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*Hello  
from the Board!*

Spring is in the air. Winter in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan has been relatively mild, but a recent February cold snap brought disaster to Texas. We reached out to Texas AAUW branches to express concern and ask what we could do to help. The total extent of their damage remains unknown.

We applaud our AAUW programs and Program Vice President Leslie Warren who has successfully conducted amazing virtual programs via Zoom for AAUW members and guests during the COVID pandemic. A February panel on *Current Issues in Rural Education* discussed several hot topics in rural education, including teacher retention, professional development, girls in STEM, and tribal school enrollments. NMU's Associate Dean for Teacher Education and Director for the School of Education, Leadership, and Public Service Dr. Joe Lubig joined us. Click [here](#) to view. Passcode: !6xl#m7j

**Change a date** in your blue membership booklet. The April 19 (Mon) Book Sale Potluck/Set-up is postponed to September. Details are in this newsletter. Our book sale site is *not* yet open for public events. In its place, the Program Committee will introduce an April 8 program to discuss the AAUW [Open Membership Toolkit](#). The topic will attract poignant discussions related to access to education and AAUW values. Voting opens on April 7, 2021 and closes on May 17, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Eastern. Please attend the April 8 program to inform your vote.

**Welcome, Andrea!** We are thrilled to have new AAUW's newest member join the AAUW-Marquette board as our Publicist. Andrea Ingmire is a librarian at Peter White Library. She will help us coordinate information regarding AAUW and Peter White book sales and disseminate AAUW-Marquette news.

**Be COVID safe.** Michigan has injected more than two million COVID vaccinations in the arms of Michiganders. On Thursday, Feb 27, Michigan ranked 36th in the nation relative to percentage of the state's population that has been vaccinated and 10th in the nation in total vaccines administered. Just 13.80% of Michigan's population has received a first dose of a COVID vaccine. Read more [here](#). Thanks go to Karlyn Rapport for informing us of the Marquette County Health Department vaccination schedule. If you live in Marquette County and are 65 this year or older, preregister [here](#).

**Equal Pay Day is March 24.** The first day of spring 2021 is March 20. The average woman works through the winter to earn the same money that an average male made in 2020. The pandemic could push the date even farther back next year. Click [here](#) for statistics.

The **Martha Griffiths Award** nomination form received input from Nina Van Den Ende, Ruth Ziel, Susan Shaver, and Judy Puncocar. The AAUW board updated the award criteria at our February meeting. The award is in honor of Martha Griffiths who had a 10-term congressional career that involved exceptional work with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Equal Rights Amendment. She had implacable determination. We do *not* know how many Michigan AAUW branches offer a Martha Griffiths Award. Our research is in progress.

Stay happy, well, and productive.

*Judy Puncocar,  
AAUW-Marquette President*



## Next Meeting Thursday, March 11, 7pm WOMEN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Please join us online on Thursday, March 11, at 7 pm for a discussion about women in entrepreneurship. Corinne Bodeman, Instructor of

Management in NMU's College of Business, will lead the discussion. Corinne is an experienced business professional with expertise in new market identification and new product introduction.

We will start our conversation with four questions. You are welcome to contribute others.

- What attributes and skills are needed to be a successful entrepreneur?
- How do those attributes benefit anyone, especially women, even if they don't start their own business?
- How can we (family, mentors, educators, community, etc.) help cultivate those attributes in young women? In more mature women?
- What advice do you have for women balancing the economic risk of entrepreneurship versus the predictability of other jobs?

The discussion connects to AAUW's advocacy for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. As you participate, please consider how we can use ideas from this session to help us plan future programs and community activities.

### *And Looking Ahead to April... ...New date and topic*

Please plan to join us at 7:00 pm on April 8 for a special program focused on AAUW-National's proposed change to eliminate degree requirements for new members. Because our annual book sale has been postponed until fall, we have the opportunity to discuss an issue that is important to the future of AAUW as an organization.



[AAUW's Open Membership Toolkit](#) discusses the proposed change and its rationale. We recognize that this would be a significant change to the organization and that members will have different opinions on the proposal. Our April meeting, which takes place early in the period that we can vote on

the bylaws, will give us time to discuss the proposal and our view.

All members of the AAUW-Marquette are invited to participate in this town hall-style program. Dr. Judy Puncchar will facilitate the discussion.

Voting on proposed bylaws changes will begin April 7, 2021 and close May 17, 2021, at 5:00 PM ET. Please note that we will vote individually. The Marquette branch does not vote as a group.

*Leslie Warren  
Vice President, Programs*

## PUBLIC POLICY

**Rehabilitating Lame Duck** Both Republican and Democrat legislators are concerned about prior abuses during lame duck sessions. The legislature passed 408 bills in the last lame duck, many in 22- hour sessions, without benefit of public hearing or time for study. They amended a voter-initiated act gutting earned sick time. They amended the minimum wage to \$12.05 by 2030 instead of \$12 by 2022.

Michigan House Speaker Jason Wentworth (R), Farwell, introduced Resolution A which requires a 2/3 majority for any bills to pass the House or the Senate in lame duck. This passed the Michigan House of Representatives 102-7. It now goes to the Senate for approval. Then it will be put on the ballot for a statewide vote in 2022. This measure will mean that any legislation has to have bipartisan support. It will also slow down the process allowing for more deliberation. This bipartisan effort is something to cheer.

**Making our Capitol Safer** Our AAUW Virtual Lobby Corps meeting was graced by a visit from Representative Julie Brixie (D) Okemos. Rep. Brixie urged us to contact the Michigan State Capitol Commission to expand their policy banning open carry weapons in the Capitol Building. What is needed is for them to expand the ban to concealed weapons of any kind and expand the coverage to Capitol grounds outside the building and in the new Heritage Center when it is completed. It is her hope that the Governor's proposals to fund a metal detectors and staff to man these security measures are approved. HB 4023 Capitol Gun Ban expands gun free zones to include all buildings owned or leased by the state. HB 4024 includes all buildings owned or leased by the state as weapon free zones. Rep. Sara Cambensy's number is 888-429-1377.

### FYI: members of the capitol commission:

- Gary Randall, Chair: 517-373-0135  
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*Karlyn Rapport,  
Public Policy Representative*

## Just don't throw them away!

### Econo receipts NEVER EXPIRE

Please continue to save your Econo receipts and bring them to the next meeting you can attend in person. They bring in many hundreds of dollars for us. Especially in this time of the pandemic, we, like everyone and every business, are finding funds down, while needs increase. You could also mail them or drop them off to Meredith Kulisheck, 617 W Hampton St, Marquette, if you prefer.



## Martha Griffiths Award



Photo Credit: Norman Kwiecień  
AAUW-Marquette invited nominations for the Martha Griffiths Award. The award goes to a high-achieving undergraduate who will earn an associate or bachelor's degree in 2021

(winter, summer, or fall semester). Deadline for submission is midnight on Saturday, March 20. Martha Griffiths was one of Michigan's most influential women legislators in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She was known for her exceptional work with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Rights Amendment. She had implacable determination. The award consists of a certificate and an award check for \$500. We also try to place publicity in local newspapers.

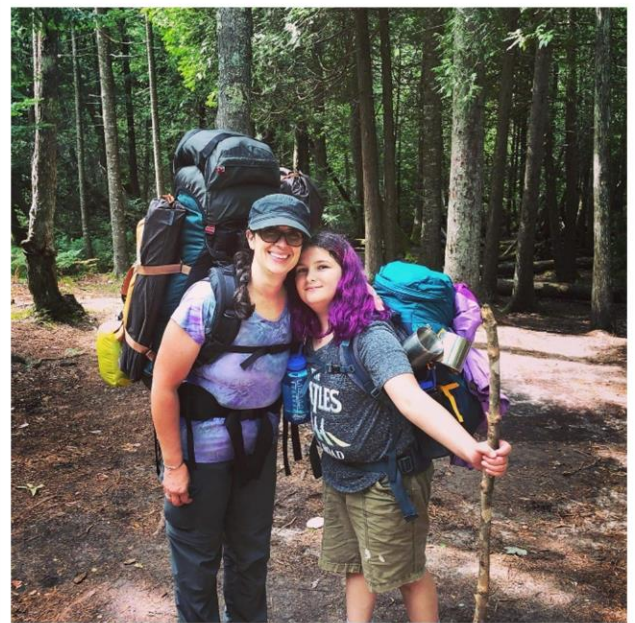
### AAUW Member:

## Andrea Ingmire



Andrea Ingmire is the Library Director for the Peter White Public Library. Andrea and her family moved to Marquette in 2016 from Southern Indiana. Her husband, Jeremy, is a massage

therapist and spends most of his free time developing their property in Sands Township. Their son, Orion, is a Sophomore at NMU and will be entering the Culinary Arts program in the Fall. Their daughter, Lyra, pictured below with Andrea, is a fifth grader at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Andrea's family can be found either in their kitchen or out enjoying the beautiful UP.



### Clubhouse News—

Sue Madden received a laptop donation from Incredible Bank, so look for details later about how we will be able to check clubhouse availability on our own.

*Meg Goodrich*



## New Year, New Book Sale Month 2021! (aka known as 2020 Book Sale 4.0)



Unfortunately, the board, along with members of the AAUW Book Sale Committee (BSC), feels it is wise to postpone the April 2021 sale to this fall. This decision was made to move the sale to **September** to protect the health of our AAUW members, our volunteers, and our

community. In addition, the extra time provides the luxury to foster partnership opportunities with The Friends of Peter White Public Library & NMU and to craft new activities to make this a true community event.

The September affair, tentatively titled,

### *Front Street Book Fair*

will be a joint book sale held with The Friends of Peter White Public Library and will include additional events and activities aimed to involve people of all ages within the community. Even though it would be quite premature to disclose specific details as they are still being formulated.

Here is a small teaser of what the BSC is considering for the Front Street Book Fair:

- a drive through donation location in lieu of using donation barrels,
- a summertime presorting *extravaganza* to expedite the sorting process itself,
- author readings & authors of local interest,
- music,
- an auction and so much more.

So, for now and on behalf of the BSC, I ask you to remind your friends, and family to save their games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and of course, their gently read books and to save the date(s) for the week of September 20th as we will need all AAUW helpful hands to make this sale a success!

Please do not hesitate to give me a call at 906.250.5503 should you have any questions or to make arrangements for a book pick up, keep in mind that the sale won't take place until the fall and our storage is somewhat limited.

Again, I wish you, your family & friends good health, love, and lots of laughter,

*Renee*

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## 2021 NATIVE AMERICAN CRITICAL ISSUES CONFERENCE

MARCH 11-13, 2021  
HOSTED ON ZOOM  
REGISTER AT [MIEC.ORG](http://MIEC.ORG)

**ISHKODE (FIRE)**

Fire warms our dwellings, cooks our food and is an essential element for our lives. Fire can also burn our dwellings down; unchecked wildfires can destroy wildlife, our lives, and crops. The four elements, Fire, Water, Earth, and Wind are around and in us every day. Implementing our traditional teachings is a process seeking to achieve balance, balance between Fire's life giving and destructive properties, balance between spiritual and practical manifestations, balance in our understanding of Creation. This year's Critical Issues Conference will explore beneficial uses and dangers that Fire brings to our children, families, and communities. Food, medicine, governance, and a sense of self, wellbeing, and community all are part of our experience with Fire.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
DR. ARNE VAINIO**

**THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIAN COUNTRY**

Arne Vainio, M.D., was born to a Finnish father and an Ojibwe mother as one of seven children. When he was four years old, his father committed suicide and poverty followed. He credits less than a double handful of people for changing his course and advises we are all that person for someone who might be lost. After working as a many different jobs, he began a career in medicine in 1985 as a professional firefighter/paramedic. He has been a family practice physician on the Fond du Lac reservation since 1997, and is currently serving as a member at large for the Association of American Indian Physicians Board of Directors. Arne has won multiple awards for his service including: Indian Health Service National Directors Award 2009-2009; National Diabetes Physicians Recognition Award 2010; and, Association of American Indian Physicians Physician of the Year 2017.

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