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**WELCOME
from the President**

Our Branch Salad Supper was a wonderful start to our new year, and I welcome our many new members to our Branch. You'll be hearing more about them in this and following next newsletters. I'm also happy to report that the large percentage of the attendees of the Community Conversation at PWPL were our own members. That discussion was lively and informative.

Our next branch meeting will also occur with our Library neighbor--Karlyn Rapport has gathered a coalition to support the Candidate Forum. Please see her article below and be sure to bring neighbors and friends to the Thursday, October 13 meeting, 6:30 pm.

*Regards,
Meg Goodrich*



**Next Meeting –
Thursday, October 13**

**UPPER PENINSULA CHILDREN’S
COALITION 2016 CANDIDATE FORUM**

Our Marquette Branch is a Coalition member and is one of seven organizations hosting the UPCC Candidate Forum Thursday, October 13, 2016 at **6:30 PM** in the **Community Room at Peter White Public Library**.

We have invited candidates vying to represent the U.P. in the Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress House of Representatives to participate in the forum. In years past AAUW and the Upper Peninsula Children’s Coalition have co-hosted this forum. This year we have joined forces with Peter White Public Library, Community Action Alger Marquette, The Upper Peninsula Association for the Education of Young Children, Great Lakes Center for Youth Development, the UP Chapter of the Association of Infant Mental Health and the Upper Peninsula Children’s Coalition to bring this program to you. It is our hope that by bringing these organizations to the table as co- hosts, candidates will recognize our community is concerned about issues and public policies which deeply affect children and families living in the U.P.

In an election marked by circus side show antics, the questions submitted seriously address issues of economic security, health, education, and community support services which strengthen families. The candidate forum committee went to extraordinary lengths to encourage the public to submit questions. We even invited the candidates themselves to submit questions they wanted to speak to or wanted their opponent to address. UPCC members made the final selection.

The questions have been separated into categories. Each candidate will have one opportunity to choose the category they will draw a question from. Meredith Kulisheck and Karen Rudisill are time keepers. Carolyn Myers, Mary Snitgen, Meg Goodrich and Kathy Davis are bringing bars and cookies. Peter White Library will supply coffee, tea and water. **Please make it a priority to come and bring guests. The meeting is open to the public.**

Meet the candidates at 6:30 PM. The media will be present. We will have AAUW material out. Pick up your ***It’s My Vote I Will Be Heard*** pin or sticker. At 7:00 PM the forum will begin. This is an important voter education service AAUW and UPCC have spearheaded. It is our hope we can elect candidates who will vote with children and families in mind.

Karlyn Rapport, AAUW Program Co-Chair



**YOUNKERS
FUNDRAISER**

The Good News: Our Youngkers Community Days Coupon Booklet Sales got off to a fine start at our first meeting on September 8.

The Bad News: We won’t have the opportunity to sell the booklets **at** the October 13 Candidate Forum meeting, except they will be available in front of the library for 15 minutes before the Forum. If you will

bring cash/check, we can give you your booklets at that time.

The Rest of the Solution: We need members who have not yet purchased booklets to use, resell or give away contact **Elizabeth Miller** (lemillermgt@gmail.com, phone 228-9665) or **Susan Uballe** (susuballe@gmail.com, phone 226-3716 or 236-1660 cell – if texting, include name and mention AAUW booklet sale). We will see that booklets are delivered to you.

A Reminder: Coupons are valid during the Community Days event November 9 - 12.

This is one of just two fundraisers for the branch. The other is the April Book Sale. We cannot give our scholarships if we don't have the money in our treasury. Please be generous.

Elizabeth Miller and Susan Uballe

Public Policy Article...

MANDATORY JOINT CUSTODY

HB327 A resolution to encourage awareness and sensitivity to the concept of parental alienation. HB 4141 mandates joint custody in every custody dispute between parents except in certain circumstances. The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Michigan NOW testified against these bills. Fathers' rights organizations have been working for 20 years to replace the best interests of the child /11 Factors for judges to consider in deciding custody in high conflict child custody cases. They want to replace this with mandatory joint custody. Younger children usually bond with their mother or caretaker parent first. In these cases, the court awards the mother custody and the father has visitation on a prescribed basis. Mandatory custody will split the child's physical and legal custody between parents with the child spending half the week with one parent and half with the other or one week with one parent the next week with the other.

If domestic violence or sexual assault are involved, mothers without assets have sought the protection of the court for themselves and their children. Mothers without resources may have difficulty challenging mandatory custody. These cases are expensive and time consuming. Custody disputes are used as a way of reducing child support. Children may be put in harm's way if there is a history of

abuse or neglect with one parent or the other. The best interests of the child /11 factors have allowed the courts to pick up situations which put the child at risk and act accordingly. These bills decrease the roll of the court in determining custody. At this point hearings are being held on these bills. Call your legislators to derail them.

Karlynn Rapport, Public Policy Representative

AS ALWAYS...

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS (3 of 8)



Marguerite Adair

Marguerite (Petersen) Adair was born in Staples, Minnesota and moved to Ishpeming as a youngster. She graduated from St. Paul's High in Negaunee in 1953 and in 1983 graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor

of Science in Nursing.

Retired now, having practiced nursing in Salt Lake City, Utah; Troy, Michigan; and in Heidelberg Germany at the U.S. Army Hospital, Marguerite lives in Marquette Township with her husband of 60 years, Harley Adair. She enjoys her four daughters, 10 grandchildren and 5 great granddaughters. Her interests are golf, bridge, gardening, hiking, flower arranging, and pastoral nursing. She is also a member of St. Michael's Church, the University Women's Garden Group, Marquette Golf Club, and her neighborhood Book Club and Supper Club.



Leslie Warren

Leslie joined Northern Michigan University in May 2013 as the Dean of Academic Information Services, which includes the Olson Library, Beaumier Heritage Center, Archives, and Center for Teaching and Learning. Leslie

began her professional career as an Assistant Regional Attorney for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, but later became an academic librarian in order to have a more direct role in supporting students and communities. She just completed

a term as president of the Michigan Library Association and continues to be on its board of directors.

Leslie holds a B.A. in Journalism and Spanish from Indiana University – Bloomington and a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington. She also holds an M.L.I.S. from Dominican University.



Marlene Woo Lun

Recently retired, Marlene Woo-Lun is currently consulting as Managing Director for *Transform Your School Library* (TYSL), a philanthropic organization funded solely by Mackin to help school librarians and all other

educators transform their school libraries to better serve students and teachers as they strive for student achievement.

Prior to joining Mackin, she was President of her own company, Linworth Publishing (founded 1986), where she developed and launched *Library Media Connection Magazine* to help school librarians share best practices for working with adolescents and teens, before selling her company to ABC-CLIO.

Marlene has a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and a Masters of Business Administration, both from The Ohio State University. She has been active in a range of volunteer organizations, including Audubon Society (president of Columbus Audubon for 3 years), The Nature Conservancy (on the board of the Ohio TNC for 4 years), Ohio Designer Craftsman (on the board for 5 years), Marquette Symphony Orchestra (on the board for the past 3 years), Superior Health Foundation, and Rotary West of Marquette.

THANK YOU FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JANELLE DALGORD

I would like to take this time to tell you how much I appreciate being chosen as the recipient of your AAUW Marquette Branch educational scholarship for the upcoming school year. Being awarded your scholarship will help me tremendously as I enter my final semester of college and continue working extremely hard both in school and at my part time job so I can raise my son. I could not thank you enough for this generous gift and can only promise that I will dedicate my time to my studies so that I can graduate with honors and be part of the Dean's List, as I have every semester.

Not only do I appreciate the financial assistance, but it is just as great a pleasure knowing that others recognize my hard work, dedication, and commitment to everything I take part in as well. Because of you, I can put my mind at ease knowing I will have a little financial security while I am student teaching this fall. If any funds from my scholarships are left over after tuition is due, I plan to put them toward day care for my son so I do not have to worry about falling behind in payment for his care.

As you know, this fall I will be student teaching in a second grade classroom at Rapid River Elementary School in Rapid River, Michigan. I am grateful for this opportunity and am looking forward to soon having a classroom to call my very own. It has taken a lot of hard work to get where I am today, but as the end of my college career draws near, I can say it was well worth the early mornings and late nights that I put into my studies. Making a difference in the lives of others is something I have always been passionate about. I knew that teaching was the career for me very early on in my life. The past two school years I have been substitute teaching as much as possible to gain extra experience with students and the local school systems. As a teacher, I will constantly be learning right alongside my students and when I walk across the stage in December, I know I will be confident in my skills and knowledge to become a classroom teacher because of my time and experiences here at NMU.

For all you have given to me, I would love to give back to you and your organization. If there is anything I can do to volunteer or get involved through the year, please let me know. Your organization is a wonderful opportunity for women in the community to get involved and demonstrate their appreciation in our community.



I could not thank you enough for choosing me as your scholarship recipient. I will not let you down and will make you proud as I finish out my college career and earn my degree in Elementary Education this year.

Sincerely,
Janelle Dalgord

FROM SEPTEMBER EVENTS

In Marquette...

Meeting photos by Mary Snitgen



AAUW Marquette members enjoying a salad supper.



From left: Betsy Miller explaining The Younkers Booklets for November fundraiser, new member Leslie Warren, and Judy Puncochar, member liaison with NMU.



Lydia Hoff's guest Renxin Yang, who is a professor of Sociology at NMU.



Member and Branch Treasurer Meredith Kulisheck introducing scholarship recipient and her little boy.



Participants at the Community Conversations program, sponsored by AAUW, and held at the Peter White Public Library. Topic was Restoring Trust in State Government.

In Escanaba...



Marquette Branch members Mary Snitgen, *left*, and June Davis, *not pictured*, attended a luncheon in Escanaba hosted by the Escanaba Branch of AAUW at which attendees heard presentations by Mary Pollock, *right*, Michigan AAUW Government Relations Coordinator (lobbyist) in Lansing and Amanda Phillips, *center*, Michigan AAUW Public Policy Chair. A PDF of Mary Pollock's 18-slide Power Point presentation accompanies this newsletter.

Remember to discuss voting in the election with friends and neighbors, and make sure your friends and family members are registered to vote. Voter registration ends on October 11.