



April 2016 Newsletter

<http://jamestown-nd.aauw.net/>

Meeting Announcements

April

- AAUW state convention will be held in Devils Lake, ND on April 23rd.
- Pay Equity Day is April 12th at UJ

June

June is new membership drive

July

July 20th - Garden Tour

Late July/early August- Steering Committee annual planning event

August

End of August – Jamestown Block Party

April 12th Equal Pay Day
At University of Jamestown 4:30pm-6:30pm



The Jamestown Branch of AAUW was one of 22 branches selected to hold a Tech Savvy event and receive \$5,000 of funding. The Jamestown AAUW Tech Savvy was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the University of Jamestown Campus.

Tech Savvy was held on **March 9th** at the University of Jamestown with over 350 middle school girls from the Jamestown and area schools attending. The girls attended hands-on workshops highlighting stem careers in Math, Science, Engineering and Technology. Read about it here: <http://jamestown-nd.aauw.net/techsavvy>

AAUW BOOKSTORE is MOVING

March & April are busy times for the bookstore. We're moving, but just across the hall at the mall. Our current lease is out on March 31st. Call Kelly (252-4690) to volunteer to help.

New space is a **BLANK canvas – literally**



... not really, but... close...



2016 NCCWSL Scholarship Winner



We have a winner of the NCCWSL scholarship. A check for \$1200.00 was given to Jean Gehrz, junior student in social work at the University of Mary, Bismarck. The conference is at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD om June 2-4, 2016.

Students can choose from more than 50 workshops that will help them prepare them to be a leader in today's world. The student will make lifelong connections with nearly 1,000 women student leaders from across the country and around the world. The woman student leader will also have the opportunity to meet with nearly 100 graduate schools and employers at top companies.

"My name is Jeannie Gehrz and I am junior at the University of Mary studying Social Work. I was born to two hard-working German American parents and grew up number seven of eight children in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I love hiking, canoeing, and camping. My favorite way to spend time is getting to know new people and helping them become the best version of themselves. Thank you for letting me know and giving me this great opportunity! Jean"

AAUW State Conference Devils Lake

The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23 at Lake Region State College, Devils Lake in the Chautauqua Gallery. All is still tentative at this moment. Registration information should be coming out by the end of March.

The AAUW North Dakota Annual meeting will begin with a social on Friday, April 22, scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the home of President Elect, Theresa Leiphon at 1610 3 St. SE, Devils Lake, ND.

The tentative programs:

9:00AM - Registration

9:30-11:00AM - Financial Wellness for Women - Panel Discussion & Question & Answer Session

11:00-12:00PM - Video Conference with Public Policy staff member from AAUW National with information on "Get Out the Vote" with question & answer and brainstorming session

12:00-1:00 – Lunch/update on ND Human Trafficking

FACT of APRIL: April Fools Tradition

On this day in **1700**, **English** pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to **1582**, when **France** switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the New Year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the **18th century**. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. In **1957**, the **BBC** reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In **1985**, **Sports Illustrated** tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour. In **1996**, **Taco Bell**, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In **1998**, after **Burger King** advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Title IX Handbooks Your Help is Needed

AAUW North Dakota needs your help. We are working on a statewide project to obtain the names and email addresses of all Title IX coordinators at every school in North Dakota before our state meeting on April 22-23.

Our goal is to then electronically deliver to them a new handbook that will guide them in performing their duties. This handbook will be a valuable resource that they have not had before.

Since we only have six branches across the state and over **480 schools**, we need every member to make a commitment to contact several schools even if they are located in another area of our state. We have posted a list of all the K-12 schools in a google document that can be accessed at this link; contacts can also be added for colleges and universities that are not currently on our master list.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LjSm6dD-3urWuje8TefseeJWa37TXx6Z_-tn6qoBM4I/edit?usp=sharing

Once you open the document- do the four easy steps:

- 1) Look for a school that has not been contacted
- 2) Contact the school and ask for the name of their Title IX coordinator (each school should have a designated person)
- 3) Obtain the email address of the Title IX coordinator
- 4) Enter the information in the document (include your branch and name in the first column) or email the info to: dova_car@yahoo.com

Please refer to the AAUW website for more information on this project. Deliver New Title IX Resources to Your Local Schools