



Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

## Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

### President's Comments

I am pleased to announce the October 10, 2016 F-M AAUW program. It is on the ND Measure 3 Pros & Cons (Crime Victim Rights). As always there are strong feelings on both sides so come and find out what all the discussion is about. We have three entities presenting, Marsy's Law for ND Group, Mark Friese, a Criminal Justice Attorney and Renee Stromme, Executive Director, ND Women's Network.

Our own Ruth Stefonowicz will be the moderator of the presentation. We will be at the Biltmore Inn at 3800 Main Avenue, Fargo. Please park on the East side. There are two doors on the East side (one North and one South) and either one is appropriate.

We begin an optional Social hour in the Bar at 5-6 pm, Dinner is in the meeting room from 6-6:45 pm, Business meeting from 6:45-7:15 pm and the Program is from 7:15-8 pm. The dinner is \$15.00 (including tip) and please RSVP Alexa Ducioame @ [aducioame@mooreengineeringinc.com](mailto:aducioame@mooreengineeringinc.com) (701) 213-7796 immediately. We need a count ASAP.

I will be out of town on October 10, 2016 so the business meeting will be conducted by Vice President Alexa Ducioame. She will do a great job. I also want to tell all our members how excited I am about our 2016-17 programs. They are truly wonderful and I thank the Program Committee members for their hard work.

Please take note of the GOTV event and, of course, the Used Book Sale. The GOTV event is being chaired by Liz Cambron and the Used Book Sale is being chaired by Noell Reinhiller and Liz Cambron. We are fortunate to have such great members that help to put together an active and meaningful slate of programs and activities for our 2016-17 year.

Of course do not forget to take notice of the wonderful Book Club and thanks to Jan Jackson for all of her work to make this club so significant. Have a great October meeting and I will see you in November.

**Susan Rae Helgeland**  
**F-M Branch President**

## October Program

### ND Measure 3 Pros & Cons (Crime Victim Rights)

#### **Mark A. Friese, Criminal Attorney, Vogel Law Firm**

Mark's primary practice area is criminal law. Additionally, Mark practices in general litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mark was a law clerk to the Honorable Dale V. Sandstrom of the North Dakota Supreme Court. Mark received undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice and Social/Behavioral Sciences from Bismarck State College and the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. He received his law degree, with distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. Mark was a Bismarck police officer for over 5 years. Mark also teaches law-related topics at North Dakota State University in Fargo and the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks. Mark retired from the North Dakota Army National Guard after serving for over 24 years, holding numerous positions. In 2010, the Chief Judge of the North Dakota Federal District Court appointed Mark to serve as the District of North Dakota Criminal Justice Act Panel Representative. Mark continues to serve as the Panel Representative.

#### **Renee Stromme, Executive Director, ND Women's Network**

Renee Stromme is the Executive Director of the North Dakota Women's Network (NDWN), a statewide women's advocacy organization. Prior to founding the NDWN in 2006, Renee worked for a domestic violence shelter, a domestic violence legal clinic, and the ND Council on Abused Women's Services with a focus on reducing violence against women on college campuses. While doing this work, she recognized a large gap in North Dakota; there was no advocacy organization that addressed women's equality in a larger context. To fill this need, Renee worked with other leaders in the state to form the NDWN. Throughout her tenure at NDWN, she has advanced the status of women and girls in North Dakota through communication, legislation and increased public activism, with a policy focus on education, women's economic security, reproductive health and freedom from violence. Renee was named Business & Professional Women of Bismarck-Mandan's 2015 Woman of the Year. In April 2015, Renee was honored by President Obama as a White House Champion of Change for Working Families.

**F-M AAUW AFFILIATE BUSINESS AGENDA**  
October 10, 2016 - 6:45 to 7:15 pm  
Biltmore Inn, Fargo

*AAUW Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Alexa Ducioame, Vice-President Introduction of guests

**Approval of Agenda:** (additions, deletions, changes)

**President's Comments:** Excited about the 2016-17 Programs. Thanks to Ruth Stefonowicz and the Program Committee for all their hard work; thanks to Liz Cambron for implementing the GOTV event; thanks to Noell Reinhiller and Liz Cambron for organizing another Used Book Sale and please sign up to help with the event.

**Approval of September Minutes:** Secretary Sara Lindberg

**Financial Report:** Finance Officer - Liz Cambron

**Unfinished Business:** Thank you to Lindsey Lipp for agreeing to take over the Webmaster/Social Media Chair position next year!

\*\*We still need a Newsletter Chair

Venue Survey – Alexa Ducioame

**New Business:** GOTV Change of Date – Liz Cambron

**Public Policy:** Chair, Sandy Sidler.

**Used Book Sale:** Co-Chairs Noell Reinhiller and Liz Cambron

**Website/Social Media:** Alexa Ducioame

**Announcements:** Dorothy Dodds Legacy

**Adjourn:**

## AAUW-FM Branch September 12th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: 20 including members and two speakers

President Susan Helgeland called the meeting to order and members recited the AAUW mission statement.

In her President's Comments Susan acknowledged the officers and appointed committee chairs for their work in the Branch. She announced that Margaret Schneider has been appointed to the Membership Chair for a one year term. She also announced next month's program on October 10, which will be a discussion of the pros and cons of Measure 3 on the North Dakota ballot called Marsy's Law. The next Board meeting will be October 1.

Maureen Kelly Jonason moved and Alexa Ducioame seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved. Motion carried.

No treasurer's report was available.

Susan reminded members that a Social Media Chair and a Newsletter Chair are still needed.

AAUW will have two tables at NDSU on October 4 and 5 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m., to promote the Get Out the Vote campaign and membership recruitment. Liz Cambron is organizing this effort. Volunteers from the Branch are needed to staff the tables.

Sandy Sidler distributed a handout describing the five measures on the North Dakota ballot and explained the change in the Voter's I.D. requirement.

Jan Jackson announced the September 26 Book Club meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7 o'clock in order to finish before the Presidential Debate that evening.

The winner of the door prize, a copy of *More Than a Game* by Cynthia Pemberton was won by Noell Reinhiller.

The Northern Plains Ethics Institute Fall Panel Discussion on September 22 at NDSU titled "Conversations for Change: Linking Health and Education to Individual Success" was announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

The program speakers for "Title IX: More Than a Game" were Kerry Wynne and her daughter Tasha, who described their attempt to persuade the North Dakota High School Activities Association to change the girls' soccer season from spring to fall. Kerry thanked AAUW for supporting the club soccer teams to effect this change, including a letter from former State President Deb Alber included on their website. Kerry is the team manager for her daughter's club soccer team and gave the background on the sport in ND high schools and the disadvantages of a nontraditional season, such

as missed opportunities of college recruiting, a shorter season, weather problems, no Olympic Development Program and declining participation.

The NDHSAA controls scheduling, season and eligibility rules and because the girls are forced to play in the spring, the result is a violation of Title IX. The club soccer organization filed a grievance in March 2016 against the NDHSAA and received notice in June 2016 that the Association does fall under Title IX even though it doesn't receive federal funding. Notification of the decision concerning the grievance could take a year.

Tasha Wynne, 14, and a freshman at Davies High School in Fargo, spoke of her goals and ambitions for a soccer career in college and perhaps a professional team. AAUW members were encouraged to sign a petition in support of the girls' objectives. For more information or to sign the petition, go to [www.goalsforgirlsnd.org](http://www.goalsforgirlsnd.org).

**Sara Lindberg, secretary**

## Fargo-Moorhead AAUW Branch Used Book Sale

The 58<sup>th</sup> AAUW Used Book Sale is fast approaching and the Task Force is *calling on all members to participate in some way*. This is our ONLY fund raising event. As you know all but 10% of the proceeds are used for local and national scholarships.

First, we need workers for the Sorting Days, Oct 16-20 and for the Sale Days Oct 21-23. We ask that you sign up for a minimum of two shifts over the sorting and sale days. There are morning, afternoon, and evening time slots. We need everyone who is able to be involved.

If you are going to attend the Oct 10 branch meeting, you can sign up there or you can call or email the sorting and sales chairs.

### Sorting Chairs:

Verlaine Gullickson: (701) 282-3550 Vgullickson@msn.com

Kathleen Nelson: (507) 318- 8311 sween1948@yahoo.com

**Sale Chair:** Sara Lindberg (701) 232-7932 Orchella@msn.com

Janet Miller and Juliann Garrett will be calling members after the branch meeting if you have not yet signed up, so it will help greatly if you call now.

Susan Larson is our **Cleanup and Pack up chair**. Your help is also needed for this task which starts at 3 p.m. on Sunday. We will be donating any left over books to nonprofits and need to have ALL books out of the sale area on Sunday by 5:30. You can bring your family members to help as well as your vehicle to deliver the books to the recipients the following days. We hope to find a youth service group to assist, but help make this task less daunting by volunteering. You can sign up for this at the meeting or by calling Sara Lindberg or Susan Larson 218-498-2341.

If you are unable to work during the above time slots, please make a donation. We do have expenses connected to the sale so your additional help will increase the final amount we can give to scholarships.

### What to Bring to the Sorting and Sale Days

1. **Your Books**
2. **Art that you are willing to donate. We use the income from these sales for branch expenses. You will decide on the price and there will be a 3x5 card for you to attach to the back.**
3. **Plastic bags for buyers to use.**

Last year only 14 members participated in this event. We need to double the participation this year and show the Fargo-Moorhead community that AAUW has power in numbers!

**Liz Cambron and Noell Reinhiller,  
Co-Chairs 2016**

**F-M AAUW 2016-17 PROGRAMS & DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 12	“Title IX: More Than a Game” Speaker: Kerry Wynne, Fargo
October 10	“Pros & Cons on Proposed Measure 3: Marsy’s Law” Speakers: Mark Friese, Vogel Law Firm & Renee Stromme ND Women’s Network
October 21-23	AAUW Used Book Sale: Moorhead Center Mall, Co-chairs: Liz Cambron & Noell Reinhiller
November 14	“Update on the Status of Behavioral Health in ND”, Speaker: Kathy Hogan, Chair of ND Interim Human Services Committee
December 12	“Sheltering Churches Project” Speaker: Sue Koesterman, Churches United
January 14 Saturday Brunch 10 a.m.	“Lived Experience of the Women’s Movement in the 1950’s, 60’s & 70’s” Speaker: Ashley Baggett, NDSU History Department
February 13	“Experience of Parents Raising Transgender & Gender Creative Children” Speaker: Kristen Benson, Human Development & Family Science Dept, NDSU
March 13	“Personal Accomplishments as a Female & Ethnic Minority” Speaker: Ruth Buffalo, Mandaree, ND
April 10	“Pay Equity” Speaker: Evelyn Quigley, F-M AAUW
May 8	F-M AAUW Annual Meeting and Potluck, Moorhead Public Library

The public is welcome to attend our meetings. The format is 5-6 p.m. Social Hour; 6-6:45 p.m. Dinner; 6:45-7:15 Business Meeting; 7:15-8 p.m. Program

**Announcements**

**Upcoming Events**

- October 11-12** Get Out the Vote (GOTV) event at NDSU 11AM-2PM
- October 16-20** Book Sale drop off & sorting
- October 21-23** Book Sale
- October 24** Book Club at Moorhead Library-*H is for Hawk* 7-9PM
- November 5** Board Meeting at Fargo Atomic Coffee 10AM  
All are welcome
- November 14** Affiliate meeting at the Biltmore 5-8 PM  
Program: *Update on the ND Behavioral Health Budget*  
Speaker: Representative Kathy Hogan, Chair of the Interim Human Services Committee

**AAUW BOOK CLUB 2016-17**

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library

October 24	<i>H is for Hawk</i> , Helen McDonald
November 28	<i>The Immortal Irishman</i> , Timothy Egan
January 23	<i>Notorious RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)</i> Carmin & Kwizhnik
February 27	<i>Uprising</i> , Sally Armstrong
March 27	<i>Being Mortal</i> , Atul Gawande, MD
April 24	<i>Indian Bride</i> , Karin Fossum
May 22	Book Selection for next year



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*update*

- Dorothy Dodds Elementary in the Forum
- 35 year anniversary of Sandra Day O'Connor becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> woman Supreme Court Justice
- Study: Women, on average, earn \$0.80 to a man's \$1
- ND native photoshops magazine to point out sexism
- 1<sup>st</sup> Woman AND 1<sup>st</sup> African American sworn in as Librarian of Congress
- White House women's "Amplification" technique
- Goals for Girls ND petition
- Elaine Harmon, WWII pilot, buried at Arlington
- Jessie Graff, American Ninja Warrior
- Goldieblox app teaches coding to girls as young as 3
- AAUW fellow, Nettie Stevens, Google doodle
- The United State of Women Summit



# Interested in joining or have an announcement for the newsletter? Contact us!

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Alexa Ducioame, Vice President

Sara Lindberg, Secretary

Liz Cambron, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Campus liason

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[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**From the editor:** Thank you to all the members that have shown their support to my family and I. I couldn't be prouder to have such a wonderful group of women to count on. I am glad to be back!

Sincerely,  
The Editor