



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

Annual Fall Open House

September 20, 7:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 3710 Jefferson Ave.

“Beyond Aspirations” is our theme for the Branch Fall meeting to be held in the Gathering Room at Trinity Lutheran Church. We will be serving delicious fall desserts, punch, coffee and water.

Branch president Mary Crane-Franek will present a video, “This is AAUW”. We sometimes need to be reminded of where we came from, how much we have accomplished and what we need to continue forward. Mary will then share the highlights of the new mission-focused plan “Beyond Aspirations” and how our 2018-19 branch activities will support the AAUW mission.

Special guests will be Scout Parsch and Alina Anderson. Because of our branch efforts, these two young women received funding to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in 2018. They will talk about what they learned to make them more effective leaders.

Reservations are required by Monday, September 17. There is a \$5.00 fee for members. Guests are free. Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch. Send to Liz Kapla, 1205 Bayberry Lane, Midland, MI 48640.

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, Liz Kapla, Deb Kaiser and Mary Crane-Franek

We hope to see all of you there!



President's Message ~ Mary Crane-Franek



I love warm summer days with the scent of flowers, freshly cut grass and the smell of lake water in the air. And, I like not having to wear a coat. But, as I write this, Labor Day is knocking on the door and that means our annual Fall Open House is just a few short weeks away. This summer, your AAUW Midland Branch board met and gave updates on the programs, activities and accomplishments from the previous year. Here are a few of the highlights:

- \$8,000 in local scholarships funded by two used book sales
- Two young women sponsored for the NCCWSL convention
- Contributions to the AAUW Funds
- Held our first AAUW Women's Issues Forum
- Equal Pay Day activities in Midland and in Lansing
- Members donated money to support camp scholarships at the Chippewa Nature Center.

Our leadership and members have amazing energy, desire and commitment. This is why our branch continues to be so active and accomplish so much. With our new slate of officers and committee members, our goal is to continue this momentum into the upcoming year.

Hope to see you at the annual September Open House, Mary

Used Book Sale Sept. 28 - 30

Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair

Used Book Sale donation barrels are out and we expect to collect about 10,000 books so we require a big team of workers. Over the years, we have developed a very smooth system to sort and categorize the books and media materials. New team members are always welcome as there usually is some turnover.



Trudy Dutot

Please take part to help raise funds for scholarships for local women. Our AAUW Branch will award \$14,000 next spring: two high school graduates and two women in transition will each be awarded \$2000 scholarships; two college students will receive funding to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Contributions also will be made to AAUW Funds and the Legal Advocacy Fund for national awards.

Your help is important. We welcome spouses and friends to help in this endeavor:

- Pick up donated books from grocery stores some days
- Put price stickers on books and put them in category boxes
- Stack books on sale tables Thursday evening, September 27th
- Take a 2 hour shift at the sale, selling or keeping tables straightened
- Help box books for gifting and recycling at the end of the sale

Contact Marge Haskell, 631-2760, temhaskell@att.net, or Pauline Pittsley, 430-2067; Pauline@drymud.com.

You can also help by spreading word about the sale.

We need many buyers to achieve the sale income needed to support our scholarships.

Membership News ~ LuEllen DeLine, 2nd VP Membership

It is Membership Renewal time. If you have not renewed, or are not sure, I will have the membership roster at our September meeting. Bring your checkbook and if you have not renewed, you can at the meeting.

"Shape the Future Membership Campaign" helps us recruit new members. New members pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event. Our September meeting is an open public event. This is the time to invite a potential member as our guest. The Membership Committee needs your help with recruiting new members. If you know of someone you think would be interested in joining AAUW please contact me, 636-7533 luellen1935@sbcglobal.net, with the information. I will make the contact.



Midland Public School Candidate Forum

Mark Your Calendars ~ Kim Steinke & Terry Townley

The AAUW Midland Branch and the League of Women Voters of the Midland Area are jointly sponsoring a candidate forum for a seat on the Midland Public School Board on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. The Forum will be held in the Midland Public Schools Administration Building Board Room, [600 E. Carpenter Street](#). There are five candidates running for three open seats this year. The candidates are: Patrick Frazee (incumbent), Jon Lauderbach, Philip Rausch, Pam Singer (incumbent), and Kurt Yockey.

Local Candidate Forum Was Impressive

Judy Donahue, AAUW Midland Public Policy

About 100 people attended a successful Candidate Forum on Women's Issues that was organized last July by the Branch Public Policy Committee. The event, held at Grace A. Dow Library, presented the opportunity for Republican and Democratic candidates to answer questions on women's issues. For some of the audience, it was the first opportunity to listen to the candidates.



All candidates running for State House of Representatives 98th District, for State Senate 36th District and for 4th District U.S. House of Representatives were invited. Participating in the Forum were Carl Hamman, Sarah Schulz, Joe Weir, Jerry Hilliard and Ziggy Kozicki. The other candidates were unable to attend.

Questions on women's issues were prepared by the Midland AAUW Public Policy Committee, and questions were also submitted by the audience. These questions were put forth to the candidates and their responses were limited to two minutes for each question. MCTV filmed the event. Reaction to the Forum by the candidates and members of the audience was very positive.

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, November 8, 7:00 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Speaker Mary Pollock, AAUW MI Lobbyist – “What the Future May Hold – Election and Legislative Update”. **BRING A FRIEND.**

AAUW Opposes Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominee

June Turley, Public Policy Committee

AAUW advocates members continue to flood the phone lines of their U.S. Senators urging them to oppose the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. He supports many actions that are of concern to AAUW.

The nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, has demonstrated hostility to women's right to access abortion; shown little support for workers' rights; failed to support contraceptive healthcare coverage; argued against long-standing precedent prohibiting the use of public funds for religious activities; and has a record of limiting access to the ballot box. If confirmed, Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in women's constitutional and civil rights for decades to come. We cannot support a nominee who will not uphold and protect our fundamental rights.

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Two-Minute Activist**
(<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>)
*Right click on the http link above
to access the site.*

Branch Interest Groups

Deb Kaiser, chair

The Book Lovers 1st Monday at 7:30 pm Join these wildly passionate readers who tell it as they see it about books and authors. All opinions are respected but may be challenged. Fun is the game, and hearing what others have to say about a book you may love or hate invites a lively discussion. Each member puts a current book into the rotation; books are passed on a regular schedule. We also pass library book-in-bag titles. **New members are welcome.** Ruth Copp; ruthcopp66@gmail.com



Independent Readers One meeting in October when we receive our first books. Several members prepare a ballot of recent fiction and non-fiction titles. Members vote for about 10 or 12 books to pass every 4-5 weeks beginning in October. Each person pays the amount of approximately one book and keeps one of the titles. Ann Hilty 631-9595; annhilty@gmail.com

Reading for Fun 4th Monday at 7:00 pm Members read recent edition hard-cover books, fiction and non-fiction. Each member buys one book at the October meeting. Books are passed every 3 weeks. At the first meeting, members plan a few outings. We have one opening. Contact Barb Galloway, 835-8593; barbgllwy@yahoo.com and Pauline Pittsley; pauline@drymud.com 430-2067

Explorers meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, October to May at 10 am. We “explore” a wide range of fascinating subjects in Midland and nearby communities. Lunch (optional) and discussion follow the program. **New members and guests are always welcome.** Contact Chris Ferrando, (H) 631-6426; casadv@charter.net.

Gardening for Fun Meets periodically. A low-key gardening group that offers opportunities for information exchange, field trips, visits to area gardens and gardening centers, as well as local speakers who are gardening experts. Times may vary depending on activity. **New members are welcome.** Gina Pederson 631-8503; gina.pederson@gmail.com and Kerry Buell 835-4542; k2buell@aol.com.

Matinees and More This group enjoys quality films and meets in the afternoon. Members gather based upon interest and availability of movies. A discussion may follow the movie over coffee. **New members are welcome.** Barb Galloway, 835-8593; barbgllwy@yahoo.com

Done in a Day This group serves the community via one-day projects. It gives the branch some publicity and it's fun getting to know each other a little better. Past projects ranged from a day at the Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build, a shift helping at the Shelterhouse Resale store and a fun session at the Diaper Alliance bundling diapers. Suggestions are welcome! Is there something you'd like AAUW to be a part of? **New members are welcome. You may participate in one event or all.** Kerry Buell 835-4542; k2buell@aol.com

Have an idea for a new Interest Group?

To start a new group, contact Deb Kaiser, dlkaisway@aol.com, 835-3275.

**AAUW Midland Branch
Projected Income & Expense 2018-19**

Branch Officers

Operating Income

Branch dues	\$1000.00
Book Sale – member purchases	1150.00
Interest income	3.00
Income from Reserved Funds	2912.00
Total Income	\$5065.00

Operating Expense

Administration	200.00
Archives maintenance	50.00
Board mtg room rental)	100.00
Communications (MCTV)	25.00
General Meetings	900.00
Public Policy Initiatives	2000.00
Insurance (50%)	95.00
Leadership Training (conferences)	
National	1,000.00
State	300.00
Membership	200.00
Postage & P O Box	120.00
The Twig, member newsletter	75.00
Total Expense	\$5065.00

Education Income

Book Sales	\$12,300.00
Donations	200.00
Interest	9.50
Retained earnings	7000.00
Total Income	\$19,509.50

Education Expense

Administration	100.00
Insurance (50%)	95.00
National & Local Fund (for allocation to AAUW Funds, local scholarships, & NCCWSL)	20,000.00
Total Expense	\$20,195.00 (685.50)

Elected Officers

President	Mary Crane Franek
1 st VP Program	Chris Ferrando
2 nd VP Membership	LuEllen DeLine
Finance VP	Liz Kapla
Recording Secretary	Ruth Copp
Communications Officer	Donna Wedge
Delegate at Large	Sandra Collinson
Nominations Chair	Chris Ferrando

Standing Committee Chairs (appointed)

AAUW Funds/LAF	Jane Wirth
College/University Relations	Carol Hoerneman-Plaush
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Barb Galloway
Public Policy co-chairs	Judy Donahue & Kim Steinke
Technology/Branch Com.	Mary Crane-Franek & Carol Arnosky
Twig Editor	Pauline Pittsley
Used Book Sale	Trudy Dutot

Project Committee Chairs & Team

Archivist	Anne Wolfe
General Meetings team	Mary Crane-Franek, Liz Kapla Barb Galloway, Deb Kaiser
Handbook Editor	LuEllen DeLine
HELPS Editor	Call Mary to fill this short term position; updating is done from home
Historian	Betty Huntress
Interest Group Coor.	Deb Kaiser
Memorials	Cathy Heng
Scholarships, Local	Susan Hillman
School Board Candidate Forum	Terry Townley
Social Capers calendars	Mary Sydney Matuska

Board Meetings: Thursdays at **5:15 p.m.**

2018: Sept 6, Nov 1, **2019:** Jan 3, Mar 7, May 2, June 6

Location: Conference Room C, Midland Public Schools
Administrative Offices, 600 East Carpenter, St., Midland

President: Mary Crane-Franek, 1st VP Programs: Chris Ferrando
2nd VP Membership: LuEllen DeLine, The Twig Editor: Pauline Pittsley

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