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From the President

Congratulations to all for another successful Book Sale! Our net profit was \$2,929.19 after deducting for expenses of \$424.59. (Gross \$3,353.75). This is almost exactly what we made last year. Special thanks go to those who took on the sub tasks of the chair: Meredith as treasurer, Elizabeth for church/book transport coordinator, and Jacki and Pat for continuing as PR ladies, and all-around major trooper without a specific title, Kathy Davis!



From the publicity, to the book collection and transportation, to the potluck work bee, through the continuous book sorting, and "days of"

cashiering, to the book pack-up and removal, most of our membership actively participated in this major fundraiser for women's scholarships. Both the set-up and tear-down were completed in record time, and Elizabeth is especially grateful for ALL who stayed to help pack and move the books. And let us not forget the help of husbands Lee Miller, Bill Davis, Jim Gallagher, and Peter Goodrich for their brawn, as well. I note: while we rose to the occasion without a Chair, please be thinking ahead to next year, for we will not be able to proceed without one.

Our final program of the year will be well worth bringing your friends to once again. Please read all about it next.

Best regards, Meg

Please,

as we close out the fiscal year,
remember to bring your Econo Coupons
to the May 11 meeting.

Meredith Kulisheck, Treasurer

NEXT MEETING: final meeting of the year
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 7 PM

Mentoring Pre-Professional Students at Northern Michigan University

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

It's graduation season and we are very lucky to have her set aside time speak to us. Normally, she is running full tilt on campus with a loaded satchel. And the day after speaking with us, she will be delivering a commencement address, so don't miss this chance to hear her.

Ann Arnold

There is still time to join us for a great mentoring opportunity!

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



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 of them. They are very much looking forward to connecting with AAUW members.

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, most of these young ladies have little experience preparing a meal with an adult and their diets primarily consist of fast food. So, we are planning a menu with FRESH foods! Our hope is to perhaps do one meal at the campfire. We need help! We will be feeding about 30. Let me know by **May 10** if you can join us. Great conversations happen in the kitchen and always around food!

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.

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From the Treasurer

As of April 24, we had \$4353.57 in the checking account and \$7117.28 in the STEM account.

Dues will be due soon - by July 1. The amount has not changed since last year. I will send an email (or a letter for those of you without email) to each of you with the amount you owe.

Meredith Kulisheck, Treasurer

Marquette Chapter Offers Free One-Year Memberships to New Grads

Our Marquette Chapter of AAUW received 14 nominations for its Martha Griffiths Award this year. To honor them, we invited them to apply for a one year free membership and received **five** responses.

Two of them, Mattie Wright (winner of the award), and Bethany Ruitta will not be living in this area, but will they will receive national memberships and can join a chapter where they will reside.

We're delighted that three will become local members: Gwen Hoenke, Liz Trueblood, and Rabah Gabasha. Rabah attended our potluck dinner before the Book Sale and earlier this year, our Start Smart Workshop in February. Graduating seniors who attended the workshop were also offered a free membership. We welcome them all!

Mary Snitgen, Membership Co-Chair

NEW GRADS—New members of AAUW

Mattie Wright



Our winner of the 2017 Martha Griffiths Award, pictured above receiving her award from Meg Goodrich, President of AAUW with Judy Puncocar, the AAUW-NMU University Liaison.

The Marquette Chapter of the AAUW gives this award annually to a high-achieving graduating female senior at NMU. The award is named in honor of one of Michigan's most influential women legislators in the last half of the 20th century. Martha Griffiths was known for her efforts in the Civil Rights Act and for bringing the Equal Rights Amendment to the House floor for a vote in 1970. Mattie's breakthrough in the field of cybersecurity will help future generations of women achieve successful careers in this highly relevant and challenging field. Mattie is an Information Systems major. She has served as an Information Technology Intern for the Marquette Area Public School District, where she helped faculty, teachers, and students solve technology problems. She will begin her career in Detroit 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. While a fulltime student, Mattie worked 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. We congratulate Mattie for the Martha Griffiths Award, which includes a certificate, recognition dinner, and \$250 in cash. Congratulations, Mattie!

Rabah Gabasha

moved to Marquette two years ago as a transfer student to NMU during the Winter Semester 2016. She will graduate this May from Northern with highest honors (summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA) and a major

in International Studies with a concentration in the Middle East. Her minor is religious studies. At NMU, she is a member of the All Nations Club and the Muslim Student Association. She works as a teaching assistant for the history department, and she received this year's outstanding graduating senior in International Studies by the Modern Languages Department. Three interesting facts about Rabah are she has two children; she traveled to Yemen to teach English for one year after she graduated from high school; and she received the second place award for the Cohodas literary prize for her essay on Jewish communities in the Dar al-Islam. The ceremony is also this evening, so she will need to leave soon. Rabah would like to stay in Marquette after her graduation and become more involved in the community. We are delighted to have her as a member of the Marquette Chapter of the AAUW.

Gwen Hoenke

will graduate highest honors (summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA) and a double major in Secondary Education Mathematics and Spanish. She has served as a volunteer teaching assistant for an elementary school in Segovia, Spain, an intern working with students with special needs in Quito, Ecuador, and an intern teaching innovative mathematics lessons to middle school students in Brooklyn, New York. Gwen has been an active member of the Student Leader Fellowship Program, the All-Student Conduct Board, the Secondary Education Mathematics Club, and Superior Edge. She is the 2017 recipient of a Fulbright Award to Peru and the NMU Board of Trustees 2017 Outstanding Female Student Award. She is deciding between whether to accept a position in Peru teaching English starting in May 2018 or to accept a paid position with a stipend to receive her Masters of Education degree through the University of Portland with a specialization in Reading or Teaching English as a Second Language. Gwen could not be with us tonight because she is receiving an award.

Elizabeth Trueblood

is an honors-achieving graduating student. Liz will graduate with high honors (magna cum laude) with majors in Theatre and English with an emphasis on writing. Liz has worked as a Writing Center tutor, NMU Student Ambassador for recruitment, and Forest Roberts Theatre Box Office employee. She has served as stage manager for many productions at the Forest Roberts Theatre over the last three years. Liz was past president of Alpha Psi Omega, an honors society

operating out of the Theatre Department at Northern Michigan University. This year she served as the Alpha Psi Omega fundraising chair. Liz will attend graduate school in Creative Writing this fall.

Bethany Riutta

will graduate with highest honors (summa cum laude) with a degree in Clinical Sciences-Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. She served as the president of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, and she worked in the Speech and Hearing Clinic with clients of all ages. She also worked as an office assistant in the Native American Studies program and as a teaching assistant in the Sociology Department. Bethany served as an NMU Student Ambassador for recruitment and she has over 300 hours of community service in Superior Edge. She served on the Native American Student Alliance, and she has been a Pow Wow volunteer and First Nations food tester. She is dedicated to professional development. She attended the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association annual conference three times and signed up for an enrichment clinical practicum to hone her clinical skills. Bethany will attend graduate school this fall for training in Speech-Language Pathology.

Judy Puncochar
College/University Relations/NMU

FROM THE ARCHIVES...



2010 BIO FOR KATHY DAVIS
(Used for the Elect Her
2010 Program)

Kathy Davis is a retired high school biology teacher. She is active politically and involved with several environmental issues. She is an elected Democratic Party precinct delegate. She has been a precinct delegate for 36 years. She belongs to Emily's List (a group of people who financially support campaign efforts of pro-choice Democratic women seeking election to State and Federal office), N.O.W. (The National Organization for Women), the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) and AAUW (American Association of University Women). She is a former board member of PPNM (Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan). She now serves as the Membership Co-Chair of the Marquette Branch of AAUW where she has been a member since 1999. She also belongs to UPEC (The Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition), the Sierra Club, the League of Conservation Voters, the Michigan Audubon Society, the Center for Biodiversity, and the Nature Conservancy of Michigan.

Potluck Preceding the Book Sale
at which delicious dinners were enjoyed by all

