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## Used Book Sale Success

Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair

The Fall 2018 Used Book Sale was a great success thanks to the many hours of hard work by dedicated AAUW Midland Branch members. The sale grossed **\$11,904.00**.

Despite the concerns of the possibility of lower sales due to potentially fewer customers after the closing of Younkers, we were pleased to see many buyers come to the sale.

Thousands of books were donated. We started with 271 banana boxes, about 10,000 books, on Friday morning. There were approximately 62 boxes remaining at the end of the sale. Various local agencies and Friends of the Standish Library received the left-over books.



Just a portion of the boxes of books ready for the sale

### Thank you everyone!

The next sale is scheduled for April 26, 27, 28, 2019

## AAUW Michigan 2018 Fall Leadership Conference

RECEPTION: Friday, Oct 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Albion Courtyard by Marriott, 200 S. Superior St., Albion

CONFERENCE: Sat. Oct 27, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Albion College, Upper Baldwin, 203 S. Hannah, St., Albion

Join AAUW members and guests for the 'Financially Empowered Women' conference highlighting one of AAUW National's strategic aspirations. The conference will feature panelists who will discuss financial issues relating specifically to women and facilitate discussion about how we can educate about and change those issues

AAUW CEO Kimberley Churches will deliver a keynote address on Saturday. Members may also choose to attend a Friday night reception and meet Kim there. How often do our members get to meet our CEO? Go to [AAUWMI.org](http://AAUWMI.org) for conference updates, speakers' bios, and to register online or by mail. Some Midland Branch members plan to go for Friday and Saturday and others will go just on Saturday.

Registration is \$55 Early Bird, \$65 after October 17. The Friday reception is an additional \$35. Please consider taking this great opportunity to meet Kim and learn some important new skills.

## Put the November Branch Program on Your Calendar

**This Special Program Will Be Thursday, November 8, 7:00 pm**

Mary Pollock, AAUW of MI, will be our speaker. Mary handles AAUW of MI priority legislative issues at the Capitol including education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity, economic self-sufficiency for all women as well as equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. She will be talking about Michigan election results and what's next. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. More information will be in the November Twig.

AAUW of Michigan member leaders through our state and local branch organization work to ensure our voices are heard on the issues that impact Michigan women and their families as well.

## Midland AAUW Public Policy Committee Report

*Judy Donahue, Co-chair Public Policy Committee*

This autumn is a busy time for the Midland AAUW Public Policy Committee and Midland League of Women Voters (LWV). The following is offered as information for the upcoming elections.

### **Michigan Ballot Proposals on Nov. 6 General Election**

Proposal #2 creates an independent citizens' redistricting commission. This proposal will keep legislators from creating districts benefitting themselves (gerrymandering).

Proposal #3 adds eight voting policies to the Michigan Constitution, including straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting.

AAUW National, MI AAUW Board, and Midland AAUW Public Policy Committee endorse these proposals.

### **Local Action**

In September, Midland AAUW and Midland LWV joined forces to organize the Midland Public School Board Election Forum which resulted in a successful debate by candidates for the School Board. Midland LWV held a General Election Candidate Forum on October 1. MCTV filmed the debates live for later viewing.

On October 16 at 7 pm, Midland LWV will hold a Candidate Forum for MI 98th District State House Representative featuring opposing candidates Sarah Schulz and Annette Glenn at the MCTV studio in the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. It is important for everyone to come to the debate to learn candidates' views and show civic interest by attending. MCTV is filming the debate live for later viewing.

### **Other News**

A poll conducted by EPIC-MRA, a survey research firm on public opinion, was released September 14, 2018. It found that "84% of active and likely November voters said they support new laws to provide women more tools to get fair pay in the workplace". Michigan women in the aggregate earn about 76 cents on the dollar that men earn. These poll results were shared with Michigan Equal Pay Coalition 9 in which MI AAUW and Midland AAUW participate along with American Civil Liberties Union of MI, Business and Professional Women-Michigan Federation, Zonta International District 15, League of Women Voters of Michigan and 16 more organizations. The poll results will be shared in 2018-2019 with the MI Legislature, outgoing and incoming, in the hopes of getting movement on long-stalled bills that will help women in Michigan close the wage gap.

## Membership News

National's "Shape the Future Membership Campaign" helps us recruit new members. New members pay just 50 percent of the national dues when they join AAUW at a public event. The Membership Committee needs help with recruiting new members. If you know of someone you think would be interested in joining AAUW please contact Lu Ellen DeLine with the information.

Some of our members need transportation to and from our meetings and events. If you are willing to help by providing a ride when needed, please let Lu know.

## Branch Officer Nominees Sought

The Nominations Committee is seeking to recruit members for election as Branch officers for terms beginning July 1, 2019. The following slate of officers will be elected at the 2019 Branch Annual Meeting in March.

**President:** (2019-20) Serve as the official representative of the Branch in the activities of AAUW at all levels.

**President elect:** (2019-20) Assist the president for one year and assume the presidency the following year.

**Program Vice President:** (2019-21) Serve as chair of the Committee on Program Development

**Communications Officer:** (2019-21) Have charge of such communications of the Branch as delegated by the President or the Board.

**Delegate-at-Large:** (2019-20) Represent the membership on the Board.

**Nominations Officer:** (2019-20) Serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

If you are interested in serving our Branch, please contact one of the committee members.

### Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 8, 7:00 pm Branch General Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church

Dec. 13, 11:15 am 'Tis the Season Brunch, Creative 360

President: Mary Crane-Franek ~ 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Chris Ferrando  
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