



March Newsletter

President's Comments

by

Susan Rae Helgeland, MS

We have a great program for the Monday, March 9th Branch meeting, 5:30 pm at the Fry'n Pan, Fargo. I know you will appreciate the program.

Our presenter is Suzzanne Kelley, managing editor and co-director for New Rivers Press, located at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Ms. Kelley teaches courses in publishing, directs the activities of the press, and pursues scholarly research in the Great Plains, Australia, and New Zealand, discovering connections between memory and place. She has presented more than thirty papers in conference settings and served on the Western Historical Association program committee. Her service endeavors include co-chairing the New Zealand and Australian Studies section of the Western Social Science Association and serving as past-president of the statewide organization, Preservation North Dakota. She is on the editorial board for the North Dakota State University Institute for Regional Studies. Kelley holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas—Austin, a master's in history from University of Central Oklahoma—where she was awarded the Edward Everett Dale Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in History—and a PhD in history from North Dakota State University, where she was Editorial Fellow for three years. Her past publications include the co-edited anthology, *Paper Camera: A Half Century with New Rivers Press*, and articles about Fred Harvey and the Harvey Girls in the *Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West* (Sage Publications 2006) and the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture* (Oklahoma Historical Society 2007). She is currently editing an anthology about Germans from Russia, set for publication in 2015, and she is revising a biography of Oklahoma memory artist Augusta Metcalfe.

Program Title: New Rivers Press Makes the Most of New and Emerging Authors

New Rivers Press emerged from a drafty Massachusetts barn in winter 1968. Intent on publishing work by new and emerging poets, founder C. W. “Bill” Truesdale labored for weeks over an old Chandler & Price letterpress to publish three hundred fifty copies of Margaret Randall's collection, *So Many Rooms Has a House But One Roof*.

Nearly four hundred titles later, New Rivers, a non-profit and now teaching press based since 2001 at MSUM, has remained true to Bill's goal of publishing the best new literature—poetry and prose—from new, emerging, and established writers.

New Rivers Press authors range in age from twenty to eighty-nine. They include a silversmith, a carpenter, a geneticist, a monk, a tree-trimmer, a mortician, and a rock musician. They hail from cities such as Christchurch, Honolulu, New Orleans, New York City, Northfield (Minnesota), Grand Forks, and Prague.

Suzanne Kelley, managing editor and co-director of New Rivers Press, will share the history of New Rivers, how it came to be a part of MSUM, and how it brings some of the best literary fiction and poetry to light, bringing recognition and attention to emerging writers. She will also announce exciting news about upcoming prospects for the literary community of Fargo-Moorhead. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Exciting News - We have two AAUW Statewide Annual Meetings to attend in April. Dickinson AAUW Branch is hosting the ND AAUW Annual Meeting. The dates are April 17 and 18, 2015. The theme is *Stop Trafficking of People*. We are car-pooling and I am one of the drivers. I have room in my car so email me if you are interested in attending. My email is srhelgeland@gmail.com. The MN 86th Annual AAUW State Convention is on April 10 and 11, 2015. The theme is Full "Steam Ahead" and STEAM represents Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. It is in Austin, MN. Let me know if you want to attend as I have the details and registration information. Both annual meetings look very interesting and I encourage you to attend one or both!!!!

FM AAUW Branch Meeting MINUTES

By Roberta Shreve

Fargo-Moorhead AAUW Branch met at The Fargo Fry'n Pan on February 9, 2015. The monthly meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Meeting agenda:

- Approval of the January 10th minutes and treasurer's report
- Finance report
- Discussion of State AAUW issues and annual meeting by Deb Alber, State president
- Public Policy report

Susan Helgeland, President, greeted participants and asked each attendee to introduce herself and respond to the question: "What issues being addressed in the ND Legislature are most important to you?"

The January minutes were approved as corrected.

The finance report was presented and will be filed for audit. It was reported that the scholarships were paid and a thank you note was received from the recipient of the Dorothy Dodds Scholarship.

ND State AAUW President, Deb Alber, was present to discuss the issues that affect AAUW at both the state and national level. She reported that the annual state AAUW meeting will be held in Dickenson on April 17-18. The program will include the State of Human Trafficking and Title IX. A link to lodging in Dickenson and to registration will be made available online. She also noted that the national AAUW meeting will be held in San Diego on June 18-20. Information will be made available on the AAUW website. (<http://aauw-nd.aauw.net/>)

Reports:

-Tim Purdon, US Attorney, is scheduled to speak at the April meeting.

-Sara Lindberg and Maureen Kelly-Jonason will serve on the Nomination Committee for next year's officers. One more member is needed on this committee. Please contact either of these members to volunteer.

-Book Sale: Liz Cambron has agreed to co-chair next year's book sale along with Liz Poppenhagen. Next year's book sale will be held on October 17th-24th at the Moorhead Center Mall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Program:

Carrie Leopold, STEM Outreach Coordinator, spoke about the Inspire Lab and its purpose.

Announcements:

- The AAUW Book Club will meet on February 23, 2015 at Park East Lounge, One 2nd Street South at 7:30pm. Bobbe Shreve will lead the discussion of *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. All are welcome to attend but must arrive by 7:30 p.m. so someone is present to open the doors, which are kept locked.
- Next F-M AAUW Branch meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Fry'n Pan, in Fargo. Program will be *"New Rivers Press: Promoting New & Emerging Authors"* presented by Suzanne Kelley.



Membership News

It's been a good year for gaining new members so far. Since the 2014-2015 year started, former member Mary Schneider renewed and we have added

Verlaine Gullickson
 Evelyn Quigley
 Liz Cambron
 Angie Bolstad
 Alexa Ducioame
 Yaping Chi
 Susan Larson
 Laurie Dronen
 Alice Hauan

Welcome to all these new members!

FYI: Any members joining after March 15 will pay for a one-year membership for 2015-2016 but get the last three months of this membership year FREE! Fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve!

Reminder: The rest of us will want to get our full annual dues in to the treasurer in May so she can submit them by the June deadline.

As graduation season comes along, keep in mind that any AAUW member may "Give-a-Grad-a-Gift" of one free year of national membership - a \$49 gift - just by filling out a form online. Think about anyone graduating from college this spring (or last spring) with a two-year or four-year degree and fill out the form. AAUW will do all the rest!

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/> A great follow-up gift is to pay for the first year of state and branch dues wherever the student lands in the fall!

What Does F-M AAUW Support?

We have had so many newcomers this year that it is time to review branch activities and projects.

1. We give \$150 every two years to AWP. What is AWP?

When the Moorhead branch and Fargo branched decided to meet as one, the Moorhead members brought with them the request to continue to support the biennial, non-juried, non-feed art exhibition called A Woman's Perspective (AWP). Coordinated and curated by Vicky Jo Bogart every two years, this exhibit is mounted in Feb.-March at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County at the Hjemkomst Center and invites emerging women artists to exhibit alongside professional artists. Male artists, however, are not excluded from submitting an application. Selection is first-come, first served. For more information check out www.awp.org and www.hcscconline.org

2. We give \$250 every year to Expanding Your Horizons, which, according to <http://www.eyh.ndsu.nodak.edu/about/> is "a nationwide conference held for young women in grades 7-9 to encourage and develop their career interests in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in an effort to overcome a history of limited participation by women in these career fields."

EYH has been held at NDSU for 36 years and has served nearly 24,000 youth in a tri-college regional endeavor that involves many community partners including AAUW F-M. This year, it will be held April 25.

3. We give \$350 a year to Tri-College NEW (National Education for Women) Leadership Institute, an annual, intensive, 5-day, residential training program held each June at one of the three colleges in the F-M community. Free to 40-50 women, with half from underrepresented groups from a multi-state region, the training develops skills such as public speaking, community organizing, political campaigning, and group problem-solving focused on a different social justice issue each year. The \$350 scholarship pays for the hard costs of one participant for the week. Developed at Rutgers's University, NEW has 16 partners nationwide; the Tri-college partner is the only one that admits non-college-age women along with college-age women to develop community leaders.
4. The Grace Hudson Scholarship, NDSU - Each year, 20% of the proceeds from the Used Book Sale go to NDSU to increase the endowment for this scholarship which goes to a woman in need.
5. The Dorothy Dodd Scholarship, MSUM - Named for AAUW Life member Dorothy Dodd, this award for an early education major is funded in part by 20% of the proceeds from the Used Book Sale. Dorothy "developed the first recognized early education curriculum in Minnesota"; she passed away in December, 2012.

to find suitable candidates for board positions. In odd years, we elect a Membership Chair and a Secretary. It happens that we are also looking for a one-year replacement for the treasurer so that Ruth Stefonowicz can be moved into the appointed position of Program Chair.

What is the commitment for each, you might well ask?

The secretary needs to be present at or find a substitute for a monthly board meeting (first Sat. of the month) and the monthly membership meeting (second Monday), to take notes on actions taken and decisions made, to type them up and get them to President Susan as soon as possible. The secretary also brings a copy of the bylaws to the meetings and consults the bylaws when questions of procedure come up. At the end of the year, one copy of the minutes is sent to the AAUW Archives at UND. The secretary is one of two official contacts for the branch with the national office. The term is for two years.

The membership chair keeps updating the directory as members join, responds to all inquiries about membership and follows up on all leads to encourage new memberships, alerts the membership to the timing of “deals” and deadlines (i.e., Feb. 1 is the official count; annual membership dues are due in May), and pursues lapsed members until she gets a firm resignation. She also attends every board meeting. She is the keeper of the nametags and updates those and brings them to the monthly membership meeting. The term is for two years.

The treasurer is the second branch contact required by the national office. The treasurer keeps the books, writes the checks, tracks income and expenses, prepares the annual budget with the president, and prepares a monthly report to put into the newsletter. The treasurer attends the board meetings and monthly membership meetings and answers any questions about the branch’s finances. Because the branch has both MN and ND members, it is a bit more challenging to send in the state dues. A one-year replacement can be appointed and then a treasurer will be elected next year for a two-year term.

Please consider taking on a leadership role when the nominating committee calls on you. It’s the best way to learn more about AAUW and learning more is what makes being in AAUW especially exciting.

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AAUW Book Club 2014-2015

This is a record of the Book Club's work for the year.

| Date | Book | Leader |
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| September 22, 2014 | <i>The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo</i> by Kent Nerburn | Noel Reinhiller |
| October 27, 2014 | <i>A First-Rate Madness</i> by Nassir Ghaemi | Jan Jackson |
| November 24, 2014 | <i>Nothing Daunted</i> by Dorothy Wickenden | Sara Lindberg |
| January 26, 2015 | <i>An Hour Before Daylight</i> by Jimmy Carter | Barbara Sidler |
| February 23, 2015 | <i>The End of Your Life Book Club</i> by Will Schwalbe | Bobbe Shreve |
| March 23, 2015 | <i>Encounter on the Great Plains</i> by Karen V. Hansen | Marjorie Walsh |
| April 27, 2015 | <i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd | Lorna Williams |
| May 11, 2015 | <i>Book selection for next year</i> | |

Book Club Alert

Please be advised that both the LOCATION and TIME will be changed for the March and April AAUW Book Club Meetings:

Both the March and April meetings will be held at the MOORHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY large meeting room downstairs at 7 P.M. The books to be discussed will remain the same.

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| | AAUW Monthly Financial Report | | | | | |
| | Fargo Moorhead Branch | | | | | |
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| Description | | Category | Memo | Amount | Amount | Balance Feb1, 15 |
| | | | | | | \$ 693.27 |
| Dinner | | Refund | | | \$ 86.00 | |
| Dues Income | | Dues Income | 1 member | | \$ 36.00 | |
| AAUW National | | National Dues | | \$ 24.50 | | |
| AAUW MN | | State Dues | | | | |
| AAUW ND | | State Dues | | \$ 5.00 | | |
| Sir Speedy | | News Letter & Agenda | | \$ 7.75 | | |
| Frying Pan | | Speaker Meal | | \$ 10.77 | | |
| Carrie Leopold | | Speaker Honorarium | | \$ 25.00 | | |
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| | Totals | | | \$73.02 | 122.00 | \$ 742.25 |
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