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## From the President

Happy Spring, everyone! At least at this writing, the snow is very nearly all gone. Please mark your calendars for the book sale week of activities. See articles attached. I'll be sending reminder calls or emails for your work times. *If you haven't signed up, we still need help: **Friday, April 28 from 11 am to 5 pm.** Book sorting will continue **all week, Monday, April 24, through Thursday, April 27.** Please contact me directly a.s.a.p. @ [meg.goodrich2@gmail.com](mailto:meg.goodrich2@gmail.com).*

*Thank you, Meg*

## NEXT MEETING:

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 6 p.m.**

## Book Sale Potluck

Our scholarship-funding book sale and yummy potluck will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at Front Street and Bluff.

Please bring a salad, dessert or entree for the potluck. You also need to bring your own plate, napkin, flatware, and a glass. This is so we don't have much clean-up so we can sort books.

We will eat, have a short meeting and then organize books. This is so important because our Book Sale benefits scholarships to NMU women.

Plan to stay after dinner to help sort books. Or, if you cannot make it for dinner, come before or come later, to help with the books.

*Kathy Davis*

## Book Sale Time!

Books are piling up and we are about to begin the big push for our annual AAUW Book Sale at the First Presbyterian Church.

- Dates and times for this year's sale are
  - ✓ Thursday, April 27, 5 to 9 PM,
  - ✓ Friday, April 28, 9 AM to 6 PM
  - ✓ Saturday, April 29, 9 AM to noon

- Book barrels will continue to collect books until Friday, April 21 at the following sites:
  - ✓ Marquette Community Federal Credit Union, 1230 W. Washington;
  - ✓ River Valley Bank, 1101 N. Third;
  - ✓ the UP Medical Center, and
  - ✓ First Presbyterian Church.
- After April 21, all books should be taken to the church.

## All Hands on Deck for Book Sale

We appreciate and need all hands on deck for this big sale. Volunteer sheets have already been made available so if you missed these sheets, please contact Meg Goodrich to volunteer.

Plan to attend the potluck and help, but know that we also need help on April 25, 26, and 27 **before the sale** as well as **salespeople and book tenders during the sale.**

The success of this year's fundraiser rests in your hands! All members are encouraged to help with clean up on Saturday at noon. There is a task suitable for everyone even if lugging heavy books isn't your thing.

Contact Meg Goodrich (226-8920) or Jackie Gallagher (250-6170) if you have questions.

**CLICK LINK for online message**

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**DON'T FORGET!**

**Save your Econo slips  
AND bring them to the next meeting  
you attend.**

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Our final meeting of the year  
**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 7 PM**  
**Mentoring Pre-Professional Students  
at Northern Michigan University**

Marsha Lucas, Ph.D., NMU Pre-Professional Student Advisor, will discuss the importance to pre-professional college students of a **mentoring relationship**. Dr. Lucas will describe the challenges involved in mentoring college students and the effectiveness of NMU's mentoring program in helping young women find their pathways to successful futures.

*and*  
**SHE  
BELIEVED  
RETREAT  
MAY 17-19  
(WED-FRI)**



**Join us for a great mentoring opportunity!**



The She Believed retreat planning is well underway for May 17-19 (Wed-Fri) at the Girl Scout Camp in Gwinn. The program staff from the Marquette Alternative High

School have planned some fabulous workshops for outdoor experiences. These young ladies have very challenging lives and home environments. This retreat will be offering "firsts" for most them.

We have offered to make their evening meal on both nights (W/Th). The plan is to involve the young ladies in the preparation. According to staff the majority of these young ladies have little experience preparing a meal with an adult and their diets primarily consist of fast food. So, we are thinking of a menu with FRESH foods! Our hope is to enjoy one meal at the campfire. We need help! We will be feeding about 30. Let me know by **May 1** if you can join us. Great conversations happen in the kitchen and always around food!

*Les Bek 869-5298; lbek@gsnwgl.org*

***P.S. You are also welcome to attend workshops, join the campfire storytelling, and camp overnight. Rides will be coordinated. Camp Pow Low is a half hour drive from Marquette.***

## PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

On Equal Pay Day, Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act. The bill is now referred to as HR 1869/S.819. Please note the change. This bill creates incentives for employers who follow the law, plugs loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963, it empowers women to negotiate for equal pay and strengthens federal outreach and enforcement. Continue to urge Congress to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Ironically, President Trump proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. He outlined ways to eliminate sexual assault and violence. In the same week, he supported Bill O'Reilly saying he was sure Bill O'Reilly did nothing wrong. Trump's remarks discount the claims of women complainants. Does anyone recall a tape where he bragged about groping women without consent? We live in strange times.

The White House does not plan to seek the American Bar Association's opinion on lower court judicial nominees. Presidents since Dwight Eisenhower have relied on this advice, with one exception, George W. Bush. Neil Gorsuch was confirmed by a vote of 54-45. Lacking the 60 votes formerly required for a Supreme Court confirmation, Republicans passed the nuclear option allowing for a confirmation with just a simple majority. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was confirmed by a vote of 96-3. Both the nuclear option and White House's announcement they will not seek the American Bar Association's advice will affect the courts for years to come. AAUW did not support Justice Gorsuch's confirmation. AAUW found he failed to protect workers who had been wronged, including women who encountered sex discrimination. According to AAUW, he did not agree to uphold Roe v Wade. When given the opportunity to support women's access to reproductive health care, he sided with corporations and the women's bosses. Watch his future rulings this year with interest.

I filed a report to AAUW regarding our Equal Pay Day activity. My thanks to Meredith Kulisheck for writing up our encounter with Representative Jack Bergman for our newsletter. Special thanks to Katherine Larson, Carol Cappuccio, Karen Blake, Kathy Davis for their help on the conference call with Representative Bergman. Thanks also to Rich VanderVeen for his hospitality; Amelia Burns, Congressman Bergman's scheduler and Karen Anderson his U.P. representative, and especially Congressman Jack Berman for listening.

*Karlynn Rapport  
Public Policy Representative*

## EQUAL PAY DAY: A Phone Conference with Rep. Jack Bergman

*This day symbolizes how far beyond 2016 women must work to earn what men earned in 2016 alone.*

A woman, working full-time with median women's pay, needed to work all the way through 2016 and then on for three more months until April 4, 2017, to earn the same amount as a man, working full-time and receiving median men's pay, earned in 2016 alone. That is why April 4 was denoted Equal Pay Day.

On Equal Pay Day, six members of the Marquette Branch of AAUW spoke to Congressman Jack Bergman about Equal Pay Day and our concerns that women earn significantly less than men when doing equivalent work. We pointed out that, in 2016, nationally women earned 80% of what men earned, in Michigan only 74%, and in our First Congressional District a mere 72%. We reminded him that families and children suffer when women earn less. We told him about our support of the Fair Pay Act (S 168 and HR 438) and the Paycheck Fairness Act (S 84/2199 and HR 377).



*Katherine Larson (left, above) with Karlyn Rapport. Kathy Davis (above). At left, Carol Cappuccio (left) with Karen Blake.*

Representative Bergman said in his experience as a pilot, in the military, and as a businessman, women were paid the same as men for the same work. He asked if these bills demanded equal pay for identical work. He said he would have his legislative director, Michelle Jenicky, look into the two bills and get back to us. He added that he has daughters and wants them treated fairly. He also told us that he will have a public meeting in Marquette County some time in the next month. We will check with Ms. Jenicky if we don't hear from her reasonably soon.

Karlyn Rapport worked very hard to arrange this call and convened the group of AAUW members who participated. Katherine Larson arranged with Richard VanderVeen for us to use his office and phone so we could all be in one place for the call. She also prepared

a list of talking points that we used as a guide during the call. Karen Blake, who has worked in a congressional office, gave us valuable insight into what to expect and helped us evaluate the call after it concluded.

*Meredith Kulisheck, Treasurer*

## 2017 MARTHA GRIFFITHS AWARD



The Marquette Branch of the American Association of University Women announces the winner of the 2017 Martha Griffiths Award. The Martha Griffiths Award is given annually to a high-achieving graduating

female senior at NMU and is named in honor of one of Michigan's most influential women legislators in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Martha Griffiths was known for her efforts in the Civil Rights Act and for getting the Equal Rights Amendment to the House floor for a vote in 1970.

The 2017 award is shown in photo above being given by Meg Goodrich, AAUW president to Mattie Wright whose major is Information Systems. Mattie will begin working for Ford Motor Company this summer in cybersecurity, a field traditionally populated by men. Her three-year rotational job includes mobile security, penetration testing of computer systems, and vehicle security. Although Mattie will miss her hometown of Tecumseh, she is excited to begin her new career in Detroit.

Along with attending Northern as a full-time student, Mattie works at the YMCA of Marquette County where she has operated the YMCA front desk, volunteered for Love Your Y events, and chaperoned middle school dances. She donates a portion of her checks to the Annual YMCA Campaign to help community members in need receive discounted rates toward YMCA memberships and programs. Currently, Mattie is an Information Technology intern for the Marquette Area Public School District, where she helps faculty, teachers, and students solve technology problems. Jim Marquardson from the NMU College of Business nominated Mattie for the Martha Griffiths Award, which includes a certificate, recognition dinner, and \$250 in cash.

Mattie's breakthrough in the field of cybersecurity will help future generations of women achieve successful careers in this highly relevant and challenging field.

*Judy Puncochar  
College/University Relations/NMU*