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Yesterday's Treasures Sale to support the Federated Women's Clubhouse is from **9:00am to 2:00pm on May 7, 2022**. More details on **pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter**. Several AAUW members have volunteered to set up, work during the sale, and clean up after the sale. Thank you for your support of our clubhouse.

AAUW-Marquette board members unanimously endorsed a nonpartisan Petition Drive for Promote the Vote 2022 on Saturday, May 7, which is the same day as the Yesterday's Treasures sale. The Promote the Vote 2022 petition signing will not interfere with Yesterday's Treasures or anyone entering or leaving the clubhouse. Promote the Vote 2022 volunteers will set up a small table and a couple of chairs in the grass on the corners of Ridge and Front Streets.

Please bring a friend to the Yesterday's Treasures sale and drop by the Promote the Vote 2022 table.

The pandemic brought us closer together. Collectively, we fought to advance gender equity for women and girls while continuing our branch activities. We conducted inspiring program and board meetings both pre- and mid-pandemic, maintained our finances with annual audits, and held an innovative cooperative record-breaking book sale. We adhered to our mission through hard work and leadership of our AAUW members. We connected with each other and supported one another during difficult losses and sad times. The AAUW Board voted unanimously to name our

branch membership as recipient of the 2022 Named Grant Award. Congratulations to all of us! Serving as AAUW-Marquette president for the last four years has been a joyful honor because of the abundant talents and dedication of members to advance the AAUW mission. Thank you for the opportunity to learn from you. A special meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, May 16, at 7:00pm via Zoom to determine board governance for our next fiscal year. Officer Installation and governance will be decided at our May 26 board meeting.

Please join us for our final AAUW program on May 12, a Zoom meeting featuring *Women Beekeepers*. Watch for an email with a Zoom link.

Thank you to all for your enthusiastic commitment to our branch.

Judy Puncochar, AAUW-MQT President

FINAL PROGRAM MEETING 2021-22: Thursday, May 12, 7 pm Women Beekeepers

Judy Puncochar's sister Becky in Nebraska will join Marquette AAUW member Sue Payant to discuss their experiences keeping bees. Watch for an email with details coming soon.

A review of last month's program: Equity in Sports

Our April 2022 AAUW program featured Dr. Marguerite (Maggie) Moore, Lovell Endowed Professor of Athletic Training, Director of the Concussion Research Clinic, and Coordinator of the Training Center. Dr. Moore filled in for Dr. Wuorinen, Associate Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance. We appreciate Dr. Moore's willingness to facilitate our program discussions.

Dr. Moore mentioned Title IX protections have been upheld by law since 1972, but discrepancies in equal pay between men and women sports is persistent. College coaches in women's team sports earn 63 cents for every dollar earned by head coaches of men's teams. In 2020, women received only 4% of the total sports media coverage in print and broadcast, even though women make up 40% of persons in sports.

Jenna Chappell, our 2022 Martha Griffiths Award winner, attended the program with her nominator, Dr. Sheena Ketchum from the Anthropology Department. Jenna played on the NMU women's soccer team for two years and noticed a lack of sports coverage for women's sports teams, even during women's sport winning seasons relative to men's sport losing seasons. Jenna suggested NMU and organizations like AAUW could give more attention and appreciation to female athletes for their dedication and hard work.

We asked about pronouns following email signatures and names on Zoom. Dr. Ketchum explained that use of identifying pronouns allows individuals to share their identities respectfully and that misuse of a person's preferred pronouns even accidentally could make a person feel disrespected. I do not know if using identifying pronouns is a step toward equity, but use of identifying pronouns seems to signify a willingness to respect individual differences in social situations. I added my pronouns (she/her) to my Zoom signature during the program.

– Judy Puncochar

thank you
thank you

thank you, Judy!



Every one of our Presidents has left her footprint on our branch. Each as unique as the individual who said yes and stepped into that leadership role. As Judy's footprint takes off in a new direction, we extend our gratitude for her dedicated service. For two terms, four years, through a pandemic and challenges big and small, she has provided us with calm and steady

support. Always mission driven, thoughtful and visionary, she has provided guidance that allowed us to thrive and grow in many ways. Best wishes, Judy, as your journey continues. We wish you well and will miss you.

Next Steps . . .

We remain in search of a member interested in the opportunity to serve as our President for the upcoming membership year. We hope you have given it some thought and consideration. Our Board is stocked with a great supporting cast in key positions waiting to welcome you. We are a Branch blessed with leaders and are asking one of you to step forward with your footprint.

. . . Plan B

Just in case, it is always a good idea to have a Plan B. In the event a member is not identified by the Nominating Committee, the Board members will hold a special meeting via Zoom on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. to problem-solve this hurdle. Alternative models and processes are all open for discussion.

Your next step? . . . be the one who says yes to the leadership opportunity. Or share your thoughts and ideas on how leadership might look this upcoming membership year. Contact Nominating Committee members: **Les Bek**, ljbek@chartermi.net, 869-5298 or **Meg Goodrich**, meg.goodrich2@gmail.com, 226-8920 or 396-6424. **We look forward to hearing from you.**

Public Policy News

BREAKING NEWS:

Leaked Draft indicates Supreme Court may strike down Roe v Wade

*(It changes the overall situation surrounding the following "Ray of Hope" article Karlyn prepared before the news broke. Although the messages in her article **are still true** – including the AKA in her signature.)*



A Ray of Hope

Friday, April 29, 2022, Connecticut's State Senate passed a bipartisan abortion bill 25-9 that increases the

number of medical professionals allowed to perform abortions. The Connecticut House of Representatives previously voted 87-60 for this measure. This bill allows advance practice registered nurses, physicians assistants and nurse midwives to provide medical and aspiration abortions in the first trimester.

In the face of draconian measures passed by states like Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana; Connecticut can become a refuge. Medical records of women travelling from other states are protected from subpoena by other states.

We are witnessing a global subjugation of women's rights. Women's rights to own property, have bodily autonomy guaranteed constitutionally, and civil rights for all, propelled democracy globally. Now we are confronted by efforts to restrict discussion of gender and racial equality in public schools. States have increased control of LGBTQ rights. There is an ironic co-opting of "My body My Choice" as the anti-vaccine mantra which puts us all at risk. Largely the same group want to restrict women's access to medical care and ballot access. These issues are inextricably linked to unraveling women's equality.

Our rights are under assault. We need to mobilize We need to invest in feminist candidates and feminist policies. These are fundamentally preserving our fragile democracy. We can't let young women take for granted rights which were hard won. Although the 250 member organizations of the ERA Coalition, including AAUW. asked Majority leader Chuck Schumer to schedule a vote on SJ R 1 to remove the timeline from ERA; he has not done so. The U.S. House of Representatives passed HJR17 on March 22, 2022.

The archivist has yet to publish ERA which has been ratified by 38 states as an amendment to the constitution. Merrick Garland has yet to pull the Trump position on ERA and submit the one 200 constitutional scholars endorse. Patriarchy is in power.

Celebrate Connecticut. Sign the Reproductive Freedom for All and the Promote the Vote 2022 petitions and hope they get on the November 2022 ballot. Call US Senator Chuck Schumer at 202-224-6542 and tell him to bring SJR1 to the floor for a vote. Ask him to insist the archivist publish ERA as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Karlyn Rapport, Public Policy Representative, AKA Chicken Little

Spring Clubhouse Highlights

YESTERDAY'S TREASURES SALE



Saturday, May 7, 2022

Please support our first major fundraiser in 3 years for the Marquette Women's Federated Clubhouse. See the suggested donation list below. 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

Thank you for your generous support!

*Meg Goodrich, AAUW Representative
Clubhouse Board of Directors*



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.

Hello, AAUW Members!

Pam Grundstrom (pgrundst@nmu.edu) needs **more volunteers** on Saturday, May 7, to help during the Yesterday's Treasures clubhouse fundraiser sale.

Opening Shift – Sat, May 7 – 8:30-11:00am

Middle Shift – Sat, May 7 – 10:30am-1:00pm

Closing Shift/Cleanup – Sat, May 7 – 12:30pm-3pm

If you cannot help on the day of the sale, you could volunteer to set up the sale 5-8 pm on Wed, May 4; Thu, May 5; and Fri, May 6.

Write directly to Pam (pgrundst@nmu.edu) with your name, email, and volunteer times and dates. Thank you!

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.

Renee Leow, Book Sale Committee Chair