



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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WELCOME from the President

Happy New Year to you all! Let's hope for a good and productive one, not to mention healthy. If you wonder why we have this January Newsletter, but no January meeting, we decided eons ago that the weather is too problematic, and we sometimes had to cancel meetings. Now you can save your pent-up desire to gather for our fabulous February First Ladies Celebration! Please see Les's article.

VERY Important Fundraiser Information

- 1) **Book Sale**, our major event. Marilyn Klahn is not able to chair it any longer. When we receive the job description soon, we'll pass it on for you to read; we are seeking two women to co-chair this vital fundraiser. Here is the Hard Truth. If no one steps up to the plate, we will have to cancel this Marquette venerable tradition, which brings us the crucial funds for Scholarships, both local and national. Look for the details in a future email.
- 2) **Contest!** And while we are on the subject, the Board acknowledges that a second fundraiser is also necessary to perform our mission. The Younkers Coupons were a good idea originally, but we face over 50 other groups doing the same thing. *SO. Here's the deal.* From now until our February Celebration, we are collecting Your Brainstorm Ideas for a new Fundraiser to add to the Book Sale. (see above). Feel free to think outside the 3-D cube—events, sales, anything you can think of, just send me an email at meg.goodrich2@gmail.com. We will have a drawing for a nice Prize!!! MORE than 1 entry per person IS PERMITTED and encouraged. You are invited also to join the committee to review these ideas. Yes, you. OK, Ladies, let's roll up our sleeves, have some fun, and continue with the AAUW Mission of Equity and Education for Women.

*See you all next month,
Meg Goodrich, Branch President*

Next Meeting – Celebrating our First Ladies: A Dessert Social Thursday, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 p.m. (note new date and time)

After a successful debut last year, the votes were in favor of bringing back our Celebrating First Ladies event. However, most First Ladies keep a very busy schedule subject to last minute changes. This year was no exception for our anticipated First Lady hostess. We heard from her staff that a change was necessary and thankfully we have found consensus on a new date and time and are expecting a fabulous evening.

We are looking forward to all members and guests gathering for dessert and a celebration of First Ladies at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16th at the club house. Our program will again be an opportunity for member and guest participation. Imagine a room full of First Ladies having a chat!

Our hostess First Lady cannot wait for her opportunity to guide the conversation. She **encourages** you, before you arrive, to **choose your First Lady**. Then do some research, if necessary (*Feel free to write your brief notes on cards.*) and prepare to share in 2-3 minutes:

- **What about your First Lady inspires you?**
- **A few facts about her,**
- **Or a story to tell about her.**

Our hostess First Lady knows you are wondering what to wear and advises that you are welcome to dress as your First Lady or as your most comfortable self. Our hostess is looking forward to seeing old friends and like you, many of her other sister First Ladies she has only read about. How fun it will be to have so many First Ladies in one room. At this event, last year, we welcomed Jacqueline Kennedy, Michelle Obama, Elizabeth Monroe, Jane Pierce, Florence Harding, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Abigail Fillmore. We learned of some of our member's personal experiences and heard stories about our

First Ladies lives and times that left us yearning to hear more.

As we have learned, **NOT every First Lady relished a public role. In that spirit, we expect some of you attending shall prefer to simply enjoy our company and opt out of sharing about a First Lady.** No worries... there will be lots of conversation, celebration and pie for all.

Please join us.

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Program Committee Co-Chair*

Public Policy ... Where Do We Begin this January 2017?

Make women, girls and their families a priority.

The new administration and the 115th Congress promise to raise serious challenges to AAUW's priority issues. We need to make women, girls and their families a priority in this country. AAUW's trusted non-partisan voice is needed more than ever to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. AAUW values are non-negotiable. Bias and discrimination of any kind are unacceptable. Government needs to represent all of us. AAUW will seek solutions that work for women and families. AAUW will speak truth to power and fight for gender equity. We provide the voice. AAUW supplies the megaphone.

What can we do to stop hate in its tracks?

Notify campus safety or the municipal police.

If you experience or witness harassment, threats of violence, cyberbullying or hate speech notify campus safety or the municipal police. Students should be encouraged to notify the Title IX Coordinator who is responsible for tracking gender based harassment.

Join AAUW at aauw.org and subscribe to Action Alerts Network.

Encourage your neighbors, colleagues and acquaintances to join AAUW. Go to aauw.org. Subscribe to AAUW Action Alerts Network.

Speak truth to power with the Two Minute Activist

Use the Two Minute Activist to ensure our message reaches legislators and policy makers. Last year 80,000 messages were sent to legislators at a state and federal level. We need more voices to speak truth to power.

Think ahead to Equal Pay Day.

Nationally it is April 4, 2017. What can we do to increase public awareness of this day and pay inequity? Send ideas to krapport@chartermi.net. When the Michigan House and Senate set their schedules in December for 2017 they planned a vacation on April 4. Our state rally and issues briefing may be postponed until April 25 after the legislature returns.

Support the Affordable Care Act

Consider enduring an hour in the cold 1:00 PM Sunday January 15 in front of Marquette General to support the Affordable Care Act.

Stay tuned.

Stay tuned for more specifics on public policy. Thank you for being in AAUW. It is a real comfort to be in the company of like-minded women.

*Karlyn Rapport
Public Policy Representative*

The UP Bus: Women's March on Washington

Representing voices for equity for all women's issues, the UP Bus will include several AAUW Marquette Branch members--Karlyn Rapport, Kathy Davis, Meg Goodrich, Liz Solka (recent member), Susan Uballe, and Luci Contois. Four buses from the UP will depart Friday, January 20, returning Sunday, the 22nd. The march takes place on Saturday.

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

AAUW's accomplishments in 2016



As the year comes to a close, it's time to look back AAUW's achievements which is the ultimate hard work of all of our members and supporters. Without their support, the success of the last year would not have been possible.

- 200,000+ messages went out to state and federal legislators.
- 6 states passed new equal pay laws in 2016.
- 714 resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states.
- 2,200 signatures collected on AAUW's petition urging Anheuser-Busch to sign the White House Equal Pay Pledge.
- 44 years of Title IX celebrated with Senator Harry Reid.
- 900+ get-out-the-vote events organized by members in 46 states.
- 19 AAUW members were elected to state legislatures.
- 12,000 young women and girls were empowered through AAUW's leadership programs.
- 11,460 women learned to ask for the salary they deserve through AAUW salary workshop negotiations

Read more:

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/12/22/aauw-accomplishments-2016/>

AAUW Annual 2017 Art Contest

Showcase your talent by entering this exciting art competition. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.



Submission Deadline- January 31, 2017

Voting period - February 6–28

Winner announcement - Early March

Learn more and submit your work:

<http://www.aauw.org/contests/>

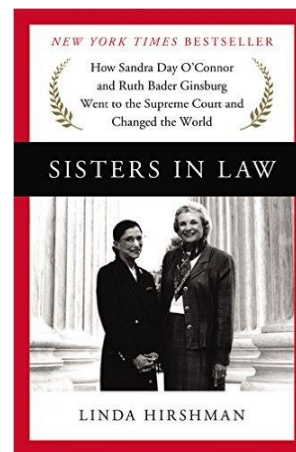
Online book discussion with Linda Hirshman, author of *Sisters in Law*

Date: March 28, 2017

Time: 8:00 p.m. ET

Location: Online (You just need to register.)

Cost: Free



**Sisters in Law:
How Sandra Day
O'Connor and
Ruth Bader
Ginsburg
Went to the
Supreme Court
and Changed
the World**

Learn more and register:

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/03/adelante-book-discussion-sisters-in-law/>