

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

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

Happy November to you! The leaves are definitely changing and coming down quickly. Pure Michigan: Beautiful fall!

I recently had the incredible pleasure of spending time with our first grandsons who are 3 and 4 months old. *(A shout-out to my fellow Book Sale sorters who found pristine picture books for them!)* These babies are healthy, happy and well cared for: emotionally, physically and financially by their moms and dads. They also have a village of family and friends for support. I wish this experience for all babies, and there is nothing confusing or extreme about that wish.

October was another great month for our branch; the October general meeting was fabulous – well attended and very interesting speakers about recycling and the “out-of-the-box-thinking” that now allows for colored glass recycling in Midland. And we welcomed many new members!!

I know you don't need to be reminded but be sure to **vote!**



Branch Meetings ~ Chris Ferrando, 1st VP Program Development

There will be no General Meeting in November. In the spirit of thankfulness, sharing, and happy fellowship, the Program Committee wishes Branch members a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The holiday season will soon be upon us. The program committee is planning a Holiday Luncheon and program at the Midland Country Club on Thursday, December 8, in Ballroom A. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch around 11:45 a.m. Further details of the Holiday Luncheon and program will be in the December Twig. One of the joys of the holidays is inviting friends and new acquaintances to share the warm hospitality of the season. The luncheon is a sociable way to introduce friends to AAUW Midland Branch. So mark your December calendar and bring a friend to join the Branch in celebrating the merriest of months.

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway & Liz Kapla

You have power! Your vote really matters!



Vote on November 8 ~ Jane Wirth, Public Policy Chair

I can't imagine that as a member of our AAUW branch you don't exercise that hard-won right to vote. Urge the other members of your family to vote too—especially younger voters.

It's not too late to register to vote; you will have to go to your clerk's office to do so, but you could register and vote in the same trip if you prepare ahead of time. We've all grown weary of the paid political ads that have filled our screens over the last months. Do take advantage of the efforts of our friends, the League of Women Voters, and check candidate responses at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).

For the sake of women—VOTE!

Branch Officer Nominees Sought

Ruth Copp & Barb Galloway, **Midland Branch Nominating Committee, 2022-2023**

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year: Chris Ferrando, Liz Kapla, and Pauline Pittsley. Judi Cox, as Membership Chair, will assist. Feel free to contact any of us with ideas for nominations - yourself or others. Nominees are sought for President 2023-24; 1st VP Program Development 2023-25, Communications Officer 2023-25; Delegate-at-Large, 2023-24; and Nominations Officer 2023-24.

Membership: New Members ~ Judi Cox, 2nd VP Membership

We have been fortunate to grow our membership this year. Please help us welcome some of our newest members!

Julie Hyatt retired from Midland Public Schools and is currently the director at the Legacy Center for adult literacy and ESL

Roxanne Brooks retired from Jefferson School as a counselor.

Sharon Voss retired from a long career in K to higher education, training, and administration.

Bethany Law Bethany started her career as a police officer. Her career evolved to establish the Northern Michigan Alliance for Children, which is a nonprofit that provides forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, multidisciplinary team coordination, counseling, and child abuse prevention education.

Welcome Ladies! We are so excited to have you join our branch of the AAUW. We look forward to working with you to achieve your personal and AAUW goals.

Know a College Woman Who Would Benefit from Attending NCCWSL? ~ Carol Hoerneman-Plaush, College /University Liaison

The Good News is that NCCWSL will be 'in person' for 2023! The female leaders of tomorrow are being shaped right now. Do you know a college woman who would benefit from attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) for 2023? The conference dates are May 24--May 27, 2023.

Our Midland AAUW Branch will offer two \$1,500.00 Scholarships to attend this conference 'in person' at the U of Maryland campus. The deadline to apply is January 27, 2023. Info for this scholarship is on the application form found on the Midland AAUW website, midland-mi.aauw.net. Click on "scholarships" tab.

Mark Your Calendar

Holiday Luncheon Thursday, December 8, 11:30, Midland Country Club

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

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

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