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President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

June Meeting Celebrated Its Members

We have come to the end of another fiscal year for our branch. And what a great year it has been!

- * Our branch hosted the 100th anniversary of AAUW-Michigan at the H Hotel. Over 130 members from all over the state came to Midland.
- * We celebrated seventeen of our members who have been with us for at least 50 years with the Golden Recognition Award.
- * Judi Cox received the Young Leader Award for the state of Michigan AAUW.
- * Sadly, we lost a few members this year, but their love and legacies will live on in our branch.
- * Our two Used Books Sales broke all previous records, as our generous community donated thousands of books, and book lovers came from near and far to buy them.
- * We had several great programs and speakers this year and added some new members.

Everyone: Thank you for all you do to make our branch better and better - large or small. I hope you stay happy and healthy and have a great summer!



Honored 50 year members were presented with a rose vase.

Mary Sydney Matuska Honored ~ Ruth Copp ~Nominations Chair

AAUW Midland honors a member every year with a donation given in her name to an AAUW fund. This person is honored for her volunteering in AAUW and the community. This year's honoree is Mary Sydney Matuska, who has volunteered her help and kindness quietly "under the radar" for over 50 years.

She is a graduate of Pembroke College of Brown University and George Washington University. Mary Sydney has chaired our Afternoon Reading group and A+ Awards. She has been involved in multiple AAUW fundraisers including the AAUW Used Book Sale and she chaired the Social Capers Calendar fundraiser for many years.

In the community, Mary Sydney has been active with King's Daughters and Sons and Memorial Presbyterian Church. A recent example of her kindness is her help to Betty Chenoweth after Betty's stroke.



President Carol Arnosky with Mary Sydney Matuska.

2022 AAUW Midland Branch Scholarship Recipients

Judi Cox, Midland Branch Scholarship Chairperson

The Scholarship Selection Committee, in partnership with Midland Area Community Foundation, is pleased to extend scholarships to the following five individuals.

Graduating Senior Woman Scholarships:

Sydney Borsenik– Sydney graduated from Bullock Creek High School with a 4.08 GPA. While attending school she was active in basketball and softball. Sydney plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in pursuit of elementary education with a specialty in special education for grades K-3. She hopes to “have a classroom that instills empathy and inclusion, where children feel valued and supported”.

Kiana Prany – Kiana graduated from Midland High School with a 3.84 GPA. Kiana is a first-generation college student. While attending high school she participated in softball, pompon, and band. She plans to attend Michigan Technological University in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in computer science. Kiana aspires to be a part of the trend of “women going into this extremely competitive and challenging STEM field,” and looks forward to meeting this challenge.

Woman in Transition Scholarship:

Rebecca Gamble – Rebecca previously graduated from H.H. Dow High School and Central Michigan University (CMU). She is attending CMU in pursuit of a master's in Physician Assistant (PA) studies. She worked through her initial degree in exercise science and kinesiology with a minor in psychology as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) to gain patient care experience. Rebecca is working toward her PA in a hope to “provide care for those who may not have it in the lower populated regions of Michigan.”

Emily Montgomery – Emily graduated from Michigan City High School and Alma College. She is intending to attend Central Michigan University to obtain a master's degree in counselor education. She has been working with fraternity and sorority students for the last eight years. Through this process, she has experienced the “brightest and darkest life experiences of college students.” Because of this, Emily would like to pursue a career in counseling to become a “presence of safety.”

Technical/Trade School Scholarship:

Morgan King – Morgan graduated from Midland High School with a 3.75 GPA. She plans to attend Delta College for the operator trade program and a minor in art. She was motivated to become a heavy equipment operator through her involvement with the GMCA (Greater Michigan Construction Academy) Trades Camp. Morgan feels her generation needs to “take an active role in” the trades.

Congratulations to all of the recipients! We wish them luck in their future endeavors!!

The 2022 AAUW Scholarship Selection Committee consisted of reviewers David Wirth, Terry Townley, and Mary Graiver. Judi Cox represented the AAUW Midland Branch during this process. This Committee evaluated 21 Graduating Senior Woman, 8 Woman in Transition, and 3 Women in the Trades applications. Each reviewer used a matrix with points awarded for academic achievements/merit, extracurricular activities, work experiences, potential benefit to society, family financial need, and application preparation. The committee selected 2 candidates and 4 alternates from the graduating senior and women in transition applicants, as well as ranked the 3 applicants for the trades scholarship, which were then forwarded to the Midland Area Community Foundation for final selection.

Done in a Day ~Carol Sarnacke

Join "Done in a Day" members to help make lunch for the Salvation Army's summer school! While Kerry Buell is on vacation, she asked me to contact the Salvation Army about making lunches for the summer SHARE program.

We've done this for several years, and it's a very easy "done in a day" project. We meet at the Salvation Army at 9:00, and prepare sack lunches for the children enrolled in the SHARE program. Advertised as a 9-11 job, I don't think we've ever been there that long. The Salvation Army provides all of the ingredients, and we just follow Matt Smith's instructions.

Dates: Tuesday, July 26, and Thursday, July 28.

Time: 9:00-11:00 Where: Salvation Army Building on Waldo, just south of Midland Road.

Please let me know which day you're available. Thank you.
Hoping to see you there, Carol.



Done in a Day members helped prepare lunch for the Salvation Army summer program. Kerry Buell and Mary Crane-Franek unloaded supplies.



Enjoy a wonderful summer. See you in September

Fall Used Book Sale September 30- October 2

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