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Used Book Sale is Front Page News

Wow, did we have books this sale! The quantity and quality was better than ever with several exceptional donations including 15 boxes of clearance books from Barnes and Noble. We had 280 equivalent banana boxes of books that the Exchange Club moved to the sale area Thursday night. We really appreciate their hard work.

Thanks to Carol Arnosky, a Midland Daily News reporter came to see our streamlined Thursday night setup. Her great reporting put us on the front page and filled page 3A. Branch members must have been good at spreading the word because we had a very large crowd Friday morning (before our front page MDN coverage). Friday sales were up by \$1000 over last Fall's sale. The flow of customers was steady all weekend. The sale grossed **\$12,601**.

Unsold books were donated to various nursing homes and nonprofit organizations. Friends of the Standish Library picked up the remaining books for their own sale to benefit their community.

Branch members, spouses, and friends are to be thanked for working on this sale. A special thank you goes to all who donated books and spread the word about our sale. Our Branch members are a great team in the effort to make the book sales a success to fund scholarships and educational projects.



Thank you everyone! Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair

The next sale is scheduled for April 27, 28, 29, 2018.

The Fall Sale Was Dedicated to Jean Hillman

We greatly missed our dear Jean Hillman this sale. She was a dedicated worker pricing children's literature for almost 60 years. The Branch Board voted to send a contribution in her name to AAUW Funds. The UBS team made a contribution for the purchase of children's books to the church preschool that Jean supported. A memorial service for Jean will be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church on October 21 at 11 am.

Midland Branch Contributions = \$500,000

Someone asked recently what the Midland Branch's total contribution to scholarships has been. We can comfortably say the Branch has raised a half million dollars dedicated for scholarships, educational efforts and advocacy for women and children. To accomplish this, the Branch has held book sales for 69 years.

Used Book Sales are our major fundraising activity, but did you know we sold fresh asparagus years ago? That we assisted with inventory for Hudson's? That we wrapped gifts at the Mall during the Christmas season? Social Capers calendars are not as popular as they were when the branch started offering them 67

years ago, but they are still providing modest income from diehard fans. Several auctions were held with one a few years ago that helped complete our National Fellowship at \$100,000.

Most of the fundraising has benefitted our local community:

- College scholarships for local high school girls and women in transition, our major focus
- Funding to send college students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
- Scholarships for young schoolgirls to attend STEM camps
- Publication of HELPS ~ Higher Education Loans Plans and Scholarships. HELPS was printed and distributed for years to area high school counselors and is now used online
- Funding of programs to help women enroll in college and gain skills needed for employment

Contributions at the National level include:

- AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund - supports workplace sex discrimination cases
- Midland Branch Grant Program #1377 - provides assistance for community action projects
- Midland Branch American Fellowship #4277 - supports graduate level fellows

Above and beyond the half million dollars for the above causes, one of our proudest accomplishments is the purchase of books about notable women for every elementary school in Midland County after an AAUW survey 20 years ago noted that only a few biographies in school libraries were about women.

Put These Branch Programs on Your Calendar

The Program team is working on this year's general meeting programs. There is no program scheduled for October. We will have an early November program by invitation from the League of Women Voters. A special



tour of the new Central Elementary School will take place November 6 at 7:00 pm. 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. This tour is not open to the public, but you may bring a guest. Reservations are a must; please RSVP **by November 1** to

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On December 7, our traditional holiday program will feature the exciting educational youth programs offered at Chippewa Nature Center. This will take place at CNC from 1-3 pm.

We will again offer a program on an international issue. Indira Oskvarek will speak about her nonprofit Global Compassion Inc.'s work with women and children in India. The meeting will be held at Creative 360 from 10 am to noon on January 18. More on the programs to come later.

Membership News ~ Judy Donahue, 2nd VP Membership

We are almost there with membership renewals. I will contact the remaining women who have not renewed. Thanks to all who have renewed.

Eileen Finzel has transferred her membership from Green Valley AZ to our Branch. Eileen became a member of AAUW in Midland in 1962. Eileen later moved her membership to Green Valley AZ. She is now back with us and we welcome her. Welcome back Eileen.

A Note from Carol Hoerneman-Plausch, College University Relations

Sarah Chase, our NCCWSL scholarship recipient, was kind enough to come to our September program to share her experience attending the 2017 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Sarah was very enthusiastic and appreciative to the Midland Branch for sponsoring this experience. We were pleased to hear her announce that she is initiating an on-campus AAUW student branch at Saginaw Valley State University. I'd like to thank Karen Beikert and Dorothy Arthur for helping to choose this energetic and appreciative future leader.

AAUW RESPONSE TO DEVOS ACTION ON TITLE IX

June Turley, Public Policy Chair

American Association of University Women Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches issued the following statement responding to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' announcement concerning the future of Title IX enforcement.

"Secretary Betsy DeVos' decision to open up Title IX for changes represents a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is at direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

Make no mistake: Title IX remains the law of the land and this announcement does not alter in any way schools' responsibilities. DeVos' speech noted many situations in which schools have failed to adhere to the law. The response to this challenge is to *enforce* Title IX *not* to undermine it. The Department is currently collecting comments on all of its regulations, and thousands of people have vocalized their support for Title IX, its regulations, and current guidance. Secretary DeVos can anticipate a continued call from survivors, students, and advocates for full enforcement of Title IX. [...]

The American Association of University Women stands with survivors and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement. We must ensure our nation's dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. After all, students' access to an education is on the line. Schools and the Department of Education owe it to them to uphold their civil rights, a promise today's announcement fails to reaffirm."

Posted by Elizabeth Holden, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager, September 7, 2017. Listed on <http://www.aauw.org/issues/education/>

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