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Spring Luncheon

Midland Country Club, [1120 W. St. Andrews](#)

Thursday, May 17, 2018 Doors open at 11:30 am ~ Lunch at 12:00 pm

We have a dynamic program that you will not want to miss. First, we will view a video of Aliyah Khan Ph. D. the first recipient of our AAUW Midland Branch National Fund #4277. Ms. Kahn, an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan, has graciously made this video to tell us how being the recipient of the AAUW American Fellowship Grant is benefiting her.

Our keynote speaker is a local woman, Carolyn Krebs, who retired from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. She was Associate Director for Engineering Support in the Earth and Space Science Directorate and Chief of the Instrument Systems and Technology Division in the Engineering Directorate. Her talk is entitled, "A Journey - The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly."

Our luncheon will feature Chicken and Mushroom Crepes, freshly baked breads, coffee and tea. To further tempt your palate, a complimentary dessert will be Strawberry Shortcake. Guests are welcomed.

Reservations are required by May 14. The cost of the luncheon is \$20. Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch and send to P.O. Box 30, Midland, MI 48640-0030. Please write to aauwmidland@gmail.com for more information.



Used Book Sale

Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair

The Spring 2018 used book sale was a great success. The sale grossed **\$12,008**.

Thousands of books were donated. We started with 240 banana boxes of books on Friday morning. By the end of the day on Sunday we had only 24 banana boxes of books remaining. This made clean up very easy. Various agencies and Friends of the Standish Library received the left over books. Branch members, spouses, and friends are to be thanked for their contributions towards the success of the Spring sale and the scholarships it will support.

Membership News ~ Judy Donahue, 2nd VP Membership

An electronic email will be sent out for membership renewal for 7/1/18 - 6/30/19 in mid-May. Those who do not receive emails will be sent a renewal form by mail. Dues of \$88 cover national, state and local dues; of that, \$56 is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

National has raised its fee from \$49 to \$59. State dues are \$12 and branch dues are \$17.

Equal Pay Day Thank You

Judy Donahue, Public Policy Committee



Thanks to the following members of the Midland Branch of AAUW who through their efforts, made Equal Pay Day in Midland successfully recognized on April 10, 2018.

- June Turley - Letter to the Editor and delivering cookies
- Carol Arnosky - Midland City Council Proclamation of April 10, 2018 as Midland Equal Pay Day
- Judy Donahue - getting Grounds Coffee Shop to discount coffee to women on 4/10/18 and delivering cookies.
- Pauline Pittsley, Mary Crane-Franek and Kim Steinke - baking cookies with a symbolic bite taken out
- Donna Wedge - Press release in MDN on Equal Pay Day Activities
- Carol Arnosky, Kim Steinke and Judy Donahue - attending the Equal Pay Day Rally and lobbying legislators in Lansing for Equal Pay on 4/10/18
- Jane Wirth and Mary Crane Franek - taping an announcement about Equal Pay Day on MCTV
- AAUW Midland Branch - for tri-sponsoring the Equal Pay billboard on highway 10

The AAUW Midland Branch Public Policy Committee looks forward to Equal Pay every day in Midland, Michigan and the United States.

Branch Awards Scholarships for Women Student Leaders

Carol Plausch, College/University Liaison

Each year, the Branch uses proceeds from our Used Book Sale to send young college women to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) to be held this year on May 30 - June 2 at the University of Maryland. The Branch NCCWSL Committee, Dorothy Arthur and Paula Jonas, has chosen bright and energetic young college women from MSU and SVSU for our 2018 NCCWSL Scholarships.

Scout Parsch of Midland will graduate in May from MSU Honors College with a major in Human Resource Management. In 2016 she studied abroad in the Benelux region near Amsterdam. Scout appreciates the opportunity to attend the conference.

Alina Anderson is an Elementary Education major and senior at SVSU. She is a Senior Intern in the SVSU President's Office. As a Resident Assistant in her college dorm, she keeps very busy.

AAUW attended the School Safety and Climate Summit Hosted by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

June Turley, Public Policy Chair

"WASHINGTON – Today, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and AAUW attended the School Safety and Climate Summit hosted by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

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During their roundtable discussion with Secretary DeVos, civil rights advocates expressed their frustration about the absence of diverse communities in the conversation, their continued objection to anti-civil rights actions by the department, and their continued support for vital guidance on nondiscrimination in school discipline. Attendees voiced their support for a [letter](#) to the secretary from civil rights organizations representing girls, students with disabilities, and students who are LGBTQ, Native American, and Latino who were excluded from the summit. [...]"

Todd A. Cox, director of policy at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. stated: "This administration must stop endangering students of color and instead ensure equal educational opportunities and foster educational excellence by upholding the federal school discipline guidance and promoting policies and programs that keep students safe."

"For over 135 years, AAUW has supported a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. Any attempts to rescind the 2014 school discipline guidance runs in direct opposition to our commitment to the advancement of all women and girls and to an education free of discrimination. We urge the Department of Education to stand by its commitment to protect students' civil rights by keeping the effective and helpful guidance in place and by ensuring that no federal dollars are being used to underwrite discrimination against children of color, girls, children with disabilities, and LGBTQ youth," **said Deborah J. Vagins, senior vice president of public policy and research at the American Association of University Women (AAUW).**

"The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the rights of all persons in the United States. For more information on The Leadership Conference, visit www.civilrights.org. [...]"

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Midland Community Concert

The Midland Community Orchestra, under the direction of Gina Provenzano, will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 pm in the Bullock Creek Auditorium. The theme is Inspired by Nature and is offered in collaboration with The Chippewa Nature Center and the Midland Camera Club. There will be a reception after the concert to meet the musicians. The concert is FREE, but donations are accepted.

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