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FROM THE PRESIDENT
Good News and an Opportunity

The Nominating Committee for elected offices had an easy time this year -- both Meredith/Treasurer and Mary/Co-Membership have agreed to serve another term. Thank you, ladies!

Congratulations to Karlyn Rapport for receiving Martha Griffiths Equity Award from the Michigan AAUW. This will be presented to her at the state convention, Friday, April 29 to Saturday, April 30, in Troy, Michigan.

Now, the opportunity: Last year, five Marquette branch members attended the convention; who would like to join Karlyn this year? If interested, contact me for details soon.

See you all March 10.

Regards!

*Meg Goodrich, President
AAUW Marquette Branch*

Meeting Reminder:
INDONESIA EXPERIENCE –
Thursday, March 10, 2016

Judy Puncocar, an AAUW member and NMU professor in the School of Education, Leadership, and Public Services was on sabbatical last year in Indonesia. She advised the government there about teaching.

Please join us as Judy makes a presentation to AAUW about her experiences in Indonesia Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m. at the Federated Women’s Club House



Please save your Econo slips and bring them to the next meeting you attend.

FIRST LADIES BRUNCH
is now in our history book

You never quite know who or what to expect when your brunch invitation list includes all of the First Ladies of the United States.

In all, nine of our 24 members and guests attending took up the challenge and opportunity to share about their favorite First Lady. Our hostess, Jackie Kennedy, welcomed Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Monroe, Jane Pierce, Florence Harding, Abigail Fillmore, and Michelle Obama.

Everyone enjoyed the brunch fare and the table decorations prepared by Krista Clumpner which included take home placemats with images of all 44 First Ladies. We all learned a few facts,



many interests were piqued and we were warmed by the stories members shared of their personal experiences with First Ladies. We had a very lovely time. There are many more First Ladies to hear from and learn about. We may just need build upon our first First Ladies Brunch and do it again.

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HELP WANTED – HOSTESS COMMITTEE

I am looking for 2 more members to serve on the hostess committee for the May 14 meeting, 10am. This is not a brunch. Our branch will purchase the treats so you only need to prepare the beverages (coffee, tea, water) and clean up.

If you can help please contact me at 250-3546 or lsolka@aol.com.

Thanks for your help!

*Liz Solka
Hospitality Rep*

NEW MEMBER NEWS

Marquette Branch welcomes Janel Crooks

Janel is the Public Affairs Officer for the Hiawatha National Forest, including both east and west sections. She works several days a week at the USFS office in Gladstone and one or two days a week at the Munising District office.

Also a certified yoga teacher, Janel teaches several classes a week in Munising. And encouragingly, Janel is interested in becoming a facilitator for **AAUW's Smart Start** workshop.

OTHER MEMBER NEWS

Recently, **Jane Ryan** renewed her membership with the National AAUW and participated in the First Ladies' Brunch

And update your records with **Suzanne Harding's** new email hardingent169@gmail.com

TAKING STOCK

Equal Pay Day - Tuesday April 12, 2016

At the First Ladies Brunch, I asked for ideas about how to make the public and legislators more aware of this injustice. Betsy Miller suggested an article in the Marquette Monthly. Ann Arnold suggested cookies with a "bite" out of them that we could serve or possibly sell to customers at our book sale in honor of Equal Pay Day. It was suggested that we consider charging 79 cents for the cookies. I would appreciate hearing from you if you are willing to bake cookies for the book sale April 21-23 and if you have any other sterling ideas for Equal Pay Day. I will submit an article for the Marquette Monthly.

AAUW- Michigan

State Convention - Saturday April 30 in Troy Michigan at the Somerset Inn.

Highlights include Leadership Training workshops, a keynote by US Representative Brenda Lawrence, Public Policy sessions dealing with ERA, Title IX, Campus Safety, Get out the Vote, the Lobby Corps and Government Relations.

Humbly, I will tell you that I will be receiving the Martha Griffiths Equity Award, Penny Larsen having nominated me. Oh, please join me in Troy. I need all the support I you can give to help me get through this. I will happily contribute frequent flyer miles or gas. Google AAUW Michigan. Look for Spring State Convention and download registration.

AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record released for first session 114th Congress

Senate members were scored on five legislative actions including co-sponsorship of the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Survivors Outreach and Support (SOS) Campus Act, the Democracy for All Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizens United. Seven Senators received a 100% rating for AAUW supported issues. We are proud to say our Michigan Senator Gary Peters is among the seven. Senator Debbie Stabenow scored 83%, in that she voted against the Campus Act.

The House of Representatives was scored on similar issues: Support for The Paycheck Fairness Act, Democracy for All and opposition to both the Every Student Succeeds Act which fails to hold states accountable for closing achievement gaps, the reauthorization of Scholarship for Opportunity and Results which expands school vouchers to private schools that do not follow Title IX guidelines and which also divert public school funding. AAUW opposed the Defund Planned Parenthood Act which limited women's access to health care and scored legislators on this vote as well. There were 59 members of the U.S. House of Representatives scoring 100%. Sad to say, our Representative Dan Benishek scored 14%. His last score on the last Congressional Voting Record was 0%. He did support Human Trafficking legislation in this session.

*Karlyn Rapport
Public Policy Representative*

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