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Greetings from the board!

We welcome springtime and the installation of officers at our final program of the year. Bring friends and join us on Thursday, May 9, to learn about Marquette’s response system to domestic violence crimes and thank returning and new officers to our Board of Directors:

2019-2020

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We send a rousing cheer to our Book Sale team, ably led by Renee Leow. Thirty AAUW members and their families and friends worked exceptionally hard this year which allowed us to take in \$3267.50. All proceeds will go to our scholarship fund. Thank you!! to everyone who help collect books from the “barrels,” sort books, set-up, sell, and pack up the

remaining books. Hospitality thanks for organizing the pre-sale potluck to Kay Payant, Karen Rudisill, Sue Payant, and Marge Forslin.

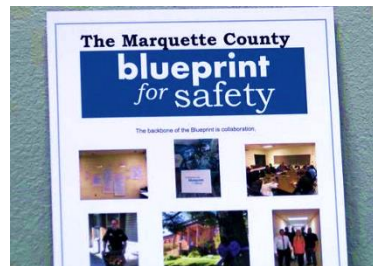
Best,

*Judy Puncochar
President AAUW-Marquette*

Next Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 7 PM

***Marquette County Blueprint for Safety:
A Multi-system Response to Domestic
Violence Crimes***



Presenter: Heather Addison, JD

*The meeting at the Federated Women’s Clubhouse
104 W. Ridge Street, Marquette
is open to the public.*

Marquette County has a long history of a strong partnership between criminal justice practitioners and community-based advocates dealing with domestic violence crimes. The Blueprint for Safety builds on this base with a collective approach to domestic violence. Each agency and provider of services from 911 operators to patrol officers, the courts, advocates, jail, prosecutors and probation officers are working to share essential information about risk and danger, and victim protection. This research-based approach is geared to protect victims from additional harm and hold offenders accountable.

Heather Addison will report on the completed phases of Blueprint for Safety. Marquette County was awarded a second Blue Print for Safety Grant. We can look forward to an update on this work in progress.

PUBLIC POLICY

It is heartening that on April 4, 2019 in a bipartisan vote of 263-158 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) H.R. 1585. This bipartisan legislation was introduced by Representatives Karen Blake (D-CA -37) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R PA-01). The legislation includes modest enhancements aimed at protecting the safety and well- being of survivors of domestic violence nationwide. It addresses gaps identified by survivors and people on the ground working with them.

H.R. 1585 supports programs to help children exposed to violence, works with teens and youth on building healthy relationships, engaging men and boys to prevent violence and sexual violence. It expands the capacity of the Workplace Resource Center to prevent violence and harassment in the workplace. This VAWA bill expands protections for Native American victims harmed by non- Native perpetrators by covering sexual assault, child abuse, sex trafficking and assaults on tribal law enforcement officers on tribal lands. This VAWA strengthens provisions to keep guns away from domestic abusers.

The legislators who voted in favor of H.R. 1585 understood the lethality operating between domestic violence and firearms. Despite gun lobby attempts to intimidate, they kept the safety of domestic violence victims as their primary concern. Sadly, Representative Jack Bergman voted No on this legislation.

VAWA now goes to the Senate. Please contact Senator Debbie Stabenow (202 224-4822) and Senator Gary Peters (202 224-6221) to push for an equally strong bill to be passed in the Senate

*Karlynn Rapport, Marquette Branch AAUW
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Please remember!

Bring your Econo slips to the next meeting you attend

2019-2020 Dues Reminder

Dues are due! By now you should have received a notice from national AAUW giving you information about the dues you owe. The email gives instructions for you to pay online (using a credit card) or by mailing a check to me. Either method works well. You should pay your dues by June 30 - and sooner is better!

For most of you, dues are \$105. If you aren't sure about your dues, email me: mkulishe@nmu.edu. Thanks! Also, if you like you may include donations to the Friendship Fund in your check for dues. It's the new fund that we are establishing to complement our new Culture of Support Resolution. You heard about it at the book sale potluck, in last month's newsletter, and can learn more about it at the May 9 meeting. Thanks.

*Meredith Kulisheck
617 Hampton, Marquette, MI 49855*



*Hospitality
Schedule*

2019-2020

Having our dinners and desserts is so enjoyable for our members and guests, but I need members to help provide those.

September 12 will be our Salad Supper. I am the chair and but need 3 more people to agree to be on the schedule with me. October 10 meeting needs a chair and two more members. Our November 14 meeting needs a chair and two more members. December 5 is our Holiday Dinner. For that we will need a chair and 3 more members to help. Our February 13 meeting needs a chair and 2 other members. Our March 12 meeting has me as its chair and we need 2 more members. April 20 will be our Book Sale Potluck. We need a chair and 3 more members. It would be good **not** to have Board members on this because they meet before the Potluck. Our final meeting is May 14. We need a chair and 2 more members.

Please volunteer for one or two times on the Hospitality Schedule to continue to make this work. Please let me know on which dates and in what roles you are willing to help! Thank you.

*Kathy Davis, kdavismqt@aol.com
Hospitality Chairperson*

Guess who received the Sigma Xi 2019 Science Teaching Award?

Northern Michigan University's Chapter of Sigma Xi recognized AAUW member, Kathy Davis, as the recipient of the 2019 Science Teacher Award.



Award Winner, Kathy Davis, with husband Bill Davis and AAUW president Judy Puncochar.

Sigma Xi is The Scientific Research Honor Society and is one of the oldest and largest scientific organizations in the world. More than 200 Nobel Prize winners have been members.

Kathy Davis taught high school biology for one year in Flint, Michigan, before marrying Bill Davis and moving to Wyandotte, Michigan, where she taught for 24 years. Kathy had a positive impact on her former students and many received college degrees in science. She is a passionate fundraiser for science programs for women and girls. Kathy raises \$4000 every year to bring 180 girls from the sixth and seventh grades of Marquette and Alger counties for STEM activities at the NMU Seaborg Center biennially.

Kathy is an environmental protection activist and a dedicated Piping Plover conservationist. She has 20 years of membership and service with the Marquette Branch of the AAUW, where she has chaired the Membership and Hospitality committees and served as Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations, Kathy, on your Sigma Xi 2019 Science Teacher Award for your outstanding work to provide S.T.E.M. teaching and activities for women and girls!



Fellow AAUW member Margie West was in attendance that evening and had a chance to congratulate the proud award winner, Kathy Davis.

2019 MARTHA GRIFFITHS AWARD WINNER

Cortney Salvucci Kingsley

Cortney is an Elementary Education major in integrated science with a minor in Spanish. She completed her student teaching in an eighth-grade physical science and computers classroom. Cortney was Director or Head Sailing Instructor with a staff of five members. She taught adults and Kindergartners onboard safety and technique, weather, knots, and overboard training for six years. She has coached high school sailing teams and she is an active fundraiser for community sailing events.

Cortney started the first Women's Sailing Clinic two years ago. She brought together female sailors from different colleges and high schools to engage in sailing clinics coached by elite level women sailors who sail for a career. She prepared her sailing team of first-year female NMU students to take positions on the Women's Sailing Clinic board with confidence.



Cortney won third place in the NMU Cohodas Literary Prize with her essay, "Genocide in Guatemala". She has volunteered as a coach for children and adults with disabilities in both sailing and soccer, where

she received the VIP Soccer Coach for assisting soccer players with disabilities. She has taught S.T.E.M. outreach programs at the high schools. She has been active in Girl Scouts for 9 years, including Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards).

Upon graduation, Cortney will move to Rhode Island and teach sailing at Sail Newport and hands-on school S.T.E.M. activities with sailing. Cortney has demonstrated her leadership abilities by becoming chair of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association's Special Interest Group, where she promotes sailing as a career and competitive sport for women.

AAUW-Marquette honors Cortney for her

demonstrated promise and achievements to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and sport with the Martha Griffiths Award certificate, letter of congratulations, and a check for \$500.

MEET YOUR AAUW BOARD MEMBERS:

Margie West



Margie spends her summers at camp at Four Island Lake with her spouse. “The lake is a granite basin and reminds me of the mountains where I grew up in California.”

When we are at camp, I hardly do anything. I swim, float with the lily pads in the kayak,

hike, read, toast marshmallows at the fire, and watch the water turn pink at sunrise and peach sorbet at sunset. We don't have electricity, so there isn't extraneous noise and the night is very black. This makes the rising of the moon and stars stand out.

“Each summer I can't wait to return and pick up where we left off--not doing much of anything at all!”

When she's back in town, Margie represents AAUW on the board for the Women's Clubhouse. See the following article about that experience.

Marquette Federation of Women's Clubs

by Margie West

I am the AAUW Marquette Branch representative to the board of the Women's Federated Club House. I have enjoyed the AAUW Branch meetings since I first found the lovely blue Victorian home across the street from the Peter White Public Library and around the corner from the 'piety row' of gracious old church buildings. I like walking up the hill to the Club House, enjoying the hills, the lake and our historic small town. We gather in a great setting!

The meeting experience inside the Clubhouse is charming as well. There are snow white AAUW table cloths, clubhouse punch bowls and pretty table pieces so that the Hospitality Committee can make a meeting (and a party!) just right. When I am in this setting, I sense the women who have come before us. In the 1930s the Club House was bought and created as a joint meeting place for women's clubs. The women of that time thought about the issues of their day and rallied for change within the clubhouse walls.

Now our AAUW branch continues that work, grateful for our leaders who educate us on public policy and who work to provide scholarships for the empowerment of young women. I imagine that the women who had the vision to create the Club House, would be proud that we are here pursuing the women's issues relevant to our day.

Joining AAUW shortly after I came to Marquette in 1993, I was away from the group for awhile but have been so happy to return after retirement. I enjoy the thoughtful discourse of our programs, the social moments together and by being a member, playing a small part in the empowerment of young women through AAUW scholarships. It is a pleasure to represent the AAUW to the Clubhouse Board.