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WELCOME from the President

This month, we have a chance to learn about an innovative program for non-traditional young women at our alternative high school. While all our branch meetings are worth bringing friends to, I sincerely hope we have a strong and welcoming presence for our guest speakers. Let's show them we care.

While we can't yet vote early, and definitely not often, remember that we American women have not even had this right for 100 years. Karlyn's reminders are excellent points for swaying any reluctant voters. The good news is this will all be over soon.

*Regards,
Meg Goodrich*

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 10

SHE BELIEVED:

A program created by female students at Marquette Alternative High School



The Marquette Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites the public to join them for a presentation of the She Believed program. The event will take place on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Women's Clubhouse located at 104 W. Ridge Street in Marquette.

She Believed is a collection of activities created by female students at the Marquette Alternative High School. The focus of the initiative is to **empower students with ways to increase their self-esteem as well as boost emotional and physical well-being.** Educator Cindy DePetro and student representatives will share their rewarding experiences in learning to think big.

For more information contact AAUW representative Leslie Bek 869-5298. For more information about Marquette Branch AAUW visit <http://marquette-mi.aauw.net/>

Les Bek, AAUW Program Co-Chair

Public Policy Articles...

Halloween and the Days Leading up to the Election are Very Scary

Have you heard accusations of a rigged voting system? Studies reveal Americans are more likely to be struck by lightning than commit voter fraud.

We are spooked by voter suppression in fourteen states which enacted voting restrictions affecting this election. Some demand photo identification or proof of American citizenship. Some eliminate same day registration, curb registration or set registration deadlines months before election day. Some limit mail in ballots. These laws disproportionately affect students, elderly voters, people of color, and low income voters. The Supreme Court's decision in Shelby County v. Holder in 2013 gutted a section of the Voting Rights Act removing a tool which combated racial discriminations by "pre clearance." This Supreme Court decision opened the door for these voter suppression laws.

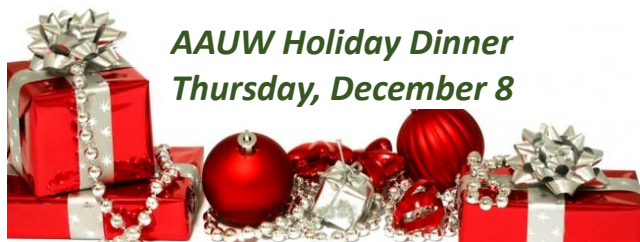
What else suppresses voter turnout? Disgust over media coverage diverting attention from discussion of substantive issues. Please, as women we worked too hard for the right to vote to be diverted. To those who say they are not voting for whatever reason: remind them that equal pay, paid family leave, student debt, reproductive rights and health care which does not charge more for women than men is riding on this election. This election has a real impact on your life. This election will determine if women and women's votes are respected. So Vote November 8. Do everything you can to get out the vote. If, on the off chance you feel your voting rights are challenged, call the nonpartisan election protection coalition at 1-666-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) to report it. Wish us all good luck on Election Day.

Thank You, Branch Members for Your Help on the Candidate Forum

As depressing as the absence of Republican participation was for our candidate forum, there were many reasons to cheer. Voters heard Democratic candidates respond to important questions on

economic security, health education and community services. AAUW's presence reverberated with the AAUW banner, the information table, the press releases, the articles in the Mining Journal, the Marquette Monthly and Marquette Neighbors magazine and the interview on What's UP on WNMU-TV, and the day sponsorship on WNMU-FM. Thank you Mary Snitgen for your work. Thanks to Kathy Davis, Carolyn Myers and Meg Goodrich and Mary Snitgen and Karlyn Rapport for providing the bars and cookies. This was a welcoming touch. Thank you, Susan Hampton, from our Escanaba Branch for your help in contacting State Senator Tom Casperson. Thanks to the many Branch members who attended. Thanks to Charter Communication for taping and airing the event throughout the UP so that stay at homes had access. Thank you to Karen Rudisill and Meredith Kulisheck for timing the candidate responses and keeping the evening on track. It was a treat for over 100 attendees to hear discussion of substantive issues. It was worth the hard work necessary to put on this program.

Karlyn Rapport, Public Policy Representative



**AAUW Holiday Dinner
Thursday, December 8**

The Committee has been busy preparing a wonderful event and Babycakes will cater. A fine beef tenderloin will be the *pièce de résistance* with all the fancy Holiday trimmings. A vegetarian option will also be available as usual. Nancy Railey, well known concert pianist, will provide the entertainment. The cost will be \$32 per person. And since our Strawberry Champagne punch had such success last year, we plan to offer it again.

Your printed invitation (with RSVP) will be available at the November meeting, otherwise will be mailed. We are looking forward to seeing you and your guest

Deadline for sending your RSVP will be November 25.

Lydia Hoff and Susan Uballe, Holiday Dinner Hostesses

and YOU KNOW THE DRILL...
Please save your Econo slips and bring them to the next meeting you attend.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



Katherine Larson

Katherine Larson moved to Marquette in 2014 to enjoy the UP and embark on her third career, free-lance writing and editing.

After living and studying in California and Massachusetts, she practiced law for 23 years, in New York and then in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2002 Katherine became a high school math teacher, teaching algebra through calculus at schools in Cleveland, San Diego, and Columbus.

Katherine has three grown daughters, two granddaughters, and a beloved husband, Bruce, who is also a writer.



Sally May

Born in Iowa and raised in Redondo Beach, California, Sally went to UCLA for her BS in Apparel Merchandising and Design. When her husband, Phil, accepted a job at NMU, they moved to Marquette.

While raising their two sons, Sally designed and made costumes and puppets for Community Theater and established a home business in fashion design.

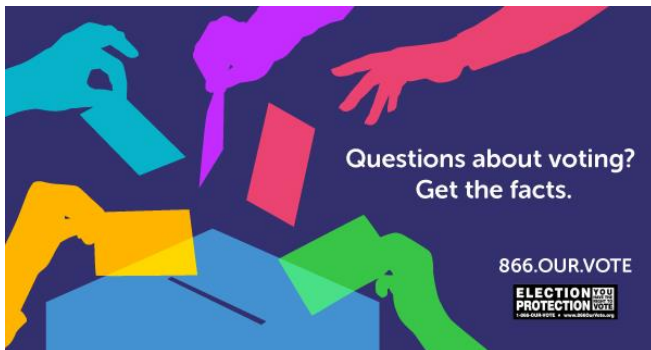
In 1972, Sally was elected to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and took office with 2 other women, the first women to serve on the Board. She went on to chair the Board. She established and served as Chair of Marquette County's Commission on Aging, and chaired the County Board's committee to oversee the building of the Jail, Courthouse Annex, and County Youth Home.

Sally served as the Executive Director of the Women's Center in 1980 when it moved from NMU's campus to become a non-profit community-based organization building on the foundation Holly Greer had established on campus. Sally continued her work with the Women's Center Board as it purchased and renovated the Wittcock building, the current site of the Women's Center, only recently retiring from that Board.

Sally is enjoying that retirement as a member of a memories group and book club, and she plays standup bass in a Cajun band "Gator Bait." She is looking forward to her AAUW experiences with a great group of women!

And a couple of articles from AAUW national...

Everything You Need to Know for Election Day

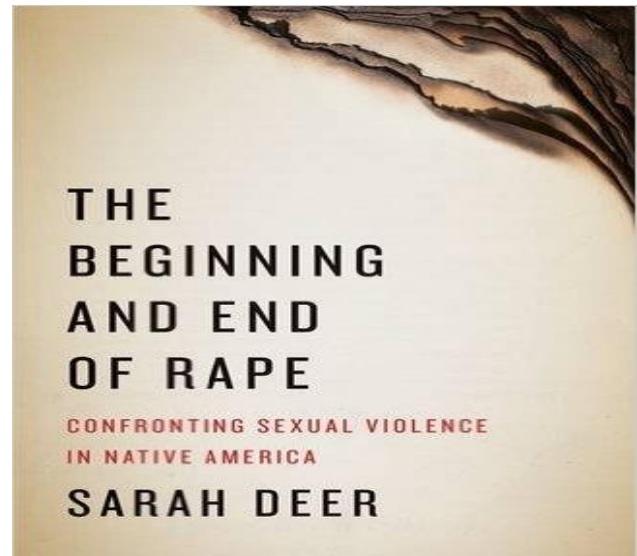


Election Day is around the corner and AAUW members have been preparing for months to ensure that women's voices are heard on Tuesday, November 8. Now is the time to make sure every vote is counted! Studies show that those voters who make a plan, including how and where to vote, are more likely to follow through and succeed. Before you head to the polls, learn how to protect your vote and what to do if something goes wrong. AAUW is proud to partner with Election Protection to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. Have questions about voting or need more information? Experience problems at the polls? Visit <http://www.866OurVote.org> or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance.

Read more: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/10/27/what-you-need-to-know-for-election-day/>

Join AAUW's Online Author Talk with Sarah Deer, Author of *The Beginning and End of Rape*

In recognition of November as Native American Heritage Month, there will be a discussion on a series of essays written by Sarah Deer, an advocate for cultural and legal reforms. She has worked to protect Native women from endemic sexual violence and abuse and played a crucial role in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013.



When : December 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m. ET

Where : Online (You just need to register.)

Cost: Free

Learn more and register:

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/12/the-beginning-and-end-of-rape-book-discussion/>