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Autumn Greetings



Autumn greetings from the Board! Our October membership meeting on *Voting Matters* featured Kyle Whitney, Deputy Clerk for the

City of Marquette. He provided a highly informative session with updates on absentee balloting and changes to Michigan voting laws. Special thanks go Jackie Stark for facilitating the program and to Hospitality Committee members Pat Pellett, Elizabeth Miller, and Jackie Gallagher for providing delicious desserts for 21 AAUW participants and guests.

Join us on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00pm for an action-packed *Mentoring Women as They Launch their Careers* program with AAUW-NMU students as guests. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Judy Puncocar
AAUW–Marquette Branch President



Instituting a new practice: Name cards by Potluck Dishes

What would a meeting of the AAUW Marquette Branch be like without some delicious treats to enjoy? Less fun, that’s for sure.

To ensure our members and guests with food-related conditions can enjoy these treats as well, we would love if each member of the Hospitality Committee volunteering at each meeting could bring, along with their tasty treat, a card with their name on it to be placed next to the dish they brought. That way, if someone has a question about an ingredient in the food, they know who to ask.

To those future Hospitality volunteers, thanks in advance for your contributions, and for your help in making our meetings a little easier on those with

food-related conditions. Looking forward to another great year of educational, interesting and informative AAUW meetings – complete with dessert!

Jackie Stark, Publicity Chairperson

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 7pm

Mentoring Women as They Launch Their Careers

Engaging, Enlightening, Empowering



Mining Journal photo from last year’s event.

Facilitators:

Leslie Warren (leslieann.warren@gmail.com) & **Taylor Susa** (tsusa@nmu.edu)

AAUW Marquette Branch will host its second annual “Mentoring Women as They Launch” event on Thursday, November 14. We are inviting university students to talk informally with AAUW members and others from many career backgrounds. The format will encourage everyone to share ideas, ask questions, and give advice about starting a professional career.

There will be questions to seed conversations, but we encourage everyone to come with their own topics. First generation college students, student groups, and pre-professional associations are strongly encouraged to attend.

Leslie Warren, Program Facilitator

NOV 5 ELECTION ~ Non-Partisan Offices: Marquette City Commission, Marquette Board of Light & Power, Negaunee City Council and Negaunee City Board of Reviews. **Millages** in Michigamme Twp. and a **Proposal** in Richmond Twp.

Yesterday's Treasures Sale – Saturday, December 7, 10am to 1 pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Yesterday's Treasures/Bake Sale is our holiday Club House Fund raiser. It will be open to the public. We could use donations of treasures from your yesterdays and cookies or candy for the sale.

We need:

- volunteers to bring antiques and house wares up from the basement.
- attentive and friendly clerks to wait on customers the day of the sale.
- help with clean up.

It is lots of fun to work the sale and AAUW makes the difference to the Club House Board and to each of our guests. Your gracious holiday cheer helps us sell our donated items and creates a warm sense of community. It could be said of our Branch that we add that extra sparkle like antiques crystal glass ware reflecting winter sun!

**Plan to sign up for the Yesterday's Treasures/
Bake Sale on the music stand in the Club House
entryway.**

Wed 4-Dec	5-8pm	Set Up
Thurs 5-Dec	5-8pm	Set Up
Fri 6-Dec	5-8pm	Set Up
Sat 7-Dec	9-11:30am	Opening Shift
Sat 7-Dec	9:45-12:15pm	Middle Shift
Sat 7-Dec	12-2pm	Closing Shift

You can read more details below. If you have questions, please contact me. Thanks!

Margie West

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AAUW representative to Federated Clubhouse

*and Congratulations to, Margie West, new
Federated Clubhouse Board Secretary!*

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, December 5 and 6, between 5:00 and 8:00 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.

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

Following is a list of suggested items for the **Bake Sale** to be held in conjunction with the Yesterday's Treasures Sale.

Donations may be brought to the Clubhouse on Thursday and Friday evening, December 5 and 6, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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| • Breads | Bars |
| • Rolls | Pies |
| • Muffins | Candies |
| • Cookies | |

**This is the major clubhouse fundraiser,
so thank you for your generous support!**



NO AUDITIONS REQUIRED!

Please consider taking a role in our February celebration of Susan B Anthony's 200th birthday, as we read/perform the play, "The Remarkable Susan." Cast of thousands!

A brief note to me—in person, by phone, or via email—guarantees your 15 minutes of fame (as far as our branch goes, at any rate.) Have a thespian male partner? We're looking for fellows, as well.

*Let's talk soon!
Meg Goodrich, organizer*



Countdown to Holiday Dinner

Five Sassy Gals have big shoes to fill, after last year's wonderful departure from our typical holiday fare. Yet, we shall try! Please look for details soon, and mark your calendars for Thursday, **December 12, 2019**, for another evening of friendship and good food.

*The December Hostess Committee,
Meg, Judy P., June, Margie, Susan*

Sharing Hospitality

Your Hostess Committee reminds you that when you are not able to fulfill the full duties of a night's program (food, set-up, clean-up), to please arrange in advance to have a substitute for that evening. Your fellow workers will thank you!!

*Meg Goodrich and Kathy Davis
Co-Hospitality Chairs*



Named Grant Honoree 2019:

Meredith Kulisheck

The AAUW–Marquette Branch has a tradition of honoring branch individuals who enthusiastically exceed expectations to advance equity for women and girls. Each year, our branch gives a philanthropic gift of \$500 to AAUW–National in the name of a member who has worked tirelessly for AAUW and our branch. This year's contribution is being made to the *Selected Professions Grants*.

This year's Named Grant Honoree has given extraordinary time and energy to AAUW and our Branch. Drum roll.... We are delighted to designate **Meredith Kulisheck** as our Named Grant Honoree. Meredith moved to Marquette with her family 50 years ago. Her contributions to the broader Marquette community include decades of involvement with League of Women Voters. She was for a time First Lady of Marquette.

In the ten years our Named Grant Honoree has been a member of the AAUW–Marquette Branch, she has served on the Holiday dinner planning committee, Local Scholarship Committee, and Math and Science Committee, which is now the STEM Committee. Meredith fulfilled the responsibilities of Financial Vice President of our branch for five years with fidelity and good cheer. She willingly extended her term when asked. Her sense of responsibility and dedication to our Branch are discernible in her thorough execution of her obligations, always with a smile.

Meredith has had a long and highly successful career in education. She earned degrees in mathematics from Mankato State University and the University of Iowa. She is an Emeritus Associate Professor from Northern Michigan University where she taught in Mathematics and Computer Science. Meredith is well-rounded, well-travelled, well-read, curious, fun, and an exquisite knitter. Please join us in honoring this year's "Yes Person", good friend, and Named Grant Honoree, Meredith Kulisheck. Congratulations!

AAUW Selected Professions Fellowships was established in 1970 with a \$25,000 grant from the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation to open doors for women in male-dominated fields of law and medicine. The fellowship has expanded to include science and technology because the demand for a technologically skilled work force grew without proportional representation of women.

The following prominent women have been recipients of the AAUW fellowships we help fund each year with our donation in the name of our local honoree:

- **Michelle Segar** associate director at the University of Michigan's Sport, Health and Activity Research and Policy Center for Women and Girls,
- **Melissa Harris-Perry** host of the Melissa Harris-Perry Show on MSNBC, professor at Tulane and columnist for *The Nation*,
- **Susan Sontag** late critical analyst, short story writer, novelist and life-long human rights activist, and
- **Judith Resnick** who used her scholarship to complete a dissertation on Chemical Engineering and went on to become a Challenger astronaut.

Introducing a new feature From the Archives...

What archives treasures would you like to see featured in the newsletter? Contact Leslie Warren (lwarren@nmu.edu) to share your ideas.



This month we're introducing a new feature for our newsletter. Each month we'll highlight a bit of our history by pulling a photo or other memory from our records that are held by the

Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives. The records go back to the early days of the Marquette branch.

According to NMU Archivist Marcus Robyns, everyone is welcome to visit the Archives and look through the collection. The Archives' hours are posted at www.nmu.edu/archives. Professor Robyns asks that you call (906-227-1225) or email (archives@nmu.edu) before coming if you want to see a specific collection. He and his assistants can pull the collection in advance so that you don't have to wait as long.

The Archives is located on campus in Harden Hall (formerly the Harden Learning Resources Center). Guest parking passes are available free online through <https://nmu.t2hosted.com>.

The AAUW collection contains mostly printed material, but these buttons are tucked in the boxes.

Courtesy of the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives



Leslie Warren (lwarren@nmu.edu)

Public Policy News - Michigan

The Good News

Michigan's poor residents who receive food and cash assistance now have a less restrictive threshold in

assets they possess to remain eligible. The income threshold level for many years was 130% of the federal poverty level for food assistance, 50% for cash assistance and 150% for emergency relief. Governor Rick Snyder eliminated those with more than \$5,000 in assets from receiving food assistance. The value of a second vehicle counted toward that limit. An asset of \$3000.00 was the limit for cash assistance.

Starting November Governor Whitmer changed the asset threshold to \$15,000.00 for all three programs. The second vehicle does not count toward the total asset. The Governor stated limited access to affordable nutrition is holding many families back from escaping generational poverty. More families will be able to put food on the table.

The former asset tests punished families who tried to save money. If their saving exceeded the asset, they had to spend down to be eligible. The Michigan League for Public Policy applauded the announced changes. Michigan's asset test significantly undercut actual assistance in state's cash, food and heating assistance programs making it harder to utilize benefits and punished families for sound financial management and savings building.

With this change in public policy, families are given a hand to lift themselves out of poverty and fewer children will go to school hungry.

Cheers for East Lansing's School Board

As of October 1, Michigan state law requires all school districts to adopt a policy to discipline staff for referring or assisting a student to obtain an abortion. On September 30, the East Lansing Board of Education unanimously rejected the motion to create such a policy. Instead they passed a resolution opposing this state law and called for the Attorney General Dana Nessel to challenge the constitutionality of Section 166 of this law which holds school districts hostage, restricting freedom of speech of school employees and board members regarding a legal medical procedure.

Apply for a seat on the 13 member Michigan commission responsible for redrawing the state's voting districts

All Michigan residents who are registered voters are eligible unless in the past 6 years they were a partisan candidate, elected official in local state or federal government, an officer in a political party, a consultant or employee of a political candidate, a legislative staffer, a registered lobbyist or an employee of one, an unclassified state employee

except those who work for public universities, the courts or the armed forces. The parent, child, spouse, stepparent of any of the aforementioned people.

You can fill out an application online. Go to: RedistrictingMichigan.org, download and print out the applications, complete it and get it notarized. Then submit it to the Secretary of State's office in person or by mail. Actually, the Secretary of State's offices will provide free notarization of commission applications. Applications will remain open until June 1, 2020. You have been wanting to make a real difference. This is your chance.

*Karlynn Rapport,
Public Policy Representative*

SHAPE THE FUTURE Membership Campaign

The national AAUW is working to make new membership more affordable and provide incentives to join when attending our meetings.

- The Shape the Future membership campaign **lets new members pay just half of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event.** This discount reduces the national dues from \$59 to \$29.50. Total annual dues, including state, branch, and clubhouse, would be \$75.50.
- Also, **for every two newly recruited members, branches earn one free national membership to give away.** We can earn a maximum of three free memberships annually.

Please encourage your guests to join during or soon after a public event so that we can take advantage of this offer. Except for special events such as the Holiday Dinner, almost all our monthly meetings are open to the public.

And thanks to our new local Friendship Fund, prospective members who are not able to cover the costs of the annual membership dues may be able to receive a discount or waiver. Please contact a Board member for more information.

Leslie Warren, Membership Co-Chair

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Kristen White



We are excited to introduce Dr. Kristen White to the AAUW–Marquette Board as our new Scholarships and Awards Committee chair. Kristen is an Assistant Professor of Education at Northern Michigan University. Her research interest is in how children on entering school are sorted and labels are

imposed upon them as a particular kind of reader (e.g., "struggling," "advanced," and "English Language Learners"). She examines ways in which reading identity mediates children's learning opportunities and reading achievement in school.

Kristen has taught in U.S. schools for over a decade as a primary classroom teacher, K-5 school media specialist, and middle school Spanish teacher. She has provided professional development throughout the U.S. to teachers, administrators, and caretakers on the Orton-Gillingham methodology. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1995, obtained her Master of Arts degree from Madonna University in 2011, and earned a PhD from Michigan State University in 2018.

Kristen is passionate about creating inclusive and equitable learning for all children, families, and communities across various spaces.

She will facilitate our AAUW program on Literacy on March 12, 2020. Plan now to attend and bring friends. [See "Shape the Future" in left column.]

Greetings everyone

The budget for this up coming fiscal year was passed at this month's board meeting. It is significant in that we **have set out to raise \$4000** for our local scholarship program. Since the fundraiser letter went out, we have **raised \$1620**. A great big thank you to those who have donated. As a reminder, membership renewal checks and donation checks come to me; Ruth Ziel at 734 Lakewood Lane, Marquette, MI 49855. Please make them out to AAUW not to me personally. Econo-food slips should continue go to Meredith Kulisheck.

Thank you. Ruth Ziel, Treasurer