



Meeting Announcements

There will NOT be a regular Branch meeting in March. However...

March 9th To volunteer, contact: Joan Enderle, 320-5950, joan.enderle@heart.org
Everyone will be asked to help on March 9th at the Tech Savvy at UJ.

- Volunteers for the day of the event, March 9 (don't need to be AAUW members)
- 10 individuals to volunteer from 8 am – 2:00 pm Help presenters set up and assist with the girls during the sessions.
- 2 individuals to be photographers for the event. One will need to spend part of the day at the middle school for the boys event
- 1 -2 individuals to oversee the parent's session. Introduce speakers and serve as the moderator for the activities.
- 1 individual to present the AAUW 'Why so Few' presentation for the parent's session. 9:30-10am
- Volunteers to help with set up on Tuesday, March 8 in the afternoon for a couple hours. (Set up registration packets, layout t-shirts based on sizes) Set up presenter check-in.
- If the Steering Committee can recruit volunteers (within and outside of AAUW) and reach out to members that would be great and appreciated.

Steering Committee will meet March 10th, location and time TBD.

April

- AAUW state convention will be held in Devils Lake, ND on April 23rd.
- Pay Equity Day is April 12th. **We will have a booth at UJ campus. Kelsey requesting volunteers to help out.**

May

- Women's History month. Possible movie at the Art's Center.
- Membership renewal

June June is new membership drive

July

- July 20th- Garden Tour
- End of July/early August- Steering Committee annual planning event

August End of August –City Block Party

March 2016 Newsletter

AAUW Art Contest

Ends February 29th



Our very own, Mary Craft, has entered this contest.

This year, all members may vote only one time for up to 10 entries. Take your time and choose carefully!

Mary entered one of her photographs & hopes you will consider voting for "Frosty El Capitan in Yosemite Valley". It would be great if someone from North Dakota would win. Of course vote for as many as you like, because there are many good pieces entered in the contest.

Members are required to log in with an AAUW member ID number to vote. Then check back in March when you can see the winners!

Log onto:

<http://www.aauw.org/contests>



Frosty El Capitan in Yosemite Valley

FUN FACTS of MARCH:

The vernal equinox is the first day of the year when we have 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night.

"Vernal" is Latin for "spring" and "equinox" is Latin for "equal night."

There are two equinoxes every year – vernal and autumnal. Those two days are the only times during the when the sunrise is due east and the sunset is due west.

According to superstition, today is the only day you can stand a raw egg on its end.

Ancient Egyptians built the Great Sphinx to point directly East toward the sunrise on the vernal equinox.

Stonehenge in England also marks the position of the rising sun on the vernal equinox.

In Central America, the ancient Mayans built Chichén Itza to align with the sun's movement on the equinox. While the sun moves across the sky, the pyramid's shadows look like giant serpent slowly moving down the stairway.

To many cultures around the world, the vernal equinox signals the time to start planting crops.

According to studies by the US Department of Transportation, Daylight Savings Time saves about 1% of electricity a day. It doesn't sound like much, but when you consider it covers most of the nation (except Arizona and Hawaii) that adds up to a significant amount!

Want to Have the Biggest Impact? Give to the AAUW Fund

The unrestricted AAUW Fund bolsters existing AAUW programs that help women in our communities, schools, workplaces, and leadership positions. Unrestricted gifts offer AAUW the dexterity to invest in growing successful programs to reach more people. Additionally, the fund enables AAUW to react quickly to new challenges facing women and girls so that we can generate the research, programs, and advocacy initiatives needed to overcome those challenges.

Traditionally, AAUW members have supported their favorite causes by restricting their gifts to specific programs. Today, technological advances facilitate closer ties among members across the country and better programmatic collaboration. Every AAUW program and initiative is interconnected — research reports go hand in hand with our on-campus programming, Tech Trek camps, national and state policy work, and more — and those connections in turn create new women leaders and AAUW members. All these crucial efforts require unrestricted funding to operate.

With the exception of our fellowships and grants program, which is entirely supported by restricted gifts, more than 60 percent of AAUW's annual program expenses draw from the AAUW Fund. Because AAUW fellowships and grants are paid for entirely by the interest generated from the many restricted endowments that are dedicated to support this program, the funding for fellowships and grants will last in perpetuity. All other AAUW programs and projects rely on new money each year from the AAUW Fund. Giving to the AAUW Fund creates opportunities to help sustain and grow the projects and programs with the greatest need.

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Check out our Branch website at
<http://jamestown-nd.aauw.net/>

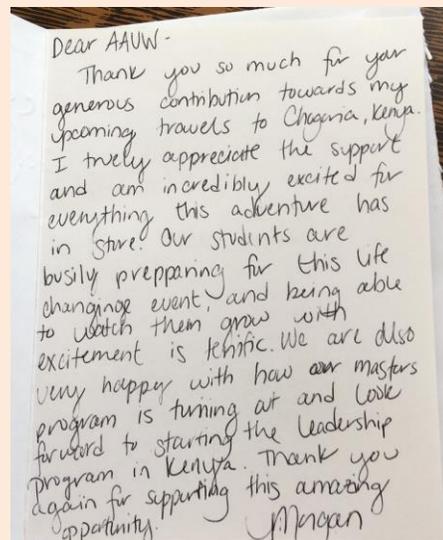
Distribution of AAUW Branch Money

The Steering Committee met and decided the distribution of money from the bookstore profits from the last half of the year (2015) which was \$2868.

Money went to the UJ AAUW Endowment Fund, the UJ Chogoria* project in Kenya, the Arts Center, the James River Valley Library Foundation for the Bookmobile, and AAUW Funds. (AAUW Funds: see article on left side of this newsletter.) Money was also ear-marked for "We Rise."

(Village HopeCore International is in need of micro loans which will benefit the people directly. Most of the people are women. Money was also given to Morgan Bossman for her trip to Kenya for the UJ Chogoria project.)

Thank you note from Morgan:



Thank you note from Polly Peterson, UJ:

American Assoc of Univ Women
PO Box 65
Spiritwood, ND 58481-0065

Dear Friends at American Assoc of Univ Women,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$200.00 for the Chogoria Fund, sponsoring Morgan Bossman. We are most grateful for your support of our work with students at Jamestown College. On behalf of the Chogoria Fund who benefit from your generosity, I extend sincere appreciation.

The University of Jamestown has a long history of success on and off the field. Our student-athletes have consistently been among the top academic achievers in the country. They've received numerous individual Academic All-American Scholar Athlete awards as well as All-American Scholar team awards. Thank you for contributing to the success of our athletic programs and the students who participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Polly Peterson".

Polly Peterson