



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

## Spring Luncheon

Midland Country Club 1120 W. St. Andrews

Thursday, May 23 Doors open at 11:30 am

Lunch at 12:00 pm, Ballroom C (handicapped accessible)



Miriam Andrus, the new Director of the Grace A. Dow Library, will be our keynote speaker. Andrus possesses a Level 1 certification from the Library of Michigan. She received a Bachelor's degree from Brigham University and a Masters of Library Science from Clarion University. Andrus served as the director of the Big Rapids Community Library since 2012 where she oversaw a variety of enrichment projects. Most recently, she directed the creation of a Seed Library and construction of the first literacy playground in Michigan. She has served on several regional and statewide boards and commissions related to literacy, library operations and quality of life initiatives.

Our luncheon will feature Chicken and Mushroom Crepes, freshly baked bread, coffee and tea. To further tempt your palate, a complimentary dessert will be Crème Brûlée. Guests are welcome.

**Reservations are required by May 20.** The cost of the luncheon is \$20. Make checks payable to AAUW – Midland Branch. Send to AAUW Midland Branch, P O Box 30, Midland MI 48640.

### From the President ~ Mary Crane-Franek

Something new, as a way to effectively manage the AAUW Michigan budget, the first ever electronic AAUW Michigan State Convention will be held Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 am. Three delegates have been elected to vote for our branch plus the Branch President. .

AAUW Michigan also has initiated regional conferences to facilitate better communications and sharing between the branches and the state. These will be four-hour meetings held in a central location. Our regional area is comprised of AAUW branches of Bay City, Saginaw, Midland and Cass City. The goal is to have our first conference in Fall 2019. We will share with you the details as they develop.

Exciting news: Our branch has agreed to host the spring 2020 AAUW State Convention. We think Midland will be an excellent location for this event. AAUW MI president Deb Kennedy said "Midland is an extraordinary AAUW branch and will be a fabulous central Michigan location to celebrate women's right to vote."

Congratulations and thank you to all our members on another successful used book sale.

I hope to see you at our final program of the year on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mary

## Used Book Sale Report *Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair*

Thank you everyone for helping to make the Fall Book Sale so successful. Members picked up books, sorted and priced them, set them out and sold them. They bought books and encouraged people to come buy books. We started with 270 banana boxes of books on Friday morning, and by the end of the sale on Sunday, sales totaled \$12,213.75. Various agencies and Friends of the Standish Library received the leftover books.

Branch members, spouses, and friends listed below are to be thanked for their contributions towards the success of the sale and the scholarships it will support:

## Public Policy ~ *Judy Donahue, Public Policy Chair*



Equal Pay Lobby Day is Wednesday, May 22, 2019, the anniversary of Michigan's ratification of the federal Equal Rights Amendment in 1972. Registration for the day's events starts at 9:30 am at Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing MI.

Governor Whitmer, state legislators, a representative from U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin's office and others will be featured presenters to give updates on state and federal efforts to close the wage gap. Twenty-two bills to strengthen Michigan's equal pay laws will be introduced that day. After a box lunch, we will visit targeted legislative offices to distribute information about Michigan's pay gap and how legislation could help to narrow the gap. A \$15 registration fee, made out to Equal Pay Coalition, can be sent to Dana Management, P.O. Box 1764 E. Lansing, MI 48826-1764. You can also register at: [Eventbrite.com/e/equal-pay-lobby-day-2019-tickets-60472499878](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/equal-pay-lobby-day-2019-tickets-60472499878).

Judy Donahue will be coordinating carpooling for AAUW Midland and other women's groups in the area. Please let Judy know if you are interested in the carpool. This is a great year to let Michigan legislators see our faces and hear our demands for equal pay.

## Done in a Day Upcoming Events ~ *Kerry Buell*

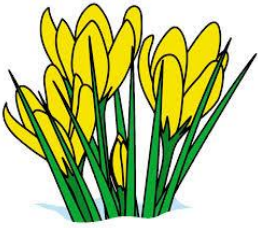
Want to help out with a community project but don't want to commit to every Wednesday each week? AAUW Midland Branch has opportunities for you to make a difference in the Midland area without further obligation and with other interested women.

Here are some programs that will receive our attention this spring and beyond:

**Monday, May 6, Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build:** Join the team to start the home for a deserving family in Midland County. A morning shift followed by lunch and an afternoon shift preceded with lunch are available. Our group has five for the afternoon. Let us know if you'd like to join us. This is a wonderful way to meet young women in the community.

Two other possibilities to enrich our community include making sandwiches for The Salvation Army's SHARE Program in either June or July, and cleaning a courtyard garden at a nursing home in the late summer or early fall. Specific dates have not yet been determined.

If you would be interested in receiving details of these or future events, contact email me. We would be thrilled to have you join our group. We never expect each person to participate in each outing. You get to pick and choose and even suggest something else. Hope to hear from you soon!



## Gardening for Fun ~ Kerry Buell and Gina Pederson

Spring is here, so it's time to bring our group out of its winter dormancy. Planning is underway for a shopping trip to English Gardens in May. We will be carpooling and stopping for lunch. Details are not yet available but will be distributed by email. If you'd like to join us, please make sure you are on our Gardening for Fun list. Please contact Kerry or Gina to be added to the list.

## Membership ~ Lu DeLine, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership

Membership Matters - Because of you, we stand 170,000 members strong. Renew and move forward with us. There's a whole world of women and girls relying on your support! As a member of AAUW, you can take pride in the work you've made possible:

- whether your heart lies in being a voice for women facing discrimination and harassment,
- fostering women's leadership careers,
- challenging harmful policies on Capitol Hill,
- helping end the gender pay gap, know that your membership in AAUW matters.

We take your support seriously, and that's why we plan to invest in even more women through our programs, funding, and advocacy in the year ahead.

## AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

# VOTE 2019

### It's your AAUW, and your voice counts.

Welcome to the 2019 AAUW National Election page. To get to this page, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). At the top of the page type **Vote** in the search box.

Voting opened on April 1! For this vote, members are asked to vote on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities in addition to electing members to the national board of directors. No amendments to the AAUW bylaws have been proposed by the Governance Committee or AAUW Board of Directors for the 2019 vote.

You'll find all the information you need to vote. Voting closes at 6:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

**Find your ID and PIN in an email sent on April 1. Can't find the email? Contact Connect at 800.326.2289.**

## Words from Awesome Women



From the Twig editor: a small book *We Can Do It!* was donated to the book sale. It has many great quotes from "awesome" women. I will use quotes from it in Twig issues. Pauline

**"The most common way people give up power is by thinking they don't have any." Alice Walker**

## Mark Your Calendar

May 23, noon, Spring Luncheon, Midland Country Club

President: Mary Crane-Franek ~ 1<sup>st</sup> VP Program: Chris Ferrando  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership: Lu Ellen DeLine ~ The Twig Editor: Pauline Pittsley

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