOK CLUB:** November 25, 2013

**Book:** *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*, Timothy Egan

**Leader:** Bonnie Bernardy

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

**MINUTES of the FM Branch of AAUW**

**October 21, 2013**

**Mtg location:** Fargo Fryn' Pan

The October meeting was called to order on Monday, October 21, by Joan Justesen, President, at 6pm. Guests were introduced, including Amanda Cotylo, the tri-state AAUW Public Policy representative. Amanda is contracted until June, 2014 to help Branches build membership and work with the voter ID issue in North Dakota.

-Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

-Treasurer's report was approved with \$970.22 on hand as of October 16, 2013. An advance of \$1000 will be given to the FM Branch for expenditures related to the State AAUW Annual Meeting to be held April 25-26, 2014. Current membership is 34, an increase of 2 new members since September.

-Old Business:

a) Maureen Jonason reported on the National AAUW Meeting, indicating that 3 Fargo/Moorhead Branch members attended: Yvonne Condell, Pat Schutt, and Maureen Jonason. North Dakota has 177 AAUW members. She reported that a National focus is on attracting college members, noting that monthly meetings do not appeal to this age group. She also noted that National AAUW does not want State Branches to spend financial resources on non-AAUW sanctioned events and projects.

b) Beth Anderson shared the plans for the Used Book Sale, which will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Moorhead Center Mall. Preparation and sorting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. Members were encouraged to post the flyers and to advertise the event to others.

-New Business: There was no new business

-Announcements:

Josie Iszler reminded members of the Women's Network event and fundraiser to be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fargo Theater. The movie, "Women Who Helped Shape America", will be shown with a wine and cheese social preceding the movie.

**Reminder: The November 18<sup>th</sup> AAUW Branch meeting will be held at the Family Health Care Center, 301 NP Avenue, at 5:30pm. Dinner will not be available but munchies will be served. Contact Joan Justeson or Bobbe Shreve if you would like a ride from the Fry'n Pan parking lot.**

Lillian Jones, Paralegal and Lay Advocate in tribal courts in ND and MN, spoke at the meeting on domestic violence. She described herself as an "activist advocate by heart". Domestic violence is both by partners and also by inequities in society toward women. 5,020 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in ND during 2012, 94% of these toward women. At least 4,513 children were directly impacted by these incidents. She recommended that supervised visitation of children should be mandatory because assault of children is common. We need to get the system in check by knowing the "flags" that indicate violence is occurring and the resources available to victims. Lillian provided us with handouts compiled by the ND Council on Abused Women's Services, outlining the statistics related to domestic abuse. Thanks to Lillian for a very informative presentation!

Submitted by Roberta Shreve, Secretary

### AAUW Funds - Named Gift Honoree Program

The Named Gift Honoree program is a wonderful way to recognize branch and state members who do extraordinary things for AAUW and our mission. They have been used to recognize the efforts of outgoing branch and state leaders, to acknowledge extraordinary gifts of time or money, and to reward stalwart, longtime members without whom our state and branch work would not be possible.

For example, to participate in Minnesota, a branch must contribute \$750 for each named gift honoree to either the Minnesota Past Presidents American Fellowship #4326 or the Jane Skinner American Fellowship #4203. These are the two Minnesota fellowships that have not become stipend producing. We encourage your branch and its members to direct donations to these fellowships.

All checks should be made out to AAUW Funds. In the memo place the fellowship number. All contributions are welcomed and tax deductible. Further questions may be directed to Jan Paulsen, MN AAUW Funds VP at [JLPaulsen@aol.com](mailto:JLPaulsen@aol.com).

### A LETTER FROM THE AAUW FUNDS CHAIR

Dear AAUW Fargo and Moorhead Branch Members,

It is that time of the year when our members are asked to help translate the AAUW Mission into Action. Giving money to these funds helps advance equity for women and girls in a different but equally important way. **Protection:** Your support of the AAUW **Legal Advocacy Fund** allows AAUW to stand up for those women facing discrimination, sustaining them emotionally and financially through their battles for justice. Your contribution not only helps individual women fighting discrimination and inequality but also protects the generations of women who will never have to face the same kind of discrimination because of the precedents set by the cases we support.

**Education:** Your support of the **AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund** makes possible the hundreds of grants, fellowships, and special awards that AAUW distributes each year to break through barriers such as the high cost of education. Together, we give women and girls the chance for success in life.

**Advocacy:** Your support of the **AAUW Public Policy Fund** funds advocacy for the laws and policies that affect women and girls in their everyday lives. Public officials consider AAUW the go-to organization for information about how policies impact women and their families.

**Research:** Your support of the **AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** is needed as we research issues that affect women and girls so we may understand and break through educational and economic barriers for them. Examples of reports include *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* and *Behind the Pay Gap* which helped galvanize support for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

**Leadership:** Your support of the **AAUW Leadership Programs Fund** is crucial in helping women realize their full potential by preparing them for leadership roles in their schools, workplaces, communities, and in our country. Whether we help them to become a leader of their local PTA or an elected member of Congress, your generosity helps AAUW provide the skills and opportunities women need to inspire and drive real change.

I urge you to continue your generous financial support of **AAUW Funds**. A contribution sheet and a return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Your check should be made out to **AAUW Funds**. You may indicate on the **memo line** which fund(s) you would like to support (LAF, EOF, PPF, ERF, or LPF). Please return your contribution to the Membership Desk or by US mail on or before **December 10**. All contributions are **tax deductible**.

Together we can help provide equity and a bright future to all women and girls. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Janice Paulsen, AAUW Funds Chair

## **AAUW ND co-hosts Fundraiser for the ND Women's Network**

AAUW member Jocie Iszler contacted Maureen one day to ask about the North Dakota Women's Network. Maureen was able to say proudly that AAUW ND was a founder of the NDWN, and she shared the wonderful work NDWN does in terms of tracking legislation when the legislature is in session. NDWN also works on training more women to run for office with its Ready to Run program and encouraging greater engagement with the annual women's lobby day in Bismarck. Jocie had "won" at a silent auction the one-night use of the smaller Fargo Theatre venue and decided to donate it and create a fundraiser for NDWN. Monday, Nov. 4, almost 40 women gathered there to enjoy appetizers donated by Toscano's and Spicy Pizza and goodies donated by Nichole's, Josie's, and Quality Bakery as well as coffee from Atomic Coffee and Babb's Coffee and, wine from Bernie's Liquor. Attendees visited 6:30-7 and then viewed selections from the film *Makers: Women Who Have Helped Shape America* followed by a panel discussion with Kathy Hawken, ND Representative, District 46; Gail Mooney: ND Representative, District 20; Dr. Molly Secor Turner, Associate Professor, NDSU Nursing Department; and Melissa Sobolik: Fargo City Commissioner. About \$1500 was raised and those in attendance learned a great deal about ND politics! Thanks to Jocie for organizing it!

### **AAUW Fall Book Sale Report**

Sale: Nov. 1 & 2, 2013

By Beth Anderson

1. We had fewer books donated this year. We had perhaps 2/3's as many when contrasted with last spring. Our paperback fiction section was rather poor, and we had 1/4 as many hard-bound mysteries as our previous sale. The autobiography/biography section was excellent, and we had a plethora of children's literature: some good quality, some poor.

2. The site/room we had was even better than last year. It was the old Maurice's location and was roomy, light and airy, and very comfortable. Its location was not as central as last spring, but there was no concomitant event going on that weekend at the mall. At times we had little traffic. Using the Holiday Mall again is a mixed blessing.
3. Our profits were, as you might expect, way under last spring. We did not make even half of last spring's amount. This time we also owed more money for the *Forum* and for rental of the space.
4. Having co-chairs worked well. Next year, Pat Schutt will co-chair again with a new person on board to be trained to run the sale. That assumes we will continue having a book sale each year.
5. Once again, Dakota Boys Ranch collected all the unsold books. There were about 50 boxes for them to load onto their truck. Last spring we had 60 boxes left over. The people in Garrison turned down our offer to sell them the unsold books for the second year in a row.
6. Book buyers were alerted by email, and many showed up Friday morning before 9 a.m. Their names are recorded in the red notebook, and only a few emails bounced back as no longer in service.
7. Phoning members to remind them of their shifts did not materialize and should be corrected next year.
8. At least 20 members gave of their time for book sorting and selling, which was a generous effort.
9. Decisions that need to be made:
  - a. Who will co-chair with Pat next year?
  - b. Will there be a Fall book sale and if so, which weekend?
  - c. Will we go it alone or perhaps combine with one or more of the public libraries?
  - d. Where will the book sale be held?

Beth Anderson  
Co-chair