

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

Midland Branch Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 5:00 pm

Grace A. Dow Library, Community Room (Handicap Accessible)



Dr. Judith Cox

This month we are fortunate to have as our speaker, Dr. Judith Cox. Dr. Cox is currently working as an Academician in the Department of Nursing at Saginaw Valley State University. Her research interest includes nursing. She is serving as an editorial member

and reviewer of several international journals. Dr. Cox, a member of the Midland Branch, was honored with the AAUW Young Leader Award at the AAUW State Convention in 2022. Dr. Cox will lead a panel discussion on the benefits for women joining an organization like AAUW today. The panel will consist of members of the branch. She will start her program with a lively ice breaker.

The Annual Meeting will include the election of Branch officers as well as an update on the Spring Used Book Sale. Members and guests will be able to sign up to work at the sale.

A light dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Dinner, a choice of soups, salads, dessert and beverages, will be catered by Panera. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$15.00 per person. **Reservations are required by March 26.** Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch. Send to Liz Kapla.

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway & Liz Kapla

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

Welcome March! We won't talk about the lion & lamb thing, because it's #PureMichigan and one never really knows! 😊

Our branch had an active February out and about in the community. First, we co-sponsored the popular Purse Pull at the annual Family & Children's Services Mom Prom. This event was attended by 500 women, with a marvelous theme of 'Mardi Gras Masquerade'. You can imagine the wonderful costumes worn by the attendees. We were proud to support the FCS mission, and have our sponsorship shared on social media and the Midland Daily News.



Next, we had a table at **Build Like a Girl**, which was hosted by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Greater Michigan chapter to educate girls in grades 5-12 about the construction industry. Our branch offers a Technical and Trade School scholarship, so I was able to talk to these girls and their parents about this opportunity. There was so much energy in the room, and it was exciting to see these young women trying new things, realizing they could do anything! At our table, we had a "What is Your Super Power?" wall with sticky notes written by the girls. Some of my favorites: "I make people laugh", "Music/drawing", and "annoying my little brother". After an event like this, I have a great feeling about our future generations!

Please let us know if you hear of an event where AAUW could have a table or be a sponsor. We want our community to know all the good that we can do, in addition to our awesome book sale! See you at the sort room and sale!

Branch Officers to Be Elected at the Annual Meeting

Ruth Copp & Barb Galloway~ Nominations Officers

We would like to give a big thank you to the committee whose effective contacts created this slate of officers. The Nominations Committee consisting of chairs Ruth Copp and Barb Galloway, also included Chris Ferrando, Liz Kapla, Pauline Pittsley, and Judi Cox. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting in March, 2023. We thank the following AAUW members for agreeing to serve the Board and Midland Branch AAUW in our important work in our community, our state, and at the national level.

President (2023-2024): Carol Arnosky- Carol joined AAUW in 2015 shortly after retiring. She is a graduate of Florida State University (undergrad: Accounting) and the University of Houston (MBA). She is the current AAUW Midland President and has been Communications Officer, and a member of various interest groups: Done in a Day, Gardening for Fun, Explorers, Matinees and More, and the Used Book Sale.

1st VP Program Development (2023-2024): Chris Ferrando- Chris joined AAUW in 1972. She is the current V.P. for Program Development and will serve in that position for one more year. Chris has served the Branch in many roles including: President, 1st V.P. Program Development, General Meetings Chair, Used Book Sale Chair, Interest Groups Chair, and chair of various Interest Groups including Reading for Fun and Explorers. Chris received her B.S. in elementary education/sociology and her M.A. in remedial reading.

Nominations Officers (2023-2024): Ruth Copp and Barb Galloway

Barb joined AAUW in 2010. She has served as Membership Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Delegate-at-Large, and Nominations Officer. Barb co-chairs the Reading for Fun interest group and is chair of Matinees-and-More. She earned a B.A. degree in art history from Michigan State University.

Ruth joined AAUW in Texas in 1984 and in Midland in 1986. She has been Delegate-at-Large, Secretary, and is currently Nominations Officer. She chairs Book Lovers, and participates in Matinees and More, the new Shelterhouse group, Reading for Fun, Explorers, and BIBS (Books-in-Bag) reading group, and helps at the Used Book Sale. Ruth has a B.A. in English and Sec. Ed. with a French teaching minor from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, and an MAT in reading from SVSU.

Communications Officer (2023-2025): Teresa Beadlescomb- Teresa joined AAUW in 2019. She is a member of Reading for Fun and helps with the Used Book Sale. She has a B.S. in psychology from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Library Science from Wayne State University, and a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. In addition, Teresa earned a Doctor of Social Work from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. She is currently Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, at SVSU.

Delegate-at-Large (2023-2024): Roxanne Brooks- Roxanne joined AAUW in 2022. She has a B.A. in Education from Olivet College and an M.A. in Counseling from CMU. Roxanne says she loves the mission and values of AAUW and has already thrown herself into service with the Branch by working on the Used Book Sale.

Spring Used Book Sale is April 28-30

Plans are underway for another smashing book sale. Collection barrels are scheduled to be delivered to Kroger, Family Food Fare and the Midland Mall on Monday April 3. Start collecting books from acquaintances.

Information about volunteering will be in the April Twig, and you will be able to sign up for various jobs at the Branch meeting on March 30.



Branch Awards Funding to Send Two Students to NCCWSL ~Carol Hoerneman-Plaush C/U Liaison

NCCWSL Committee members Paula Jonas and Mary Sidney Matuska are pleased to announce that Olivia Getzinger and Kaitlyn Wilson are the **Very Impressive** recipients of the AAUW Midland Branch NCCWSL Scholarships. Olivia is a senior in Dental School and Kaitlyn is a 4.0 Graduate student in Education, both at SVSU. They will travel together to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May of 2023 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

New Member Welcomed ~ Judi Cox, 2nd VP Membership

Fellow members of AAUW Midland Branch, please help us welcome our newest member, Joy Emery! Joy was raised in Michigan, where she graduated from the School of Pharmacy. She is a practicing pharmacist and currently manages the pharmacy of Rite Aid in Gladwin, Michigan. Joy lived in New Brunswick Canada and Maine before moving back to Michigan in 2019. She and her husband are working on remodeling their home. They are gardeners and grew most of their food when they lived in Maine. She and her husband hope to continue transforming their yard in Michigan to continue gardening. Joy is a fan of seedling day and states she has a forte for canning, freezing, and pickling. Joy has 3 children, two daughters and a son, and 2 French Bulldog and Boston Terrier mix dogs. In addition to gardening, she enjoys mushrooming, gardening, baking, kayaking, and archery. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and learning more about her Christian faith.

Joy is most excited about meeting women who like to think about and discuss various topics. Additionally, she would like to participate in activities that invest in other people. She believes AAUW is a good fit for her to achieve these goals.

Welcome Joy! 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.

Mark Your Calendar

March 30 Annual Meeting 5:00 pm, Grace A. Dow Library Community Room

April 28-30 Book Sale, Midland Mall

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

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

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The History of the American Association of University Women Mirrors the Progress of Women in the United States

As the number of women graduating from college grew, so did our membership. We've published hundreds of research reports, from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman's fertility to, most recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment. We have supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars, from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, to astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman in travel in space.

1880 to 1910 The Roots of a Trailblazing Mission

AAUW was founded by Marion Talbot, who became the Dean of the College of Women at the University of Chicago and a leading figure in higher education, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman to earn a degree in chemistry and a leader in the field of home economics.

1920s to 1950s AAUW's Formative Decades

Throughout the economic boom of the 1920s, the Great Depression and the New Deal of the 1930s and the WW II and post-war era of the '40s and '50s, AAUW continued to thrive. Our influential network helped to increase the number of women attending college and universities and supported women in their career development.

1960s to 1980s The Civil Rights and Feminist Era

The 1960s ushered in an era of significant social progress in the U.S., and AAUW played a pivotal role. Throughout the decade, we became increasingly engaged in the Civil Rights Movement: AAUW President Blanche Dow was on the Steering Committee of the National Women's Committee for Civil Rights.

1990s to the Present The New Millennium & Into the Future

AAUW has continued to trail blaze for women, breaking down barriers and making the world more equitable for future generations. We are a prominent voice in the national conversation about the gender pay gap, anchored in the annual publication of *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*.

- 1991** AAUW published the *How Schools Shortchange Girls* report, which found how girls overall receive an inferior education to that of boys.
- 1993** AAUW successfully worked to help pass the Family Medical Leave Act.
- 1995** AAUW president and U.N. Representative Mary Purcell attended the Beijing World Conference On Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace as an accredited observer on behalf of AAUW.
- 2002** AAUW hosted its first National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at American University in Washington, D.C.
- 2008** AAUW received special consultative status with the United Nations. This gives us a voice at U.N. meetings and on committees such as the Commission on the Status of Women, U.N. Women, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations, and the Working Group on Girls.
- 2009** On January 9, AAUW members joined President Barack Obama for the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW members were instrumental in advocating for the law and providing support to Ms. Ledbetter.
- 2016** AAUW participated in the White House United State of Women Summit and White House Equal Pay Pledge release.
- 2017** AAUW engaged in White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.
- 2019** AAUW continued advocating for the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed in a bipartisan vote in the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting action in the U.S. Senate.