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AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

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President's Message by Carol Arnosky



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It seems 2024 will be a very interesting year!

Our AAUW branch had another successful year in 2023: book sales, informative programs, new members, scholarships given, and many good deeds accomplished!

Sheila Blair, AAUW-Michigan President, recently wrote: "We all can make minor changes in the world to impact the gender pay gap, including how we vote, how we tip at restaurants, where we choose to shop, etc. We all can make choices that promote

women, help women-owned businesses, and vote women into office." I hope you each will think about this as we go through this next year, at the grocery store, at your favorite restaurant and of course, at the ballot box. Together we can make a difference!

Hopefully there will be some movement in passing the Equal Rights Amendment this year.

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex". Did you know that the United States is the only modern democracy that does not include sex equality in its constitution? We have waited 100 years for 24 words: Let's Do This!

Thank you for all your ongoing support and advocacy to better our community! Happy New Year!!

Recording Secretary Needed

by Ruth Copp and Barb Galloway,
Midland Branch Nominating Committee

We still need a Recording Secretary to complete our 2024-26 Slate of Officers who will be elected at our Annual Meeting in March.

The position requires taking the minutes at the board meeting and about an hour devoted to compiling and distributing them. It is not a time-consuming commitment and offers an opportunity to be involved with the workings of the board, run by an outstanding group of women.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Ruth Copp at 989-513-2162 or Barb Galloway at 989-835-8593. Both Ruth and Barb have served as secretary and will welcome any interest.



General Meeting Update by Chris Ferrando

The Branch's Holiday Giving Program was very successful. The generosity of our membership was overwhelming! Members filled up 19 "Red Bags" of donated groceries to The Bridge Food Center. The center was overwhelmed with our generosity. Thank you to all who contributed. If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time at the center, you can sign up by going to www.thebridgemidland.com and clicking the "volunteer" tab.



Marsha Stamas taking some of our donations to The Bridge Food Center



39 people were in attendance—this is close to a record!



Liz Kapla and Barb Galloway working at the event

There will be no January General Meeting. The Program Committee would like to thank all the members and their guests who have attended branch meetings this year.

We hope you found the meetings not only informative but also stimulating. Thank you for your continued patronage. We welcome program suggestions from our membership anytime.

Branch Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, Liz Kapla

2024 NCCWSL Scholarship Information

by Carol Hoerneman Plaush, College/University Liaison

You can find the 2024 Application for the \$1,500 Scholarship to the National College Women's Leadership Conference (NCCWSL) at the Midland AAUW Website by going to midland-mi.aauw.net and clicking on the "scholarships" tab.

The 4-day Conference dates are May 29, 2024 to June 1, 2024 at the University of Maryland/College Park. Deadline to apply is January 30, 2024.

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