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WELCOME from the President

I look forward to another magical holiday dinner with you all on December 7th. As that deadline fast approaches, please email or call Meredith or June first, as the form and check can get delayed in the mail.

Good news--I am happy to report that the Book Sale has two new co-chairs. Please welcome and thank Marlene Woo-Lun and Renee Leow for their willingness to serve for our major fundraiser for women's scholarships. I know they can count on your continued support. Marilyn Klahn, we are all so grateful to you for your decades of Book Sale leadership. We would not be where we are today without you. Thank you!

Regards, Meg Goodrich

Consider a gift to our NMU Scholarship Campaign



Make your check payable to:

AAUW Marquette Branch

and in the memo section note:

AAUW NMU Scholarship Fund.

Send check to: Meredith Kulisheck, 617 W Hampton St., Marquette MI 49855

Carolyn Myers, AAUW Local Scholarship Committee and Les Bek, Scholarship Campaign Committee

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 7, 6 PM

Holiday Dinner Catered by Sweet Basil



Menu Choice of entrees: Chicken Alfredo, Salmon Topped with Pesto Sauce (gluten free) or Quinoa Stuffed Squash (vegetarian, gluten free). Each entrée comes with baked squash, rice pilaf, French Bread with butter, decaf or regular coffee or tea. You may also bring your own wine.

Entertainment Pianists from the Piano Teachers Workshop will be playing music of female composers.

RSVP required. Guests welcome. Seating limit 60

June Davis, Holiday Dinner Chair

RSVP

Mail the coupon below and check by this Saturday, November 25 to Meredith Kulisheck, 617 W Hampton St., Marquette MI 49855

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

ENTRÉE CHOICES

(Number of each):

- _____ Chicken Alfredo (\$26.30)
_____ Salmon (\$29.30)
_____ Stuffed Squash (\$26.30)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$_____ (Prices include 15% gratuity)

**YESTERDAY'S
TREASURES
&
BAKE SALE**



Place: Federated Women's Clubhouse
104 W Ridge Street
Corner of W. Ridge and Front Streets,
Marquette

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Browse – Buy – Enjoy

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Bills Protecting Survivors of Gender Violence

In response to recent tragic events, legislators at the federal and state level are introducing bills to protect survivors of domestic violence. U.S. House Representatives Ryan Costello (R PA) and Kathleen Rice (D NY) introduced H.R. 4183, The Domestic Violence Records Reporting Improvement Act of 2017.

The bill creates grants and incentives for states to improve reporting domestic violence records so that guns will be kept out of the hands of domestic abusers. The bill will work to ensure criminal records of domestic abusers are in law enforcement background check system. In 1990 Congress barred convicted domestic abusers from accessing firearms.

In the Michigan Legislature, The Progressive Women's Caucus Gender Violence Task Force introduced HB 5247, HB5248, HB 5249, HB 5250, HB5251. The bills are trying to plug gaping holes in state laws that leave survivors of domestic violence hurting. The bills require an employer who offers sick leave to allow sick leave to be used for providing or receiving assistance because of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

What about employees without sick leave? They just have to do the best they can.

The Progressive Women's Caucus bills:

- Ensure an individual will not be disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits for conduct as a consequence of domestic violence, assault or stalking.
- Require a person accused of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking be legally served with a personal protection order to relinquish all firearms
- Prevent landlords/realtors from discriminating against individuals on the basis of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and provide eviction protection for survivors.

What can we do?

Call Senator Gary Peters, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Representative Bergman and urge appropriate funding for the Victims of Crime Act and Violence Against Women Act.

Tell state legislators Representative Sara Cambensy and Representative Scott Dianda to support HB 5247, HB 5248, HB 5250, HB5251. These will allow survivors to get help, services and protections they need.

Guns in the Schools

SB584, SB 585 and SB 586 passed the Senate and are headed to the House. These bills allow concealed weapons in the schools. They do not let the schools or public bodies regulate what their policies would be regarding guns in the building. Hopefully, Governor Rick Snyder might veto this legislation. He vetoed similar bills in 2012.

Michigan AAUW

Penny Larsen is the new Public Policy chair for Michigan AAUW. Our Virtual Lobby Corps meets in a conference call Monday November 20.



Happy Thanksgiving all!

I am thankful you are willing to advocate for public policy affecting women and girls.

*Karlyn Rapport
Public Policy Representative*

REMINDER:

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