

## Personhood Amendment - Branch Meeting - Feb. 6, 2014 - Jamestown Regional Medical Center

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Governor Dalrymple signed the Personhood amendment. This Constitutional Amendment will go to a vote before the people of North Dakota on the November 2014 ballot. This amendment, if passed could:

- Ban abortion completely
- Halt InVitro Fertilization
- Nullify DNRs (Do Not Resuscitate Orders) and Living Wills
- Instigate investigations into miscarriage

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decided the landmark case *Roe v. Wade*. The 7-2 decision affirmed a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion, making the procedure legal in all states. Four decades later, the status of this decision is precarious: Although *Roe v. Wade* is still the law of the land, subsequent Supreme Court decisions and several restrictive state laws (**North Dakota Personhood Amendment**) have chipped away at the right to choose. According to a recent [survey](#) by the Pew Research Center, 63 percent of Americans say they do not want the court's ruling overturned, while 29 percent would like to see it tossed out.

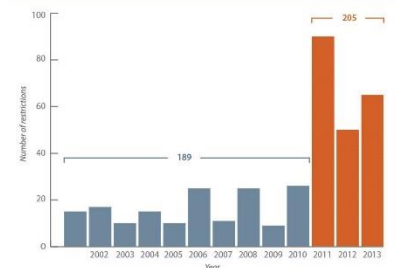
AAUW [supports](#) the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services, and trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs.

Learn more and enter into a discussion about what this legislation means. We want and need to support families' private health care decisions in North Dakota. Each one of us can play our part in helping to prevent the passage of this amendment. Please join our guest speaker, Molly McLain, AAUW Fargo and Jamestown branch member, for a discussion and informative evening about Personhood and how you can be instrumental in helping the grassroots campaign North Dakotans against Measure 1. The February branch meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 6, in the meeting rooms at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. (Enter in main doors and proceed to lower level.) Guests are always welcome to attend.

## Jamestown AAUW Steering Committee

The February branch steering committee meeting will be held prior to our regular branch meeting starting at 6:00 pm, February 6 at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center meeting rooms (lower level).

More abortion restrictions were enacted over the past three years than during the entire previous decade.



Yep, enough of this.



Source: www.aauw.org



### School House Volunteers

AAUW Jamestown was very fortunate to have the help of many volunteers who staffed the Pioneer School House this year at Frontier Village. Our Branch coordinators, Linda Brown and Hazel DeGroot did an excellent job of both maintaining and staffing the school. Volunteers this year included: Deb Alber, Mary Allen, Angie Bakken, Roni Berg, Linda Brown, Deb Coalter, Mary Craft, Joan Enderle, Tom Enderle, Barb Enger, Carol Exner, Betty Frigen, Jennifer Gall, Darlene Goehner, Kay Glynn, Mindi Grieve, Donna Gullickson, Jackie Hyra, Lillian Junkert, Patsy Klose, Kelly Krein, Dorothy Lange, Elna Mackenzie, Shirley Meidinger, Art Mitzel, Joyce Naslund, Grace Ottmar, Harriet Ottinger, Roy Ottinger, Barb Pogue, Norma Richardson, Shirley Seher, Lauren Sako, Ruth Urdahl, Kathy Wegner, Janet Well, Orlin Well, Gayle Widicker, Ellen Wirkenen, and Dorene Zinke

If you want to meet and visit with visitors from around the world, share your knowledge of North Dakota history and especially it's education system and if you want to spend a few hours stepping back in history and being a pioneer "teacher" of the day then consider volunteering from Memorial Day – Labor Day 2014.

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### Bookstore

Finance officer, Mary Kraft, reported that the bookstore raised over \$2900 from July-December 2013. A big thank you goes to coordinator, Kelly Krein, and her crew of dedicated volunteers, Jody Larson, Carol Walen and Donna Gullickson with the additional help of Joan Slusser, Joan Enderle, Mary Craft, Connie Lillejord, Patsy Klose, Barb Lang and Deb Alber. The funds will be dispersed as follows: \$725 to AAUW Educational Foundation, \$725 to our Jamestown University Endowment Fund, \$218 to the Arts Center and \$215 to the James River Valley Library Foundation. If you enjoy networking with people who love books, enjoy having "first choice" when preparing books for shelving or love to share your latest read with others consider assisting Kelly (252--252-4690 or email [kkrein@lloydsmotors.com](mailto:kkrein@lloydsmotors.com)) on Thursdays or Saturday, Feb. 8.

### Journey Back into Our History



Most people know Pearl S. Buck (1892 –1973) as the Pulitzer Prize- and Nobel Prize-winning author who lived in China as a missionary. But how many know of her commitment to and work on one of the most important legislative issues for women, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)? Buck was a member of the AAUW Philadelphia (PA) Branch. In 1942 she became active at the national level, serving

on the AAUW Committee on the Economic and Legal Status of Women. This committee studied and discussed subjects such as equal pay, equal rank for women in the armed services, the fight to repeal discriminatory employment practices against married women, and the ERA.

AAUW officially adopted a position against the ERA at the 1939 National Convention. Buck was one of three members of the AAUW committee who were pro-ERA and who wrote and spoke out in favor of the amendment. Why, might you ask, would AAUW leaders select committee members who were at odds with the official position? As educated women, they strove for a balanced representation of opinion and debated and reconsidered every issue, especially the controversial ones.

Buck's work did not end with the ERA. In 1941 Buck wrote *Of Men and Women*, a collection of essays about gender relations in America. In this work, she lamented that American women too often allowed themselves to be relegated to the home and let their intellectual curiosity and desire to learn die. For Buck, it was time for women to step up and demand the same opportunities as men. She wrote that a woman "may sit upon a throne and rule a nation, she may sit upon the bench and be a judge, she may be the foreman in a mill, and she could be a bridge builder or a machinist or anything else." The only obstacle to this was tradition to which Buck admonished women, "Break it."

Pearl S Buck was known on the AAUW rolls as Mrs. Richard J. Walsh. We have come a long way...Read the complete article at:  
<http://www.aauw.org/2014/01/13/p-earl-buck-history/>