



Jamestown AAUW



Why is Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

This is the topic of our April branch meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Mall Community Room (next to Riddles). In an era when women are increasingly prominent in medicine, law, and business, why are there so few women scientists and engineers? Women make up only 13 percent of engineering professionals in the US. Join us to learn eight key research findings from the AAUW research study that points to environmental and social barriers. Get a perspective from Amanda Christianson, a local female design engineer and ideas for what each of us can do to more fully open scientific and engineering fields to girls and women. A discussion and planning session for a local STEM conference with hands-on activities will wrap up the program. Invite a friend, co-worker, or connection with interest in supporting girls in STEM. Members will also get the opportunity to meet Jamestown College students, Katianne Brockpahler and Andrea Knudsvig. They will each receive a branch scholarship of \$500 each to attend the AAUW National Conference for Women Student Leaders. Other business items include nominations to our branch steering committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your leadership skills and improve our branch.

Steering Committee

Our branch steering committee meeting will be held prior to the meeting starting at 6:00 pm at the Buffalo Mall Community Room. Members are also welcome to attend.

AAUW Annual Meeting

Women in Leadership ND State AAUW Convention

Please register for the state AAUW annual meeting. Branch bookstore funds are budgeted for leadership events for members. This fund will cover expenses for our branch members to attend the State

AAUW annual meeting in Fargo on April 25-26 that will kick-off with a Friday night banquet featuring Senator Heidi Heitkamp, followed by a full program on Saturday. Branch members will carpool to Fargo

and share accommodations. If you would like to attend please register online as soon as possible and no later than April 10 at: <http://fargo-nd.aauw.net/meeting/>

If you need help registering online please call me Deb Alber 701-669-2242 and I can help you.

Do not pay any fees via paypal as the branch will pay with one check. Then contact branch president, Jill Schlenker at 701-320-3907 or email her at aauwjamestownnd@rocketmail.com or any other steering committee member so you can be added to our branch list. Attending a state meeting is a great place to get reenergized about the exciting things AAUW is doing around the nation. Please consider attending.



Billy Anderson, wearing her schoolmame outfit, sits at the teacher's desk in the one-room school house at Frontier Village. Twice a week she greets visitors and tells them about what schooling was like back when every township had these small rural schools.

Frontier Village School House

Linda Brown, coordinator for the Pioneer School at Frontier Village, again is asking each of our members to volunteer to be "Teacher of the Day." The school house is open Memorial Day through Labor Day and it is great if we could have it staffed each day. Visitors really appreciate being able to actually

come in and feel what it is like to be in a one-room school. We try to staff the school from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. daily but most importantly weekends when traffic is heavier. If you can spare a few hours this summer please contact Linda Brown at 701-252-1398 or email her at: Linda.R.Brown@sendit.nodak.edu to select your dates. A signup sheet will also be at our April meeting.

AAUW Bookstore

March was a good month at the AAUW Bookstore in spite of the cold, winter weather. Thanks to Joan Slusser, Jody Larson, Carol Walen, and Ginne Hendrickson who helped sort and sell. There were many donations, but we have kept up with everything as of today. Below is a list of the Saturday dates through August. It would be great to get some more volunteers to commit to helping on a Thursday and/or Saturday – you never know, you might become addicted to it like some of us long-termers!!

Open every Thursday 11am – 1pm and Saturdays 10am – 2pm on April 12, May 3 & 24, June 14, July 12, August 2 & 23.

If you can assist please contact Kelly at 252-4690 or email her at: kkrein@lloydsmotors.com

AAUW and STEM

AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as part of our mission to break through

barriers for women and girls. Our research, policy, and nationwide programs encourage members to work from their own communities to ensure that we reach equity in these important fields. Two programs that are available from National AAUW are:



Tech Trek is a weeklong science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) summer camp for rising eighth-grade girls. Through Tech Trek, girls are immersed in a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists.



Tech Savvy is a daylong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform families about STEM education and careers. For more information about AAUW and STEM visit: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/stem-education/>

Visit our web page for more news and bookstore schedule at:

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