



# Branch Bulletin

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  - Claudia Arko
  - Irina Bruno
  - Barbara Chenier
  - Marilyn Noble
  - Rosanne Reese
  - Sandra Sturdy

Welcome!



# Branch Election Dinner



## - Thursday, May 12

**Stonehouse Restaurant** (order off menu)

**Social at 5:30 pm - Program & Dinner at 6 pm**

RSVP **by Monday, May 9** to Kathy at 786-3415



**Nominations:** President (2nd term\*) **Margaret Carignan**  
Finance Officer (2nd term\*) **Laura LaPine**



\* We are anticipating state bylaws to change allowing board members to serve consecutive terms

In addition to elections, the **Member of the Year Award** will be presented, and **Carolyn Stacey** will tell us about the **STEAM project at the library:**



## + Arts = STEAM

## Rummage for Scholarships - Workers Needed!

Branch Rummage Sale: Call Kathy if you can **HELP** as follows:

**Set Up: Thursday, June 2, 4:00 - ?**

**Sale: Friday, June 3, 9 am-3 pm**

**Saturday, June 4, 9 am-1 pm** at Kathy B.'s garage.



Items can be **dropped off Mon, May 30 thru Wed, June 1** - Kathy's garage will be open from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Please be sure **all items are marked** with the price. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting or call Kathy at 786-3415.

**Rummage items needed:** furniture, household items, furniture, books, furniture, exercise equipment, furniture, lamps, dishes furniture ... well, you get the idea!

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## DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 30.

Please help our Finance Officer by paying membership dues **on or before June 30!** It will really make her life and bookkeeping easier. **Thank You!**



## President's Ponderings

Greetings: as I write this message to you I am preparing to attend our **AAUW of MI State Convention Below the Bridge** in Troy the last weekend of April. It is an exciting prospect for me to be able to mingle with so many great women who are all centered on improving the status of women throughout our State and country.

First thing Saturday morning I will need to choose between five training workshops which will be difficult because I need to learn more about each of the five topics being offered to be an effective leader for our local branch: Public Policy, Leadership, Update on our by-laws, Website, and Membership. The only one that I can eliminate is membership. **Sharon Gray** is in charge of that committee for our local branch and I am learning from her. Those of you who were able to attend our membership drive at Leigh's winery this past Thursday evening will agree, that she is doing a great job!

Early Saturday morning we will hear from Christy Jones, Vice President of Marketing & Direct Outreach, who will be giving us the AAUW national update. Then in the afternoon our Keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Brenda L. Lawrence who was elected in 2014 in Michigan's 14<sup>th</sup> district. I hope to be able to give you a synopsis of all I learn in my next newsletter chat.

*Margaret Carignan*, Branch President



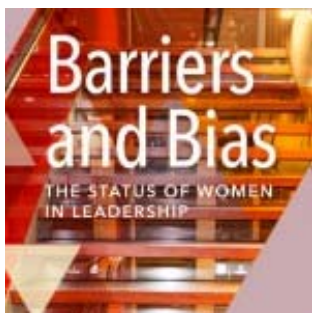
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## Preparing for Homes for the Holidays ... 2017

Ellie O'Donnell and Kathy B. are already planning for **Homes for the Holidays 2017**. Any suggestions regarding great houses we could have on the tour? Call Ellie (789-9034) or Kathy (786-3415).

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## Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership,



**AAUW's new research report**, explores women's exclusion from the top levels of leadership in politics, the workforce, education, and other sectors. While this exclusion has significant consequences for women's experiences and contributions to society, the underrepresentation is also important to women and their families because it contributes to the gender wage gap. The highest levels of management and leadership are usually well-compensated, and women rarely make it into those positions.

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## Membership Matters!

Thank you to everyone for participating and volunteering your time to make the event a success. With your help we welcomed **six new members** to our branch which will help us continue to support the mission of AAUW here in Delta County. Please continue to invite your friends to our events so they can become familiar with our programs and our mission. As we learned, so many people are unaware of the things we do here in Delta County, and once they know, they are excited to get involved.

Again, thank you for participating, but most of all thank you for your continued involvement in AAUW!!! Kind regards - Sharon



President	<b>Margaret Carignan</b> 786-4189	- <i>May</i> -
V.P. Membership	<b>Sharon Gray</b> 280-2424	<b>12 - Elections of Officers Dinner Mtg</b> Stonehouse 5:30 Social / 6 - Dinner
VP Programming	<b>Kathy Bennett</b> 786-3415	- <i>June</i> -
Finance Officer	<b>Laura LaPine</b> 428-3891	<b>3-4 - Rummage for Scholarships</b>
Recording Officer	<b>Jo-Ann Clark</b> 786-8150	- <i>July</i> -
AAUW Funds	<b>Bev Ladin</b> 786-1067	<b>17 - Celebrate Summer</b> 2 pm - Kathy Bennett's
Col/Univ Relations	<b>Molly Campbell</b> 789-6377	- <i>August</i> -
Historian	<b>Kathy Bennett</b> 786-3415	<b>11 - Tour Cultural Center, Hannahville</b> 11 am Lunch & Tour
Int'l Affairs	- Open -	- <i>September</i> -
Newsletter, Bylaws	<b>Deb Trombly</b> 428-1745	<b>17 - Kick-Off Luncheon - H&amp;H</b> Speaker: Amanda Philips AAUW of MI
Public Policy	<b>Sandra Walker</b> 786-7636	

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