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## Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 11, 7 pm **VOTING MATTERS**



Voting is what makes us a democracy; voting matters. To vote, you must be registered 30 days before the election.

That makes Tuesday, October 9 the last day to register to vote in November

At this meeting, three voter-initiated statewide proposals that are on the ballot for voters to decide will be reviewed. Also, fact-checking and the security of the voting system will be discussed, and Darlene Allen will describe the recent reestablishment of the non-partisan League of Women Voters in Marquette.

Contact Ruth Ziel, 906-249-4152, or Marge Forslin, 906-869-4791, with questions.

## Michigan AAUW President, Deb Kennedy will lead first ever Regional Meeting with all three U.P. branches

### Marquette, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 RSVP by Sun 7-Oct

AAUW-Michigan President Deb Kennedy will officiate the first Upper Peninsula regional meeting of three AAUW Branches (Escanaba, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, and Marquette) The **event opens at 10:30** with coffee and conversation at the Women's Federated Clubhouse in Marquette. Table discussions begin at 11:00 am.

The event is free and functions as a collaborative effort to share ideas on programming, membership, and fundraising. A **salad luncheon** will feature three speakers: (1) NMU teacher candidate Catherine Boileau, (2) AAUW National Student Advisory Council member Maddie Wiles, and (3) AAUW-Michigan President Deb Kennedy. Some student members of AAUW-NMU will join us for lunch. The **event ends at 3:00**.

## RSVP for Regional Meeting by Sun 7-Oct

To attend this exciting event with our regional colleagues and meet our AAUW-Michigan President please **contact Judy Puncochar at [jpuncoch@nmu.edu](mailto:jpuncoch@nmu.edu) with questions and to RSVP.**

**Save your Econo slips again  
this year and bring them  
to the next meeting you attend.**

## UPDATE:

### NMU Scholarship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our inaugural AAUW NMU Scholarship Campaign this past membership year. Thank you to those who have given us a jump start with a donation in the first month of our current effort. You've helped us reach 25% of our goal already

Members in attendance at our September meeting received our letter explaining the need and the impact of our scholarships. All other members and former members have been mailed the letter.

Now is the time to consider four actions to support the campaign:

1. Let us know if you did not receive a campaign letter; we will get you one.
2. Send in your contribution in the envelope provided. A gift is never too big or too small,
3. Plan for when it is the best time on your personal calendar to contribute and
4. Share the letter with others who you think would like to join our campaign. We can prepare a letter addressed to your individual or group personalized with your signature. Contact Marge Forslin, [forslin2@charter.net](mailto:forslin2@charter.net) for assistance.

We are on our way with high hopes of reaching our NMU Scholarship Campaign goal of \$5,000. Your donation is an investment in the futures of young women and their academic goals. Thank you for being a part of this important effort.

*Les Bek, NMU Scholarship Campaign Chair*

*Dateline October 1, 2018:*

*Public Policy article for October AAUW Newsletter*

## **AAUW opposes Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation**

AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps members visited 96 offices to urge senators to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. AAUW members across the U.S. called senate offices. **It is still vital that senators hear from you.** Call Senator Debbie Stabenow at 906 228 8756 and Senator Gary Peters at 906 226 4554 Urge them to continue to do everything possible to stop Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. If you have friends and relatives in other states urge them to call their Senators to stop Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation.

Dr. Christine Blasey Ford showed such courage in her testimony accusing Judge Kavanaugh. Senator Jeff Flake (R AZ) pushed for an FBI investigation despite his vote to approve Kavanaugh's confirmation in committee.

Put the sexual misconduct allegations aside for the moment. AAUW carefully reviewed Judge Kavanaugh's available record. Including his record on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. , his known speeches and writings. His full record has not been disclosed. Judge Kavanaugh has consistently failed to ensure protection for workers who have faced discrimination. He has dismissed claims that a majority of D.C. Circuit colleagues found to be of merit. In his dissenting opinion in *Howard v Office of Chief Administrative office of the U.S. House of Representatives* his argument would have limited workers in Congressional offices and throughout the legislative branch from pursuing claims in federal court including sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation claims.

Judge Kavanaugh has shown he would be willing to severely weaken or overturn women's right to access abortion. He ruled to delay an abortion of a 17-year old undocumented young woman in government custody. Four days later the full D.C. circuit reheard the case and ruled the young woman was entitled to exercise her right to choose without delay. Hi dissent demonstrated his lack of support for this constitutional right.

Judge Kavanaugh supported South Carolina's restrictive and discriminatory government photo ID law which the Department of Justice objected to because the laws harmed voters of color. His opinion shows a willingness to roll back the Voting Rights Act which has protected voters of color for decades.

According to AAUW 's analysis, Judge Kavanaugh will not stand up for health, education and economic security for women and girls. AAUW's analysis concluded his confirmation devalues the promise of justice for all.

### **In other public polity news...**

The Department of Education is withholding federal grant money from the Chicago Public Schools because the district has failed to adequately protect students a from sexual violence. This failure is a violation of Title IX.

Karlyn Rapport  
Public Policy Representative

## **September Program Report – Why AAUW?**

We welcomed our 2018-2019 membership year with a look in the AAUW window. The question in the title opened the door for looking at our national mission, vision, and values. One value led us all to learn a new term: intersectionality. According to Merriam-Webster, it's been around since the late 1980's but intersectionality is a way that's new to many of us. It's used to refer to the complex and cumulative way that the effects of different forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, and yes, intersect-especially in the experiences of marginalized people or groups.

Our focus was further expanded to "Why are we here and why do we keep coming back?" The response was both an interesting and entertaining exchange of stories from our members, some with decades of AAUW membership. We took a look at our guiding document and AAUW compass, the AAUW 2018 Strategic Plan: Beyond Aspirations Advancing Equity for Women & Girls. The plan focused on four macro areas of work Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership, and Governance & Sustainability. Locally we strive to put all that is AAUW into action. You are a member of a quality association in every way. See for yourself. Come to our programs and events and check out our strategic plan.

[www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/](http://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/)

### **Why AAUW . . .**

**MISSION:** To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

**VISION:** Equity for all.

**VALUES:** Nonpartisan; fact-based; integrity; inclusion and intersectionality.

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

### Welcome, Taylor Susa!



Taylor Susa joins the AAUW-MQT Board as co-chair of the Membership Committee. She is a 2018 NMU honors graduate of the new Behavioral Cognitive Neuroscience program and a recent nominee for our Martha Griffiths Award. Currently, Taylor works as a Teaching Assistant in Experimental Psychological Sciences, where she teaches three upper-level psychology labs.

Taylor has been awarded a research grant and a research scholarship to work in the Cognitive & Affective Behavioral Integrated Neuroscience Lab under the direction of Dr. Joshua Carlson. She recently has presented research at four research conferences and submitted two manuscripts for publication.

Her master's thesis involves neuroimaging in mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) and anxiety. She plans to obtain a PhD in the area of neuroimaging.

Taylor is using her last year of NCAA eligibility to swim for NMU for a fourth year.

In addition to her work on the **Membership Committee**, we are excited to have Taylor serve as our **first AAUW-NMU student group liaison**.

Please send a notice of any potential new members, you meet, regular or student, to Taylor at [tsusa@nmu.edu](mailto:tsusa@nmu.edu).

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### Hi, my name is June Davis

As your Corresponding Secretary for AAUW Marquette Branch, my responsibilities include:

1. Acknowledging donations to our educational Scholarship and/or other contributions.
2. Acknowledging the contributions of speakers to our Membership meetings.
3. Sending get well cards as well as condolences to our members.



### For me to perform my duties I need your help.

If you know someone who falls into one of these categories please drop me a line especially about someone you think might appreciate a get well, condolence, or congratulation card.

You can reach me by text or phone at 906-201-2861, e-mail at [juneedavis38@gmail.com](mailto:juneedavis38@gmail.com). Thank you for any assistance you can provide me. Hope to see you at the membership meeting.

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