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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The End of the Year is here already!

Our end-of-the year meeting will prove very informative, and I hope as many of you as possible can attend. I know we are entering travel season, and I will be gone, as well. However, Karlyn will be back from our State Convention, so perhaps she can relate a few of those highlights, including her receiving the Martha Griffiths Equity Award!

As I write this, our Book Sale has just concluded for another year. Meredith and Marilyn report that the 3-day sale took in \$2919.50. I'm sure the committee is grateful for the many of you who worked hard doing the hard work of book hauling, sorting, and finally, removal. As always, our Monday Work Bee is a wonder to behold. Yea, Woman Power (and clapping of hands for Eziquio Uballe, husband of Susan.) And, such a colorful, yummy potluck!

We also had the delightful pleasure of presenting our Outstanding Senior award (also a Martha Griffiths award) to an outstanding Grace Orstad, who will be attending graduate school in molecular biology at the University of Utah.

The Program Committee will be meeting over the summer; please let Karlyn or Les know if you have any good ideas.

Liz Solka is passing the Hostess Committee Chairperson baton. Half of next year's list is already completed. This position is a good way to become a board member, and to learn more about our organization. Just let me know, and Liz will answer any questions you may have.

I'll see you in the Fall, and wish you a happy and safe Summer.

*Meg Goodrich, President
AAUW Marquette Branch*



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

AAUW's May Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The Marquette Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will examine **Bridges out of Poverty**, in this case NMU/MARESA's Technical Middle College (MATMC). This is a public tuition free early college program enabling students from Marquette and Alger counties to earn a high school diploma, college credits and a technical certificate from NMU.

<http://www.matechmc.org/>
<http://www.nmu.edu/ctemiddlecollege>

MATMC targets students who are at risk of dropping out of high school, are economically disadvantaged or are first generation college students; but is open to all qualified students. Students pursue vocational or Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics career education in this post- secondary certificate/ degree program.

AAUW advocates programs including welfare and career and technical education which improve post-secondary education access, career development and earning potential.

This AAUW meeting is Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00AM at the Federated Women's Club House, 104 E Ridge Street in Marquette. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact
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DUES ARE DUE to treasurer May 30!

Dues for the 2016-17 (fiscal year 2017) are due. For most of us, the dues are \$95 (\$49 for national dues, \$12 for state dues, \$9 for local dues, and \$25 for Federated Women's Clubhouse dues). Some of our members are Life Members who pay less than \$95. Furthermore, some of you have paid your dues already.

I have contacted everyone who pays less than \$95 and everyone who has paid her dues.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL, CALL, OR LETTER FROM ME ABOUT DUES, YOU OWE \$95.

Please write your check for \$95 to AAUW and send it to
Meredith Kulisheck
617 Hampton
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THANK YOU!

Meredith Kulisheck, Treasurer

AND, AS ALWAYS...

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

MARTHA GRIFFITHS AWARD: Grace Orstad



President, Meg Goodrich presents the 2016 Marquette Branch Martha Griffiths award to Grace Orstad on the right in the photo above, a Biochemistry major graduating from Northern Michigan University in May 2016. Grace also received a check from AAUW Marquette Branch for \$250 for her outstanding academic achievements and community involvement.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER - Jane Ryan



Jane Ryan of Marquette is our newest member. At our First Ladies Brunch this February, Jane, on the right above, told Les Beck, (*Jackie Kennedy*) about her time with First Lady Michelle Obama.

Jane earned her BA degree is from Michigan State University, and her MEd degree from NMU. She worked as a substitute teacher in Marquette schools during the 70's, and in 1981 began teaching at Marquette's first alternative high school. She continued in that position when it was combined with a "school room" in the Youth Substance Abuse unit. In 1983 she started teaching science at Graveraet Middle School and taught there until her retirement in 1998. She has been very active in the National Alliance on Mental Illness and has volunteered for many years as a ranger at Pictured Rocks and the Hiawatha National Forest. Welcome to Jane!

STEM PROGRAM

Seaborg Center MAY 20!

Remember that our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Program is being held on Friday, May 20. This is for 5th and 6th grade girls in Alger and Marquette counties. We have raised the money to pay for the cost of the program for the 181 girls enrolled. The money pays for transporting the students from their schools to the Seaborg Center at NMU, substitute teachers, printing brochures and folders for the girls, lunch, the keynote speaker expenses, renting computers, STEM pins for the girls and participants, etc.

If you think you might like to stop in to see some to the excitement generated by this wonderful program, you are more than welcome, but please contact me first.

*Kathy Davis,
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AAUW coordinator for STEM

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME

Do you think it is important to **advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research?**

That is AAUW's mission!

Our local, state and national Membership Dues are key to helping us fulfill our mission. This includes contributing to the national scholarship funds.

Please be sure to RENEW your own membership. It is so important to our program.

In addition to state and national dues, locally:

- We use proceeds from the Book Sale for scholarships for women at Northern Michigan University.
- We do the "StartSmart" program at the University that teaches women how to negotiate for good salaries.
- We raise the money, work with the Seaborg Center, and have volunteers help organize the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Program for 5th and 6th girls in Alger and Marquette counties. This year we have 181 girls enrolled for the Friday, May 20, Program.
- We also hold the "Candidates Forum" with the UP Children's Coalition every other year before the November local, state and national elections.
- Honored and recognized by AAUW of Michigan, Karlyn Rapport, a longtime Marquette Branch member, is a strong spokeswoman for Equal Pay and other Public Policy issues
- When we can, we donate to organizations that support women and girls.
- Members help with our fundraising and programs that work for education and/or equity for women and girls.

In addition to renewing your own membership, please send Kathy and Mary the names, addresses and phone numbers of friends, relatives, or neighbors who you believe support our mission and might join our Branch. **Please, please, please do send us at least one name of a potential new member.**

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PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

Equal Pay Day April 12

Marquette Branch did a bang up job celebrating Equal Pay Day April 12. We had an article in the *Northwind*, NMU's student newspaper, a panel discussion at NMU, an article in the Mining Journal, day sponsorship on WNMU-FM and that is just what Mary Snitgen had a hand in.



Left to right: Karlyn Rapport, Molly Freier, Marina Dupler, Katrina Caldwell, Chris Greer, Sara Jane Thomkins (not visible in photo) an AAUW member, and the organizers--students Lindsay Lieck and Megan Pietras.

Thanks to all who made cookies with a bite taken out of them: Kathy Davis, Carolyn Myers, Pat Pellett, Kay Payant, Lydia Hoff, Meg Goodrich and Marge Forslin. Although they did not sell well, they made a point and were a good conversation starter.

Senator Mazie Hirono (D- HI) introduced the STEM Opportunities Act on Equal Pay Day. AAUW research revealed women in STEM careers encounter differences in pay and barriers that limit employment opportunities. This bill would improve inclusion of women, minorities and people with disabilities in STEM careers. We need to urge Senators Stabenow and Peters to sign this bill.

We can be so proud of our branch. Hope you can get over to the STEM program May 20 at Seaborg Center and attend our May 14 program.



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