



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

## Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

### President's Comments

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Lived Experiences of the Women's Movement in the 1950's, 60's and 70's is the title of our Annual January Brunch program on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, 201 5th Street North, Fargo, ND. We are fortunate to have Dr. Ashley Baggett of the NDSU History Department lead a panel discussion by students who interviewed many of us a year ago about our lived experiences related to the Women's Movement. It should be a great program.

Ashley Baggett is an assistant professor of history at NDSU and received her doctorate from Louisiana State University. She offers classes, such as Women in American History and the History of Race in the United States. Her research involves women and gender in the United States during the 19th century, and her upcoming book *Strike Me if You Dare* examines intimate partner violence in New Orleans from 1840 to 1900. Consequently, Ashley's activism and passion in WGS largely involves intimate partner and legal reform.

We will begin the Brunch at 10 am with the program beginning at 11 am. The cost is \$20. There will be a short Business Meeting. Please RSVP to [farmoor.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:farmoor.aauw@gmail.com) by January 11, 2017.

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



**F-M AAUW BRANCH BUSINESS AGENDA**

January 14, 2017 - 10:45 to 11:15 AM

Radisson Hotel, Fargo

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

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Susan Rae Helgeland, President

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

**President's Comments:**

February meeting – Monday, February 13, 2017

Program: Experience of Parents Raising Transgender & Gender Creative Children

Speaker: Dr. Kristen Benson, Associate Professor, NDSU Human Development and Family Science

**Approval of December Branch Minutes:** Secretary Sara Lindberg

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

**Continuing Business:**

Use of Business Cards – Alexa Ducioame

Need for F-M AAUW Newsletter Editor – Liz Cambron

**New Business:**

Fundraising Committee – Liz Cambron

Nomination Committee – Liz Cambron

Jeremiah Program – Alexa Ducioame

**Social Media/Website:** Alexa Ducioame

**Public Policy:** Chair, Sandy Sidler

**Announcements:**

Membership deals

March on Washington & local events

Book Club – Jan Jackson

**Adjourn.**

## December 2016 Branch Minutes

Present: 13 Branch members, 1 speaker, 2 guests

President Susan Helgeland called the meeting to order and all members repeated the AAUW mission statement. The agenda was approved. Susan announced the January 14 Brunch program at the Radisson with Dr. Ashley Baggett, NDSU, speaking about the Women's Movement 1950-70.

The November minutes were approved.

Financial Officer Liz Cambron presented the Treasurer's Report with a beginning balance of \$3449.21 and ending balance of \$3576.68. The report will be filed for audit.

Alexa distributed the AAUW Branch business cards containing contact information, meeting and book sale information, and the mission statement. She encouraged everyone to give the cards to prospective members.

Liz Cambron reiterated the need for a newsletter editor to replace her. She also announced she will chair a standing fund-raising committee beginning in January and asked for volunteers. Some possible events could be Bingo Night, Silent Auctions, Yard Sales, selling at the Farmers Market etc. The goal will be to have a money-raising activity every two months.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler mentioned the Women's March in Washington, D.C., and reminded the group that Equal Pay Day is in April.

Membership Chair Margaret Schneider spoke of technical problems with the AAUW website and sent a roster for members to update their current information.

Book Club Chair Jan Jackson announced the January 23 meeting at the Moorhead Public Library to discuss *The Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik.

Alexa reminded members that if you RSVP for a meeting the meal must be paid even if you can't attend, and RSVP's may be made on Facebook.

A brief discussion was held about the meeting location and a suggestion was made to contact members who aren't attending at the Biltmore. The Board will discuss next year's venue; all members are welcome to attend Board meetings the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Atomic Coffee, Fargo.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Helgeland introduced the program speaker: Sue Koesterman, Executive Director of Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead. Sue was the pastor at Elim Lutheran Church in downtown

Fargo for ten years, where she became aware of poverty and homelessness before accepting the call to Churches United. The organization serves men, women, and families, serving three meals a day. 150 families have been placed in housing, with an average stay in the Churches United facility of two months.

The collaborative leadership of the YWCA, the New Life Center, the Dorothy Day House and the Gladys Ray Shelter, along with Churches United, has proposed a ten year plan to end homelessness in Fargo-Moorhead. Their specific goals include to increase permanent housing availability, increase applicants' ability to pay with job training, stop discharging people into homelessness from medical facilities and develop leadership coordination and collect and share data.

The Sheltering Churches Project began in 2010 and has served the community with shelter beds and staffing by church members. Faith Community leaders were asked to open their buildings at night and provide volunteers to aid the persons who are referred from community facilities. This year 28 churches are participating, to help house the 850 people who are homeless on any given night in Fargo-Moorhead.

Long term objectives include a landlord risk mitigation fund for persons in the case management system, screening to match the tenant with an appropriate landlord, and involving churches to adopt homeless families to provide support. A new building with 43 units of permanent supportive housing is planned in Moorhead in the near future.

Sue advocates policy changes to narrow the differences between the need for a support system of progressive social justice v. how will it be paid for. She ended her presentation by relating two personal stories of people being helped by Churches United. Donations are always appreciated.

**Sara Lindberg, Secretary**



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

<p><b>January 14 Saturday Brunch 10 a.m. Radisson</b></p>	<p>“Lived Experience of the Women’s Movement in the 1950’s, 60’s &amp; 70’s” Speaker: Ashley Baggett, NDSU History Department</p>
<p>February 13</p>	<p>“Experience of Parents Raising Transgender &amp; Gender Creative Children” Speaker: Kristen Benson, Human Development &amp; Family Science Dept, NDSU</p>
<p>March 13</p>	<p>“Personal Accomplishments as a Female &amp; Ethnic Minority” Speaker: Ruth Buffalo, Mandaree, ND</p>
<p>April 10</p>	<p>“Pay Equity” Speaker: Evelyn Quigley, F-M AAUW</p>
<p>May 8</p>	<p>F-M AAUW Annual Meeting and Potluck, Moorhead Public Library</p>

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

# Calling all members!

The finance officer is organizing a fundraising committee to start in January. If you have any experience or would like to get more involved with the branch, this is a great opportunity! As of now our only fundraiser is our annual used book sale. With more events and ways to raise money for our branch, we could possibly increase our scholarship contributions and have funding for more events in our community!

Those interested please let the finance officer know at the branch meeting or contact her directly Liz Cambron (773) 818-5863  
[liz.cambron@ndsu.edu](mailto:liz.cambron@ndsu.edu)



**Announcements**

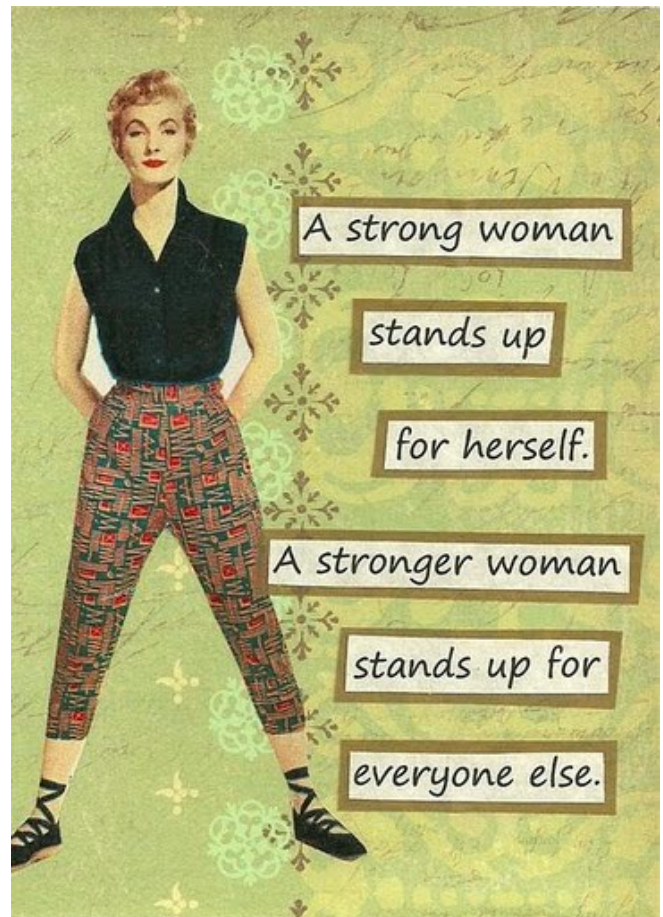
**AAUW BOOK CLUB  
2016-17**

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

January 23	<b><i>Notorious RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)</i></b> 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



- The confidence gap in leadership
- 21 quotes from women who spoke up
- Free glaciology & marine programs for girls
- Serena Williams is the greatest
- 15 of Carrie Fisher’s best feminist quotes to honor her
- Motivation for working women to lead
- Ikea’s paid parental leave policy in the U.S.
- Inauguration weekend march info in DC, MN, & ND
- AAUW responds to Secretary of Ed nomination





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



## **F-M AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS**

Susan Helgeland, President  
Alexa Ducioame, Vice President  
Sara Lindberg, Secretary  
Liz Cambron, Treasurer,  
Margaret Schneider, Membership Chair

## **WEB SITES**

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