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## FUNDRAISING

### for Our Branch of AAUW

Our Branch raises money to help advance “equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.” We raise money for the STEM Program for 5th and 6th grade girls in Alger and Marquette counties. We did this Program on Friday, May 20, at the Seaborg Center. The money we raise for the STEM Program is in a special account and cannot be used for other donations. We sponsor a Scholarship for a woman enrolled at Northern Michigan University. Most of this money comes from our Book Sale (\$2900), but it is not enough to cover the scholarship. We donate to groups for young women and girls such as Girl Scouts, Girls Robotics, etc. We would like to do \$tart Smart again. We did it this in 2015 at NMU but this program costs money to National AAUW and to pay the facilitator. This program teaches students how to negotiate salaries at their jobs. This is focused on women.

We need to find new source(s) of income. We have a small surplus left in our savings. Now we are donating only \$500 to the AAUW National Scholarships. We used to donate \$1500. We are raising some money with receipts from Econo and some from Younker's. If we don't have another source of gaining money, we may not have much money for the Scholarship and other donations.

Please think about this and let Meg Goodrich know what we should do to raise more money. Would you consider a personal donation?

### WE NEED YOUR ADVICE!

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### AN INSPIRING DAY at the STEM Workshop, May 20

Imagine 180 5th and 6th grade girls all in one room, their expectant faces turned toward the keynote speaker up front. Each has her own folder with the workshops she had selected for the day. Biomedical engineering, physics, neurology, meteorology, mechanical engineering, neurosurgery, and many more. All presenters are women, expert in their field. We were proud, as AAUW members and volunteers to be a part of a very exciting day! Thanks to Kathy Davis for being our part of the planning committee and the chief fund raiser!

*Submitted by Mary Snitgen*



*See additional STEM Conference photos on page 4.*

## DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2016-17, please pay them now. For most of us, the amount is \$95. If you aren't sure whether you have paid, or if you aren't sure of the amount of your dues, please call me (226-2372) or send me an email ([mkulishe@nmu.edu](mailto:mkulishe@nmu.edu)). Make checks to AAUW and send to me at 617 Hampton, Marquette.

THANKS

*Meredith Kulisheck, Treasurer*

## AND, AS ALWAYS...

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

## REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM and the Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court sent a critical case dealing with women's access to birth control back to the lower courts to work out a solution to the Affordable Care Act's mandated coverage of birth control. In *Zubik v. Burwell*, religious non-profits argued they should not be required to provide birth control to employees as part of their health coverage. AAUW joined allies at the steps of the Supreme Court calling for support of reproductive rights.

Three states passed anti reproductive bills.

Oklahoma made it a felony for doctors to perform abortions. South Carolina legislators outlawed abortion after 19 weeks and Louisiana requires a woman to wait 72 hours after their meeting with a physician and the procedure taking place.

Merrick Garland, President Obama's Supreme Court nominee met with 15 Republican Senators, but no more are scheduled. Former Justice John Paul Stevens called the delay in the Senate's consideration of Garland "unfortunate" and said he does not believe the Court functions efficiently with eight justices. Legislation has been introduced to keep Congress in session through the summer and the year unless Merrick Garland's nomination is considered by July 19.

Ending on cheerier notes. Maryland passed Equal Pay legislation which closes loopholes in existing state equal pay laws and protects workers from retaliation if they discuss their salaries.

Exciting news. Our Branch will host a community conversation following our Salad Supper, September 8, 2016 at Peter White Public Library. We are joining forces with The Center for Michigan, a non-profit, non-partisan think- and do-tank. This public discussion will focus on what it would take to return trust in public services delivered by state government. What would help restore trust in Michigan's elected officials and the political process? What are your ideas for improving both state government services and Michigan politics? Our voice matters.

*Karlyn Rapport*

*Public Policy Representative*

## WISH YOU WERE THERE

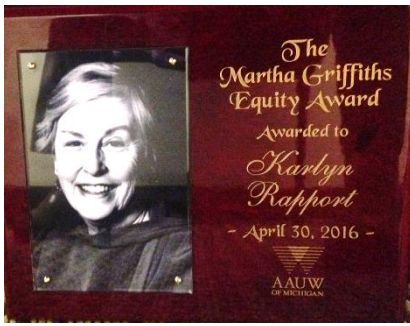
### Michigan AAUW's State Convention

Our Marquette Branch was honored for increasing our membership by almost 24%. We also won a Mission Matters Impact award. This was a well-



deserved recognition for a sterling year in which we sponsored a Start Smart workshop. We

networked with the NMU Seaborg Center, Center for Student Enrichment, Gender Work Group, and the NMU student newspaper *The North Wind*. We celebrated Equal Pay Day with a campus forum, articles in the *Mining Journal* and *Marquette Monthly*. We even baked pay-equity cookies with a "bite" out of them to represent the bite taken out of every dollar paid to women. We raised money for the STEM program and volunteered at the event. We contributed \$500 for the named gift scholarship fund. These are just a few items mentioned in our impact award.



I was deeply honored to receive the Martha Griffiths Equity Award. It was also very nice that the Branch had Marge Forslin

design a congratulatory ad for the conference program. When people saw it and complimented me, it gave me a feeling that branch members were there with me in spirit. Thank you.



*(See a full size version of the ad on the next page to read Karlyn's vitae and some of the reasons she received this tremendous award.)*

The conference workshops were well done. Public Policy focused on ERA, the three state strategy; Title IX, Campus Safety; Getting out the Vote; our Virtual Lobby corps and Mary Pollack gave a government update. Zoe Ketola the Speech Trek winner gave her heart-warming speech "I am Worth More than 78%." She certainly spoke well for the upcoming generation.

U.S. Representative Brenda Lawrence was the keynote speaker.

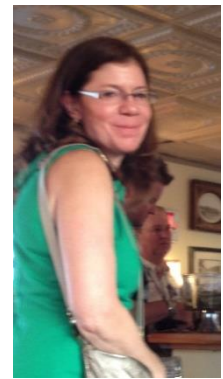
The conference was well worth the trip. The networking with other branches, the walking and shopping together at the nearby mall where AAUW members were discounted, and particularly the feeling that there are women all over the state working as we are for Equity for women and girls was priceless.

I hope that we can get a car full to go to the next AAUW conference. Penny Larsen, past president of the Marquette Branch, is the new President of Michigan AAUW.

*Karlyn Rapport*

## OUR NEWEST MEMBER Cathy Halverson

Cathy is a busy lady whose background includes earning her RN degree as a young woman, and raising a son with husband, Rick. Then, back to school to earn her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Wayne State



University. She now works in the federal court system in Marquette, while keeping fit with coed hockey, tennis and biking. Cathy was so impressed with the articles she saw in the *News and Views* by Karlyn Rapport, she decided to join us.

Cathy's mom, June Davis, the Marquette Branch corresponding secretary confessed, "I am very proud of her."

## Important! MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Have you thought about who **YOU** are going to ask to be a new member of AAUW?

- ? Who would be good at helping us meet new challenges and take up the issues we are working to solve?
- ? How about a woman in business, or service?
- ? At the university in a leadership role?
- ? In local government?

Think hard and get those names and contact information to Mary Snitgen or Kathy Davis.

It is a good idea to talk to the person about AAUW first, if possible. If you need brochures, we can provide them!

**Stretch your brains, you can do it!**

*Kathy Davis*

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*Membership Co-Chairs*



Congratulations!

# Karlyn Rapport

2016 recipient  
Martha Griffiths Equity Award



#### CURRENTLY:

- Marquette County Board of Health (31 years)
- Marquette Branch Public Policy Representative
- Michigan's AAUW Public Policy Committee
- AAUW representative to U.P. Children's Coalition

#### SERVED AS:

- President/ chair
  - AAUW
  - Planned Parenthood
  - Medical Care Access Coalition (MCAC)
  - Marquette County Board of Health
  - The Women's Center
- County Commissioner (7 years)



#### INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING:

- Marquette County Spouse Abuse Task Force
- Harbor House shelter for women and children made homeless by domestic and sexual violence
- Communication Rehabilitation Department Marquette General Hospital
- Medical Care Access Coalition
- Propylon - Section 8 living assisted units
- Marquette-Alger Alzheimer's Association

#### ORGANIZED AND LED:

- 2014 press conference on Pay Equity
- U.P. Candidate Forum - MI House and Senate & U.S Congress
- Panel "Campus and Community Response to Sexual Assault"
- Conference "Fostering Attachment" for U.P. Children's Coalition

### More Photos from the May 20 STEM Conference at NMU in Marquette



AAUW members ready to welcome participants to the STEM conference held in the Seaborg Center at Northern Michigan University



5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls from Alger and Marquette counties, attending a lecture as part of the conference.