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**March 2018**

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

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>** State Convention— in Jamestown

**Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee will meet at date & time TBD.



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2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

A strong woman looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink.

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**AAUW State Convention  
in Jamestown**

**'Women First' Schedule:**

**Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>** Our Jamestown affiliate (branch) is hosting the evening reception for the AAUW North Dakota Annual meeting that will be held at "The Arts Center" on Friday evening, April 13, 2018 beginning at 5:00 PM (set-up at 4:30 pm). It would be great if we can get as many of our members to the reception as possible to greet and meet our out of town guests.

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** will be held at the Legacy Center (419 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE)

- ◆ **8 am** Breakfast of muffins, coffee and tea.
- ◆ **8:45 am** We are hoping for a video message from Heidi Heitcamp on Human Trafficking.
- ◆ **9 am- 11 am** Theresa Leiphon, AAUW State President, will conduct the business meeting in the morning.
- ◆ **11 am** National message/recording.
- ◆ **12 noon- 1 pm** Lunch by the Legacy Center. The panel members are invited to attend.
- ◆ **1 pm- 2:30 pm** Panel discussion. Speakers include **Polly Peterson**, President of UJ; **Rosalie Etherington**, Superintendent of the ND State Hospital; and **Judge Cherie Clark**, Southeast District Judge.
- ◆ **2:30-3 pm** Coffee break
- ◆ **3 pm -4 pm** Awards/Election of officers
- ◆ **4 pm** Bookstore Tour for those that are interested.

**It is encouraged that that our Jamestown members attend the entire annual meeting.** Jamestown AAUW will pay half of the \$40 (early bird- Register by April 6) registration fee for all members who attend (this includes lunch and breaks).

**Register here for Reception: [Jamestown Branch Reception.](#)**

To help keep down our expenses for the reception to a minimum we are asking each member to volunteer to bring a food/beverage item if possible. As always the generous spirit and enthusiasm of our members is greatly appreciated.

**Register for Annual Meeting** Online at: [2018 AAUW North Dakota Annual Meeting](#)

## 'Date' did you know

- **Did you know** months that start on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th
- **Did you know** March 14 is 'save a spider day'
- **Did you know** MTV (Music Television) made its debut at 12:01 a.m. August 1st 1981 (the first music video shown 'Video killed the radio star' by the Buggles)
- **Did you know** Hawaii officially became apart of the US on June 14 1900
- **Did you know** the supersonic Concorde jet made its first trial flight on January 1st 1969
- **Did you know** October the 10th is national metric day

## 'Alphabet' did you know

- **Did you know** the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters
- **Did you know** the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E
- **Did you know** the sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet
- **Did you know** the letter W is the only letter in the alphabet that has 3 syllables (all others have 1)
- **Did you know** 1 out of every 8 letters written is an e
- **Did you know** the Cambodian alphabet has 74 letters

## 'Membership' did you know



The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade.

Effective March 16, 2018, **national dues will increase.** The total amount due is \$74. National dues are now \$59, State dues are \$10, and local dues are \$5. **The total amount due is \$74.**

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more.

We believe we can do great things together and thank you for your continued support. We currently have 33 members in our Jamestown branch.

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update>

## Tech Savvy Engages Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

*Hands –on Workshops Led by STEM professionals make learning fun*

Submitted by Tech Savvy Co-Chair  
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The AAUW Jamestown (ND) Branch has joined forces with the Jamestown Public Schools, University of Jamestown, and the ND STEM Network to host Tech Savvy, a local, one-day program at the University of Jamestown on Thursday, March 15, 2018 to help over 220 seventh and eighth-grade girls from Stutsman County explore science, technology, engineering and math. Tech Savvy by AAUW, is a national program designed for girls to experience firsthand how STEM fields can lead to exciting careers.

The program furthers AAUW’s commitment to widening the pipeline for women in STEM. The structure and activities of Tech Savvy support and further the goals and best practices described in AAUW’s highly acclaimed and influential research report “*Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*” ([www.aauw.org/research/why-so-few/](http://www.aauw.org/research/why-so-few/))

“Tech Savvy is a crucial program to prepare and empower the next generation of girls to enter into these fields and to increase our state’s science and technology talent pool,” said Jamestown co-chair and long-time AAUW member, Joan Enderle. “Women benefit from highly stable, well-paying jobs, while the STEM industry gains diverse perspectives. It’s win-win for the economy.”

The Jamestown committee created a companion program for middle school boys, STEMtastic. Over 240 seventh and eighth grade boys attended this year’s event held on the campus of the University of Jamestown. This is

the fourth year for both Tech Savvy and STEMtastic. Schools participating included: Jamestown, Hillcrest Academy, Medina, Pingree-Buchanan, Gackle-Streeter, and Litchville-Marion.

“The events would not be possible without the tremendous support of local, state and regional companies sending their STEM professionals to lead hands-on workshops”, according to Co-chair, Ericka Althoff, Engineer with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in North Dakota. “The students love the hands-on learning”. Each student attends four hands-on workshops during the day.

Local companies/organizations include: Orn Family Dentistry, Medicine Shoppe, UTC Aerospace Systems, Qual Chiropractic, Interstate Engineering, University of Jamestown – Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing Departments, ND State Hospital Pharmacy, and NDSU Extension – Stutsman County. Regional/state companies and organizations include: Microsoft, Doosan-Bobcat, John Deere Manufacturing, Tecton Products, Moore Engineering, KLJ Engineering, National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON), US Fish and Wildlife Service, Prairie Waters Education and Research Center, and NASA ND Space Grant Consortium. Colleges and Universities included: Bismarck State College, Concordia College, Lake Region Technical College, NDSU, ND State College of Science, and Valley City State University. A total of 40 STEM professionals led workshops.

Funding and in-kind support provided by: AAUW- Jamestown Branch, Jamestown, ND STEM Network, University of Jamestown, and Jamestown Public Schools.

