



Branch Bulletin

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Branch Kickoff Luncheon

Saturday, September 26

11:30 a.m. - 5 Bridges Restaurant
Island Resort & Casino

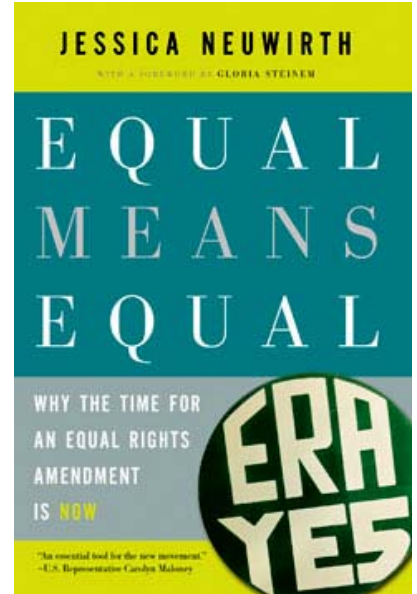
A new book, "*Equal Means Equal*" by **Jessica Neuwirth** has inspired much of our new programming calendar this year featuring:

- *Women in Business*
- *Women in the Arts*
- *Women in Education*

Senator Debbie Stabenow is preparing a DVD with a "*Women in Politics*" theme just for us!

A short business agenda will present our full program calendar and budget, as well as sign up sheets for Santa Lunch and Homes for the holidays.

Order off menu - RSVP to Kathy Bennett by Monday, September 22 at kbennett3415@charter.net or 786-3415.



Women in Business

Our **October 20** (Tuesday) event continues our programming theme with an evening at:

Applewood Eatery & Espresso Bar

1307 Ludington Street - downtown Escanaba

7 p.m. Cost: about \$8** for coffee & dessert

Presentations from downtown business women **Macie Neumeier** and **Peggy O'Connell** will be followed by coffee and dessert. RSVP to Kathy (see above) by October 16

*** Members are asked to honor their reservations by mailing \$8 to PO Box 40 if unable to attend*



Sharon Gray, Membership VP

Our branch is thrilled to welcome two new members:

Allison Hurley and **Lee Ann Messimer**

🌿 "Holiday Helpers" Needed! 🌲

Lunch With Santa - December 5 - Watch for sign up sheets at the Fall Kickoff Luncheon. You won't want to miss out on the holly, jolly fun!

Start shopping for raffle toys - remember, we need about **30 new toys / books / games**, etc. for the drawing.



Homes for the Holidays

The 2015 house tours are set for **Sunday, December 13**. Needed are:

- **ticket takers / crowd control**
12:30-2:30 and 2:30 to 4:30 shifts

- **cookies** - dozens & dozens

- **home history researchers & writers**
How would you like the privilege of doing the write-up for a home such as Dr. John Klim's shown below?!

watch for e-mails and press releases announcing when tickets go on sale.

Call co-chairs **Ellie O'Donnell** (280-1787) and **Kathy Bennett** (786-3415) for more information or offers to help with the event.

This is a MAJOR fundraiser for scholarships - we need everyone's help!





President's Ponderings

Greetings: This time of year is when many things are gearing up to get down to the tasks at hand. For many it means a new school, a new year, a new teacher, new friends. For those of us who believe in the goals of the American Association of University Women, it means renewing our commitment to the work that still needs to be done: leveling out the gender pay gap, ending the prevalence of

sexual assault, and seeing to it that more women represent us in the political arena, to name but a few.

The way that each of us is able to do this is to take some time and sit with the question? What am I going to do this year to further THESE CAUSES? If each member is able to take on one definite responsibility, then progress can be made.

We cannot sit back and expect someone else to carry the load. Each of us must help. Please, resolve to sign up for one of the fall projects that are in the planning stages as I write. Kathleen Bennett assures me that there will be sign-up sheets at our Kickoff on September 26th. The income from these activities goes towards the scholarships that we give and to other causes to aid in the challenges faced by so many of our sisters.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 26th.

Margaret Carignan

"Equal Means Equal" by Jessica Neuwirth

- The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972
- 1982 - 3 states short of ratification
- **Where does it stand TODAY???**

Neuwirth's book looks at several key areas of sex discrimination recognized by the Supreme Court.

Equal Means Equal tells the story of the legal cases that inform the need for an ERA, along with contemporary cases in which women's rights are compromised without the protection of an ERA.

Covering topics ranging from pay equity and pregnancy discrimination to violence against women, **Equal Means Equal** makes abundantly clear that an ERA will improve the lives of real women living in America.

TheNewPress.com



Meryl Streep is sending a letter and a copy of **Equal Means Equal** to **every member of congress** urging them to revive the constitutional amendment guaranteeing equal rights for women.

Watch for Streep in a moving being released this fall, **Suffragette**, where she plays Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant women's rights leader who gave voice to millions of oppressed women in England.

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Calendar

- <i>September</i> -
26 - Kick Off Luncheon - Island Resort 5 Bridges Restaurant - 11:30 am
- <i>October</i> -
TBA - Candidates Forum
20 - Down Town Business Women Applewood's @ 7 pm
31 - AAUW of MI Leadership Conf in Livonia
- <i>November</i> -
19 - Women in the Arts - Leigh's Garden & East Ludington Gallery
- <i>December</i> -
5 - Lunch with Santa
13 - Homes for the Holidays

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