

NDSU WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022

Our Fall Event is September 7, 2022

The NDSU Women's Club will be having its Fall Event on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dakota Medical Foundation. Victoria Christensen, a long-standing member of the NDSU Women's Club, will be our guest speaker. Vicky is a research hydrologist studying HABS, algal toxins, and cyanobacteria. She is the Assistant Program Coordinator for Outreach for the Environmental Health Program (Toxic Substances Hydrology and Contaminant Biology), member of the Environmental Health Program's Algal Toxin Team and serves as the acting Communications Coordinator for the Water Mission Area. Vicky also writes on a variety of scientific and engineering topics for children.

There will be a Business Meeting after the presentation for voting and installation of officers for the board. This is a free event for NDSU Women's Club members.

When: Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Dakota Medical Foundation
4141 28th Ave. S, Fargo, ND
Speaker: Victoria Christensen
Research Hydrologist, USGS
Topic: Water Quality in Our National Parks
RSVP: Pat Kotta at patkotta@gmail.com by August 30th



President's Letter

Strange to think, but these are historic times, and we have front row seats. But life is beginning to resemble a "new normal", with our various groups, for the most part, meeting in person.

Our Board is filling out nicely with the Vice President position the only one left to fill. For those of you who may be on the fence, please consider taking on this role as an opportunity to broaden your horizons and get to know some of us better. Thank you to all of those who are new to our board.

We can be proud of yet another year of providing scholarship funds to worthy recipients. *"The evidence that a college degree significantly improves one's employment prospects and earnings potential is overwhelming. Bachelor's degree holders are half as likely to be unemployed as their peers who only have a high school degree and they make \$1 million in additional earnings on average over their lifetime."^{1,2} Analyzing outcomes data from over 30 million students, a group of economists also found public universities offer the greatest upward economic mobility."³*

¹ Abel and Deitz, "[Do the Benefits of College Still Outweigh the Costs](#)," Current Issues in Economics and Finance, 2014.

² Timiraos and Zumbrun "[The July Jobs Report in 15 Charts](#)

³ Association of Public & Land Grant University

According to data published by Statista Research Department, in 2020, about 4% of the people with a Bachelor's degree or higher were living below the poverty line in the United States. This is far below the poverty rate of those without a high school diploma which was 24.7% in 2020.

Be proud of your association with our group; reach out to those who are looking to enlarge their circle of friends or who are new to the area, or old college classmates, inviting them to help us in raising funds for the good of our society, while having fun doing so!

- *Mary Bjerke, President*



Membership

The NDSU Women's Club paid members for the 2021-22 year stand at 64. Half of dues collected are used for members activities and expenditure – mainly our Spring, Fall and Winter Events, the other half of the dues is used for Scholarship Awards to eligible female students. Although dues are payable in September of each year, we accept dues all year round. You can either pay your current dues for 2022-23 at our Fall Event or by mail to our postal address:

NDSU Women's Club, P.O. Box 1404, Fargo, ND 58107-1404.

Interest Groups

Many of our Interests Groups continue to meet, in person and via Zoom. Hopefully, this upcoming year, we will have more in person gatherings. Your paid membership entitles you to join any or all the NDSU Women's Club Interest Groups. To become involved in any of the groups, simply call or email the Interest Group Leader(s). Their information can be found in the Monthly Calendar

Please note that Travel Group has now split into two groups, namely, **Events & Happenings** and **Travel Group**. Events & Happenings will focus on local activities such as plays, concerts, short excursions, etc. Travel Group will team up with organizations such as The Sons of Norway, Pink Bus Mystery Trips, Judy's Leisure Tours & many others, that have day and overnight trips to theatres, national & state parks, regional and even global destinations. To find out more about these group or to become involved, contact Eileen Lee (Events & Happenings) eileenlee2@yahoo.com and Pat Kotta (Travel Group) at patkotta@gmail.com.

Scholarship Recipients



The NDSU Women's Club Scholarship Committee has awarded two \$500 scholarships to Isabella Anderson and Brooke Bergen who are both seniors at NDSU. Isabella is an English Major minoring in History, while Brooke is a Spanish, Mathematics & Art major. Congratulations to Isabella and Brooke! We wish them every success in the future.

← *Isabella Anderson*

Brooke Bergen →



The Club's Board

The Club is always looking for members to join the Board. We currently have the Vice President position to fill. If you would like to shape the future of the Club, why not join the Board and take us into the future? Or if there is another position that you are interested in, let us know and we will surely work with you.

In the box below, you will notice that we were able to fill quite a few of the 2021-22 vacant positions. A big **Thank You** to members who have stepped forward to help take the Club into the future. We are grateful for your commitment and sense of responsibility.

Board Members

	2021-22	2022-23
President:	Mary Bjerke	Mary Bjerke
Vice President:	Open	Open
Secretary:	Andrea Eberhardt	Andrea Eberhardt
Treasurer & Membership:	Grit May & Eileen Lee	Becky Berg
Scholarship Coordinator:	Open	Mona Ibrahim
Program Chair:	Open	Pat Kotta & Mary Bjerke
Historian:	Open	Marilynn Woods
Communications Coordinator:	Bibi Khan	Bibi Khan
Interest Groups Coordinator:	Eileen Lee	Eileen Lee

Past Presidents Council: Bonnie Kirkpatrick, Judy Petermann & Sandy Huseby

Summary of Funds

As of July 31, 2022

Checking/Administrative	3,214.00
Savings/Scholarship Fund	4,042.22
BALANCE ON HAND	7,256.22

Welcome to NDSU Women's Club!

Send this completed form and payment to:

NDSU Women's Club

P. O. Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107-1404

Name _____

Email Address* _____

Telephone(s) _____

Address _____

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

Enclosed is my 2020-21 academic year dues payment, which entitles me to attend free or reduced-price Seasonal Events, to participate in any or all Interest Groups and volunteer activities, receive Club publications, and participate in the Facebook group, NDSU Women's Club. Half of every membership payment supports our scholarship awards. _____ \$20 general membership _____ \$10 student membership _____ \$ additional for scholarships (optional)

Please check each interest group for which you'd like more information:

- Any Book Group
- Events & Happenings
- Film Club
- International Women's Group
- Midday Meetup
- Poetry Group (Writers / Readers)
- Travel Group
- Valley Gardeners

Volunteer service in the club and for the community:

- ACTion Team (community service)
- JOLT (Just One Little Thing-club)

Other:

Contact Us!

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1923-24 Mrs. Gladys Minard	1975-76 Carolyn Nelson
1924-25 Alba Bales	1976-77 Mrs. Allen Henderson
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1926-27 Mrs. A. F. Schalk	1978-79 Mrs. Roger Kerns
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1947-48 Mrs. Clifton Miller	1999-00 Renee McClean
1948-49 Mrs. Clifton Miller	2000-01 Lisa Kasson-Bauer
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1959-60 Mrs. Fred R. Taylor	2011-12 Tatjana Miljkovic
1960-61 Mrs. B.B. Brandrud	2012-13 Judy Petermann
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1962-63 Mrs. George Pratt	2014-15 Sandy Huseby
1963-64 Mrs. David R. Moir	2015-16 Chizuko Shastri
1964-65 UNKNOWN	2016-17 Jennifer Cook
1965-66 Mrs. Arthur Schulz	2017-18 Jennifer Cook
1966-67 Mrs. Phillip Haakenson	2018-19 Jennifer Cook
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1969-70 Mrs. Donald F. Schwartz	2021-22 Mary Bjerke
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