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June Meeting Celebrates Its Members

Wednesday, June 8, Midland Country Club
1120 W. St Andrews (Valet Parking Handicapped Accessible)
Program 12:45 pm, Ballroom C
Doors open at 11:30 am, Lunch at 12:00 pm

Midland Branch this is your celebration! The Branch will celebrate 88 years of a rich heritage of accomplishments. The American Association of University Women started empowering women in 1881. The AAUW Midland Branch was established in 1934. Branch President was Mary Caldwell. In 1949, the first Named Gift Honorees were Alta Campbell and Martha Dow. There will be tables to display all AAUW local, state and national memorabilia. So start searching for your memorabilia (I'm sure you have some) and bring them to the celebration tables. The program will highlight the history of our Branch and award the 2022 Named Gift Honoree.

Lunch will feature a Sunburst Salad; chicken with a medley of fruit, fresh bread basket, Raspberry Ganache Torte, coffee, and tea. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations are required by June 6. Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch. Send to Liz Kapla.

This is an opportune time to bring guests to our celebration to learn about our heritage and contributions to our community, as well as contributions made to women and girls on the local, state and national levels.

So Come On! Let's Celebrate! Let's Rejoice! ~ Chris Ferrando

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

Wow! What a super busy six weeks! On April 29 & 30, our Midland Branch hosted the 100th anniversary of AAUW Michigan at the H Hotel. The event was a tremendous success and we received many compliments from attendees. On Friday afternoon there was a sold out tour of Dow Gardens, and we greeted the attendees from all over Michigan as they enjoyed one of the gems of our city.

Friday evening was my favorite time because we were able to celebrate our 50 year members. Golden Recognition awards were given to 17 of our members and we were very happy that nine of these wonderful women were able to attend. It was great to see them all. I think they enjoyed themselves as they caught up with each other and enjoyed the food and drink.

Saturday included the annual business meeting and an interesting panel discussion which included Carol Stone, Midland's Assistant city manager. There was also a keynote speaker, breakout rooms, a delicious lunch and more networking and talking to AAUW members from all over the state.

A special thank you to our Registrars; Pauline Pittsley and Ruth Copp, Tellers: Judi Cox, Carol Sarnacke and Marie Johansen, Pages: Chris Ferrando, Carol Horneman-Plaush and Liz Kapla, Greeters: Kerry Buell, Alice Morgan and our Delegates: Pauline Pittsley, Ann Moe and Meg Harding.



Our 50 year members enjoyed chatting with each other at the AAUW MI convention.



Our Judi Cox accepted the Young Leader Award.

I am certain that Midland represented itself very well and I was very proud of all of our branch activities which were highlighted throughout the weekend. We had a table of books at the event. We were able to sell several of our wonderful books and took advantage of great publicity (and bragging) about our book sale.



Barb Galloway, right, organized an impressive sampling of the books we offer at our used book sales.

Our incredibly successful book sale was held the following weekend. Many, many hours of work went into the preparation, set up, the sale itself and the take down. It is such an incredible event that we have each year. I know our members look forward to it but perhaps more importantly are the members of our community who are so very generous and donate the books, and then our customers who come and enjoy picking up wonderful books. Thank you to each and every one of you who helped with any of these events.

I may be repeating myself, but I am very proud to be a member of AAUW Midland, and be in the company of all you wonderful women.

Spring Used Book Sale ~Trudy Dutot, Used Book Sale Chair

The Spring 2022 Used Book Sale was a HUGE success thanks to the many hours of hard work by dedicated AAUW Midland Branch members. We surpassed last Fall's Friday record with over \$12,800 in sales. Saturday and Sunday were also steady. This sale grossed over \$18,400...not quite as much as last Fall but still exceptionally high. After expenses, our estimated profits should be around \$15,600.

Thousands of books were donated. We started with 315 banana boxes and had only about 40 banana boxes left at the end of the sale. Greenhill Apartments picked up all of our left over books.

Branch members, spouses and friends listed below are to be thanked for their contributions towards the success of the Spring sale. A special thanks to the Exchange Club for bringing out the banana boxes and for helping to put books on the table.



Trudy Dutot, Chris Ferrando and Donna Wedge ready the checkout table.

Carol Arnosky
Dorothy Arthur
Teresa Beadlescomb
Gloria Miller Bukowski
Kerry & Kelly Buell

Annette Clapp
Judy Donahue
Sandy Collinson
Judi Cox
Trudy & Mike Dutot
Chris & Dick Ferrando
Mary Crane-Franek
Barb & Tom Galloway
Robin Glenn
Mary Graiver
Marge Haskell

Carol Hoememan-Plaush
Marie Johansen
Paula Jonas
Jean & Bob Julier
Deb Kaiser
Liz & Roger Kapla
Jan Lantern
Mary Sydney Matuska
Ann Moe
Alice & Jim Morgan
Pat Munt

Gina Pederson
Pauline Pittsley
Carol Sarnacke
Joe Sepesy
Peter Sinclair
Carol Staples
Kim Stienke
Terry Townley
Donna & Roy Wedge
Alison Wilcox



One of our favorite customers is John, a book seller.

The next Sale is September 30, October 1, 2, 2022

Remembering Betty Chenoweth

Jane Wirth

Betty Chenoweth was a remarkable woman! She was a chemist, a feminine activist, a master of parliamentary procedure, a hand bell player, an avid gardener, a school board member, a life member of AAUW, the director of the SVSU bookstore, and as a result the initiator of our branch used book sales. There were few challenges that Betty wasn't willing to tackle.

When it became apparent that paperback books could be displayed better on shelves for the used book sales, she convinced her husband to build the A-frame shelves that are still used to this day. The barrels that are used to collect books for the sales were painted in Betty's garage and stored in her basement. She delivered them to the collection sites in her ample-sized vehicle.

Gardening was one of her pastimes. She had a garden that would have challenged many a fellow and she planted currants and berries on the other side of her house.

Education was important to Betty; she served on the Midland Public Schools board of education from 1974 to 1986 and held the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. Subsequently she served the branch as Bd of Ed Liaison by attending board meetings and keeping the branch informed.

She gave much to AAUW becoming a life member early in her membership tenure. Not only did she serve the branch in several leadership capacities including 3 times as branch co-president, she was also active at the state level. The branch named Betty a named gift honoree in 1971.

It took something major to slow her down—a stroke—that left her right side compromised. Not to be deterred, she continued to use her computer using only her non-dominant hand—her left hand! Her brain continued to function and her fellow branch members consulted it often. We salute the legacy Betty has left us and we will miss her cheerfulness, her bright ideas, her kindness and her many talents. *Thank you, Betty!!*

A visitation will be held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1pm Friday May 20; service to follow at 2pm.



Betty was on hand at the AAUW Convention to celebrate with Lilly the year Congress passed the Lilly Leadbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009. It loosened the timeline requirements for filing a discrimination lawsuit.



Good friends and fellow branch members: Mary Lou Angelotti, Betty and Ginny Morrison at the Branch 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Membership Renewal ~ Judi Cox, 2nd VP Membership

Membership renewal is due by June 30, 2022. There is a new AAUW Hub, that requires you to login and reset your password. You cannot navigate the system otherwise. Go to www.aauw.org and choose the Log In option in the light blue banner. The subsequent screen will ask if this is your first time logging in? If you have not already reset your password (in the last couple of weeks), please follow the directions by clicking "Forgot your password?" under the login prompt. After you login you will be on the "Personal Snapshot," that has a list of tabs on the left side of the page. Select "My Memberships." You will then see a blue "RENEW" button that will walk you through the prompts to renew your membership. If you have questions, contact Judi Cox.

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

Branch Celebrates "One Year Birthday" Gifting for Shelterhouse Clients ~ Barb Galloway & Pauline Pittsley



In the past year, our wonderful Branch members contributed gift cards to purchase cakes and gifts to celebrate 24 birthdays for 15 youngsters, ages 1-16, and 9 women, ages, 19-61. Shelterhouse staff say their clients truly appreciate the recognition AAUW sends their way. "It provides a ray of sunshine in their lives!"

If you would like to participate, gift cards are most welcome. Our supply is getting a bit low. They are used to purchase cakes, birthday plates, napkins, candles and toys. Gift cards are also given to the adults. Please consider bringing a \$10-25 gift card when you come to the Spring Luncheon in June. Suggested stores are Meijer and Target. Meijer creates delightful cakes for the youngsters and both stores have a good choice of small gifts.

Mark Your Calendar

June 8, Spring Luncheon

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

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

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