

# NDSU Women's Club

Winter 2011-2012

## NEWS

**Members 2012 Winter Event**

**February 12 at 1:45 pm**

**Barry Hall, NDSU Downtown**

211 Second Avenue North, Fargo



### ***Guest Speaker Dayna DelVal, Executive Director of The Arts Partnership***

You've seen *ARTSpulse*, The Arts Partnership newspaper, around town with its appealing offerings of arts activities at museums, galleries, in concerts, and much, much more. Like news of the latest fundraising and projects that will make the arts an even stronger partner with our communities and schools... from the earliest childhood years through ongoing education and entertainment opportunities. Now, you'll hear firsthand from Dayna DelVal, the Executive Director of The Arts Partnership, who includes editing the *ARTSpulse* among her diverse responsibilities. Along with freelance writing, acting, tireless volunteering.

Dayna will inspire all of us about the value of the arts in Fargo-Moorhead, the role The Arts Partnership plays, and the opportunities that abound for everyone.

Take a break from the chill of winter for this exuberant afternoon at Barry Hall. Learn more about our vibrant arts communities, meet our new Provost's wife, share a cup of coffee and refreshments, and the warm company of the NDSU Women's Club's Winter Event.

### ***Meet our Special Guest – Donna Rafert***

Before the academic year even began, Donna Rafert, wife of NDSU's new Provost, Dr. Bruce Rafert, joined in our ACTION Team fun and service at backpack-filling. Donna and her husband came to Fargo from seven years at Clemson University in South Carolina, and her warm Southern accent reveals her Florida roots. These days, she loves reading and hiking. Please join us in chatting with Donna and welcoming her to Fargo, NDSU, and our NDSU Women's Club.



**RSVP to Tanja Miljkovic, at [tatjanamiljkovic@hotmail.com](mailto:tatjanamiljkovic@hotmail.com),  
or 298-8601.**

## Happy New Year 2012!

As we look forward to another successful academic year, I would like to reflect on the important accomplishments that we have achieved already this fall-winter.

Several actions have been implemented in order to increase our applicant pool for the scholarship. Guidelines are broadened to include senior students in addition to juniors. In the past, our scholarship was advertised through the NDSU Financial Aid Office. This fall, each of the eight NDSU Academic Colleges' Offices were contacted, requesting assistance with publicizing our scholarship guidelines and procedures. They committed to sending our information out to their lists of students.

We established closer collaboration with the office of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach at NDSU. They are helping us establish a webpage that will provide information about our club. This webpage will be part of many "Resources for Women." The NDSU Diversity Initiative Office will be able to post our general events, special events, and International Women's Club events on their community calendar.

Our Facebook page (NDSU Women's Club) is up and running and provides a good source of information about events. This is a quick way to get connected and see what is happening in the Club.

The winter event is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at Barry Hall. The guest speaker will be Dayna DelVal, executive director of The Arts Partnership in Fargo. We are also pleased to introduce Donna Rafert who plans to attend our winter event. Please come and meet Provost Rafert's wife!

A tour of Barry Hall will be offered after the program as well as refreshments. I look forward to seeing you at this event. Hope you have a prosperous year 2012.

**Tatjana Miljkovic, President**

### ***Leaders Wanted***

The NDSU Women's Club invites recommendations for the Executive Board, as well as for this year's Nominating Committee. We seek positive, enthusiastic, energetic candidates who will provide the Board with a diversity of talent, expertise, age and background.

If you would like to make a recommendation or would like more information, please contact Bonnie Kirkpatrick: [bkptrk@msn.com](mailto:bkptrk@msn.com), 701.235.5690 or 701.318.5445.



At Fall Event, Chris Linnares led NDSU Women's Club members in a lively audience participation to help discover our "inner divas."

## **For Members, No Matter How Long their History in NDSU Women's Club, It's All about the People.**

***In their Own Words:*** We asked a sampling of members of long-standing and recent vintage to tell us what the NDSU Women's Club means to them. Once they sampled NDSU Women's Club's interest groups and special events, membership became a given for these women. Here's what they told us, in their own words:

***Marjorie Olson:*** *I have been an NDSU Women's Club member for about 20 years. I was first encouraged to join by co-workers who were members of the Variety Club, whose meetings were entertaining and informative. Later, I joined the Book Club and Valley Gardeners. As an alumna of NDSU, I appreciate the mission of the club and the opportunity to meet women of all ages and backgrounds with the same interests. I look forward to remaining a member as we add more community service projects and continue with our enjoyable meetings.*

***Kristin Svidersky:*** *I joined the International Women's Club as soon as we moved to Fargo in the summer of 1999. I had been told about it by my former 4-H leader who is a friend of June Johnson's, making me yet another person who heard about this club because of June! From the very beginning I found the club to be filled with very friendly, warm people who made me feel welcome. Now, 12 years later, I can say I first met many of my good friends through this club. I am very grateful for the great conversations, wonderful food and interesting presentations that I have had because of attending International Women's Club over the years.*

***Ann Rathke:*** *I was introduced to the NDSU Women's Club by Noreen Thomas, who was hosting an afternoon of activities at the Thomas' family farm north of Moorhead in the fall of 2010. I had a wonderful time, met many women I enjoyed and wanted to get to know better, and shared in a tasty potluck picnic. I immediately joined the NDSU Women's Club and also signed up for the international club and the book group. Through the Club I have made new and cherished friends, enjoyed numerous stimulating programs and discussions, and savored fun and delicious foods from around the world. I'm grateful to have been introduced to this terrific group of women.*

***Judy Petermann:*** *As a member of NDSU Women's Club, I find myself surrounded with people who encourage me, enrich me and continually teach me. The many creative local women and also women from around the world, are a power house of knowledge and resources. And the best are the varied activities and interest groups which provide fun while learning. My membership in this group has been beneficial to me in numerous ways.*

***Wherever you are among members*** — longterm loyal or relative newcomer, participating in groups, hosting from time to time, contributing to the scholarship program, taking on leadership roles in our interest groups or the Executive Board, there's a place for you ... a reason to stay ... in NDSU Women's Club.

***Memberships keep our organization flourishing,*** supporting scholarships and operating expenses to provide the programming members love. If you haven't yet renewed or if you're contemplating membership, please complete the form on page 4 and respond now.

**Welcome to NDSU Women's Club!**

Send this completed form & your payment to:

**NDSU Women's Club**

P. O. Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\* E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you don't have email, please mark above the best way to contact.

Enclosed is my 2011-12 academic year dues payment (\$20 for regular members, \$10 for students), which entitles me to participate in any or all interest groups, receive Club publications, and participate in the Facebook group, "NDSU Women's Club".

**Half of every membership payment is dedicated to scholarships.**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ additional for scholarships (optional)

**Please check any interest group(s)** for further information.

- Book Group             Sewing Group
- International Women
- Midday Meetup         Writers Group
- Valley Gardeners

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**And you can help** by volunteering for:

- JOLT—Just One Little Thing—for the NDSU Women's Club
- ACTion Team—in the community

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Our 2011 Scholarship Winner Excels in Academics and Athletics



The 2011 recipient for NDSU Women's Club Scholarship is Peggy Ronke, a junior at NDSU from Watertown, SD. The scholarship was announced at the Women's Club 2011 Fall Event.

Ronke was awarded the \$1000 scholarship based on academic excellence, recommendations from faculty, record of community volunteerism, and her commitment to the NDSU Track and Field Team as a pole vaulter.

Peggy is pursuing a major in radiological sciences. She began a two-year internship in radiology at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, fall semester, her final curricular requirement for the RS major. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Radiation Therapy Certificate from Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Her Fargo-Moorhead volunteerism has included work at Essentia Birthing Center, time at area nursing homes, summer track camps for area youth, a stocking stuffer program around the holidays for under-privileged children, and NDSU's Halloween Party which is open to area children. Peggy is also a member of Students of Allied Sciences Club.



Peggy has been on the Dean's list every semester. Her honors received include the Summit League Academic All-League in '09, the Summit League Distinguished Scholar in '10, and the Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence in '10.

Growing up with a 4-H background has helped Peggy build a strong foundation for leadership, community service, and citizenship. Peggy is the daughter of Marlowe and Nance Ronke.

The application process for 2012 scholarship awards has begun. Women students in the tri-state region of junior or senior status are now eligible to apply. The NDSU Women's Club is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to qualifying applicants. Complete information is available from the Office of Student Financial Services or the offices, websites, listservs of the Academic Colleges.