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from the President

Greetings, ladies.

We are all looking forward to our second First Ladies celebration, this time as a dessert party, at 7 pm on Thursday, February 16th. See Les's article next.

Marquette Branch members in the News!! We are proud to announce that 9 of our sisters joined 500-800,000 of our closest friends for the Women's March on Washington; Susan Uballe, Janel Crooks, Kathy Davis, Meg Goodrich, Karlyn Rapport, Karen Bacula, Luci Contois, Pat Micklow, and new member Heather MIsna attended. (See Heather's biography later in this issue of *News and Views*.)

I believe I can speak for all that this was an extraordinary, positive, exhilarating, PEACEFUL experience. There were zero arrests in DC. I believe the empowerment is already making its mark; talk to Susan about getting linked in to the actions being planned. AAUW National is also the place to search for relevant information on what we each can do next.

New Fundraiser Brainstorm Contest! Win a \$25 Gift Certificate to the new Delft Bistro!!

At the First Ladies Dessert, Thursday, February 16, we will draw AT RANDOM FROM AMONG ALL SUBMITTED IDEAS--one idea, whose author will win the gift certificate. The idea may or may not be the one we end up using as the new fundraiser. Simply the submission of an idea qualifies you for this drawing.

Here's the deal. From now until our February First Ladies Celebration, we are collecting Your Brainstorm Ideas for a new Fundraiser to add to the Book Sale.

Our overall yearly goal is to make a minimum of \$5,000. to cover our local and national scholarship obligations. Feel free to think outside the 3-D cube—events, sales, anything you can think of. Just send your idea in an email to meg.goodrich2@gmail.com.

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.

Book Sale Leadership Job Description

Marilyn Klahn would like to pass the baton for the Book Sale leadership role.

In my fun interview with Marilyn Klahn, in which we solved the World's Problems, I learned the key responsibilities of Book Sale Chair:

- 1) Book the Presbyterian Church (decide with program committee on dates)
- 2) Coordinate with publicity committee who will continue to work the book barrels, send out posters, use social media, etc.
- 3) Solicit volunteers via sign-up sheets at February and March meetings, for book sorting during the week, and cashiering during the sale
- 4) Coordinate Friday/Saturday book transport from Marilyn's house (still fine) to the church, with youth group volunteers.
- 5) Coordinate with hostess committee for Monday's Workbee potluck. Custodian sets up tables. We have the signs.
- 6) Assure post-sale book pick up (regulars take to St. Vinnie's, and a few other places)
- 7) Pay the church and custodian

This is a well-organized endeavor of long standing, and now needs a new person to oversee the process. Pat Pellett and Jackie Gallagher will continue their book barrel and poster brigade and the rest of us also help! If you are interested in taking on this role, please step forward NOW. The publicity committee is ready to begin its work.

This Book Sale fundraiser has been very important to our Branch to raise scholarship money. Thank you for stepping up to the plate. Give me a call or send an email and we can talk. Pat and Jackie need a green light to proceed; Deadline: **Friday, February 10.**

Regards, Meg Goodrich
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Next Meeting – Thursday, February 16 FIRST LADIES DESSERT SOCIAL



REMINDER: 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 just come as your most comfortable self and enjoy the evening.

Les Bek, AAUW Program Co-Chair

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Trump Gag Rule

President Trump reinstated the Gag Rule blocking federal funding of non-governmental organizations from performing or even mentioning the option of abortion. The Trump version is an expanded gag rule which applies global health funding to organizations working on HIV/AIDS, Ebola, Zika, maternal or child health. These organizations cannot use their own non-U.S. funds to provide information, referrals, or services to legal abortions or advocate for access to abortions services in their own country.

The global gag rule restricts medical information health care providers offer, limits free speech,

impedes access to family planning. This cutting of funds has dismantled health services to clinics providing a wide range of services. The results of this reinstatement of the gag rule will increase unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortions. AAUW opposes all attempts to limit women's access to necessary medical care. What can you do? Support Planned Parenthood

H.R. 7: No Tax Payer Funding for Abortion Act and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 7 by a 238-183 vote. If adopted, H.R. 7 would make it virtually impossible for women to have any public or private insurance coverage for abortion regardless of their circumstances. Representative Jack Bergman (R) voted in favor of H.R. 7. AAUW believes in the importance of choice in determining one's reproductive life.

Betsy DeVos Confirmation Vote

We can only hope she is not confirmed. Betsy DeVos did not agree to uphold and enforce the U.S. Department of Education's Title IX Guidance. She did not agree that all schools receiving federal funds should follow civil rights laws. Betsy DeVos did not commit to supporting public education. She failed to answer basic question about her responsibility as Secretary of Education regarding school accountability. She did not show any understanding of the Secretary's role in ensuring schools support students with disabilities. I hope you called Senators Stabenow and Peters asking them to oppose this nomination.

*Sorry to be the bearer of so much sad news.
Karlyn Rapport, Public Policy Representative*

A REQUEST from Our Corresponding Secretary



Hi, my name is June Davis, and I am AAUW's corresponding Secretary. I need all members to help me do my job. One of my duties is sending cards out to sick members, or condolences, as well as thank you notes.

However, because we just meet monthly, I miss some people. So, if you know of a member that we should be including, please drop me a text or e-mail. Tell me who it is and what is happening to her. Phone or text 906-201-2861, or email me at juneedavis38@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

*Sincerely,
June Davis*



Heather pictured in DC with daughters Piper (left) and Ivy (right)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER Heather Mlsna

A Marquette resident since 1989, Heather Mlsna and her husband raised their four children herewith the youngest about to graduate from high school this year.

Heather worked for seven and a half years as the Communications Director at the Elder Law Firm of Anderson Associates, now Anderson, Brogan & Yonkers. She worked half-time in that role, switching recently to a freelance status. She is now employed as the Content Coordinator for *Best Version Media*, a local monthly magazine, and does other freelance writing, editing and marketing.

In a volunteer capacity, Heather was a founding member of Marquette County Habitat for Humanity, and was involved with MAPS for years. She also served for a decade with Superiorland Soccer Association on a variety of roles, including President.

Heather earned her B.A. in biology from Albion College in 1984, and a B.A. in English as well as a secondary education certificate from Northern Michigan University in 1991.

START SMART WAGE NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP February 25 at NMU

This year the Start Smart workshop will be sponsored by our branch in cooperation with several groups on the Northern Michigan University campus. Kristi Evans, of the Gender Working Group and the Women for Women student group's Autumn Palmer and Tiffani Haught are working on the logistics of the presentation. It will be held as part of LeadHership Day on campus on February 25, 2017.

This workshop is intended to provide participants with the skills and confidence necessary to negotiate an appropriate wage with a potential employer after graduation. Although it is for college students, several staff also participated last year. We are hoping for a full contingent of students from many disciplines this year.

This program was developed by AAUW, and will be presented by one of our members, Janel Crooks. Janel is the Public Affairs Officer for the Hiawatha National Forest, and has facilitated many meetings and presentations.

If any AAUW members would like to attend and observe the proceedings, contact me, Mary Snitgen at msnitgen@tds.net.

ONE MORE ONCE...

**Please save your Econo slips
AND**

**bring them to the
next meeting you attend.**