



# The TWIG

## AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

September  
2023

## September Fall Open House by Chris Ferrando

**September 16, 2023 Saturday Morning Brunch**  
**Midland Country Club – Ballroom C**  
**9:30 am - 11:30 am (handicap accessible)**

This month we are fortunate to have Dr. Judith Cox as our speaker. Dr. Cox (pictured right) is currently working as an Academician in the Department of Nursing at Saginaw Valley State University. She is a member of the Midland Branch, and was honored with the AAUW Young Leader Award at the AAUW State Convention in 2022. In the Spring, Dr. Cox took a group of SVSU nursing students to Africa to learn about the health care system in a foreign country. She will speak about their experiences.



The Midland Branch will welcome members, guests and prospective members at the September Meeting for a Rise and Shine Breakfast Buffet. The breakfast will include chilled fruit juices, scrambled eggs, smoked bacon, Greek yogurt, mini bagels, breakfast pastries, coffee and tea. It will be served buffet style. The Midland Country Club will serve to our membership and guests complementary Mimosas (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) upon arrival. The cost for the brunch is \$20.00 per person. Reservations are required by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to AAUW Midland Branch. Send to Liz Kapla, 1205 Bayberry Lane, Midland, MI 48640. Contact Liz at [ekapla@charter.net](mailto:ekapla@charter.net) or 989-631-7365.

## Fall Used Book Sale by Trudy Dutot

Fall Used Book Sale will be held September 29, 30, and October 1, 2023 at the Midland Mall. Book donation barrels will be set out at Kroger, Family Fare and the two main entrances of Midland Mall on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We expect to collect over 10,000 books, so we need a big team of workers.

The sort room will be open Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the old Christopher & Banks store in the mall. We have developed a smooth and efficient system to process the books. We need help with a variety of chores such as placing price stickers on books and placing them in category boxes. The sort room will be open Monday – Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. The work is easy so come join the fun!

Other opportunities to help are:

Stack books on sales tables Thursday evening, September 28<sup>th</sup>

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 on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Contact Pauline Pittsley at  
989-430-2067  
[pauline@drymud.com](mailto:pauline@drymud.com) to sign  
up or for more information.**

**Your help is important.** We welcome spouses and friends. Please take part to help raise funds for scholarships for local women. Our AAUW Branch will award \$14,000 in scholarships next spring.

## President's Message by Carol Arnosky

Welcome to September! Although I do indeed love summer in Michigan, I also look forward to September, because our branch gets together to work on our semi-annual Used Book Sale. We see each other every day, sort and price books, laugh at some donations, marvel at others, but definitely appreciate all of the books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs that we receive from our generous community. We would love to have you join us to work at the Sort Room, (Monday - Saturday, 11-2). Bonus: you can 'pre-shop' and we have chocolate and great company!



I hope you have a great and active September: get involved with local issues to help make Midland a better place, and/or become a Two-Minute Activist with AAUW to share your voice on national issues. See you at the Sort Room and/or Book Sale!

We are the SCRUB team  
Mighty mighty SCRUB team!  
We can sort a book  
With just one look.  
New, old, fiction or true  
We know just what to do with you!  
Cook books, bios, Dr. Seuss and more  
We look forward to what comes through the door.  
20,000 items will be evaluated  
We choose to sell only the top-rated.  
Our customers know our sale is the best  
For fifty years, it has outshined the rest.  
\$500,000 in scholarships have been given  
To High School, Trade and Transition Women.  
Our Team thoroughly enjoys what we do;  
Join us next time! You will too!

### Mark Your Calendar

September 16<sup>th</sup> - Fall Open House,  
Midland Country Club, 9:30a-11:30a  
September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup> - Book Sale  
at the Midland Mall

## Scholarship Recipients Update by Carol Hoerneman-Plaush

Our NCCWSL Scholarship recipient, Kaitlyn Wilson, is in Graduate School at SVSU and plans to attend our September Brunch! Please join us!

Our NCCWSL Scholarship recipient, Olivia Alyse Getzinger (pictured right), is now in Dental School at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. On her Facebook page she adoringly identifies herself as "The Tooth Fairy in Training."



## Don't Miss AAUW Emails

Help us help members who report not receiving AAUW emails! If you know of a member who has had issues regularly receiving AAUW communications, please direct them to <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> so they can get back on our email list.

## Branch Interest Groups

by Deb Kaiser

To join a book club, call the group chair. To start a new book group, gather three interested people then call Deb Kaiser at 989-430-1262.

**The Book Lovers:** This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at a member's home or another location (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. Contact Ruth Copp at [ruthcopp66@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcopp66@gmail.com).

**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 at 989-835-8593, [barbgllwy@yahoo.com](mailto:barbgllwy@yahoo.com) or Pauline Pittsley at 989-430-2067, [pauline@drymud.com](mailto:pauline@drymud.com).

**Explorers:** This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 are always welcome. **THIS GROUP NEEDS A CHAIR.**

**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 and guests are always welcome. Contact Barb Galloway at 989-835-8593, [barbgllwy@yahoo.com](mailto:barbgllwy@yahoo.com).

**Done in a Day:** This group serves the community via one-day projects. It gives the branch some publicity and it is 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. **THIS GROUP NEEDS A CHAIR.**

**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 at 989-430-2067, [pauline@drymud.com](mailto:pauline@drymud.com) or Barb Galloway at 989-835-8593, [barbgllwy@yahoo.com](mailto:barbgllwy@yahoo.com).



## Chairman Needed

by Barb Galloway

The interest group, Done-in-a-Day, needs a new chairman. This group focuses on helping out in our community with a one-day commitment. They have volunteered at the Salvation Army, the Shelterhouse Thrift Shop, Habitat for Humanity and The Diaper Alliance to name a few.

**Please contact Kerry Buell at 989-835-4542 for further information.** In order to continue, this worthwhile and popular project needs a chairman whose primary role is to coordinate AAUW volunteers with a short-term commitment need.

Many thanks to Kerry Buell for leading this group with her usual grace and dedication.

## Shelterhouse Birthday Fund

Please consider donating to our Shelterhouse Birthdays fund with either a gift card (Meijer or Target), cash or a check. We will have a donations basket at every general membership meeting because we need your support for this very worthwhile project. Our goal is to brighten the birthdays of Shelterhouse residents.

With much appreciation- Carol Arnosky, Ruth Copp, Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, Liz Kapla, Jan Lanter and Pauline Pittsley (Shelterhouse Birthdays Committee).



## AAUW Midland Branch Officers 2023-2024

### Elected Officers

President	Carol Arnosky
1st VP Program	Chris Ferrando
2nd VP Membership	Judi Cox
Finance VP	Liz Kapla
Recording Secretary	Sharon Voss
Communications Officer	Teresa Beadlescomb
Delegate at Large	Roxanne Brooks
Nominations Chair	Ruth Copp and Barb Galloway

### Appointed Officers

AAUW Funds/LAF	<i>open</i>
College/University Relations	Carol Hoerneman-Plaush
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	<i>open</i>
Public Policy	Jane Wirth
Technology	Carol Arnosky
Twig Editor	Annette Clapp
Used Book Sale	Trudy Dutot

### Committee Chairs and Team

Archivist	Anne Wolfe
General Meetings Team	Barb Galloway and Liz Kapla
Interest Group Coordinator	Deb Kaiser
Scholarships, Local	Judi Cox
School Board Candidate Forum	Jodie Gardner

### AAUW Resources

#### National

American Association  
of University Women  
1310 L ST NW Suite 1000  
Washington DC 20005  
Phone: (800) 326-2289  
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Email: [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)

Website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

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AAUW of Michigan State Office  
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Board meetings are open to the membership. Call President Carol Arnosky at 989-832-8186, to join a meeting.