



AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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Embrace Spring Cleaning!

Now is a good time to find donations for the Women's Federated Clubhouse annual fundraiser, Yesterday's Treasures. Thanks go to Clubhouse Liaison Meg Goodrich and Clubhouse Secretary Carolyn Myers for their work. See page 3 of this newsletter for donations needed and heed a call for volunteers needed at the sale by sending Meg (meg.goodrich2@gmail.com) your name, phone, and email.

Karlyn has written a crucial Public Policy article on protecting Michiganders' vote. She reminds us of the critical importance of our efforts to protect the voting process. We celebrate Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the Supreme Court. The confirmation hearings exposed horrific acrimony in our legislative system. We have incredible work to do to fix the confirmation process and perception of women, so I am thrilled that our Martha Griffiths Award winner, Jenna Chappell, is a dynamo feminist. The future of feminism is in good hands.

We will meet Jenna and her nominator, Dr. Sheena Ketchum from the Anthropology Department, at our next AAUW program meeting on *Equity in Sports* at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 21. Join us on Zoom.

Remember to see our AAUW-Marquette historical collection in our special [link](#) in the NMU Archives. Please upload important AAUW photos to the collection.

Luci Contois (lcontois@nmu.edu) sends her thanks for our AAUW members' support of Zonta's 50th Anniversary Ticket Sales to the 'Pay It Forward' Event at Barrel and Beam coming up on May 17, 2022.

COVID cases up ticked again. Restock your N-95 facemasks and hand sanitizer and obtain your second booster. The Marquette Health Department has more information [here](#).

Stay well, be productive, and enjoy spring!

Judy Puncocar, AAUW-MQT President

NEXT MEETING: via Zoom

Thursday, April 21, 7 pm

Equity in Sports

**Dr Liz Wuorinen, Associate Dean
School of Health and Human Performance.**

with our Martha Griffiths Award winner,
Jenna Chappell (*see page 4 of this newsletter*)

Join Dr. Liz Wuorinen online on Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 for a discussion of equity in sports, exercise science, and outdoor recreation. Dr. Wuorinen, Associate Dean of the [School of Health and Human Performance](#), has a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology from the University of Michigan - School of Kinesiology. NMU's School of Health and Human Performance has several popular programs, including athletic training, outdoor recreation, and exercise science. The faculty, including Dr. Wuorinen, are active researchers who engage their undergraduate and graduate students in hands-on learning. We've invited her to frame the conversation around these questions:

- What changes have we seen in female participation in sports in the last 10 years?
- How does exercise science research reflect women's participation and health?
- Where do we have opportunities to improve representation in athletics and exercise science research?
- People of color are less likely to engage in outdoor recreation. What impact does that have on our communities? What opportunities do we have to narrow the adventure gap?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87932513899?pwd=czgwUFNXbEU5Nm15VXBkZU5aTNFUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 3251 3899

Passcode: springtime

By phone: 1 929 205 6099



AAUWMI Annual Meeting

AAUW of Michigan will hold in-person 100th State Convention and Annual Meeting at the H Hotel in Midland, Michigan, on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Click [here](#) to go to the registration page. Hotel room rates are \$169. Click [here](#) to reserve a room.

The annual meeting begins with registration at 8:30am and a start time of 9:15am ET. Karlyn Rapport will be recognized for 50 years of AAUW membership with the Golden Award!

If you plan to attend, please let me know (jpuncoch@nmu.edu) so that you could represent our branch as a delegate. Thank you!

Judy Puncochar, AAUW-MQT President

Public Policy News

*".....Real change...
happens one step at a time"* ^{RBG}

*Sometimes the steps appear to be going backward.
This month there are steps forward.*

Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation brings the first black woman justice to the Supreme Court. Ketanji Brown Jackson said it has taken her family one generation to go from segregation to the Supreme Court. She uniquely brings to this body, her experience as a trial lawyer, a public defender, and her service on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Although her appointment will not change the liberal- conservative balance of the court, her dissents might pave the way to fairer legislation.

The Violence Against Women's Reauthorization Act of 2022 passed. This VAWA expands criminal justice jurisdiction to Tribal Courts to cover non- native perpetrators of sexual assault, domestic violence,

stalking, child abuse who commit these crimes on tribal land. These perpetrators previously escaped prosecution because of jurisdictional gaps. VAWA increases support for LGBTQ individuals. It creates federal civil cause for action for people whose intimate visual images are disclosed without their consent. This reauthorization includes Kayden's law, the Keeping Children Safe from Family Violence Act which incentivizes family court reform prioritizing child safety over parental rights.

Unbelievably the boyfriend loophole was **not** plugged in this reauthorization. This loophole allows dating partners to have a gun while married abusers can't. Women are just as likely to be killed by a dating partners as spouse, but the Senate refused to include this. This part of the legislation was the sticking point which prevented reauthorization for almost a decade.

Are we there yet? No but a few steps forward were taken.

Governor Whitmer filed a lawsuit with the Michigan Supreme Court to protect legal abortions in Michigan. The Michigan Supreme Court is asked whether the State Constitution protects the right to abortion. If Roe is overturned, abortion would be illegal in Michigan even in cases of rape and incest because a 1931 law would take precedence. Roe v Wade rendered this law unconstitutional in 1971. Governor Whitmer's lawsuit asks the court to stop enforcement of this 1931 abortion law. Let's hope the Michigan Supreme Court finds the abortion ban violates the Michigan due process clause which covers the right to privacy and bodily autonomy and the ban violates Michigan Equal Protection clause denying women equal rights.

There are 16 proposal which may find their way to the November 2022 ballot. AAUW's Mary Pollock provided a color-coded guide to help you know which ones Michigan AAUW supports. We are including this on page 6 in this newsletter.

Promote the Vote 2022 is a petition to amend the Michigan Constitution. If enacted this amendment ensures voters can vote without harassment, intimidation, and interference. The proposal prohibits use of laws, rules or procedures which interfere with registered Michigan citizens right to vote.

Military and overseas votes will be counted if postmarked by election day. It allows voters to prove their identity in person by showing photos issued by federal, state, local or tribal governments or

education institutions or by signing an affidavit verifying their identity. It requires election audits be conducted in public by state and county election officials based on methods established prior to the election. This preserves the ballot chain of custody. The measure provides 9 days of early voting in person for 8 hours a day before federal or state election. It requires 1 drop box per municipality or at least 1 drop box for every 15,000 voters in the municipality.

If this measure passes these fail-safe provisions will be in our Michigan Constitution in perpetuity. By July 11, 425,059 signatures are required to get this on the November 2022 ballot. Contact Ruth Ziel (rziel@gmail.com) or Marge Forslin (mfoslin2@charter.net) leaders in our local effort, if you are willing to circulate petitions for this Michigan AAUW supported effort. The proposal ensures access to voting and election results determined by votes cast by registered Michigan voters.

Karlyn Rapport, Public Policy Representative.

LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT PRESIDENT



Is it you? The Nominating Committee of our Board has begun our search and we don't want to leave anyone out. Consider steering

your passion for our mission into a leadership direction. As President, you will add your personal spark and join a highly motivated and seasoned Board.

This term of service is for one year. Raise your hand. Stand up. Welcome aboard. Let us hear from you by May 1.

Questions and details:
Contact Nominating Committee Members

*Meg Goodrich 226-8920
or Les Bek 869-5298.*

Club House Highlights

Spring YESTERDAY'S TREASURES SALE



Saturday, May 7, 2022

Please support this major fundraiser for the Marquette Women's Federated Clubhouse, our first in 3 years. See the suggested donation sheet below. You will soon receive a Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet via email. For questions, call Meg Goodrich, 226-8920

Guidelines for Donations

Marquette Federation of Women's Clubs
Yesterday's Treasures Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2022 ● 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Following is a list of suggested items 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
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, May 4, 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. Some items will be marked with a price and others will be "suggested donation".

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

This is a major fundraiser for the Federated Clubhouse, so thank you for your generous support!

*Meg Goodrich, AAUW Representative
Clubhouse Board of Directors*

Martha Griffiths Award

Honoring an Influential Michigan Woman Legislator

The call for the 2022 Martha Griffiths Award received eight inspiring nominations. The award is given to a high-achieving NMU undergraduate who will earn an associate or bachelor's degree in 2022 and who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to women's rights, community involvement, and deep interests in issues to advance gender equity through civic, political, and/or cultural initiatives.



This year's award recipient is Jenna Chappell who will graduate *cum laude* in April 2022 with a double major in [Criminal Justice](#) and [Anthropology](#). Jenna is president of Feminism for All, formerly known as Women for Women. She worked to change the name to make the group more inclusive and welcoming to trans and non-binary members. As a leader in **Feminism for All**, Jenna helped to organize the Annual Slut Walk in 2020 and 2021 to stand with survivors of sexual assault and to make the point that clothing does not equal consent. She facilitated a Voter Registration and Voting Information Workshop, Fat Liberation Workshop, and Wage Gap Bake Sale with proceeds going toward Reproductive Rights in Texas.

She presented on sexual assault awareness with the Sexual Assault Response team from the Marquette Women's Center, and she partnered with the Women's Center to organize a purple out in October to raise awareness for domestic violence.

In addition, Jenna was a student athlete on the NMU Women's Soccer team (Fall 2018 – Fall 2020). She frequently draws attention to gender discrimination in athletics related to legislation targeting trans athletes and the US Women's National Soccer Team's fight for equal pay.

We congratulate Jenna on her many accomplishments and upcoming graduation. About [72.1%](#) of Anthropology majors are female. In contrast, the percentage of female full-time law enforcement officers has been low for several decades ([US Dept of Justice, 2019, p. iii](#)). In 2020, only [13.1%](#) of full-time law enforcement officers were female.

The NMU community provided outstanding nominations across many NMU departments and units. This year's Martha Griffiths Award competition was incredible. Acting President Kerri Schuiling wrote, "And again, you find an incredibly talented and outstanding person to receive this award; one who is truly deserving. Thank you for all of your work on this and congratulations to the awardee! Kerri".

The Martha Griffiths Award comes with \$500.00 in cash, publicity in the local newspaper, and a framed certificate with Jenna's name as recipient of the 2022 Martha Griffiths Award.

Jenna will join us at our "Equity in Athletics" program via Zoom on April 21 at 7:00pm.

--Judy Puncochar, President

Tadych's Marketplace Receipts

Formerly Econo



THANK YOU for continuing to collect receipts. We can still turn

in receipts that say Econo, although new ones say **Tadych Marketplace**. The new owners are continuing the wonderful tradition of allowing groups such as AAUW to earn money by collecting and turning in their "Econo" receipts.

So please keep old receipts and continue to KEEP SAVING NEW RECEIPTS and bring them all to any in-person meeting you can attend, or you can mail or drop them off to me.

*Meredith Kulisheck, 906-226-2372
617 W Hampton St, Marquette*



Spring shout out for all Books, DVD, CDs, Puzzles and Games!

The AAUW 2022 book sale may only be a few short months away but now is the time to start collecting, sorting and squirreling away all our treasures for the September 22nd – 24th sale. As you can see from the pictures, we already have a good start for the sale as a result of a few very generous donors in our community. These wonderful donors called on AAUW members earlier this year to gather their donations specifically for the AAUW book sale as they too believe in our mission.

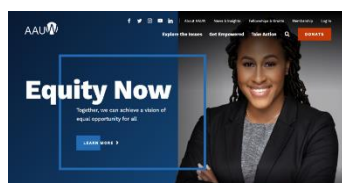
The book sale committee encourages you now to invite your friends and families to save their gently read books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games to insure we have a large and interesting library of items available for the fall sale that will run concurrently with the Friends of Peter White Public Library in September.

So please mark your calendars for the book sale kickoff that will begin with a (hopefully, Face to Face) Book Sale Potluck on September 19th. In addition, we will be seeking tireless volunteers for the daily sorting parties from 9am to 4pm through September 22nd as well as for during sale hours.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions (rmleow@charter.net or 906.250.5503) or if you might know of a generous AAUW supporter that may need some personal assistance for a book pick up as I will continue to collect and presort books all donations prior to the sale.

*As always, I do appreciate you
and all you do to support women
and the AAUW mission.*

*See you **all** soon, Renee Leow*



AAUW NATIONAL WEBSITE ALERT

The AAUW National website is undergoing a massive face lift. Members must create a new login. Use the tutorial to guide your steps. **DO NOT RENEW YOUR DUES ONLINE.**

Mail your membership renewal check for \$113.00 to Ruth Ziel, 734 Lakewood Ln, Marquette, MI 49855. (AAUW-National no longer handles checks. Send your membership check made out to AAUW to my address.)

AAUW-Marquette membership includes National Dues \$67, State \$12, Local \$9, and Clubhouse \$25 for a total of \$113.00. National dues increased \$5.00 this year, and dues will increase another \$5.00 next year. Membership will run from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me (906-249-4152). Please renew to me as soon as possible. Thank you!

Ruth Ziel, treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN

The Marquette Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is pleased to announce that



the 2022/2023 Annual Scholarship application window is now open. This need-based scholarship is open to undergraduates enrolled in any academic program at Northern Michigan University. The selected student will be eligible for \$3000/semester in tuition funding for up-to two consecutive semesters. Full application details and application packet available for download at the AAUW Marquette website: <https://marquette-mi.aauw.net/>. Applications deadline is June 1, 2022. Late submissions will not be accepted

16 Petition Drives in Michigan as of March 10, 2022!

Read the 100-word summary on the petition before signing.

1. *Unlock Michigan 2** - limit emergency authority of public health officials
2. *Secure MI Vote** - reduces access to absentee voting, stricter ID requirements
3. *Michigan United** – restore good time credit for prisoners
4. **Yes on National Popular Vote**** (suspended campaign until 2024)
5. *Let MI Kids Learn A and B** - public funding of private education with tax credits
6. *Michiganders for Fair Lending** – cap interest rates on payday loans at 36%
7. *Audit Michigan** – require private “forensic” audit of 2020 and future elections
8. *Raise Michigan** – raise minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2027
9. **Reproductive Freedom for All**** - pro-choice, repeal contradictory laws
10. **Promote the Vote 2022**** - voting rights and ballot counting protections. Counteract Secure MI Vote and Audit Michigan.
11. **MI Right To Vote A and B**** initiative petition reform and voting rights
12. **Voters for Change**** - ranked choice voting
13. *Mushroom Decriminalization** – reduce penalties for psycho-active natural plants
14. **Voters for Transparency and Term Limits**** – require financial disclosure from state officeholders and expand term limit to 12 years in one chamber or combination of chambers.

These measures endorsed by AAUW of Michigan Board as consistent with AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Please volunteer to circulate petitions for the organizations sponsoring the measures. Sign up through the link.

<https://raisethewagemmi.org/>

www.mireproductivefreedom.org

<https://votersnotpoliticians.com/>

These measures are opposed by AAUW of Michigan Board because they are inconsistent with AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Please do not sign the petitions.

* Initiated statute; could be adopted by legislature and not go to the Governor or ballot. Petitions due by June 1.

** Initiated Constitutional amendment; must go to the ballot. Petitions due by July 11

Graphic provided by Mary Pollock Michigan AAUW 's Government Relations Coordinator