

## REPORT ON DEVILS LAKE AAUW: 2015-2016

The Devils Lake Branch of AAUW has 26 members. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. Our activities this year were as follows:

**September** - Branch officers met and finalized the Program Schedule. Dr. Deb Follman designed and printed program booklets for members.

**October 16, 17** - The Branch partnered with the Lake Region Public Library to put on a used book sale. The organizations split the proceeds 50-50. The Branch earned almost \$500. Proceeds go, in part, to increase the principle of the AAUW Scholarship at LRSC. The Book Sale is organized by Dr. LuAnn Stromme.

**October 22** - The first business meeting of the year followed a buffet dinner at the home of President Theresa Leiphon. At this meeting, a president-elect was chosen, Michelle Fritz, the current Treasurer. Michelle will take office in July 2016.

**November 19** - The DL Branch co-sponsored IN HER SHOES, a domestic violence simulation. Co-sponsors were First Nations Women's Alliance, Spirit Lake Victim Assistance, Lakes Social Services, and SAAF. The project was funded by a grant from the Dept. of Justice. There were two sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening at the Armory Memorial Building. Both sessions were well-attended. The branch displayed AAUW membership materials on a table at this event.

**December 12** - Members enjoyed a holiday brunch at 11 a.m. at the Fireside Inn meeting room. Guests included Shelby Lorenz, recipient of the \$1000 AAUW Scholarship at LRSC, and foreign exchange students from LRSC. The students told of their experiences and shared Christmas traditions in their cultures.

**January 21** - Members attended a presentation on "You are Your Body's Best Friend - Mind and Body Working Together" at Fitness Friends (formerly Curves) by Sherry Boehmer and other co-owners of the business. This was followed by a soup and sandwich dinner at The Liquid Bean before the business meeting.

**February 18** - The program was presented by Prof. Teresa Tande, LRSC English and Humanities Dept. at LRSC. She presented highlights of the Phi Theta Kappa honors program at LRSC and reviewed the International Travel Program at the college, which she directs. She emphasized the correlation of scholarly study with international travel. A business meeting followed. Students and faculty were invited to attend the meeting. AAUW membership materials were displayed.

**March 17** - After touring the newly-renovated City Plaza (former Wal-Mart building), members enjoyed a soup and sandwich meal provided by Dunns Brothers Coffee. At the business meeting that followed, plans for hosting the State AAUW meeting in April were finalized.

**April 15, 16** - AAUW DL and LRPL collaborated on the Spring Used Book Sale. Thanks to more aggressive advertising, the sale was very successful, raising over \$1100, split equally with the library. Again, the event was organized by Dr. LuAnn Stromme and Library Director Jim Chattin.

**April 22, 23** - DL AAUW will host the State AAUW meeting at Lake Region State College's Chautauqua Gallery. There will be a social at the home of President Theresa Leiphon at 5 p.m. Friday, and the state meeting will run from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning with a continental breakfast and including a luncheon at noon. State President Deb Alber will preside over the State Meeting.

**May 19** - The final DL AAUW business meeting of the year will take place at the new Cove Resort restaurant and meeting room on Creel Bay. The meeting will include a review of the year, planning for the coming year, and election of officers.