



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

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## WELCOME from the President

Welcome to our 2017-2018 program year of "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Another stellar year is in the works. We look forward to seeing old and new faces, and remind you to invite your friends to our meetings and programs. As always, our meetings are open to the public.

A few new endeavors are coming our way--1) please read Carolyn Myers' article on our first-ever *Scholarship Campaign launch*. We need all our members engaged in this crucial fundraiser. 2) Look for a revised *Policies and Procedures* manual in the near future to clarify nuts and bolts issues. 3) Look for updated Hostess Committee notes in the *Policies and Procedures* manual, to ease any reluctance to participate in this behind-the-scenes necessary volunteer work.

Finally, our yearly Marquette Branch Membership booklet will be available at our Salad Supper, on Thursday, September 14. See program article below.

*Regards,  
Meg Goodrich*

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 14

### ***Stand Up to Sexism - Salad Supper***

Our first meeting this year is our Salad Supper for members and guests on Thursday, September 14 at **6 PM** at the Federated Women's Club house at 104 W. Ridge in Marquette across the street from Peter White Public Library.

A video on AAUW programs, policies and mission will be shown. The video "Your Voice Does Not Matter" will precede a discussion on sexism. Attendees will have an opportunity to share put-downs they have endured, what they said or did at the time, and what they wish they said or did under the circumstances. Then the group will discuss

interventions women can use today to educate the perpetrator.

AAUW scholarship recipients Jessica Barber and Annika Wheeler have been invited.

AAUW members are asked to bring a friend and bring a salad or dessert. **Please contact Kathy Davis, AAUW Hospitality Chair, 906-228-4197 or [kdavismqt@aol.com](mailto:kdavismqt@aol.com) if you are coming and if you are bringing a guest.**

*Les Bek and Karlyn Rapport  
Program Committee Co-Chairs*

## NEW & EXCITING Scholarship Campaign

For many years, AAUW members have held fundraisers (e.g., book sales, puppet shows, the Russian Tea) to support our scholarships for NMU women. In recent years, we have had a difficult time making a dent in Northern's rising tuition costs. To that end, we reduced the number of awards we give—one award was given in each of the last two years; this year we gave two.

Now a new campaign to support our scholarships is being prepared, and it directly involves you. At our Salad Supper, you will receive a letter from me asking for your personal financial support for our scholarships. No specific amount will be requested or expected, but our hope (as always) is to accumulate enough to be a significant help to the talented and very hard-working young women we support.

*Carolyn Myers  
AAUW Local Scholarship Committee*

### **ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS.**

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

## Marquette, AAUW Members Met with Representative Chris Greig, Minority Whip for the Michigan House of Representatives.

The following Branch members met with the Honorable Chris Greig. Judith Puncochar, Leslie Warren, Kathy Davis, Miriam Hilton, Susan Shaver, Judy Warner, Marlene Woo Lun, June Davis, Ann Arnold, Sally May, Karlyn Rapport, and Kaye Harper. Happily, Judy Puncochar took notes. The following is based on Judy's notes.

We thanked Rep. Greig for her work on pay equity as in her sponsorship of HB 4516 which prohibits employers from asking about past compensation. Her advocacy for education, educators was recognized. She has been an ally fighting for reproductive rights.

We discussed the following topics:

- CTE requirements related to Industrial Arts IX job postings. Obtaining necessary hours for CTE certification are impossible once shop teachers begin teaching. School aid fund increased by one billion dollars this year. Twenty-three percent went to community colleges, K-12 funding increased \$25 per high school student. Cyber schools are funded at the same rate as brick and mortar schools.
- Charter schools lack oversight because of management systems, but students take the same tests. Eighty per cent of for profit charter schools are operating without accountability. Greig is considering charter school reform using a certificate of need process and requiring a public hearing. (A felon tried to open a charter school.)
- Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education has an end game to privatize public education and implant a voucher system in our state. Tim Kelly is expected to resign his position and work for Betsy DeVos. Chris will look into House Bill 4192 (elimination of funding, programmed activities related to Common Core science standards.)
- Chris Greig handed out Citizen Guides and information on equal pay, earned sick leave. Greig suggested we make a point of contacting committee members which is where the work of the legislature is done. The Citizens guide lists these committees. She invited us to email her at: [christinegreig@house.mi.gov](mailto:christinegreig@house.mi.gov) or phone 517 373 1793 or 888 642 4037.
- We also discussed the need for more women in the legislature, Dark Stores, the need for correction reform, mental health services, the need for access to affordable reproductive health services. The Sanctuary City debate witnessed a push back by the public flooding the House opposing having the police check immigration papers. Not one person spoke in favor of the bill.

The meeting was so worthwhile and greatly appreciated. The Marquette Chapter of the AAUW thanks Karlyn Rapport for her work in arranging the luncheon with Representative Chris Greig. And our Chapter's thanks to Michigan AAUW's Public Policy leaders, Mary Pollock and Amanda Phillips for their help in setting up this meeting.

Karlyn Rapport  
Public Policy Representative