



Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Affiliate

September 2018

**American Association of
University Women**

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

President's Comments

Welcome Back!

I hope you've all had a chance to spend time with family and friends, relax, and go on an adventure this summer.

From May until now, my husband and I both graduated from college, me with an M.S. in civil engineering, and him with a degree in IT networking security; we bought our first house; I had to get a new vehicle when my 2001 Cavalier finally wasn't worth it to fix anymore; and we brought home a kitten to join our 10-year old cat. Why not do everything at once, right? Life is settling down now, and I'm excited to pour my extra energy into another year as the F-M AAUW president!

We have some changes in store for this year and are looking for your help. We will be more actively giving back to our community.

Susan Larson has done an amazing job again this year as program chair. Our meetings will mostly take place on college campuses, with no meal (with the exception of our January brunch and May potluck). Our meetings will have one of two goals: (1) Learn and Plan (2) Action. You can read more about this new setup in the Program Overview from Susan on page 4. You can also find our book club lineup organized by Sara Lindberg on page 7.

Our two biggest events of the year are coming up in October. Our 60th (Wow!) Annual Book Sale will be at the Moorhead Center Mall October 26-28 – details on page 9 Thank you to this year's co-chairs, Roberta Harnisch and Sara Lindberg for all your hard work organizing. The second event is our 3rd Annual BrainSTEM. It has been held at NDSU in the spring in 2016 and 2017; we decided to switch to the fall in 2018 to hopefully inspire students at the beginning of the school year. This year the event will be held at Concordia in collaboration with NDSU. I wrote a little background on BrainSTEM on page 10.

You can see our full 2018-2019 schedule on page 15 and on our website: <https://fargo-nd.aauw.net/calendar/>. Some events will be updated or added as the year goes on.



Lastly, you may notice that our newsletter looks a bit different again. Liz Cambron has done a fabulous job assembling a beautiful newsletter on time every month (even though I sometimes sent her my items at the last minute). Liz hung up a lot of hats this year as she focuses on her Ph.D. (finance, fundraising, book sale, and newsletter) and we have big shoes to fill! I am thankful that Nancy Johnson has stepped up to produce this year's newsletters with her creative energy and organizational skills.

Enjoy reading our September updates, and I hope to see you soon.

Alexa Ducioame

President

September Program

Voter ID Laws

Dr. Barbara Headrick was born and raised in Missouri. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri in Columbia, she headed to grad school on Long Island at Stony Brook University. She gained her doctorate in Political Science from Stony Brook University in 1991.

After several years as a faculty member at Texas A&M University, she came to Minnesota State University Moorhead in 1996. She is now full professor in Political Science and her teaching focuses on American Politics.

In her words, "I teach almost everything we offer related to American politics that isn't focused on the law." She has also served multiple terms as a department chair at MSUM.



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F-M AAUW 2018-19 Program Overview

This year, the AAUW program will have a different format and a sharper vision: **a vision to make a difference in our community**. We will offer programming in support of the AAUW mission to *advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*. With our planned activities, we retain our commitment to educating our members and the F-M community by inviting speakers to some of our branch meetings. However, programming will also increase the impact of our branch by being action-oriented. Through interactive sessions, we aim to equip our branch and its members for impact in our local community.

With this new vision, there will be some changes to our monthly programming:

- *We will no longer have meals with our monthly meetings*, but we will retain our January brunch and May potluck. Those interested can gather for a meal before our meetings at The Boiler Room from 5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m..

- *Most meetings will take place on a university or college campus*. By using college campuses, we hope to engage more students in our events and affirm our roots as an organization focused on equity in education. With few exceptions, monthly meetings will take place at NDSU's Barry Hall. Located at 811 2nd Ave N, Fargo, Barry Hall is easy to find, there is ample parking (in the street, in a larger NDSU lot across 10th St, and immediately adjacent the main entrance of the building).

- The January Brunch will take place at MSUM.

- For the most part, the same general program topic will be addressed at two meetings:

Meeting 1: Learn & Plan. This will include an invited speaker to talk about an issue in our community. This will be an impact-oriented event followed by questions and discussion on what we can do.

Meeting 2: Action. We will meet again to put our plans into action for the community or engage in service activities. This meeting will also have our official affiliate meeting and any voting necessary.

- The new national strategic plan for AAUW identifies three mission-based macro areas of AAUW's work: *education and training, economic security, and leadership* and our programming dovetails with these strategic goals.

What will not change?

- Book club (see the scheduled p. # of this newsletter) and our fall book sale (this year, October 26-28 in Moorhead Center Mall).
- The chance to gather monthly and be in community with like-minded folks who are interested in making a difference in their community.
- The opportunity to learn about what is happening at AAUW nationally.
- The good feeling you get from being involved with an organization whose vision is **equity for all!**

Submitted by Susan Larson on behalf of and with many thanks to the program sub-committee: Alexa Ducioame, Verlaine Gullickson, Susan Helgeland, Nancy Johnson, Kathleen Nelson, Debra Nelson, Evelyn Quigley, Bethany Reinhardt, Amanda Savitt and Sandy Sidler.

2018-19 Program Schedule

September 10, 2018

Learn and Plan:

Voter ID laws

Speaker: Barbara Headrick, political science professor, MSUM

Location: NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120,
811 2nd Ave N, Fargo

October 8, 2018

Action: Get Out the Vote plan and
implement community action

Location: NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120

*November 5, 2018

Learn and Plan:

Food Insecurity

Speaker: Ryan Taylor, hunger activist,
rancher, writer, former state
senator and state director for USDA
Rural Development

Location: NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120

*December 11, 2018

Action: Volunteer effort

Location: Great Plains Food Bank
1720 3rd Avenue North
Fargo, ND 58102

*January 12, 2019

Brunch: Women's Leadership

Speakers: Laura Caroon and Danyel Moe,
founders, Ladybosses of Fargo-
Moorhead

Location: MSUM

February 11, 2019

Action: Pay Equity planning

Location: NDSU Barry Hall Room 118

March 11, 2019

Learn and Plan:

Innovation in Schools:

Transforming a Generation

Speaker: Cory Steiner, Superintendent
Northern Cass Public Schools

Location: NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120

April 8, 2019

Action: Pay Equity Activity

Location: NDSU Barry Hall, Room 118

May 13, 2019

Annual Meeting and Potluck

Location: To be announced

Before evening meetings at Barry Hall, we
will have an informal dinner get-together at
The Boiler Room between 5:00 p.m. and 6:45
p.m. for anyone interested.

AAUW F-M Affiliate Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2018

Present: 17 members and guests

President Alexa Ducioame welcomed all and the mission statement was read.

The agenda was approved.

President's comments: Alexa thanked everyone for their efforts this year.

The minutes were approved as printed.

Finance Officer Liz Cambron presented the Financial Report and our proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Continuing business:

Strategic Plan: We currently have too few responses to continue the strategic planning process. Amanda will send out a link to the survey and will distribute paper copies of the survey to anyone who wants it.

North Dakota Ethics Commission: Mary and Whitney Oxendal came to discuss the petition for an ethics commission. North Dakota got a D- rating in government integrity when it was rated by the Center for Public Integrity. There have been efforts to pass bills to create an accountability process. A bi-partisan process, led by Ellen Chaffee and Dina Butcher, has created a petition to amend the North Dakota Constitution. The primary issues the petition addresses is full disclosure on money in politics, clamping down on conflicts of interest and lobbying practices, and ethically questionable practices. This amendment would create an ethics commission. The people serving on the commission would not be legislators, but instead would be appointed by the Governor's office. The goal is to have 40,000 signatures. If it gets on the ballot it will only need a majority to be adopted.

State conventions recaps:

Minnesota: Kathleen gave a report to the board

North Dakota: There was a great lineup of speakers. Manuals were distributed to affiliates. We applied for three awards and we won an honored recognition for the Prairie Rose Award for the book sale, the Turtle Award for Diversity for the Brain Stem event, and Alexa won the Woman of Distinction. We need to decide where to put the awards.

New Business:

National elections and bylaws changes: Voting is open online. Voting ends on June 9th. There are three changes to the bylaws. First, to change the way the national board is elected, to stagger terms so that they don't all leave at once. Four will be elected and one appointed. Second, allow five non-members to become members of the national board. Third, eliminate the degree requirement, so an individual who pays annual dues and supports the mission would be eligible to be a member. Minnesota has voted against proposals two and three.

Elections and announcement of all new officers: Deborah Nelson was elected Finance Chair. Bethany Rheinart was elected North Dakota Membership Chair. Alexa will continue to fill the president position for an extra year until someone can be found to be president-elect. Other positions: Sara Lindberg and Roberta Harnish book sale, Nancy Johnson newsletter, program Susan, historian Sara Lindberg, bylaws Verlaine

Changes to program layout: We are planning to have alternating meetings and speakers at the downtown Fargo Public Library from 7-9 PM.

Announcements:

Book club: Sara Lindberg had some feminist trivia: Who was the first licensed female physician in the United States? Blackwell. What was the first state to legislate pay equity? Minnesota. When was the ERA first introduced in US Congress? 1923.

The meeting was adjourned.

Amanda Savitt,
Secretary

AAUW Book Club 2018-19

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library
Books will be available for purchase at a discount at Zandbroz, downtown Fargo

September 24	Book: <i>Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders & Birth of the FBI</i> , David Grann Leader: Sara Lindberg
October 22	Book: <i>Soul of America: the Battle for Our Better Angels</i> , Jon Meacham Leader: Deb Nelson
November 26	Book: <i>Women and Power</i> , Mary Beard Leader: Nancy Johnson
January 28	Book: <i>Lincoln & Whitman: Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington</i> , Daniel Leader: Jan Jackson
February 25	Book: <i>Sister Secrets: A Brother's Reveal</i> , Matthew Valan Leader: Susan Helgeland
March 25	Book: <i>Educated: A Memoir</i> , Tara Westover Leader: Marjorie Walsh
April 29	Book: <i>Quiet Until the Thaw: A Novel</i> , Alexandra Fuller Leader: Verlaine Gullickson
May 20	Book Selection for next year

F-M AAUW Membership News

Welcome to the 2018-1019 Fargo-Moorhead AAUW program year. We hope that you have been reading the emails about the plans for the upcoming year and hope that everyone will join us.

Just as a reminder, we have a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2018-19. If you did not pay your dues last

spring, please plan to pay at the first program meeting in September.

If you have questions, please contact either Kathleen Nelson (sween1948@yahoo.com)

or

Bethany Reinhardt (breinhardt@borderstates.com)

Minnesota AAUW

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 and in Minnesota, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Voting is vital for our members and for family and friends so don't be shy about reminding them.

November 6 seems a long time away but in Minnesota there are important dates beginning mid-September.

September 21 – absentee ballots are available. Voters can choose to vote absentee without a reason. Applications for absentee ballots are available online.

October 16 – last day to registered to vote, either online or by paper.

Minnesota voters can register on election day. Voters must be 18 and a resident of Minnesota for 20 days and have fulfilled all parts of a felony sentence. If the address on

the ID is not current voters must have photo ID and another form of identification

On election day voters can find their polling place via the poll finder tool.

This information was taken from the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

Questions about voting in Clay County can be directed to:

Election official: Lori Johnson

General phone: 218-299-5006

Fax: 218-299-5195

Website: <http://www.claycountymn.gov>

Email: auditor@co.clay.mn.us

Clay County Courthouse

807 N 11th St

Moorhead, MN 56560

Kathleen Nelson

Membership and Minnesota Liaison

Meet an AAUW F-M Member

Nancy Johnson

Hi, I'm Nancy Johnson of Hillsboro. I've just taken over as newsletter editor following Liz Cambron who has done a great job for several years and it is past time to have done my profile. I graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and Technical Theater. After working as a reporter and producer in television, radio, newspapers and magazines, I spent most of my career in agricultural marketing. I've been the executive director of the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association for the past five years.

I have been a member of AAUW several times over the years and I joined the F-M affiliate two years ago. I think that the new AAUW strategic plan has sharpened our focus on advocacy for leadership development, education and economic security to advance gender equity.

My favorite pastime is reading. The best book I've read this year is *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman, a fascinating look at the two systems that drive the way we think. It was an insightful look at the effect of cognitive biases on everything we do.

If I could invite three famous people, living or dead, to dinner I'd choose Krista Tippit, Terry Gross and Neil deGrasse Tyson. Interesting people who have interviewed countless interesting people.

Sara Lindberg will be sending email questionnaires again in the fall to new members and others who haven't yet responded. Please return them for this year's newsletters so we can get to know each other better. Thanks!

Think Books!

The 60th Annual AAUW Used Book Sale will be held October 26 -28, 2018, at the Moorhead Center Mall. Donations will be accepted starting October 21, and all members are needed to help make this a successful sale.

Sign up schedules will be available at the September 10 meeting; please bring your calendars and volunteer for as many shifts as you can. The work is fun and it's an opportunity to get to know other AAUW members.



For those with a romantic temperament, there will be a special celebration at our sale. We heard from Jolee Hawkins in Montana. She and her husband plan to come to the sale to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, in commemoration of their first date at a book sale! What could be better than that?

Any questions or suggestions: contact Sara: orchella@msn.com

BrainSTEM

BrainSTEM is an annual event that focuses on promoting diversity in STEM and reducing prejudice and bias by having workshop leaders from underrepresented groups in STEM. We want to show the kids that there are role models from all backgrounds.

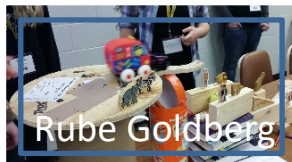
In 2016 we brought in parts of grades 7 and 8 from Ben Franklin and Moorhead. Ben Franklin wanted us to hold it again for the rest of their students, so in May 2017 we brought in the entire 7th grade class from Ben Franklin.

For 2018 we decided that we would like to move this event to the fall for two reasons: (1) There are a lot of STEM outreach events in the spring, and few in the fall (2) we wanted to inspire them earlier in the school year, so they have a chance to continue to explore STEM throughout the year.

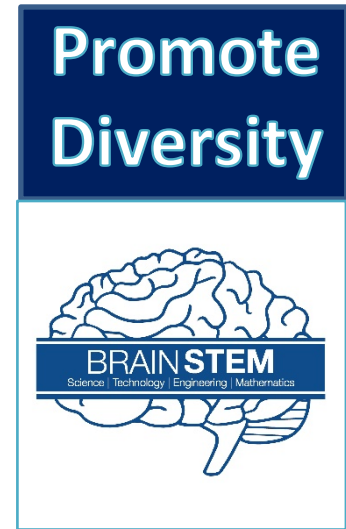
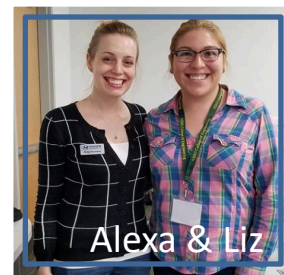
While the last two events have been held at NDSU, this year it will be held at Concordia, but still in collaboration with NDSU. We are excited for this new partnership and to keep growing this program each year.

The day opens with a quick discussion on diversity in STEM. Then the students head off to rotate through three different workshops that they chose when they signed up. In the middle of that they get to eat at the campus cafeteria (a highlight of the day). They come back to the auditorium at the end for a closing speaker. Last year we had Dr. Jane Schuh, who is now the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity at NDSU.

If you or someone you know would be interested in leading a workshop, please email me at farmoor.aauw@gmail.com. – Alexa Ducioame



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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

All sessions are free, open to the public and, unless otherwise noted, in Memorial Auditorium.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17	9:50 a.m.	Symposium Chapel – <i>Centrum, Knutson Campus Center</i> Mindful Monday: Women’s Voices Resound
TUESDAY, SEPT. 18	9:50 a.m.	Symposium Chapel – <i>Centrum, Knutson Campus Center</i> Text Tuesday: Dr. Elna Solvang
	4 p.m.	Gallery Reception – <i>Cyrus M. Running Gallery</i> Art Exhibit “Women’s Work”
	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Gallery Lecture – <i>Frances Frazier Comstock Theatre</i> Panel moderated by Dayna Del Val, director, The Arts Partnership
	7:30-9 p.m.	Opening Plenary Session – Rebecca Walker, author and activist “Feminism, Intersectionality and Power”
	9-9:45 p.m.	World Café – <i>Centrum, Knutson Campus Center</i> followed by Rebecca Walker book signing
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19	9 a.m.	Second Plenary Session Jackson Katz, co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention “More Than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence Against Women”
	10:15 a.m.	Refreshment Break – <i>north and south ends of Memorial Auditorium</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Third Plenary Session Debra Fitzpatrick, community engagement director, co-director, Center on Women, Gender and Public Policy, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs “Reducing Disparities Through Gender Transformative Public Policy”
	Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch on your own
	1-5 p.m.	Resource Fair – <i>Atrium, Knutson Campus Center</i>
	1-1:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – <i>Various Locations</i>
	2-2:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – <i>Various Locations</i>
	3-3:45 p.m.	College Dialogues – <i>Various Locations</i> “Why Gender Matters: Dialogues about Gender and Power”
THURSDAY, SEPT. 20	9:50 a.m.	Symposium Chapel – <i>Centrum, Knutson Campus Center</i> Dr. Mary Streufert, ELCA’s Justice for Women Program

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Schedule also available at
ConcordiaCollege.edu/symposium

AAUW Fellowships and Grants

American Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks

Funding: \$6,000–\$30,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: November 1

[Learn More](#)

Career Development Grants

Who may apply: Women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or reenter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period

Funding: \$2,000–\$12,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: November 15

[Learn more](#)

Community Action Grants

Who may apply: Individuals, AAUW branches and states, and nonprofit organizations to fund innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls

Funding:

One-year grant, \$2,000-\$7,000

Two-year grant, \$5,000-\$10,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: December 1

[Learn More](#)

International Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents

Funding: \$18,000–\$30,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: November 15

[Learn more](#)

AAUW's New Strategic Plan

AAUW is proud to be launching our new strategic plan — *[Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls](#)*. Read more about the plan that will ensure our organization is 100 percent mission-focused to advance education and training, economic security, leadership, and AAUW's governance and sustainability now and into the future.

[READ MORE »](#)

Stand Up for Women's Rights: Call 1-855-973-0824 To Urge your Senator to Oppose Judge Kavanaugh

Last month, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court and the stakes are enormously high. AAUW has carefully considered his record and one thing is clear: Judge Kavanaugh would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission.

AAUW advocates for the health, education, and economic security of all women and girls. Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation would put women's constitutional rights, including access to abortion and contraception, at risk. He has called into question the protections of the Affordable Care Act. His record also shows that he is willing to do grave harm to women by upending employment and labor rights and restricting voting rights. We cannot support a nominee who will not uphold and protect our most fundamental freedoms and rights.

Your senator's vote is critical. Call Senators Heidi Heitkamp, Amy Klobuchar and/or Tina Smith now at 1-855-973-0824 and urge her to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Let us be clear: this is about policy, not party. Since 2011, politicians in 33 states have passed 401 new laws against abortion that shame, pressure, and punish women who decide to have an abortion. At least 20 states are poised to immediately work to ban abortion if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned. If confirmed, Judge Kavanaugh would turn the balance of the Supreme Court against women's constitutional rights, including access to birth control and abortion.

Judge Kavanaugh has shown he won't stand up for the health, education, and economic security of women and girls – and we won't stand for that.

The U.S. Senate has few constitutional duties more important than that of advising on and consenting to Supreme Court nominees. Make sure your Senator hears from you about what's at stake if Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed. Call 1-855-973-0824 to hear a brief script and be connected now.

TAKE ACTION!

From the AAUW Archives

The Fargo Branch has sponsored and/or coordinated programs with other organizations in the community over the years. In 1986 AAUW participated in a Model Political Campaign Workshop with the YWCA, the Women's Network of the Red River Valley, the Agassiz Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters.

In 1988 the Branch received \$2,000 from a grant proposal to provide a public program titled "Sexual Harassment: An Overview for Managers and Supervisors," with two female attorneys, Sarah Andrews Herman and Mary Muehlan Maring as the speakers.

"AAUW is concerned that girls finish their education and continue with their life goals. Teen pregnancy can and usually does interrupt these educational plans." Following this directive, in 1995 the Branch funded a high school Family and Consumer Sciences teacher for training, and participated in the "Dads Make a Difference" program from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This program was implemented at Fargo South High School and Agassiz Middle School, the pilot program in North Dakota.

F-M AAUW 2018-19 Program Overview and Dates to Remember

Location and Time Details on our website calendar or Facebook events

September	8	Board Meeting
	10	Speaker: Voter ID Laws, Barbara Headrick
	20	MSUM Take Back the Night Rally & BBQ 5-9PM
	24	Book Club: Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders & Birth of the FBI, David Grann
	27	NDSU Take Back the Night Rally 6-9PM Native women's Equal Pay Day
October	6	Board Meeting
	8	Get Out the Vote Planning & Affiliate meeting
	21-25	Book Sale dropoff & sorting
	2X	BrainSTEM
	22	Book Club: Soul of America: the Battle for Our Better Angels, Jon Meacham
	26-28	Book Sale
November	27	Get Out the Vote table at Red River Market
	1	Latinas' Equal Pay Day
	3	Board Meeting
	5	Speaker: Food Insecurity, Ryan Taylor
	26	Book Club: Women and Power, Mary Beard
December	1	Board Meeting
	11	Volunteer at Great Plains Food Bank & Affiliate meeting
January	5	Board Meeting
	12	Brunch speaker: Women's Leadership, LadyBosses of Fargo-Moorhead
	28	Book Club: Lincoln & Whitman: Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington, Daniel Epstein
February	2	Board Meeting
	11	Pay Equity event planning & Affiliate meeting
	25	Book Club: Sister Secrets: A Brother's Reveal, Matthew Valan
March	1	Dorothy Dodds & Grace Hudson Scholarship applications due
	2	Board Meeting
	11	Speaker: Innovation in Schools: Transforming a Generation, Cory Steiner
	25	Book Club: Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover
April	6	Board Meeting
	8	Pay Equity Activity & Affiliate meeting
	22	Book Club: Quiet Until the Thaw: A Novel, Alexandra Fuller
May	4	Board Meeting
	13	Annual Meeting & Potluck
	20	Book Club: book selection for next year

Purple = Board (open to all)

Green = Book club

Blue = speaker (learn & plan)

Red = Action

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

F-M AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS



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