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Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Affiliate

November 2018

American Association of University Women

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

President's Comments

Wow, October was a busy month!

We had some great discussion at our Get Out the Vote meeting on October 8th that culminated in the event at the Red River Market on October 27. The last market of the season was a little chilly, but we had a great turnout. We had an AAUW table where people could learn more about our organization and get book sale handouts. At a separate table we helped market-goers find their polling place, know more about measures, and offered stickers and buttons reading "I will vote" and "It's my vote; I

will be heard". It was perfect timing because early voting starts this week in Cass County. Clay County early voting has been open since the end of September. If you want to find your polling place, or view a sample ballot, you can visit vote.nd.gov or www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/. You can continue to help Get Out the Vote by sharing our election information posts on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FMAAUW/.

Our 3rd Annual BrainSTEM event took place on Concordia College's campus on October 24. We had 18 hands-on workshops led by professionals, professors, and students from underrepresented groups in STEM. The event focuses on promoting diversity in STEM and reducing prejudice and bias. We opened the day in an auditorium discussing famous scientists and engineers who students



Alexa Ducioame and Evelyn Quigley worked to get out the vote at the farmers market in Fargo during October.



Alison Hanslip of Moore Engineering Inc discusses the students' highway interchange design.

know as well as a discussion about implicit bias. The 7th grade class from Ben Franklin Middle School attended three workshops during the day where they built robots, dissected brains, broke secret codes, created Rube Goldberg machines, and competed to build slender towers and bridges out of paper. You can see pictures on our Facebook page. I want to thank Concordia College and the NDSU College of Engineering for collaborating with us on this to make it a great event. I also want to thank Moore Engineering for

sponsoring the event. I appreciate all the support they give me and my coworkers for STEM outreach events.

October 26 to 28 was our 60th Annual Book Sale! Co-chairs, Roberta Harnisch and Sara Lindberg, as well as the committee, did a wonderful job organizing the event this year. In addition to books, we celebrated another special anniversary. When Jo Lee and Dan were 14 years old, they went on their first date on October 26, 1973 in Dillon, MT to an AAUW book sale. They bought 78 records, a copy of Rubaiyat, and many other classics. They live in Helena, MT now and came to our book sale on Friday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of their first date. In addition to our book sale, they attended a movie at the Fargo Theatre, visited the Hjemkomst, and enjoyed dinner at Mezzaluna.



As the weather turns colder, we are on to our next learn/action topic for the year. November 5 we will have Ryan Taylor, rancher, writer, former state senator and state director for USDA Rural Development, talking about Food Insecurity. We will take action on December 11 by volunteering at the Great Plains Food Bank.

Make sure you check out the full list of events for the year on page 10. It's also on our website. Some events will be updated or added as the year goes on.

I'll see you soon.

**Alexa Ducioame
President**

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November Program

Food Insecurity

Ryan Taylor keeps one foot on the land producing food and the other foot under a desk or on carpeted hallways trying to positively shape the public policy of food, agriculture and rural places. A fourth-generation cattle rancher from Towner, N.D., he is a former three term state senator, a 2012 candidate for North Dakota governor, and a presidentially appointed state director of USDA Rural Development in the Obama administration.

He currently advocates and consults on public policy issues dear to his heart, and raises cattle, horses and children dear to his heart on the family ranch with his wife, Nikki.

Taylor will address the presence of food insecurity in North Dakota and the country, and the role of public policy, and North Dakota farmers, in providing food security for the nation. He will emphasize the great need for advocates to have informed voices and undeniable visibility in bringing the insecurity to light and moving forward the positive work of food security.



Election Day is November 6— and it's time to make our voices heard.

As the recent fight over the Supreme Court nomination so clearly demonstrated, politicians and policy makers are routinely making decisions about issues that directly impact women. From our paychecks to paid leave, access to reproductive health care to access to education, our lives are on the line — but more often than not, those conversations lack women's voices.

To create real change, women must be part of the conversation — and the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the polls.

As we enter this season of political punditry and campaign promises, it's more important than ever to identify those who would best represent our values from those who would roll back our rights. AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has the information she needs to cast her vote. And on November 6, our voices and our votes will make a difference.

The AAUW Action Fund just released updated get out the vote (GOTV) resources for the 2018 election. Here's how you can use these tools to engage your community:

- **Learn where candidates stand on issues of importance to women and girls – and hold them accountable to their commitments.** The [AAUW Action Fund Voter Issue Guide](#)* is designed to help you get your candidates on the record about the issues that impact us most. Take it to town halls or candidate forums and speak up!
- **Spark conversation among both candidates and voters alike by calling attention to incumbents' voting records.** The [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record](#)* scores each elected federal legislator on the votes they cast and bills they cosponsored on issues that are critical to our mission. See where your elected officials stand, then use our [letter to the editor resource](#) to craft the perfect piece to get the word out in your local paper.
- **Get out the vote in your community.** Voter and civic education can be critical in enhancing women's participation in elections. Our [voter guide templates](#)* can be used to create a nonpartisan guide to your candidates' positions on issues like equal pay, education, and reproductive rights. You can also find more suggestions for successful voter registration, turnout, and education campaigns in our [GOTV tool kit](#).

Between now and Election Day, let's start conversations about the issues that affect our families and communities. We need to ask tough questions, jumpstart the discussion, and determine where our candidates stand.

Feeling motivated? Now's the time to carry that energy to the polls. After all, when women vote, we change the conversation.

AAUW F-M Affiliate Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2018

Present: 16 members, guests

President Alexa Ducioame welcomed all.

Members will go to the Red River Market on October 27 from 8:30 AM to around 2:00 PM for our Get Out the Vote efforts. We will have two tables set up. AAUW will have items on one table, and another table will be dedicated to Get Out the Vote. We will need to have laptops. We will be in an enclosed area with access to Wi-Fi.

We discussed how else we can get out into the community. On November 6, Uber and Lyft will have free and reduced rate rides to the polls. We can publicize election day transportation options on our Facebook page.

At the book sale, we can also include get-out-the-vote information.

Kendra mentioned there is a welcome party for people new to Fargo where we could table.

Evelyn asked why we think people have not voted. We discussed how to communicate where people are supposed to vote. We also discussed how people can get to the polls, and how to provide them with information about getting to the polls.

Susan recommended we consider how we can expand our get-out-the-vote efforts in future years, especially at assisted living and nursing facilities.

Alexa introduced herself and called the business meeting to order.

Susan asked to add two announcements, and the agenda was approved as revised.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed

Finance officer Deb Nelson presented the Financial Report. Total income was \$624. Total expenses were \$580. Our ending balance was \$1,328.75. We discussed why proceeds from the book sale do not fund the affiliate, and whether we can change the percentages of proceeds going to national compared to the affiliate, or to local scholarships. Deb recommended that we raise additional funds to cover future expenses. Evelyn moved that the finance officer investigate the distribution of funds from the book sale. Kendra seconded the motion. The motion carried. The financial report was approved as written.

Continuing business:

Strategic Plan: Amanda passed out hardcopies of the member survey for the strategic plan.

BrainSTEM: The event will be at Concordia this year. It is a multi-college event. The student sign-up is ready to go. We will have a room with snacks. We are still trying to resolve some potential budget issues for the event. Susan Larson is currently on the committee organizing BrainSTEM and will check to see if fees can be lowered or donated.

New Business:

Book sale: We still have slots to fill for sorting. Kendra asked about the possibility of working in the evening.

Ethics Commission: Susan Helgeland and written a statement in support of Measure 1: "Implicit in AAUW public policy priorities is effective and accountable administration of our government.

Therefore, the Fargo-Moorhead American Association of University Women (F-M AAUW) supports Measure 1 to establish a ND Ethics Commission.” Verlaine moved to approve the wording of the statement. Ruth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership chair for North Dakota Bethany Reinhardt provided the membership update. There are currently two non-renewals for Minnesota and 13 non-renewals for North Dakota. Those who have not renewed are being, or have been, contacted.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler did not have any updates.

Pay Equity Chair Evelyn Quigley reported on the Pay Equity task force’s recent activities. Efforts have stalled at the state, and Evelyn encouraged state board members to request a board meeting. National efforts have also stalled. Sandy presented a new roadmap for pay equity. North Dakota’s earnings ratio is 79.4%. In Minnesota’s 7th Congressional district (which includes Moorhead) it is 76%.

Meet a Member: Sara Lindberg has been emailing out questionnaires.

Announcements: On Monday October 15 from 6:45 PM, there will be a program about Measure 1, including the film *Dark Money*. There will also be a social preceding the program.

At Theater B, there is a play about the separation of church and state.

Book Club will meet on October 22 to discuss *The Soul of America* by John Meacham.

Our next meeting is November 5 at 7:00 PM. The title is *Food Insecurity*. The speaker is Ryan Taylor.

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

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

2018-19 Program Schedule

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: 7:00 p.m.
NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120
811 2nd Ave N, Fargo

December 11, 2018

Action: Volunteer effort

Location: 7:00 p.m.
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: 7:00 p.m.
NDSU Barry Hall Room 118
811 2nd Ave N, Fargo

March 11, 2019

Learn and Plan:

Innovation in Schools:
Transforming a Generation

Speaker: Cory Steiner, Superintendent
Northern Cass Public Schools

Location: 7:00 p.m.
NDSU Barry Hall, Room 120
811 2nd Ave N, Fargo

April 8, 2019

Action: Pay Equity Activity

Location: 7:00 p.m.
NDSU Barry Hall, Room 118
811 2nd Ave N, Fargo

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'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.

<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>

60th AAUW Book Sale a Success

Thanks to everyone who donated books, publicized the sale, sorted and/or sold books, helped disperse the leftovers at the end, cleaned up the store, and lent moral support to workers.

This year the selection of books was top quality, with a slight decline in quantity. As always, the customers were enthusiastic and appreciative of our efforts in making these bargain buys available.

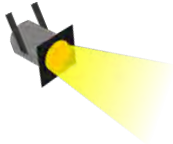
JoLee and Dan Hawkins from Helena, Montana, came to commemorate the 45th anniversary of their first date at an AAUW book sale in Dillon, MT, in 1973. We were happy to celebrate with them!

The Moorhead Center Mall, managed by Cristina Richardson, is extremely accommodating to our group, allowing our presence for an entire week without charge for use of the store, tables, utilities, and maintenance help from the custodians. Please patronize the mall if you can in appreciation of their generosity.

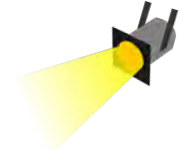
Approximate receipts for the three-day sale, before expenses, were \$1,900.

Roberta Harnisch and Sara Lindberg, Co-Chairs





Meet an AAUW F-M Member



Samantha Montano

Samantha Montano is from Fargo, via New Orleans and Maine. She worked with nonprofit organizations in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and in the recovery from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Later she attended graduate school, earned a doctoral degree in emergency management from NDSU and has since focused on teaching, research and science communication related to disasters.

This is Samantha's first year as a member of AAUW but she attended AAUW events while she was in graduate school. She believes voting rights are most important to concentrate on because it influences all women's issues. She's looking forward to becoming involved in AAUW projects.

Samantha's hobbies are traveling, kayaking and reading. Unable to single out just one best book this year, she mentions *Freedom is a Constant Struggle* by Angela Davis, *Men Explain Things to Me* by Rebecca Solnit, *Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert and *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature* by Linda Lear.

When asked what she would do first if she were Queen of the World, Samantha replied, "Make Ruth Bader Ginsburg immortal!"

From the AAUW Archives

Contributed by Yvonne Condell

Three Days in June

In 1978, the Board of Directors of AAUW granted its "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Margaret Mead. When Ms. Mead was told of this honor she remarked, "It's a little late. You gave the award to Ruth Benedict many years ago." She was not pleased.

Dr. Beverly Harden, Director of the AAUW Fellowships Program, called me as Chair of Foundation Committee, to consider the situation. Dr. Harden said, "I think we should go to New York and talk with Ms. Mead." Upon arrival we met with Ms. Mead in her office at the Museum of Natural History. She finally agreed to accept the award and arrangements were made for her to travel to Washington, D.C., for the occasion.

Ms. Mead was scheduled for an interview by a television station at her hotel suite, and because she was giving a lecture at George Washington University immediately before, she gave me this order: "Yvonne, don't let those guys mess up this suite. They always want to change things." I made sure they did not "mess up the suite."

At the end of her visit she thanked AAUW for the award. Just before she departed for the airport, she told me she was not well and would enter the hospital upon her return to New York. She died four months later in October 1978.

F-M AAUW 2018-19

Program Overview and Dates to Remember

Location and Time Details on our website calendar or Facebook events

November	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



Alexa Ducioame

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