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A joyful and healthy holiday season to you

Your AAUW Board members wish you a joyful and healthy holiday season. We are grateful for our members working to advance equity for women and girls through education, leadership, and economic security.

Join us to celebrate our collective accomplishments with a warm smile and appreciation for one another at our Holiday Dinner. We look forward to seeing you to embrace our friendship and the work of our AAUW-Marquette Branch. **There will be a Holiday Memory Exchange – bring your stories to share**



Holiday Dinner

\$15 per person
 Thursday, December 12 - 6 pm
 Federated Women's Clubhouse

RSVP by Mon 2-Dec
rsziel@gmail.com

Write checks to AAUW-Marquette Branch; mail to Ruth Ziel, 734 Lakeview Lane, Marquette, MI 49855

Wonderful article: NMU North Wind Online

Please read about our AAUW November 2019 program, *Mentoring Women as They Launch their Careers*, facilitated by Taylor Susa and Leslie Warren. More than 30 people attended the program. I hope you enjoy reading Journalist Denali Drake's heartwarming impressions of the event and seeing a lovely archived photo from 1998 of AAUW-Marquette Branch member Miriam Hilton (<https://www.thenorthwindonline.com/celebrating-intergenerational-collegiate-women/>).

Wishing you a lovely holiday season,
Judy Puncochar
 AAUW-Marquette Branch President

DON'T FORGET...

Yesterday's Treasures Sale

Saturday, December 7, 10 am — 1 pm

The Yesterday's Treasures/Bake Sale is the Club House Fundraiser. We will have treasures from your yesterdays and cookies and candy for sale.



If you have questions, please contact me. Thanks!

Margie West, 226-3314 or margiewest4@gmail.com
 AAUW representative to Federated Clubhouse

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 6:30 pm

The Remarkable Susan



Susan B. Anthony Trial, Her Crime: Casting a Ballot

Please join us at our February celebration of Susan B Anthony's 200th birthday, as we read/perform the play, "The Remarkable Susan."

Meg Goodrich, organizer and a cast of thousands!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A new feature column highlighting a bit of our AAUW history from records held by the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives. What archives treasures would you like to see featured in the newsletter? Contact Emily Tinder (etinder@nmu.edu) to share your ideas!

A few months ago, the NMU Archives was contacted by AAUW Membership Co-Chair Leslie Warren to pull any archival records related to AAUW, and I was assigned the task. After much time spent flipping through the scrapbooks, photographs, and records, I'm excited to be able to share tidbits of this history with the folks helping to create it!

My name is Emily Tinder and I'm the Senior Student Assistant at the Central U.P. and NMU Archives. I'm a sophomore History major with English and Native American Studies minors, and I'm originally from Hudsonville, MI. This is my second year at Northern and at the Archives, but I am brand new to AAUW.

In this edition of "From the Archives," I thought I would share a letter (*shown right*) from when Northern was officially approved by the American Association of University Women, dated July 6, 1953. As a result of this decision, Northern Michigan College's female graduates were finally eligible for membership in the AAUW. **Prior to the school's acceptance, Northern had not met certain requirements set by AAUW to become associated: Inadequate health and housing facilities for female students and too few women in high faculty ranks and administrative positions.**

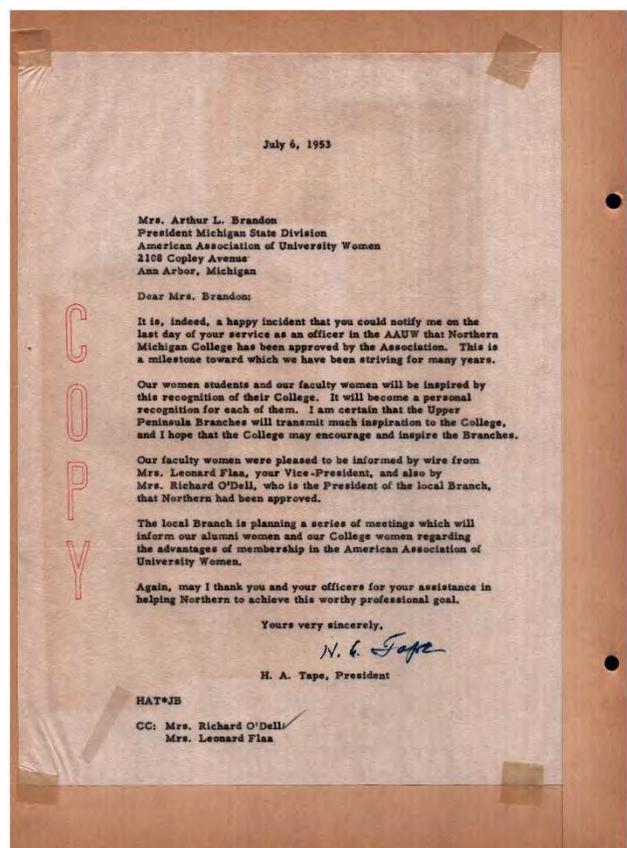
Miss **Ethel Carey**, who at that time served as Dean of Women at Northern, heard these concerns directly from the students she counseled and took action. Shortly after accepting President John Munson's job offer in 1924, Carey had a room adjacent to her office remodeled for Northern's first school nurse, **Martha Hatch**. Mrs. Hatch was able to administer free flu and smallpox vaccines, free tuberculosis x-ray checks, and aided students who required serious hospitalization with student funds. In 1948, Northern's first dormitory for women, Carey Hall, opened with nurse **Ada Vielmetti's** Health Center occupying a four-room suite inside. Thus, work could begin on application to AAUW.

These women, whose names have been forever memorialized in Northern's history, dedicated their careers to tirelessly working to improve the lives of

women and all students at Northern. If you'd like to learn more about them, please contact the Archives (archives@nmu.edu or 906-227-1225) and we would be glad to pull the Martha and Perry Hatch papers (MSS-101), the Ada B. Vielmetti Health Center scrapbook (MSS-285), or the AAUW Marquette branch records (MSS-163) for you to view yourself!

Information for this article was compiled from **Miriam Hilton's** *The First 75 Years* and **Russel Magnaghi's** *A Sense of Time*. Image courtesy of the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives.

Below: Scrapbook page with 1953 letter from President H. A. Tape of Northern Michigan College to AAUW of Michigan upon acceptance of the local Branch and its affiliation with Northern.



For Archives' hours see www.nmu.edu/archives. If you want to see a specific collection, please call (906-227-1225) or email (archives@nmu.edu) before coming. The requested collection can be pulled 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>.

*Emily Tinder, Senior Student Assistant,
Central U.P. and NMU Archives
and new member of AAUW-NMU*



NMU Scholarship – Holiday Giving

Giving to our NMU Scholarship Campaign is making your gift giving

easier! No, there will not be an on-line special.

However, **there will a drop off option available at our Holiday Dinner.**

A gift box will be waiting to accept your gifts. Gift envelopes will also be provided. Thank you for your consideration to and all who have made contributions.

A gift to support the NMU Scholarship is a gift that truly keeps on giving.

Les Bek, NMU Scholarship Campaign Chair

Public Policy News - Michigan

These days I often feel weighed down listening to the news and following public policy issues. This Thanksgiving I am grateful for AAUW camaraderie. The chance to converse with like minds and shared values lifts me up.

On the worry front: the lack of resolution to fund Michigan’s budget is placing funding for health and human services, school food programs, scholarships for low income students at risk. Lawmakers are on their hunting and Thanksgiving holiday break. The impasse between Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) and Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) remains regarding the state’s Administrative Board’s power.

It looked like there was a bipartisan negotiation result that Whitmer was willing to sign. Shirkey wants a statutory assurance that allows a legislative response to the State Administrative Board’s actions such as the \$625 million Governor Whitmer moved into the 2019-202 budget bills. The governor will not approve anything undermining a future governor’s or her executive power. Shirkey will not allow submission of supplemental appropriations restoring funding until his demands are met. So, there we are.

On more positive notes: Governor Whitmer signed SB257 into law. The bill allows the court to order domestic violence offenders to participate in treatment. It allowed deferred domestic violence charges to count as convictions in subsequent cases of abuse. First offenders can be given the opportunity to have charges deferred if there is not further abuse. SB247 is an effort to further protect domestic violence survivors.

State Representative Kristy Pagan introduced The Michigan Reproductive Health Act (RHA) which

recognizes and protects the right of individuals to make independent decisions about their own reproductive health. The RHA repeals unconstitutional prohibitions on reproductive health care treating it like any other medical care. It has not been granted a hearing. My guess is it won’t see the light of day with this legislature, but we can think positive thoughts.

I received a call from Representative Jack Berman’s Washington staffer Matias in response to my call about HJ79, the resolution extending the deadline for ratification of ERA. He was knowledgeable. He tracked the resolution for me. Matias said Rep. Bergman will keep my views in mind when he considers the resolution but could not promise Rep. Bergman would support HJ79 because the Representative is waiting to see the final resolution presented for a vote. Matias mentioned that Rep Bergman serves on a committee regarding women veterans. He asked why I supported the ERA. I mentioned how important equal rights were for women. I said the ERA is needed not only for pay equity, but full and equal protection claims based on sex. Women and women’s work are undervalued. Let us hope we can take steps to obtain this remedy for inequality.

After Amanda Nguyen, was raped in her Harvard dorm room, she had to navigate a “legal labyrinth.” She founded Rise, a non-profit seeking to legally empower victims of sexual assault and has helped to pass over 25 state and federal laws. When confronted with injustice she said, “The most powerful tool we have is our voice.”

The remedy for anxiety as we watch our democracy in flux is time with family and friends. Enjoy the holidays.

Karlyn Rapport, Public Policy Representative



Applause for our Newsletter

Our AAUW-Marquette Branch newsletter caught the attention of Mary Pollock, AAUW of Michigan Government Relations Coordinator.

“Excellent content and format! Mary”

Mary represents AAUW-MI’s priority legislative issues at the Capitol including education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity; economic self-sufficiency for all women, and equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.

Thanks to Marge Forslin for publishing an outstanding AAUW-Marquette Branch monthly newsletter. Our newsletters have community outreach through AAUW-Marquette Branch members, AAUW-NMU student members, and our AAUW-Marquette [website](#). Please share our newsletters with interested others who appreciate our advocacy through AAUW for the women and girls of Michigan.