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Annual Fall Open House

Thursday, September 21, 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, 3710 Jefferson



Midland Branch member in Washington for AAUW Convention.

Do you hear “What is AAUW?” and people say, “Oh, they are that group that sells used books for scholarships.” Yes, we are that, but we are MORE! Learn about how our AAUW Midland Branch contributes to the community in other ways, as well as contributing to women across the nation. We will hear a report from Carol Arnosky about her trip to AAUW National Convention. This meeting is a great time to bring potential new members.

Our program will take place in the lovely 1st floor Gathering Room. Scrumptious finger foods, both savory and sweet, and punch will be served. Cost is just \$5 per person (no charge for your guests). Reservations must be in by September 18. Make checks payable to AAUW-Midland Branch and mail to P.O. Box 30, Midland, MI 48640-0030. For more information, please write to aauwmidland@gmail.com.

Mary Crane-Franek, 1st VP Program Development

President’s Message ~ Kim Steinke

As we turn our calendars to September and begin our regular “back to school” schedules, I first want to recognize our slate of elected officers, committee chairs and committee members for 2017/18 (see listing on page 4). Your willingness to serve helps ensure our branch remains energized and engaged in our community. I will be working closely with Carol Arnosky, our new President-Elect, as we both assume leadership roles. Many thanks to Mary Crane-Franek for her support and guidance as Carol and I transition into our new roles, and Mary assumes her new role as 1st Vice President – Program Development.

Mary and the Program Committee are planning engaging and informative events this year. In addition to our Annual Open House on Thursday, September 21, please mark your calendars now to attend two programs this Fall with a focus on STEM curriculum which continues to be a major focus of AAUW.

Thursday, November 6, 7-9 pm: A joint tour with the League of Women Voters of the new Central Park Elementary School. Principal Bridget Hockemeyer will lead the tour, with a Q & A session to follow in their new media room. We will learn about the STEM curriculum that has been developed for the school. Congratulations to Terry Townley for organizing this event.

Thursday, December 7, 1-3 pm: A program at the Chippewa Nature Center presented by their Program Director, Jenn Kirts. She will provide an overview of their scholarship programs for students. Included will be a showing of the video of a recent PBS News Hour segment that highlighted the Center’s innovative pre-school program that is attracting national attention.

Stayed tuned for sneak previews of programs being developed for 2018!



Used Book Sale is Sept. 29, 30, Oct 1

Trudy Dutot, UBS Chair



We welcome all Branch members to take part in our Fall Used Book Sale and encourage others to participate. We welcome spouses and friends to help in this endeavor.

Barrels to collect book donations are at Kroger, Family Fare, Sanford Food Center and two entrances at the Mall (by the Food Court and Ruby Tuesday). Large amounts of books can be delivered directly to our sorting room at the Mall during our work hours (11 am - 2 pm Monday – Saturday) until September 22. Call Trudy for directions to our back delivery door. Someone will be happy to bring a cart out to your car.

Drop in at the sort room in the Midland Mall any day Monday – Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. We are between the food court and the previous Sears store next to Payless Shoes. Please volunteer as often as you can. Your help is important. We need your help to:

- Put price stickers on books and put them in category boxes (you may just drop in).
- Stack books on sale tables Thursday evening, September 28.
- Take a 2 hour shift at the sale, selling or keeping tables neat.
- Help box books for gifting and recycling at the end of the sale 4:00 pm Sunday.

You can also help by spreading word about the sale. We get thousands of wonderful books and we need many buyers to achieve the sale income needed to support our scholarships and other educational activities. Call Marge Haskell to sign up for Thursday set up, sales and to help on Sunday.

Invite Your Friends to Join

Judy Donahue, Membership VP

A happy finish to the end of summer. I have sent two membership renewal email blasts that gave the ability to renew on line or send a check written to AAUW to me, Judy Donahue, Membership Chair. We have done pretty well with only 24% still not renewed. I will send another online renewal the second week in September for those who may have been out of town over the summer, forgot, or those who just like to wait to renew.

Programs this year, as in the past, will bring education and inspiration to our members and hopefully attract new members. At the September program, we typically ask members to bring a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW Midland. Membership is open to all graduates who hold a two-year associate or more advanced degree from an accredited college or university. We also welcome community members without degrees who support our mission. Write to aauwmidland@gmail.com for membership information.



When someone joins at a meeting, they get one half off the national dues, a savings of \$24.50. I look forward to seeing you and your friends at the September program.

AAUW Magazine, *Outlook*, Goes Digital!

Mařía F. Sařlıó-Yates, Technology Officer

The new digital *Outlook* was sent to members via e-mail on August 31, 2017. If you did not receive yours, please check the Spam/Junk Mail Folder in your e-mail box. Be sure to indicate that it is not Spam/Junk to ensure future deliveries arrive in your inbox. If you use *gmail*, please check your “Promotions” tab as that is where many mass mailings end up.

You can choose to read the issue in your web browser or you can open it as a PDF document (see corresponding links in the e-mail from Ms. Belec). In either case, the size of the print for ease of reading may be the most problematic issue at first. Here are some hints (these are based on a PC/Laptop using Windows 10, but *should be similar* for other web browsers and devices):

- **Web browser version:** You can enlarge the font by clicking / tapping on the page with your cursor (which is shaped like a magnifying glass). You can also go to “Setting” at the top of the screen and select a larger “Magazine Size”. Additional magnification can be attained by clicking on “Full Zoom” box in “Setting”. The “Help” button at the top of the screen offers information about the functions available in the reader.
- **PDF version:** To magnify the PDF version, simply click / tap on the plus sign or on the “Zoom In” button at the top of the screen. For help with this version click/tap on “For navigation instructions please click here.”

Both versions are fully searchable and both versions can be saved to your computer, tablet, or removable drive (provided you have enough free space). According to AAUW Managing Editor Hannah Moulton Belec, members [can opt in](https://ww2.aauw.org/outlook/?action=show_search) (https://ww2.aauw.org/outlook/?action=show_search) to receive a print copy for a limited time. Please contact me if you need assistance (msabloyates@gmail.com).



Kimberley Churches

Get to know AAUW’s new Chief Executive Officer in the new issue of *Outlook*.

AAUW Takes Action to Protect Title IX

June Turley, Public Policy Chair

Last month Anne Hedgepeth, Interim VP of Public Policy and Government Relations of AAUW, spoke with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos about the importance of Title IX. She stressed the value of this vital civil rights law and urged Secretary DeVos to strengthen and fully enforce it.

The Department of Education is still considering rolling back or weakening the Title IX guidance and regulations that have been critical to ending and preventing sex discrimination in our schools. AAUW has been fighting inequality for more than 130 years. There are several ways to support AAUW’s fight than just financial. Go to the national [AAUW site](#) and click on “[take action](#)” under [Issues](#) and Sign AAUW’s petition to demand that the Department of Education protect Title IX. Together we can fight to protect and preserve its current regulations and guidance and fully enforce this indispensable civil rights law.

Excerpted from [Washington Update E-Bulletin](#), August 8, 2017 (www.aauw.org)

Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title IX states “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

In Memory of Jean Hillman ~ Cathy Heng

Jean C. Hillman shared her multiple talents in Midland after graduation from Oberlin College. She started teaching her beloved young children at Eastlawn Elementary School and she taught preschool at Memorial Presbyterian Church. She earned her Master of Arts degree in early childhood education from Central Michigan University and loved to teach youth about the world around them.

Jean was an AAUW Midland Branch member for 59 years and a Named Gift Honoree in 1984. She was known for her passion in preparing children's books for the Branch Used Book Sales for over 50 years; she knew the Little Golden Books inside and out. With music as another passion, she contributed records and sheet music to the sales, always checking to see if they sold.

Jean's passion for sharing involved reading to children at Whiting Forest, stories on butterflies, serving as an Elder at church and as a member of the bell choir. She was a Girl Scout Brownie leader, a yoga participant, and youth arts member.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 21, 7:00 pm, General Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church
 Sept 29, 30, Oct.1, Used Book Sale, Midland Mall
 Nov. 6, 7:00 pm, Tour Central Park Elementary School
 Dec. 7, 1:00 pm, Chippewa Nature Center education programs

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