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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By all accounts, I hear we had an excellent Salad Supper, and I thank all those who made it happen. I welcome our newest members to our branch, and I look forward to meeting you in person soon.

For those who remember voting online at the AAUW national website, I have learned that a major proposal has been voted down by the membership. We are keeping the requirement of having members (men and women) hold a university or associate's degree.

Marge Forslin, our newsletter editor, has also graciously taken on the advancement of our Branch Website <u>http://marquette-mi.aauw.net</u>. Be sure to take a look and share photos or stories/articles with Marge via email, <u>mforslin2@charter.net</u>.

> Meg Goodrich, President AAUW Marquette Branch

WOMEN IN SCIENCE PRESENTATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 MEETING

How Can We Help Women Succeed in Science?

Suzy Ziegler, PhD will address issues surrounding support for women in science in her presentation to us at our Thursday, October 8, 2015 program to be held at 7:00 PM at the Federated Women's club House at 104 E Ridge St. in Marquette.

Dr. Ziegler is the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Head of Earth, Environment and Geographic Sciences Department of Northern Michigan University. She will describe her own career path and work experiences with respect to women in science.

What barriers and support did she encounter? What are Dr. Ziegler's recommendations to support women contemplating a future in scientific occupations?

AAUW's report "Solving the Equation " examines factors underlying the under representation of women in the engineering and computing fields despite the fact that these fields offer better job prospects and higher return on educational investment. Girls are excelling in math and science yet women comprised only 12 percent of working engineers in 2013. What steps can educators, policy makers, parents, employers, and individuals take to improve women's representation in scientific fields.

We are honored that Dr. Ziegler will be speaking at our October 8 meeting. She was also a presenter at our STEM program in 2014. For more information regarding AAUW, contact Mary Snitgen Membership Co-Vice President at 906-892-8242.

Don't miss this wonderful program!

Karlyn Rapport, Program Co-Vice President and Mary Snitgen, Membership Co-Vice President

FIRST LADIES BRUNCH – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

Our February Saturday Brunch is taking a twist this year away from the heartfelt sentiments of a Valentine's Day theme. With the nation celebrating Presidents Day on the 15th our plan is to follow that federal holiday with a special celebration of our own highlighting our country's First Ladies.

We are seeking your input for this event. An ad hoc committee will be putting things together for an enjoyable luncheon. For starters...attendees can share a story, trivia or quote from her favorite First Lady. How about a description of women's roles and your First Lady's impact during her years in the White House or post? What do you admire about your First Lady? Do you have any recommended reading about your First Lady? Would you like to dress as your First Lady? More to come as the concept for this luncheon takes shape.

Contact Les Bek, Program Co-Vice President with your ideas and/or interest in taking part in a discussion. *Ibek@gsnwgl.org*

P.S. Did you know that every First Lady since Edith B. Wilson in 1917, has served as the Honorary National President of the Girl Scout Movement?

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAYS COUPON BOOK SALES

If you recall, the minimal energies we put into the Younkers Community Days Coupon Book Sales last year netted our Branch maximum return, **over \$1000!** Susan Uballe saw to it that we have the same opportunity to add to our treasury this year. Susan is delighted that Elizabeth Miller will be joining her to facilitate this sale. Booklets were made available at the Salad Supper and many members enthusiastically stepped forward to purchase them. Thank you!

Here's a reminder about how this fundraiser works: Younkers provides us with coupon books that can be used for discounts on merchandise from Wednesday November 11 through Saturday November 14. We sell the booklets for \$5.00 and KEEP ALL THE MONEY! How easy is that?

Each booklet contains one \$10.00 off coupon good on almost any merchandise item of \$10 or more, a 25% off shopping pass, a 30% off early bird coupon, plus great bonus offers – available on Community

Days only. You get your money back with a single purchase. We suggest that each member purchase 5 booklets if possible. You may then sell them to friends and family members or give them away as gifts to your hairdresser, massage therapist, child's teacher or next door neighbor.

Susan Uballe and Elizabeth Miller will be ready with more booklets at the October meeting and will accept cash or checks made out to AAUW Marquette Branch. Don't worry if you can't make the meeting - they deliver. Call or e-mail either Susan or Elizabeth and they will see that you get the booklets you need. For members who requested booklets at the Salad Supper and did not receive them, or pay for them, or both, please settle up with Susan or Elizabeth at the October meeting.

AAUW loves to give scholarship money, but we can't give it if we don't have it. This fundraiser is an easy way to get cash in the coffer.

Susan Uballe and Elizabeth Miller AAUW Co-chairs for Younkers Community Days Coupon Book Sales

NEW MEMBERS!

We have two new members who joined our Branch after attending the September Salad Supper. They are Pat Micklow and Christie Deloria.

Pat Micklow is a retired Probate Judge in Marquette County and a Founding Mother of the Women's Center. Christie Deloria is a biologist who works for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Please add this information to your membership booklet:

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CAMERA

We are looking for the camera that Karlyn Rapport donated to our Branch. Some of the members have used it but it was given back to Penny Larsen. Penny does not have it but does not remember who she gave the camera. Does anyone know where the camera is? Please let me know if you have any information about this.

> Kathy Davis kdavismqt@aol.com