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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, ladies, to another AAUW year of education, fun, and fellowship! If you are new, we are so glad to have you with us—the Program Committee has worked hard over the summer to bring outstanding speakers and entertainment, and the Membership Booklet committee will document it all for you to pick up at the Salad Supper.

I wish I could enjoy the evening with you;

however; I am currently in Maine, where we are happily planning our daughter's wedding for next summer. She actually said "yes" to the dress, so that is good news. I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Meg Goodrich, President AAUW Marquette Branch

SALAD SUPPER - SEPTEMBER 10

Our first meeting this year is our "Salad Supper" on Thursday, September 10, at 6 pm at the Federated Women's Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is at 104 W. Ridge Street. This is across from the library.

We hope you will bring a friend who might be interested in AAUW to the meeting AND bring a salad or a dessert.

Please notify Kathy Davis, 228-4197 or kdavismqt@aol.com, if you are COMING or NOT coming, and if you are bringing a friend. We want to have tables and seating for the correct number of attendees. And if you are coming,

Kathy Davis Salad Supper 2015 Hostess

PROGRAM NOTES for SALAD SUPPER

In 16 minutes a video "One AAUW" captures AAUW's history, the scope of AAUW programs, actions and public policy. It is really inspiring and a great send off to the program planned for our year ahead. We are showing you this on the recommendation of the attendees who saw it at the Michigan AAUW convention.

You will meet our scholarship recipient, Patricia Ann McCabe. Our "Elect Her" team headed by Lis Summers will report on this project. The students who attended AAUW's

National College Women Student Leaders conference in Washington D.C. will report on their experiences. The program committee will give you a report on things to come. You can pick up your program booklets, enjoy the good company of friends and have fabulous salads and desserts for supper.

Karlyn Rapport Program Co-Vice President

ECONO SALES SLIPS

BRING ECONO SLIPS TO SALAD SUPPER

I will be collecting Econo sales slips at the meeting. Please bring any you have saved.

Meredith Kulisheck Financial Vice President

THANKS TO CAROL CAPPUCCIO

June Davis had to step down as Recording Secretary so Carol agreed to move over from Corresponding to Recording Secretary. **Great thanks to Carol**, so now we need to fill the Corresponding Secretary's role. -SEE ARTICLE PAGE 2-

REPORT of the FINANCIAL VICE PRESIDENT

AAUW has two bank accounts, one is for most of our finances and the other is for money used for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

STEM workshops are held for girls every other year; there will be one this year. There is currently \$6,909.30 in the STEM account.

All other expenditures go through our other account. Aside from dues to the state and national AAUW organizations and the Federated Women's Clubhouse, the largest expenditures from this account are scholarships. This year scholarships will be about \$4,550. We have paid \$1900 of that toward fall semester tuition for our scholarship recipient. There is currently \$9,388.18 in this account.

If you have questions about our finances, please give me a call (226-2372) or send me an email mkulishe@nmu.edu.

Meredith Kulisheck Financial Vice President

PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

HELP END THE JUDICIAL BACKLOG

There are nine federal judicial nominees waiting confirmation. Several circuit courts are experiencing judicial emergencies. Urge Mitch McConnell (R KY) to schedule what are called up or down votes on nominees Ask Senate Judiciary Committee Chairmen Chuck Grassley (R-IA) to hold more regular confirmation hearings on nominees in the pipeline to end judicial emergencies and the federal court backlog.

Federal courts are perhaps the best and last hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, health care. There are 59 vacancies in the current circuit and district courts. The number of judicial emergencies have increased from 12 to 28. The Senate has slowed down the process significantly despite the dire need.

The most productive way to alleviate this situation is to call Michigan's senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow and have them urge Majority Leader Mc Connell to schedule up or down confirmation votes. Request they ask Senator Grassley to hold consistent confirmation hearings to end the judicial backlog.

Karlyn Rapport AAUW Public Policy Representative

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Brand new members this year are Heather Addison, local attorney, Ann Arnold, retired physician here in Marquette, and Marge Forslin, new newsletter creator and computer expert. Returning members newly rejoined are Mary Buchman, formerly a president of the branch, and Judy Puncochar, who coordinated some AAUW- NMU activities and was on sabbatical in Indonesia last year. Welcome to all!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Marquette Branch of AAUW needs a corresponding secretary. This person will write letters thanking speakers and send get-well cards, sympathy cards, and congratulatory notes. She will send thank you notes to AAUW donors.

If this sounds like the kind of support you could lend, please contact Kathy Davis, 228-4197 or kdavismqt@aol.com.