



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

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**REMEMBER:**

**Election Day is Tue-6-Nov-2018.**

Polls close at 8:00 pm.



**Been stumping for candidates or proposals lately? Here's a different November stump.**

It'll be a relief to be done soon, but don't forget, Lame Duck sessions and legislators will be active following their Thanksgiving break.

**Looking ahead...**

**Thursday, December 6, 6 pm**



**AAUW MUSIC AND MERRIMENT HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**

Join us on Thursday, December 6th, for a scrumptious feast of locally sourced hors d'oeuvres. Sip on special Holiday grog as you enjoy seasonal music featuring the talented young women of the Marquette Senior High School Music Program. An invitation with additional details will soon arrive in your mailbox. We look forward to raising a glass and laughing with you on the 6th of December.

*Music & Merriment Committee*

**Next Meeting –**

**Thursday, November 8, 7 pm**

**CAREER NIGHT MIXER: EMPOWERING WOMEN AS THEY LAUNCH**

Facilitators: Leslie Warren & Taylor Susa

This event will feature a focus on first generation college students, student groups, and pre-professional associations. This mixer format is an opportunity to dialogue with young women about getting a strong career start. Based on professional lessons learned from members representing multiple fields, this match-up promises to offer priceless heads-up conversations.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Yesterday's Treasures Sale**

Support our lovely Women's Federated Clubhouse

Please sign up to help with the Yesterday's Treasures Sale event by contacting Margie West at [margiewest4@gmail.com](mailto:margiewest4@gmail.com). You may also bake goodies (cookies, bars, candies) to be re-packaged as baker's dozen Christmas cookie plates.

- \_\_\_ **Thu 29-Nov** from 5:00pm-7:00pm – **Set Up**
- \_\_\_ **Fri 30-Nov** from 5:00pm-7:00pm – **Set Up/Pricing**
- \_\_\_ **Sat 1-Dec** from 9:00am-11:30am – **Opening Shift**
- \_\_\_ **Sat 1-Dec** from 10:00am-12:30pm – **Middle Shift**
- \_\_\_ **Sat 1-Dec** from 11:30am-2:00pm – **Closing Shift**

**GUIDELINES FOR DONATIONS for the Yesterday's Treasures Sale**

Items must be clean and in good condition. Please do not send clothing and save your books for the AAUW Book Sale. Contributions need not be limited to items on this list, but please keep donations to items suitable for table-top display.

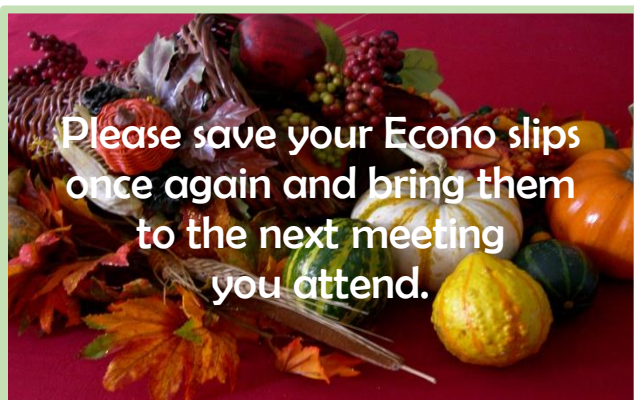
Donations may be delivered to the Clubhouse at any time and stored in the basement. Also, donations may be delivered to the Clubhouse during set-up times on Thursday and Friday evenings, November 29 and 30, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Please also bring in the **extra grocery bags** you have at home. If you have a suggested price for an item, please mark it in advance.

Antiques	Pottery Pieces
Glassware	Christmas Items
China	Gift Items
Silver	Craft Items
Linens	Educational Items
Collectibles	Baskets
Brass	Jewelry
Copper	Stationery
Ceramic Pieces	Artwork

The Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with the Yesterday's Treasures Sale. This year we will be selling individual items such as cookies, bars, and candies. **You do not need to package your items for sale.** We will package your donations in assorted baker's dozens (13 items) to be sold at a set price. Bring your bake sale donations to the Clubhouse **by 6:30pm on Friday, November 30.** Please note if your donations include nuts. Thank you!

This is our major fundraiser, so thank you for your generous support!



## UPDATE:

### NMU Scholarship Campaign

Our AAUW mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our NMU Scholarship Campaign is a significant effort of the Marquette Branch to locally impact overall activity within the education priority. Your donation is an investment in the futures of young women facing life-challenging situations that contribute to their financial need.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far this fall to our NMU Scholarship Campaign. We are presently at 46% of our \$5,000 goal!

### Four Actions

Let's keep this great momentum going! Now is the time to consider four actions to support the campaign:

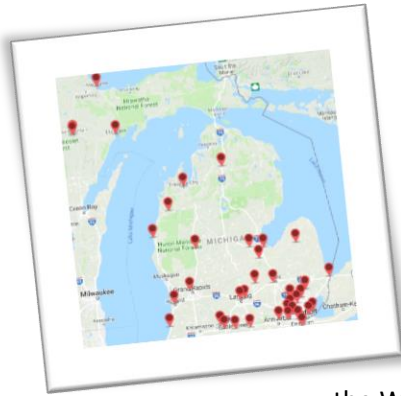
1. Let us know if you did not receive a campaign letter; we will get you one.
2. Send in your contribution in the envelope provided. A gift is never too big or too small.
3. Plan for when it is the best time on your personal calendar to contribute.
4. Share the letter with others who you think would like to join our campaign.

*We can prepare a letter addressed to your individual or group personalized with your signature. Contact Marge Forslin, [mforslin2@charter.net](mailto:mforslin2@charter.net) for assistance. Letters and donation envelopes will also be available at each of our programs.*

Thank you taking part in this important effort that is at the very heart of our mission.

And Meredith Kulisheck reminds us: If you haven't yet contributed to the campaign, please send your check made out to AAUW to Meredith Kulisheck, 617 Hampton, Marquette. Thanks!

*Les Bek, AAUW NMU Scholarship Campaign Chair*



## THREE U.P. AAUW BRANCHES MET IN MARQUETTE

Three regional AAUW branches of the Upper Peninsula (Escanaba, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, and Marquette) met at

the Women's Federated Clubhouse on Sat 13-Oct-2018.

AAUW Michigan President Deb Kennedy was a guest of honor. Deb's message to the 36 attendees was to diversify and grow AAUW branches. She invoked her lens as a member on the 2018-2020 AAUW National Membership Committee and as AAUW President of our state to encourage growth and involvement in AAUW branches.

Currently, Michigan has 33 AAUW branches, which provide 2,404 members to the AAUW-Michigan. Michigan is also home to 1,603 National members who do not have an AAUW branch affiliation. As President of AAUW-Michigan, Deb wants to support branch and membership growth through more frequent and updated communication and more access to AAUW-Michigan board members.

Our Sat 13-Oct-2018 tri-branch event represented the first regional branch gathering in Deb's tenure. The event featured a half-day workshop to share ideas on fundraising, mission-based programming, membership growth and retention. A second goal of the event was to establish a working relationship with AAUW-Michigan state board members, President Deb Kennedy and Secretary Janice Van Gasse. You may write to Deb Kennedy at [aauwkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkennedy@gmail.com).

### AAUW U.P. Event Quote

*"What a wonderful AAUW day! ...Sue Hampton and I discussed AAUW ideas all the way home. It really gave us a needed 'shot in the arm'. Let's keep in touch and continue to share those program ideas!"*

*Kathleen Bennett – Escanaba Branch*

*See event photos on last page of newsletter.*

## AAUW - Educational Foundation 2018 Honoree, Marquette Branch



### MARY SNITGEN

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. AAUW

is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. This 2018–19 academic year, \$3.9 million in AAUW funding was provided for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. The longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members allow a broader community of women to gain access to needed educational and economic opportunities.

Our AAUW Marquette Branch contributes \$500.00 annually to the AAUW National Educational Foundation in the name of outstanding members of our Branch. At our October meeting, we celebrated Mary Snitgen as the 2018 Named Grant Honoree. Mary was lauded for her actions to implement AAUW National priorities and for her commitment and service to our AAUW Marquette Branch as Membership Co-Chair for multiple terms and longstanding member of the Program Committee. According to her good friend and former Membership Committee Co-Chair, Les Bek, "Mary is a wonder at membership recruitment, always ready to let her friends know how wonderful our AAUW Branch is."

As an AAUW Marquette Board member, Mary led our Branch to improve the integration of new members into branch activities. She suggested each board member "adopt" a new graduate and offer to accompany them at AAUW meetings. She also urged Board members to describe their duties for all Executive Board positions to help with transitions and orientations of new Board members to their responsibilities.

Mary led efforts to promote AAUW National priorities locally and at other branches, including StartSmart training, the STEM program, and ElectHer. She created an AAUW informational poster and a presentation board to increase our AAUW message and presence in the greater community. Mary wrote articles for the NMU North Wind newspaper to highlight the strong connection between our Branch and NMU. She was an instrumental advocate for creating our AAUW Marquette website. With a hallmark of high conscientiousness, Mary has monitored various tasks

for outreach activities and pushed these activities toward success, even while traveling.

Mary's professional career began in the field of nursing and health education, where she holds both Bachelor and Master's degrees. As a nurse, Mary exhibited her caring, compassionate spirit and honed her "I can do something about that" vision. She was recognized nationally and statewide for her pioneering work in the field of diabetes outreach and education. Her research and program leadership continue to serve as a model of best practice. Mary's initiatives have led to an improved quality of life for persons with diabetes and have saved millions of dollars in health care costs through prevention and proper care management.

Mary's talents and contributions to our community also extend to her membership in the Marquette Choral Society. She embraces our clean, healthy, and *sustainable* environment while hiking the U.P. trails. Mary is mother to three, grandmother to five, spouse to Don, and colleague to us. Thank you, Mary, and congratulations!

Please update your booklets with a new address for Mary Snitgen.

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Marquette, MI 49855  
Phone 906-892-8242

## RESEARCH ON!

AAUW-Marquette Branch Members have been active this month with their research.

**TAYLOR SUSA**, AAUW-Marquette Branch Membership Co-chair, was featured in the in 2018-2019 Northern Research & Discoveries (pp. 12-13) in two photos of Taylor working with near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) for neuroimaging of sports related concussions. Copies are available through the NMU Graduate College at [graduate@nmu.edu](mailto:graduate@nmu.edu). Taylor also was a featured speaker at the NMU Research Scholars presentations on Thu 25-Oct-2018. Her five-minute summary on mild concussions is at <https://tinyurl.com/ydzda6jc>. Move the tape to 38:23-43:06 to hear Taylor's exciting research findings.

**JUDY PUNCOCHAR**, AAUW-Marquette Branch President, co-presented two research sessions at the 2018 Lilly Conference in Traverse City on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. *Outcomes Assessment of Co-curricular and Student Support Services* chronicled a welcomed approach to assessment of co-curricular student support services. *Using Software to Create Interactive Web-*

*Based Content* provided active practice with integration of interactive web-based activities in online classes. Research co-presenters were AAUW Scholarship contributor, **Dr. Mitchell Klett** Professor of Science Education, **Dr. Jon Barch** Associate Director of the Center for Student Enrichment/ Student Leader Fellowship Program Coordinator, and **Barbara Albrecht Nebel** who is a recent alumna with an NMU master's degree in Higher Education in Student Affairs.

Send your AAUW-Marquette Branch accomplishments to our newsletter editor, Marge Forslin at [mforslin2@charter.net](mailto:mforslin2@charter.net).

## Remembering Lydia Hoff

**AAUW found her always in the vanguard of dynamic, professional university women**



Lydia Henriette Hoff (nee Wael), of Marquette, Michigan passed quietly in her sleep on the morning of October 20, 2018 after a short illness. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Born in Brussels Belgium in 1920, Lydia was a member of the Allied Expeditionary Force during WWII. She was part of the first Red Cross team to enter the concentration camp at Dachau to liberate and to care for the holocaust survivors.

Lydia came to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship in 1950 where she met her future husband, Peter Hoff. They moved to Marquette in 1968.

She worked as a physical therapist for Upper Peninsula Home Health and as a consultant for the Marquette County Health Department until 1998 when she was 78 years old. At the time of her retirement, she was older than most of her patients.

Lydia was preceded in death by her son, Carl in 1985 and her husband, Peter in 1994. She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Isabel and Wayne Francis of Marquette, her lifelong friend and extended family member, Matthew Edgell of Pittsburgh, and her three grandchildren: Thomas Edgell of Grand Junction, CO; Catherine Edgell of Portland, OR and Sarah Edgell of Marquette.

In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to contribute to the Frank Verley Scholarship Fund via the NMU Foundation (906) 227-2627.

Information and photo from Canale Tonella website: [www.canalefuneral.com](http://www.canalefuneral.com)

**At the U.P. Regional meeting last month...**



Deb Kennedy, AAUW-Michigan President



Catherine Boileau – AAUW Grant Recipient's Equal Rights Amendment Essay



**L to R:** Meredith Kulisheck, Marquette Branch Treasurer, with Les Bek, Program Co-chair, and U.P. Region guest Barbara Chenier of Escanaba



Riley Jepkema – AAUW-Michigan Student Advisory Council member with Leslie Warren, mentor



Jayna LaViolette – Caretaker of the Women's Federated Clubhouse with Judy Puncochar, Marquette Branch President



AAUW-Michigan officials and guests with host Marquette Branch president Judy Puncochar

**L to R:** Jan Van Gasse, VP Programs, AAUWMI Secretary; Deb Kennedy, AAUWMI President; Kathleen Bennett, Escanaba VP Programs; Judy, Marquette President; Emily Ritsema, IronMountain-Kingsford President.