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"Thanks" to Sue Hampton,
Branch Directories are
 done and will be distributed
 at the March 21 event!

Celebrating Women in STEM

"Why Women Were Written Out of the Pages of Science" presented by **Wendy Irish**

Thursday, March 21 - Wendy's home at 6:30 p.m.
 110 N. Third Street, Esby (*behind Chamber & across from Jail*)

Wendy Irish, branch member and science/math teacher, will feature Austrian-Swedish nuclear physicist, **Lise Meitner**. Albert Einstein called her "the mother of the atomic bomb." Meitner and Otto Hahn discovered nuclear fission, but only Hahn was awarded the Nobel Prize.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

Members are asked to bring a snack or dessert to pass, and an alternate beverage if desired.

Guest are welcome & encouraged!



\$tart **\$**mart Salary Negotiation Workshop

Thursday, April 11 - Bay College (Escanaba)
Room CB 231 - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Facilitators: **Molly Campbell**, Bay College faculty and branch member
Annette Johnson, Bay College Career Services Advisor

Open to all Bay College students (**and AAUW members as guest participants**)

Seats are limited, so all must **pre-register before Equal Pay Day - April 9th** - (*50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act of 1963*) - by contacting Molly Campbell at (906) 217-4067 or campbelm@baycollege.edu .

Event sponsored by the Escanaba Area Branch AAUW, Bay College, and The WAGE Project

Legal Advocacy Fund - Case Support *Beverly Ladin, AAUW Funds Officer*

LAF provides financial and organizational support for a select number of cases in the workplace and in academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women.



Since 1981, LAF has disbursed nearly **2 million dollars** to more than **100 plaintiffs**. Prior to 2009, LAF only supported cases in academia, but now LAF supports select cases in any workplace. AAUW.org

For the 2012-13 membership year, AAUW awarded **\$4.3 million in fellowships and grants** to 278 women from the U.S. and around world. These remarkable women are pursuing graduate studies and projects that benefit women and girls.



President's Ponderings

by Susan Peterson
Branch President



Greetings Everyone:

In the last newsletter I introduced you to two of the Honorees for the National Women's History Project "**Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.**" Today I have two more remarkable brief biographies to share with you.

Hattie Elizabeth Alexander (1901-1968) was a pediatrician and microbiologist who developed the first effective remedies for Haemophilus influenzae, reducing the mortality rate from almost 100% to less than 25%. She was also one of the first scientists to study antibiotic resistance. She correctly concluded that the resistance to antibodies was the result of random genetic mutations in DNA. In 1964 Ms. Alexander became the first woman elected President of the American Pediatric Society.

Katharine Burr Blodgett (1898-1979) was the first woman awarded a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Cambridge (1926) and the first woman research scientist for General

Electric's New York laboratory. Blodgett received eight US patents. The most famous you may have used if you were an education major. Remember the low-reflective "invisible" glass that we looked through to observe lab school classes? Well that was Katharine's invention. Other's include the color gauge, glass ruler, poison gas absorbents and a real life saver---methods for deicing aircraft wings.

Our Escanaba Area AAUW Branch has been making an effort to see that four of our local graduating senior women get due recognition for their achievements in the **STEM** fields as well! This spring will be the third year AAUW will present awards to the **outstanding women in science and in math at both Escanaba and Gladstone High Schools**. Our monetary contribution is fairly small (\$50 to each of the four women) but Deb Trombly creates a beautiful certificate and the students always seem both surprised and honored. (The selection of students is done by the faculty and staff at the respective schools).

There are so many interesting AAUW activities planned for this spring. Put the calendar of events on your fridge so you won't miss a thing. I hope to see all of you "out and about" after all this winter weather.

Take Care, Ladies

Susan

Book Night Recap

A few hardy souls braved some cold weather to gather for an interesting Book Night. Topic for the evening was "**First Ladies and Their Influence on the Presidency.**" Attendees reflected on **Abigail Adams, Jackie Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt**, and the "Petticoat War." The evening's lively discussion was followed by a selection of yummy desserts.

The topic for next winter's Book Night event will be "**Notorious Women.**" Now that should be of interest to us all, with a long and colorful list to choose from!

Kathleen Bennett

Rummage for Scholarships

As you start your spring cleaning, remember to start saving items for our branch Rummage Sale in June.

Once again we will coordinate our date with the Escanaba city-wide rummage sale. Furniture, dishes, holiday decorations, books, and household items are appreciated.

Kathy Bennett's garage will be *Rummage Central*. Watch for announcements for the sale date, drop-off dates, and worker schedule.



International Affairs Program: The Road Scholar

presented by Anne Schaaf

Wednesday, April 10 - Stone's Deli - 6 p.m.

Enjoy dinner while Anne takes you on an adventurous Road Trip!

- \$8.95 plus tax & tip for soup, salad, sandwich, or wrap and coffee or soda.
- *RSVP to Sue Hampton by **Monday, April 8** - (906) 630-1577.*

Homes for the Holidays

Sue Hampton and Kathy Bennett are excited to announce plans are already underway for another **Christmas Homes Tour**. Three homeowners have already agreed to open their doors on **Sunday, December 1**, and more will be approached.

This is a major fundraiser for our branch, and a number of members will be needed to help make this another landmark success!



Membership Matters - Janice Gayan, V.P. Membership



Membership Special for the remainder of this 2012-13 program year! For *new members* who **join by March 15, 2013**, the National dues are half price. Total cost is \$50.50 instead of \$72 to join for the remainder of this year.

Are you feeling a new “spring in your step” with **AAUW’s new logo, website, tagline** and recent passage of the AAUW-supported Violence Against Women Act (**VAWA**)? I sure am! We have a lot going for us in terms of programming too. Get to your calendars, circle these dates, and invite some friends!

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.: **Women’s History Month Program** - AAUW Celebrates Women in Science with **Wendy Irish** (See front page.)

Tuesday, April 9, is **Pay Equity Day**.

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.: **Int’l Affairs Program** - **Anne Schaaf**, International Affairs Chair and avid traveler, will present a program on the “Road Scholar.” (See page 3.)

Thursday, April 11, **\$tart \$mart Workshop**, 2:00 p.m. - Bay College (Front page)
Molly Campbell and **Annette Johnson** are leading another \$tart \$mart Training for students at Bay College. This is one of the best ways AAUW can support and empower women to get equal pay for equal work.
Sign up to volunteer at this workshop, help to handout materials, and talk about AAUW. You will be amazed at what you learn!

Program Highlights by
Susan Hampton
V.P. Programming



Thursday, May 16 - 5:30 p.m.: **Annual Membership Dinner/Election of Officers**

Join us at the House of Ludington at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, 6:00 p.m. dinner, followed by the Election of Officers and a “changing of the guard.” Yes, President **Susan Peterson** will be stepping aside and handing the Presidential gavel to President-Elect **Shannon Taylor**.

Watch for details for menu choices and costs. **RSVPs and menu choices are needed by May 13**: (906) 630-1577.

A reminder that **dues (\$72)** may be paid at this time and need to be in by June 30.

Look forward to seeing everyone at these great events!

Susan

Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 9

This date symbolizes how far into 2013 women must work to earn what men earned in 2012.

Wear **RED** on **Equal Pay Day** to symbolize how far women and minorities are “**in the red**” with their pay!



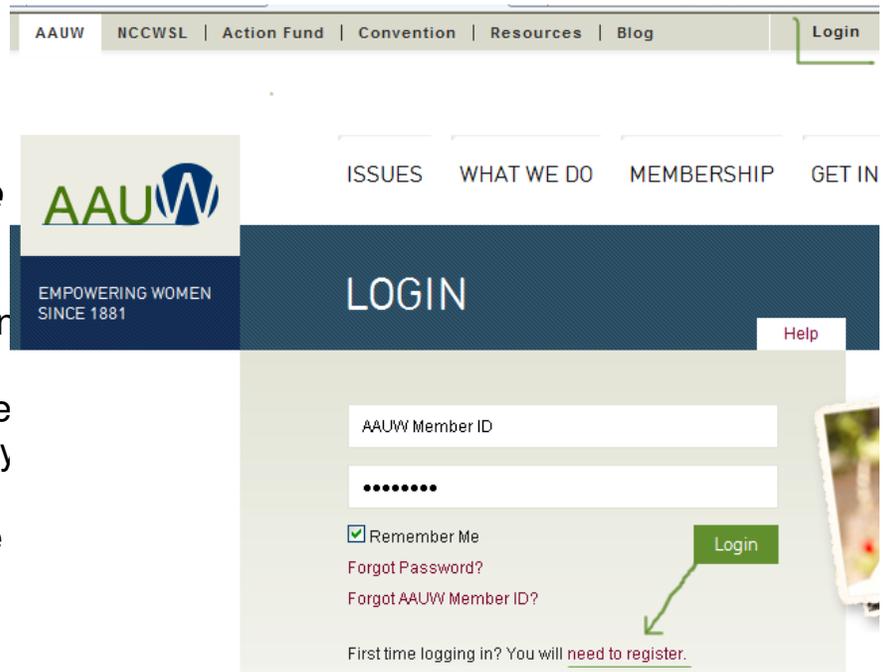
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Did you notice?

AAUW has a **New Logo**
New Tagline
New Website

AAUW unveiled its first new logo in over 20 years. What we see is a more modern and a more readable typeface and a tagline that instantly conveys who we are and what we do. The new logo emphasizes the “W” as the central element of our name and work and has a more global look.



The website redesign allows for complete mobile access and features expanded and improved social media integration for online content. This integration should make the site more user friendly, provide a better experience for smartphone and tablet users, and create greater visibility for AAUW. aauw.org

** Note: Even if you had a log-in access to the previous website, you will still **"need to register"** for a new login that will include your membership number and a new password. (See above) Jan Gayan and Dorothy Kollmann can tell you your membership number if needed.

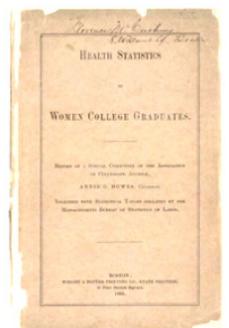


AAUW's Lobby Corps and members across the country have knocked on Congress' door for almost two years urging a VAWA that would protect all victims and improve campus safety. On February 28, 2013, the House of Representatives passed the AAUW-supported, bipartisan, Senate-passed **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA)** by a vote of 286-138. The House and Senate-passed bills will protect all victims, including Native American and immigrant women; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals; and students on college campuses.

AAUW fought for this version of VAWA because it will create meaningful change on college campuses, which is essential in light of high-profile cases of rape and sexual assault. We celebrate that colleges and universities will now be required to create prevention programs for students, to have greater transparency in reporting, and to provide better services for victims. aauw.org

A Piece of AAUW History... AAUW's first research report, *"The Health Statistics of Women College Graduates,"* was published in 1885. AAUW's research established that, contrary to statements being made by a Harvard physician at the time, **education did not adversely affect women's health and would not cause women to become infertile.**

Two copies were recently rediscovered and are undergoing treatment by a professional conservator before being returned to the AAUW Archives. Outlook



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Calendar

- *March* -
- 21 - Women's History Month Program - 6:30
Wendy Irish's
- *April* -
- 9 - Pay Equity Day
- 10 - Int'l Women's Day Program - Stone's Deli
- 11 - \$tart \$mart Workshop - Bay College
- 27-28 - AAUW MI State Convention - Detroit
- *May* -
- 16 - Annual Membership / Election Meeting
- *June* -
- TBA - Rummage for Scholarships
- 9-13 - AAUW Nat'l Convention - New Orleans
- *July* -
- 21 - Garden Party - Kathy Bennett's 2-5 pm

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"AAUW advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.