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Festive Holiday Luncheon

**Midland Country Club, 1120 West St. Andrews
Thursday, December 8, 11:30 am in Ballroom A**

One of the joys of the holidays is inviting branch members, friends and new acquaintances to share the warm hospitality of the season. The Holiday Luncheon menu will be Classic Quiche Lorraine, Fresh Fruit, Bread Basket, and a delicious Peppermint Pie Sundae, coffee & tea. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

The program will be about Midland's famous Santa House. The Christmas attraction was built in 1987 with assistance from the Midland Area Community Foundation and generous donors. The roof was slanted for reindeer take-offs. The Glockenspiel was added in 1997. Over 8,000 people visited the Santa House last year. The Santa House is truly a meaningful bit of Midland history.

Every holiday season our branch likes to do something special for a local agency. This year we have chosen The Midland Community Foster Closet. The Foster Closet is run by a small group of volunteers who provide donated clothing, toys, diapers, books, bedding and so much more to children being removed from their homes and put in foster care. They would really appreciate new board books for infants and toddlers.

Suggestions are *Goodnight Moon*, the *Corduroy* series, the *Sandra Boynton* series and the *Eric Carle* series. Please do not wrap the books. Bring them to the December Luncheon. Our goal is 50 board books so please help with this worthwhile cause.

The Program Committee would like to thank members and their guests who have attended branch meetings this year. We appreciate it and wish a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway & Liz Kapla

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

The Holiday Season is here once again, and we wish everyone lots of love, safe travels (if you or your family are traveling), and a merry December! Steve and I will be experiencing the first Christmas with our two new grandsons (ages 5 and 6 months). Of course, their favorite presents will be the bright bows and snuggles! It's ironic because when my kids ask me what I want for Christmas, I always say a big hug - so now the circle is complete!

We hope to see you at our December 8 Holiday Gathering at the Midland Country Club. Thank you all for all you do to empower women!



Send a Local College Woman to NCCWSL

Carol Hoerneman-Plaush, College/University Liaison

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)? The conference dates are May 24--May 27, 2023.

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.



LOVE THE DIVERSITY on the panels. There were so many women from different walks of life, and it was empowering.

—2021 NCCWSL attendee

Done in a Day Holiday Giving ~ Kerry Buell

Last month, the Done in a Day group stuffed about 1200 cups for seniors to receive at the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner at the sites in Midland County. We had six participants: Sandy Collinson, Sharon Leenhouts, Patti Devlin, Judy Donahue, Bethany Law and Kerry Buell.



Our team filled 1200 cups with Holiday goodies for Midland seniors



This month, we have an opportunity to assist with The Sharing Tree package collection and distribution on Friday, December 2nd at 10 am. This is always a fun activity that puts us in a holiday mood. If you are interested please let Kerry.



Five Birthdays Celebrated in November

Barb Galloway & Pauline Pittsley

The Branch Shelterhouse Birthdays Team enjoyed gifting five birthdays in November. (There were none in October.) Gifts and birthday greetings went to three women ages 23-46, an 11 year old boy and a young man age 33. A new member to the Branch and the Shelterhouse team, Jan Lanter, baked this young man a cake.

Thank you to all who contributed to this project.

Mark Your Calendar

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

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

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