



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

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## Convener's Corner



Thanks to all who worked on our book sale. Give a shout out to

**Rene Leow** and **Pat Pellett** for their organization and leadership in pulling off a spectacular community event. On Saturday I passed two young women, each carrying a carton of books. They were giddy with the treasures they obtained for pennies. Ruth Ziel reported an approximate net income of around **\$3,500.00. Huzzah!!!**

### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

is **Thursday, May 11** in person at the clubhouse. Please be there. We'll have special refreshments and **Leslie Warren** will facilitate a discussion to guide our AAUW affiliate for 2023-2024 and beyond. Watch your email for more information. **Our scholarship recipient** will join us, and you will have a chance to thank members who stepped up to lead us next year.

**The slate of officers our nominating committee engaged is:**

**President, Carol Steinhaus;**  
**Program vice President, Ellen Koski;**  
**Recording Secretary, Laurie Lotter.**

### Michigan AAUW's State Convention

Carol Steinhaus and I attended Michigan AAUW's state convention virtually Saturday, April 29th. Here is a summary of actions taken:

- University and College representatives will not be charged state dues.
- 2 % of the state membership constitutes a quorum for the State convention.
- All members in good standing are entitled to participate, 1 member 1 vote.
- The quorum of the nominating committee is a majority of its members. If there is no

candidate for office, the present office holder's term can be extended if agreed upon by Board members thus filling the office.

- The Resolutions section of the bylaws was eliminated.
- Public policy priorities, issue statements and press releases address Michigan AAUW's positions on issues adequately.

The officers installed at the convention were: Amy Shamroe, President elect from Traverse City; Eva Habib, Membership Vice President from Grosse Pointe; Sally Doty, Finance Vice President from Birmingham. Carol Steinhaus served on the state nominating committee. Plymouth-Canton will host next year's in-person convention. Members were reminded to go to the national AAUW website and vote. There was no discussion of dues deadline. This is a national not state-directed issue. Read Ruth Ziel's notes about our dues on page 4 of this newsletter.

I hope to see you at our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
**Being with good friends is good for you and me.**

**Karlynn Rapport**  
 April/May 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**

**B**ook sale for 2023 is nearly complete. Only a few more books need to be boxed up and sent on their way probably after the May 1 snowstorm.

**O**rganizational was a key component for the sale this year and was the buzz word heard often from shoppers at the sale!

**O**utstanding volunteers made the sale a breeze and actually a lot of fun.

**K**indness is a word I would use to describe our generous community for their donations and support of our sale.

**S**ale proceeds raised nearly \$4,000 for our mission for the advancement of gender equity for women and girls.

**A**mazing is the fact that over 100 boxes of remaining books will be locally redistributed building capacity for the betterment of our community.

**L**eftover books were distributed to Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Marquette County Jail, Friends of Peter White Public Library, St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Goodwill, Salvation Army Thrift Store, Harbor House, rural public libraries, residential libraries and of course to our partner family-the members of the First Presbyterian Church.

**E**xceptional are the members of the American Association of University Women-Marquette Branch

**S**ave these date(s) for future book sales  
*April 25-27, 2024\*\*May 1-3, 2025*





To clear your head, call Michigan State Representative Jenn Hill at 517-373 -0498 and tell her what a great job she is doing working to advance AAUW public policy priorities.

**Karlyn Rapport**  
*Public Policy Representative*

## Disappointed But Not Surprised

On Thursday, April 27 for the first time in 40 years ERA came up for a vote in the Senate. Did you hear this discussed by major news networks? Republicans successfully blocked S J Res 4 which would have removed the 1982 deadline for state ratification The vote was 51-47. Maine Senator Susan Collins and Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski voted in favor of the resolution. Ten more GOP votes were needed. Senator Schumer changed his vote to a no to allow him to bring this matter to a vote later in this legislative session.

In good news, both the Michigan Senate and House passed red flag legislation enabling temporary confiscation of weapons if the individual is deemed at risk of harming themselves or others. It would require a court order and judge’s approval. Up next is consideration of a ban on assault weapons and hate crime legislative reform.

Meanwhile Indiana’s legislature passed HB 1447 which requires the school libraries to prepare a catalogue of materials available in the school library and establish a process allowing a parent, guardian, or community member to submit a request to remove material that is obscene or harmful to minors. “Harmful to minors” refers to nudity, sexual content, sadomasochistic abuse, persuasiveness which might encourage readers to engage in sexual activities, offensive content as judged by a community standard for adults considering what is suitable for minors to see, content void of serious literary, artistic political or scientific value for kids. Librarians who violate the law by providing material designated obscene or harmful to minors could be charged with Level 6 felony and face up to 2½ years in prison. Educational value is not permitted as a defense. I wonder how The Department of Education will respond to this legislation.

There are days when you wonder if this is America or are we all experiencing the same dystopian nightmare.



## 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:*

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### SET-UP

Thursday, 5/18 & Friday, 5/19  
5–8 pm

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### WORK

Saturday, 8:30–11:30 am  
11 am–2 pm

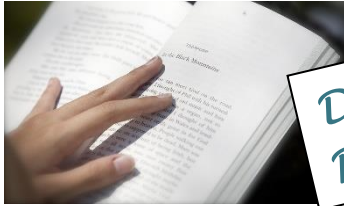
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### CLEAN-UP

Saturday, 5/20  
10 am–4:30 pm

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**Meg Goodrich**  
*Clubhouse Representative*



Dear Readers...

The AAUW Book Group wrapped up their 2022-23 schedule on April 6th and is in the process of book selection for 2023-24. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for September 7th at 12:30pm. Please contact [karen.rudisill@gmail.com](mailto:karen.rudisill@gmail.com) for a copy of the 2023-24 books selected and other info. The Book Club loves having new members, so please consider joining us!

*Karen Rudisill, Book Club Chair*  
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**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**

## It's Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals for our branch members are **due June 30, 2023**. Dues this year are a total of **\$118**: \$72 of that goes to National; \$12 to the state; \$9 to the local Marquette branch and \$25 to the clubhouse.

If you are a paid lifetime member your dues are **\$46**: \$12 to the state; \$9 to the local Marquette branch and \$25 for the Clubhouse.

If you are a lifetime member having paid dues for 50 years, your AAUW dues are waived for National,



State and the Local branches, but you still need to contribute the clubhouse portion which is **\$25**. I recommend that our lifetime members do not renew online. Instead, please send your check to me, Ruth Ziel, 734 Lakewood Lane, Marquette, MI. 49855. Please make your check payable to AAUW! *(Not to me personally).*

Some of you may have received a notice from AAUW to renew your dues. **It's fine to do so online** and they will electronically deposit our portion in our account but to pay online. You must create a login if you have not already done so. **Just be careful not to create a new account in the process since you are already a member.** It takes a while to fix this. Also, make sure you identify your State and Local branches, National will automatically come up. If you need any help let me know.

**Or, as we have always done here in Marquette, any of you may just send a check made out to AAUW to my address above.**

*Ruth Ziel, Vice President of Finance*  
*(i.e., Treasurer)*