

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

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

"See you in September" - who remembers that song? Bonus points if you know the artist(s). It is that time of year again - end of summer and start of fall: we are fortunate that both seasons are very nice in Michigan.

In August, our board met in a newly refurbished Grace A. Dow library conference room for the first time in a long time! It was wonderful to discuss the Branch plans and goals and offer great ideas and encouragement to each other.

We are looking forward to the Fall Book Sale (Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2). I really enjoy the month of September, as the Sort Room and Book Sale come together, and we get to work and play for a few hours each day in the Sort Room at Midland Mall. We would love to have you join us!

My new favorite t-shirt says: *Empowered Women Empower Women*. Let's continue to empower all as members of AAUW.

PS The artists for "See You in September" are The Tempos (1959) and the Happenings (1966).

Branch Meeting to Feature Our Used Book Sale

~ Chris Ferrando, 1st VP Program Development

A Day in the Life of the Book Sale Sort Room

Thursday, September 15, 2:00 pm

Midland Mall in the former Christopher & Banks store

The Midland Branch will welcome members, guests and prospective members at the September General Meeting in the Book Sale Sort Room. Many times our customers at the Used Book Sale (UBS) ask "How do you ever put the book sale together in just four weeks with so many books to sort?" Would you like to know? The UBS Committee will put on a member participation demonstration in the Sort Room. Members and friends will be amazed, amused and have fun learning how this is accomplished. You may also be pleasantly surprised at how much fun the sorting process is. More perks include getting to know fellow members and being able to purchase books you come across as you work.

Our last UBS was a "Smashing Success." To continue on this pathway, we must have more members and friends help in this major fund raising project. Please volunteer and join the team – no experience necessary! When we all work together, we can continue to do great things for girls and women in our community and beyond. This is more than fundraising – it is a community service Midland has come to love.

Light refreshments will be served. So that we have an accurate count, please make a reservation with Liz Kapla by September 13.



Trudy Dutot and Betty Chenoweth working in the Sort Room.

AAUW Fall Book Sale ~Trudy Dutot

Our Used Book Sale will be September 30, October 1, 2, 2022. Book donation barrels will be out September 2. Find them at Kroger, Family Fare and the Midland Mall. If last Fall and Spring are any indication, we expect to collect well over 10,000 books so we require a big team of workers. Over the years, we have developed a very smooth system to sort and categorize the books and media materials. We encourage our members to help whenever and wherever possible. Helping in the sort room and doing a shift or two at the sale is a wonderful opportunity for new members to have fun and meet people.



Join the team

Please take part to help raise funds for scholarships for local women. Our AAUW Branch will award \$14,000 in scholarships this spring.

Your help is important. We welcome spouses and friends to help in this endeavor:

- Put price stickers on books and put them in category boxes
- Stack books on sale tables Thursday evening, September 29
- Take a 2 hour shift at the sale, selling or keeping tables straightened
- Help box books for gifting and recycling at the end of the sale

The sort room is the old Christopher & Banks store just off the Food Court. Barrels will be out Friday, Sept. 2. The sort room is open starting Tuesday Sept. 6 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday – Saturday. Come see us!

You can also help by spreading word about the sale.

We need many buyers to achieve the sale income needed to support our scholarships.

New Member Incentive Offered at September Branch Meeting & Our Used Book Sale ~ Judi Cox, 2nd VP, Membership

**The AAUW
"Shape the Future
Campaign"
reduces national
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The September Branch Open House has been designated as **A New Member Recruitment Event!** The AAUW "Shape the Future Campaign" reduces national dues from \$67 to \$33.50. The branch will eliminate our local dues and the Membership budget will pay the State dues of \$12. Branch members can invite a guest who might be a potential AAUW member to join the Branch for these reduced dues of \$33.50. The offer will also be available at the Book Sale. Please spread the word and help the Branch grow!

An Important General Election Is Just Around the Corner

Jane Wirth, Public Policy Chair

The General Election is just 2 months away on November 8. With redistricting, many voting sites were moved because the boundaries of precincts changed. I hope you found your voting site for the Primary Election, but you also have the option to cast an absentee ballot in the General Election. Don't wait too long to decide whether you will vote in person or cast an absentee ballot, however. Absentee ballots should be mailed by Monday, October 24, to avoid potential mailing delays or they can be delivered to a drop box outside or inside Midland City Hall by 4 p.m. November 7. If you live outside Midland, check with your township clerk or the clerk in your jurisdiction. Your vote is very important.



Some factors to keep in mind:

- ❖ On Thursday, September 15, at 7 p.m., AAUWMI will be sponsoring a statewide Zoom presentation by the 2 ballot issue campaigns that AAUWMI has endorsed. Information to come from AAUWMI.
- ❖ The League of Women Voters of the Midland Area will present a program focused on the proposals for amendments to the Michigan constitution expected to be on the November ballot on Monday, September 19 from 7-8 p.m. at Creative 360 in Midland. The public is invited.
- ❖ If you have young adults in your family or in your neighborhood who will be 18 before or on November 8, they are eligible to vote, but they must **register to vote** before October 24.
- ❖ Absentee voting starts September 29 and ends November 8.
- ❖ College students should check the website Michigan.gov/vote to be sure where they are registered to vote. Ex: Don't get caught in East Lansing when you're registered in Midland. One can request an absentee ballot at the same time on the same site. Questions should be directed to your local clerk.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) will be hosting candidate forums on these dates:

- ❖ Monday, Oct 3: U.S. House of Representatives in the Midland City Council Chambers
Candidates: Dan Kildee and Paul Junge
- ❖ Tuesday, Oct 4: Midland County Commissioners at MCTV Studio, Grace A Dow Library
- ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 5: MI State House: Candidates: Matthew Dawson and Bill G. Schuette: MI State Senate: Candidates: Kristen McDonald Rivet and Annette Glenn. in the Midland City Council Chambers.

More information and times will be in the October Twig.

Vote411.org is the LWV sponsored site that has local election information as well.

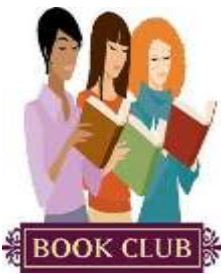
MPS School Board Candidate Forum(s) sponsored by LWV and AAUW

There are nine candidates for 3 seats with 4-year terms this year. Date(s) & time(s) are undetermined at this writing, but will be announced in the October TWIG.

Shelterhouse Birthday Project Update ~Barb Galloway

Our committee met recently and it is the consensus of this group and our branch board of directors to continue with this worthwhile endeavor. To do so, we have expenses that must cover the cost of gifts, cupcakes or cakes, gift cards, plants or bouquets. We have eliminated paper products to defray cost but we are still budgeting \$40.00 for each gift. If you would like to help with this project, please consider donating gift cards (from Target or Meijer) or cash. We will have a donations basket at our September 15 meeting or you can send your donation to Barb Galloway.

Another suggestion is for a branch member to "adopt a birthday." This member could contact Barb or Pauline if they would like to use their own monies to buy and deliver a birthday present on a one-time basis. Shelterhouse provides us with ideas for cake and gift preferences.



Branch Interest Groups ~ Deb Kaiser, chair

The Book Lovers: 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home or other choice (e.g., Grand Traverse Pie Co.). Join these passionate readers who tell it as they see it about books and authors. Fun is the game, and hearing what others have to say about a book you may love or hate invites a lively discussion. Each member puts a book into the rotation-usually a current fiction or nonfiction choice. Books are passed on a regular schedule. In addition, a few times a year we choose a book we all read at the same time.

New members are welcome. Ruth Copp

Reading for Fun: Members read recent edition hard cover books, fiction and non-fiction. Each member buys one book at the October meeting. Books are passed every 3 weeks.

At the first meeting members plan a few outings. **We have a few openings for new members.** Contact Barb Galloway.

Explorers: meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except June, July and August) at 10:00 am. We "explore" a wide range of fascinating subjects in Midland and nearby communities. Lunch (optional) and discussion follow the program. **New members and guests always welcome.** Contact Chris Ferrando.

Matinees and More: This group enjoys quality films and meets in the afternoon. Members gather based on interest and availability of movies. A discussion may follow the movie over coffee. **New members are welcome.** Barb Galloway.

Done in a Day: This group serves the community via one-day projects. It gives the branch some publicity and it's fun getting to know each other a little better. Past projects include: a day at the Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build; a shift helping at the Shelterhouse Resale store; and a fun session at the Diaper Alliance bundling diapers. Most recently we "built" sandwiches for children attending The Salvation Army's SHARE program. Suggestions are welcome! Is there something you'd like AAUW to be a part of? **New members are welcome. You may participate in one event or all.** Kerry Buell.

Shelterhouse Birthdays: Members take turns providing birthday gifts for mothers and their children who are in residence at Shelterhouse. We believe these small gestures provide a great deal of comfort to women in a stressful situation. Funds are provided by the Branch Board and gift cards from members. **New members are welcome.** You may also choose to "adopt a birthday" for a mom or child on a one-time basis, using your own monies to shop for them and deliver the gift. Contact Pauline Pittsley'

To join a book club, call the group chair.
To start a new book group, call Deb Kaiser, 989 835-3275.

AAUW Midland Branch Officers 2022-23**Elected Officers**

President	Carol Arnosky
1st VP Program	Chris Ferrando
2nd VP Membership	Judi Cox
Finance VP	Liz Kapla
Recording Secretary	Mary Crane Franek
Communications Officer	Teresa Beadlescomb
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Nominations Chair	Ruth Copp & Barb Galloway

Appointed Officers

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Twig Editor	Pauline Pittsley
Used Book Sale	Trudy Dutot

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Board meetings are open to the membership. Call President Carol Arnosky, 832-8186, to join a meeting.

Mark Your Calendar

September 15 General Meeting at Midland Mall Book Sort room 2:00 pm

September 30-Oct. 2 Book Sale at the Midland Mall

President: Carol Arnosky ~ 1st VP Program: Chris Ferrando
2nd VP Membership: Judi Cox ~ The Twig Editor: Pauline Pittsley

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