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May Meeting Celebrates Its Local Successes

Thursday, May 25, Midland Country Club

Doors open at 11:30 Program at 11:45

1120 W. St. Andrews (Valet Parking Handicapped Accessible)



Marcie Post

The Midland Branch has a rich heritage of accomplishments on the local, state and national level. The May meeting will include a review of the Branch's participation in community events, awarding the Name Gift Honoree and an update on the book sale.

Guest speaker will be Marcie Post, Assistant Director of Midland Public Services.

Marcie's work includes oversight of numerous city recreational programs: the 2,800 acre park system, Plymouth Pool, and Midland City Forest. She was instrumental in the Mitt Miracle Field Project; a disability universally-accessible baseball diamond for athletes with physical or cognitive disabilities. Post received the 2023 Michigan Recreational & Parks Association Leadership Award for her creative inclusive approach to public recreation services. Marcie will update the branch on recreational programs in Midland.

Lunch will feature a plated Quiche Lorraine, fresh fruit, bread basket. Strawberry Short Cake, with fresh cream, coffee and tea. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations are required by May 22. Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch. Send to Liz Kapla, PO Box 30, Midland MI 48640-0030.

Used Book Sale Success

Wow, we were busy! Book lovers came in troves the morning we opened and found books to love. What a fantastic book sale! The Spring Used Book Sale was a huge success thanks to the many hours of hard work by dedicated AAUW Midland Branch members, family, and friends.

This sale grossed just over \$16,940 with Friday being the second highest single day sales of \$12,663.

Thousands of books were donated. We started with 265 banana boxes and only had 14 banana boxes left at the end of the sale; 94.5% of the books sold! This is a record! The tables were virtually empty which made clean up very easy.



The next sale will be September 29, 30, October 1, 2023.

President's Message ~ Carol Arnosky

Welcome to May! Almost time to bring my indoor jungle of plants outside for their "summer vacation"! And to plant annuals in the garden. Who's with me?!

A huge thank you to the Book Sale workers in the Sort Room. A small army of fewer than 20 incredible women (& some men) picked up books from barrels (often overflowing), sorted for quality (sometimes a very dirty job), analyzed resale value, put price stickers on and sorted them into the correct banana box category (which is not always easy). Of course, there is a LOT more involved each day, but we mostly have fun. I really hope more of you will join us next sale - there is always something to do: you can get your steps in, have a brief arm workout, or sit and price. There are jobs for standers, sitters, thinkers, walkers

We truly appreciate everyone who helped with the sale. It takes a village: community donations and purchases, Target loaning us carts, Exchange Club help, Midland Daily News publicity, and our great UBS team. Best of all, we provide a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to women from the proceeds of our hard work.

Midland Branch Dues to Stay the Same

Judi Cox, 2nd VP Membership

National AAUW dues will increase April 1 to \$72 from the previous \$67 charge, but local Branch dues will not increase. Midland Branch reviewed our expenditures, which have decreased due to the utilization of tech alternatives to meet and the lack of state and national conferences due to COVID, as well as our current budgetary status.

Due to the decrease in expenditures and our huge success with the book sales, we are able to reduce our current branch dues to keep our total dues the same. We will decrease our Branch fees to \$12, which matches the state dues, and continue to have total dues equal \$96.

Done in a Day-Opportunities ~ Kerry Buell

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is having a different type of women's build this year. On each Wednesday in May (3, 10, 17, 24, or 31), teams of women will be gathering in Sanford to work on finishing the home being moved from the Building Trades Program location. Teams have already signed up for the construction work. I believe our group cannot tackle the physical demands of this effort. But, there are other ways we as an AAUW group could support this project. We could serve as greeters to those coming to work, we could provide snacks, water or other more administrative tasks.

Salvation Army Lunch Program: The Salvation Army has a summer program for young children that provides lunch, play and social skill development. Our group has assembled lunches in prior years. The time runs from 9 am to about 11am at The Salvation Army Building, 330 Waldo Road. If you would be interested in working to enrich our community in this effort, please provide your name and contact information. Dates are Tuesday, June 13, and Thursday, June 15. If you are interested in either activity, please let me know. Kerry.

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