



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

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, June 2

Doors open at 11:30 am, Program & Lunch 12:00 pm.

Midland Country Club 1120 W. St. Andrews, Ballroom C (handicapped accessible)



De'Ondre Hogan, Midland Public Schools' first Diversity Director, will be our keynote speaker. Hogan earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's in public administration from Grand Valley State University. He spent three-and-a-half years working in the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) field with high schools in the Grand Rapids area. Hogan will address the benchmarks a school district needs to make progress in to be diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Currently, Ballroom C can accommodate only 25 people according to CDC rules. However, the Club will receive new CDC information on Friday, May 21. It's possible that seating will open up and we can accommodate another 25 guests. The Program Committee has decided to take luncheon reservations for 25 members as soon as the TWIG is published. When that list is filled, we will start a **Waiting List**. The cost for the luncheon is still to be determined. A surprise complimentary dessert will be served. As soon as the menu and the cost are known, and email will be sent to the membership.

Reservations are Required. Contact Liz Kapla

The Program Committee will send out e-blasts in mid-May to keep you updated on this program meeting. We hope to see you at our final meeting of the year on June 2.

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, Liz Kapla, Deb Kaiser, Sandy Collinson

President's Message – Lu Deline, President

Here it is the month of May already. Some days just seemed to drag by. Others just ZOOMED by! Many Zoom meetings and webinars have kept us in touch with AAUW members at the National and State level and the Midland Branch. Thank you all for participating. Finally we will meet in person for our June meeting.

The 99th Annual Meeting of AAUW MI was held via Zoom. I, as president, and your elected delegates Carol Arnosky, Judi Cox and Jane Wirth represented Midland Branch. There were a total of 124 members present with 106 voting members. Zoom has a polling feature that was used to cast our votes. The quorum is 11 and 20 branches answered rollcall. Proposed bylaw amendments were basically to conform the MI Bylaws with current practice. These motions passed. The Resolutions motion was passed. There was no dissent on either motion. Meeting notes will be available shortly.

Midland Branch received two Second Place Awards in the AAUW Funds category. In AAUW Top Ten Branch Giving, Midland Branch was second place with total Branch giving of \$8,312. Midland Branch also received an award for second place per capita giving of \$115.44. Congratulations to Midland Branch members for your hard work and generosity.

This meeting was very well conducted. Delegate packets were received in advance of the meeting. Kudos to the AAUW MI Board of Directors for an outstanding, well planned and executed 99th Annual Meeting.



Public Policy Update ~ Jane Wirth, Public Policy Officer

"I voted!" I hope you can say that. I'm talking about the **AAUW National Election**. The window for online voting **ends May 17!** The ballot is short; it won't take more than a couple of minutes to exercise your right as a member of this organization.

An email from AAUW Board Chair, Julia Brown, should have landed in your inbox on April 28. It includes the original email sent from Shannon Wolfe with your ID number and PIN for getting to your ballot. If you have that email and still have questions, go to aauw.org, click on the "search" icon and type "AAUW Election" in the search window. The deadline for receipt of paper ballots has passed unfortunately.

Census Report and Redistricting. The just-released census report shows Michigan will be losing a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. This means that the redistricting of Michigan's congressional districts will be even more important. Stay tuned to the actions of the Michigan redistricting commission which will be making the decision on the boundaries of the reconfigured districts for the first time.

Membership Renewal ~ Judi Cox, 2nd VP Membership

Membership renewal invoices have been sent by email. There seems to be some problems with AAUW having no email addresses or sending to an incorrect address. There is also a problem sometimes with the link to pay online. If you are having a problem paying online, you may want to change from your desktop computer to a laptop, notebook or smart phone. That has worked for some members. Please make sure that your name, address, email address and phone number are correct.

Our goal is 100% renewals. Thank you for helping to reach our goal.

Done in a Day Interest Group ~ Kerry Buell

Done in a Day is back in business. The first opportunity to provide a service to our community is scheduled for Monday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 30, 2021. We will assemble lunches for the youngsters attending The Salvation Army's SHARE Program. If you would like to join us for this adventure, please contact Kerry Buell. Additional details will be provided closer to the event. Thanks for your interest.



Shelterhouse Interest Group



Your Special Day, a Shelterhouse Project is the name for this new Midland Branch group. We have delivered our first birthday gift to a woman sheltered there, a vase with a bouquet of fresh flowers, a greeting card and a gift certificate for \$10 at Meijer's. We have another mom's birthday at the end of May. We are eagerly anticipating a child's birthday to celebrate. We believe these small gestures will provide a great deal of comfort to women in a stressful situation. If you would like to participate, gift cards are most welcome. Please consider bringing a \$10 gift card when you come to the Spring Luncheon in June. Suggested stores are Walgreen's, CVS, Meijer, Kroger and Rite Aid..