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Convener's Corner



THE Program Team

The programs at our meetings this year have been outstanding!

I hope you have enjoyed our programs this year as much as I have.

Please consider joining the "Program Team" to help us select worthwhile programs for next year. The input from you and other AAUW members can make our meetings stimulating and interesting. **Got ideas?** Talk to me or any other board member if you can help us with ideas for more good programs.

There are also many ways and times you can help with the Book Sale, our major fundraiser. Let's make this year's sale THE best ever!

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 now be turned in within 2 years of the purchase date.

Make a reminder for yourself...

...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

If it's April, it must be time to sign up to help with the book sale.

AAUW Marquette Branch
Spring Book Sale
April 27-28-29
THURSDAY, APRIL 27
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(\$5.00 Admission - Thursday only)
FRIDAY, APRIL 28
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
BLUFF & FRONT STREET • MARQUETTE
Proceeds support our mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls

POP UP pre-sorting event

at First Presbyterian Church to organize and stow away the mountain of donations. We will sort the treasures into specific banana boxes based on their genres Tuesday (4/4) and Wednesday (4/5) from 10 am–3 pm each day. You are invited to drop by if you have a spare hour or two.

Renee Leow

Book Sale Organizer

Dear Friends:

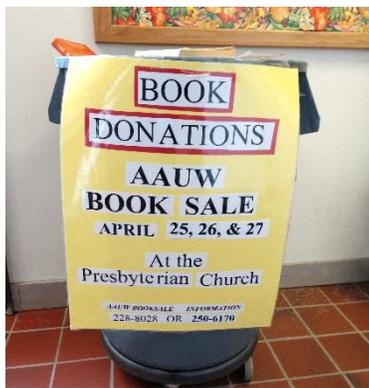
Many of you have offered your talents and your precious time to volunteer at the book sale in the past and/or have already signed up to continue this wonderful tradition, however, the sale can always use additional volunteers before, during and after the event. Listed below is a handy calendar of book sale events including the date(s), time(s), and a bit of

information about the events. Please look for an email from me next week with a digital copy of the schedule and don't hesitate to send me an email at rmleow@charter.net or give me a quick call at 906.250.5503 or even a text message to let me know if and when you are able to volunteer if that is easier for you. **And, of course, simply drop in during sorting or sale hours.**

In addition to joining the volunteer brigade, I hope you will help promote the sale by utilizing your social medial accounts via twitter, Instagram or sharing the poster on your Facebook page. Please let me know if you would like a digital file of the poster or a few pictures of the piles of donated treasures from our very generous community and I will happily email it to you or should you need to schedule a donation pick-up.

I do hope you can spare some time to have some fun and to help make this a record sale in 2023. Again, I appreciate you, what you have done and of course, what you all will do. Be well and see you at or before the potluck on the 24th.

Renee Leow
Book Sale Organizer



**2023 AAUW
Book Sale
Calendar of
Events**

What: Pre-Sorting Fiesta
Date: Tuesday, April 4th
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Pre-Sorting Fiesta
Date: Wednesday, April 5th
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Book Sale Potluck
What Else: Bring a dish (and the recipe) to share if your name starts with:

- A – F Please bring a salad
- G – M Please bring a main dish
- N – S Please bring a side dish
- T – Z Please bring a dessert

Date: Monday, April 24th
Time: Come at 5 pm for the sorting instruction and potluck to follow

Place: First Presbyterian Church
What: Sorting Fiesta Day 2
Date: Tuesday, April 25th
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Sorting Fiesta Day 3
Date: Wednesday, April 26th
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Book Sale – Pre Sale event
(\$5 admission fee for public)
Date: Thursday, April 27th
Time: 5 pm – 8 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Book Sale – look for the daily specials
Date: Friday, April 28th
Time: 9 am – 6 pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Book Sale Super Saturday
Date: Saturday, April 29th
Time: 9 am – 12 pm **Half off everything**
12:15 – 3 pm **\$5 Bag Sale**
Place: First Presbyterian Church

What: Book Sale Clean-up
Date: Monday, May 1st
Time: 9 am – 12 noon
Place: First Presbyterian Church



Hang On to Your Hats While the Michigan Legislature is in Session

So many worthwhile bills which waited decades for hearings and passage are now getting consideration. HB 4001 increased the Earned Income Tax Credit to 30%, an increase of 24%, was signed into law by Governor Whitmer. SB4 expanding Elliott Larsen Civil Rights to include LGBTQ individuals passed. This bill ensures Michiganders cannot be fired or evicted from their home because of gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression. Let's not forget the repeal of the 1931 law banning abortion.

The Michigan Legislature passed firearm laws calling for universal background checks for all gun purchases, safe storage and extreme risk protection allowing removal of weapons from an individual who is at risk for injuring themselves or others.

AAUW's Mary Pollock provided support for passage of HB 4127 protecting election workers on election day by prohibiting firearms in a polling place. HB 4128 prohibits firearms within 100 feet of absentee ballot counting board while ballots are being counted.

Senate Bills 209, 210 211 and 212 have been introduced to raise the minimum age to marry to 18. Michigan is being held up as a beacon of hope for civil rights and reproductive freedom.

In the face of what is happening in the rest of the country we can pray the Michigan legislature continues to use this window of opportunity to effect meaningful change on behalf of Michigan residents. You can see the legislature respecting the will of the people, reflecting the ballot proposals passed and the polls which evidence the support for safe storage, universal background checks and even extreme risk order bills.

This picture is in sharp contrast to what is happening in the rest of the country. The Paycheck Fairness Bill might have a chance. Please call Senator Stabenow, and Senator Peters and Representative Bergman. The gender pay gap exists in every profession in every age group and widens as women age. It follows women with lower retirement savings and pension benefits. This disparity leaves women without a cushion to weather economic or health crisis. The Paycheck Fairness Act closes loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act. It gives women the tools to challenge pay discrimination and provides incentives for employers to comply. Even though our Senators have a history of co-sponsoring this legislation, they need to hear from us that this bill has widespread support. It is urgent that this bill be passed so that women are fairly and equitably compensated for their work.

With the makeup of the present U. S. House of Representatives, it is unlikely the ERA will pass.

Reproductive freedom nationally is at such risk. Take heart! We live in Michigan!

Karlyn Rapport
Public Policy Representative



Yesterday's Treasures and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 20, 2023
9 am–2 pm

Federated Women's Clubhouse

***Three ways to help this major fundraiser
in support of our "home."***

Donate, Volunteer, Shop!!

Shifts include:

SET-UP

Thursday, 5/18 & Friday, 5/19
5–8 pm

WORK

Saturday, 8:30–11:30 am
11 am–2 pm

CLEAN-UP

Saturday, 5/20
10 am–4:30 pm

Meg Goodrich
Clubhouse Representative



Attention Readers!!

The AAUW Book Group will meet in April before taking a summer hiatus until after Labor Day.

On Thursday, April 6th, we'll be discussing ***The Handmaid's Tale*** by Margaret Atwood. 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

Comments from Carol...

Meg Goodrich and I attended a zoom meeting for MI branch presidents last week. Here are some highlights:

- 1) WE NEED 2 DELEGATES to join me, (I am filling in for President of the Marquette Branch) to attend the state annual meeting, Saturday, April 29, by zoom from 9:30 to noon. IT IS IMPORTANT that we have delegates join me because there will be two main issues voted on, and without 40% of the possible delegates attending, we can't have a valid vote.

The number of delegates is based on the number of members in a branch, and we have 2 delegate spots plus the president. The issues to be voted on are election of officers and approving amendments to the bylaws. There is a newsletter coming out from the State AAUW offices shortly and you will be made aware of the slate for officers and what bylaws amendments may be.

- 2) During the meeting, there was a discussion of potential bylaws amendments. It is likely that the "due date" for membership years will change from July, as we've done in the past, to a "rolling" date based on when members enroll. Meg, others, and I discussed why we are opposed to this due to its creating difficulties for treasurers. I added my name to a letter being sent to the national office sharing our concerns. There is actually one branch whose treasurer will resign if this passes.

- 3) There will be no more national conventions, and state conventions will be held virtually one year and in person on alternate years. Next year's convention will likely be the last weekend in April, but a place has not been determined. Meanwhile, there will be a first-ever REGIONAL convention held in St. Louis on Oct. 19-21, including 11 states which represent 38% of the total national membership. Members in Wisconsin are going to charter a bus. Please consider going to represent our chapter!



AAUW Annual Scholarship Non- Traditional Student Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Marquette Branch is pleased to announce the Annual Scholarship application window is **now open** for the 2023/2024 academic year. This scholarship, based on financial need, is open to undergraduates currently enrolled at Northern Michigan University. The chosen student or students will qualify for a minimum of \$1500 per semester in tuition support for a maximum of two sequential semesters. For more information visit:

<https://marquette-mi.aauw.net/scholarships/>

Andrea Ingmire
Scholarship Committee

Carol Steinhaus
filling in for President of the Marquette Branch