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Branch Meeting to Feature Tour of Shelterhouse

Thursday, November 18, 1:00 pm. 2500 Waldo Ave, Midland, MI

Alison Baldree, Director of Fund Development for Shelterhouse, will lead branch members and guests on a tour of the newly designed house. Shelterhouse is a non-profit organization committed to provide safety, shelter, advocacy and counsel to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The tour will not include the apartments for the survivors. However, a complete description of the apartments will be given on this tour.

Shelterhouse is locked 24/7. We will meet in front of the main door at 1:00 pm when we will be allowed in. Please be on time because the doors will be locked again after we are all in.

To get to the Shelterhouse from your home, please google Shelterhouse, 2500 Waldo Ave. You can also take Eastlawn Drive east to Waldo Ave. Directly across Waldo Ave. you will enter the Shelterhouse parking lot.

After the tour, members and guests can stop for coffee or tea and a sweet at the Grove Tea House (located on the corner of Eastlawn Dr. and Abbott Road) and discuss the tour.

The Shelterhouse needs to know how many people will be taking the tour, so **please make a reservation** by November 17. Contact Liz Kapla.

President's Message~ Carol Arnosky

Welcome to November!

Our Fall Luncheon at the Midland Country Club was wonderful, including - a great speaker Pam Singer from Midland Kids First, recognition of our Branch Named Gift Honoree, delicious food and good conversation with fellow members. We are going to have a great year!

Pam Singer suggested two books that our membership might like to read: *Change Your Questions, Change Your Life: 10 Powerful Tools for Life and Work* by Marilee Adams and *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know* by Adam Grant.



Pam Singer, Liz Kapla, and Dick Dolinsky were instrumental in helping to get Midland Kids First started.

AAUW Midland Branch - By the Numbers:

- 5 – Five Star Recognition Program – one of our goals for 2021-2022 is to achieve all five Stars in AAUW's challenge to Branches
- 100 – The number of years AAUW–Michigan will celebrate at Midland's H Hotel in April, 2022
- 347 – The number of collective years that our current Board have been AAUW members
- \$18,967.55 – Gross amount raised from the Fall 2021 book sale

Congratulations, Dorothy Arthur ~ Barb Galloway



Branch President Carol
Arnosky with Dorothy Arthur.

At our October 21 branch meeting, Dorothy Arthur was recognized as the Named Gift Honoree for 2021. Dorothy joined AAUW sixteen years ago and has been an active member ever since. She served on the Board of Directors as Delegate-as-Large and as Nominations Chair. She was a member of the scholarship committee and is always involved in the Used Book Sale, chairing the school barrels pick-up, helping with the Thursday evening set-up and Friday morning sales and bringing in the balloon bouquets for the sales tables.

Dorothy has enjoyed belonging to several interest groups: Explorers, Reading for Fun; Done-in-a-Day; Matinees and More; and Your Special Day. As a former teacher, she is a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She is a woman of grace, integrity and wisdom. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our AAUW Branch.

Public Policy Update ~ Jane Wirth, Public Policy Chair

The month of October has seen Congress return from summer recess and the U.S. Supreme Court return to session. Issues affecting women are under consideration in both bodies of government. We as citizens have a greater opportunity to express our opinions to Congress than to the Court, but let's do it regardless.

Our parent organization is making it easy for us as members of AAUW to communicate with our members of Congress by crafting messages that explain our public policy priorities. Take advantage of these messages by being a "Two-Minute Activist." Of importance right now are economic issues including making child care more accessible and affordable, expanding the Child Tax Credit, providing universal pre-kindergarten to every 3- and 4-year-old and guaranteeing paid family and medical leave.

Send a message to our Senators and Representative by going to aauw.org, choose "Take Action" from the second banner, choose "Two-Minute Activist" from the resulting list of options, and pick your topic. We need to take action repeatedly so they know we're serious.

Stop and think about it:
Raising the minimum
wage helps close the
wage gap between
women and men;
doing so in turn
boosts women's
retirement income.

Branch Officer Nominees Sought

Ruth Copp ~ Nominations Officer

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year: Lu DeLine, Chris Ferrando, Liz Kapla, and Barb Galloway.

Feel free to contact any of us with ideas for nominations of yourself or others. Nominees are sought for President, Membership VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Nominations Officer, and Delegate-at-Large.

Featuring Our Branch Interest Groups

This month Ruth Copp tells us about the Book Lovers Interest Group.



Meeting for many years, this small group of avid readers would welcome new members. You are sure to encounter varied current fiction and non-fiction since we each have diverse reading preferences. Thus, we have each discovered new favorite authors over time.

Meeting October-June most months on the first Monday at 7:30 pm in a member's home or in a local restaurant for dessert and coffee, etc., we enjoy spirited discussions, sometimes veering off topic as we connect to other reading and ideas. Each member purchases one current hardcover to pass, and we add two other books depending on the chosen author or theme for the year.

For 2021-2022, we have chosen classics, the first of which will be *Emma*. The December meeting is a dinner at the Midland Country Club, and the June meeting a potluck as we plan for the next year. Some books chosen for this year are: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict, *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang, and *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penney.

Used Book Sale Update ~ Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Coordinator

Here are some record-breaking statistics from the sale.

The Fall Used Book Sale was a resounding success! Not only did we have record gross sales and net income, but records were also broken with the number of books donated and the number of books in certain categories.

Total Deposits: \$18,967.55

Net Income after Expenses: \$16,073.54

Pre Sale: 342.5 banana boxes of books - Post Sale: 42 banana boxes of books left - **87% of the books sold.**

The following categories had record-number banana boxes of books: Recent Pubs -15; Suspense Hard Cover & Trade -59; Romance Hard Cover & Trade -12; Fiction Hard Cover & Trade -34.

A huge number of Children's books was donated. It may not have been a record number of books, but the record for children's books sold was broken. Out of 5 tables of books, there were only 36 books left which translates to about 98% of children's books sold!

Best of all, many of our customers expressed their great pleasure that the book sale was back! Everyone was thrilled to be buying used books at our sale again!



Thanks again to the Scrub team and Branch volunteers, family and friends, Trudy.

Mark Your Calendar

November 18, 1:00 pm ~ Shelterhouse Tour

December 15, 7:00 pm ~ Holiday Dessert & Coffee, Midland Country Club

President: Carol Arnosky ~ 1st VP Program: Chris Ferrando

2nd VP Membership: Judi Cox ~ The Twig Editor: Pauline Pittsley