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Convener's Corner



AAUW Board Openings

There are three spots opening up on our board of directors this spring. Each has a two-year time commitment. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions and helping AAUW Marquette fulfill its goals.

President
VP/Program
Corresponding Secretary

Feel free to give me a call me with questions, or to volunteer.

Pat Pellett
February/March Convener

Tadych's MarketPlace Receipts



Please Remember: Receipts dated prior to December 6, 2021, will no longer be accepted, and receipts must be turned in within 2 years of the purchase date.

Write yourself a note

to bring eligible receipts to the next in-person meeting you can attend, or you can mail or drop them off to me at 617 W Hampton St, Marquette 49855.

Thanks.

Meredith Kulisheck

March and April Program Changes

Please note that we rearranged our monthly program schedule to accommodate our April book sale.

- **Mental health care in Marquette**, originally scheduled for our April program will now be in March.
- **Women in trades**, originally scheduled for March, will be indefinitely postponed.
- There will be no meeting on April 13. Please sign up to help the **book sale** in April.

Mental Health Services in Marquette



According to a [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) fact sheet, 1,469,000 adults in Michigan have a mental health condition. Many of those are not able to get the treatment that they need.

I am pleased to report that two leaders from Pathways Community Mental Health will join us at

Women's Federated Clubhouse
Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 pm

to discuss mental health services in Marquette.

- Michelle Grunert, Emergency Services Program Director
- Ruth Gerhart, Supervisor of Emergency Services

Pathways Community Mental Health, according to [its website](#), "provides specialized mental health services to adults who have a serious mental illness (SMI), adults and children who have an intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) and children and adolescents who have a serious emotional disturbance (SED)."



Join us for an engaging conversation about access to services, barriers to services, and available resources.

and at our February meeting...



Princess-for-the-day Meg Goodrich selected VIP seating at our February meeting as her prize for being one of the three highest point winners at our January Game Night. Other Game Night winners were Ellen Koski (lunch with NMU's female deans) and Ruth Ziel (Snow Bound gift card).

Congratulations, ladies!

***Leslie Warren
Program Vice President***



Please Do More than Hope!

There are so many opportunities for advocacy and so little time.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings on ERA on Feb 28. **You can watch** on YouTube on the ERA Coalition's Facebook page. This was the [first hearing on ERA since 1984](#). This one is entitled The Equal Rights Amendment: How Congress Can Recognize Ratification of ERA and Enshrine Equality in our Constitution.

SJ Res 4 is a bipartisan resolution introduced by Ben Cardin (D) MD and Lisa Murkowski (R) Alaska. It declares ERA has been fully ratified. Constitutional scholars will argue at this hearing that Congress can assert the ratification of ERA and the filibuster should not apply. Call Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Gary Peters. Tell them to do whatever is needed to support passage of ERA now. It is unconscionable that the timeline on ERA has not been removed. ERA needs to be published as part of our Constitution. Seventy percent of Americans think we have sex equality in our Constitution, we don't. We have waited 100 years for equal rights. Recent efforts to roll back the few rights we have should indicate why ERA is needed now.

On the state level, the Michigan Senate Health Policy committee is considering SB 2 and SB37 which would repeal the 1931 ban on abortion. After the tragic mass shooting at Michigan State University, the Michigan legislature introduced 16 bills which if enacted would have significant impact on reducing deaths by gun violence. Bills dealing with universal background checks, safe firearm storage laws and "red flag" or extreme risk orders—which allows confiscation of firearms temporarily, if a judge, through court order, rules the individual is considered a harm to themselves or others—are more likely to be passed. These bills are SB76-SB 86. They have been referred to Senate Civil Rights, Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committees. A call to State Senator Ed McBroom would help these along.

Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson is eager to ban firearms at polling places. HB 4127-HB 4128 HB4129 HB4130 make intimidation, harassment of election workers a felony and, prohibit firearms from polling places. Voters Not Politicians are pushing HB 4127 and HB 4128.

SB 4 ELCRA and HB 4003 ELCRA protect sexual orientation and gender identity under the Elliott Larson Civil Rights Act. These bills went to the Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committees.

In other news we could lose access to mifepristone nationally if banned by a federal judge in Texas. This is medication used to terminate a pregnancy. It was approved by FDA 20 years ago and is used in half of abortions in the U.S. The medication misoprostol is an alternative.

Pick the issue that moves you most.

Instead of hoping for the best, **do** your best. Call the legislators and request their support. Together we can get them to move on meaningful legislation. Here are phone numbers: Michigan Representative Jenn Hill, 517 373 0498; Michigan State Senator Ed McBroom, 517 373 7840; U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, 202 224 4822; U.S. Senator Gary Peters, 202 224 6221.

***Karlyn Rapport
Public Policy Representative***



Federated Clubhouse News

Yesterday's Treasures Sale Saturday, May 20, 2023

Please see Donation Suggestions in the next column. AND we'll have work sign-up sheets at the March and April AAUW meetings. **See the list of opportunities below.** You may also contact Meg to sign up for the time(s) that work for you.

Caretaker: Please text Bella Muzaffarr at 971 708 3831 for booking the clubhouse, while Jayna is away.

**Meg Goodrich
Clubhouse Representative**

Volunteer Sign-up Opportunities for Yesterday's Treasures and Bake Sale



Federated Women's Clubhouse
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 ~ 9am to 2pm

- Set Up**
Thurs, May 18, 2023
5-8 pm
- Set Up**
Fri, May 19, 2023
5-8 pm
- Opening Shift**
Sat, May 20, 2023
8:30-11:30 am
- Middle Shift**
Sat, May 20, 2023
11:00 am-2:00 pm
- Closing/Cleanup Shift**
Sat, May 20, 2023
1:30-4:30 pm

Sign-up sheets will be at the March AAUW meeting and the AAUW April Book Sale or contact Meg Goodrich.



Federated Women's Clubhouse

Yesterday's Treasures and Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 20, 2023
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

*Below 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. Be sure to have the clubhouse key or arrange with the caretaker to have the door unlocked. Also, donations may be delivered to the Clubhouse during set-up times on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 18 and 19, between 5 and 8 p.m.

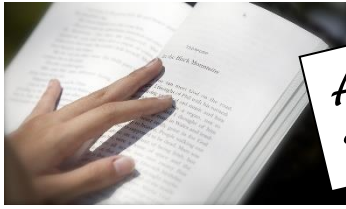
Please also bring in the extra grocery bags you have at home. If you have a suggested price for an item, please mark it in advance. Some items will be marked with a price and others will be "suggested donation."

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

Following are some suggested items for the Bake Sale to be held in conjunction with the Yesterday's Treasures Sale. Donations may be brought to the Clubhouse Thursday and Friday evenings, May 18 and 19, between 5 and 8 p.m.

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| Rolls | Muffins |
| Cookies / Bars | Breads |
| Pies | Candies |

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



Attention Readers!!

The AAUW Book Group will meet just two more times before taking a summer break. Books for March and April are *The Agitators* by Dorothy Wickenden (March 2nd) and *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (April 6). *The Agitators* weaves a story of the struggle for women's rights and the abolition of slavery through the lives of friends Harriet Tubman, Martha Coffin Wright, and Frances A Seward during another time of divisiveness and dissension in America.

Meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. (location varies), and we always have a Zoom option. Please contact Karen Rudisill for details if interested. Please join us! We'd love to see a few new faces!

Karen Rudisill,
Book Club Chair
karen.rudisill@gmail.com

Yes, your help is needed to fill these lonely & empty banana boxes



Weeks ago, the Book Sale team started meeting behind the scenes to get ready for the April

Book Sale and calling on our generous communities for their donations of gently read books, audio CDs, DVDs as well as games and puzzles for the...

...2023 AAUW Marquette Branch Spring Book Sale *scheduled* for April 27th-29th. **Please mark your calendars for the change in date which is due to our generous partner hosting the Superior Connections Recovery emergency shelter the week before.**

Now it is the time I ask you to lend your valuable time and tireless hands to help make the Book Sale a fun and memorable event. The sorting kickoff will begin with a tempting **potluck on Monday, April 24th** and will continue with daily book sorting from 9am to 4pm through April 26th (and please know I am still looking for the Bollywood Disco CDs that are MIA!)

As this is an AAUW group project, your valuable time spent prepping for the sale and especially during sale hours on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and of course for clean up after the sale on Monday morning is appreciated and absolutely vital to the success of this sale. **A signup sheet and posters for distribution will be available at the regular March meeting** or send me an email at rmleow@charter.net to let me know when you are able to lend a hand.

In the meantime, I ask you to help continue this time-honored AAUW tradition for our scholarship program by sharing your time and talents by spreading the word for donations throughout the community. There will be freshly painted **donation bins** located at the ♥ First Presbyterian Church, ♥ Incredible Bank on the corner of N. Third and Magnetic streets, at the ♥ Marquette Medical Center near the pharmacy and at ♥ Marquette Community Federal Credit Union on W. Washington Street, Marquette.

Finally, I am **happy to provide a digital copy of the poster for you to use in your social medial** accounts (Twitter or Instagram) or simply to share the poster on your personal page on Facebook.

Be well and see you at the **potluck April 24th** and hopefully again on the **25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th!**

Renee Leow
Book Sale Team Leader