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Fall Kickoff Luncheon

Saturday, September 21 - 11:30 a.m.

Pacino's Restaurant, Escanaba

Guest Speaker: **Joy Hopkins**, Bay College Board Member
Topic: ***"Partners in Education"***

Also learn about programming, events, and policy matters being planned for the new membership year.

Bring a friend along with you!

Four Menu Choices - \$15

Tuscan Chicken Pasta Salad - Italian Herb Chicken, Penne Pasta, Asiago Cheese, Chopped Greens, Scallions, Red Bell Peppers, Mushrooms, Creamy Pesto Dressing

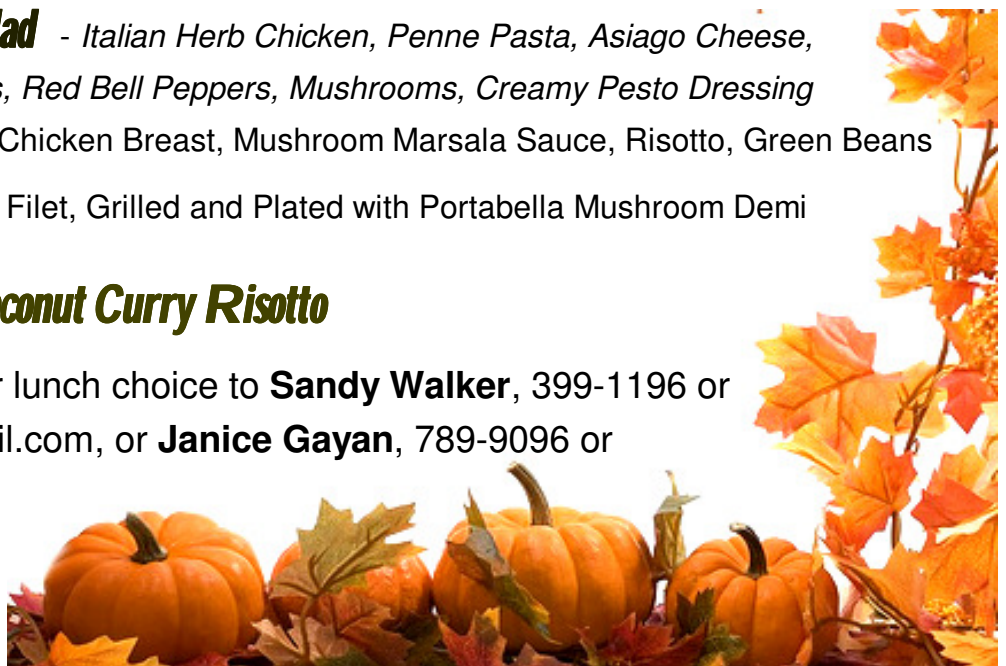
Chicken Marsala - Grilled Chicken Breast, Mushroom Marsala Sauce, Risotto, Green Beans

Bistro Steak - Bistro Chuck Filet, Grilled and Plated with Portabella Mushroom Demi Glace, Risotto, Vegetable

Roasted Cauliflower & Coconut Curry Risotto

Please RSVP with your lunch choice to **Sandy Walker**, 399-1196 or sandywalker378@gmail.com, or **Janice Gayan**, 789-9096 or jgayan@chartermi.net

by **Wednesday,**
September 18





Membership Matters

Susan Peterson, V.P. Membership

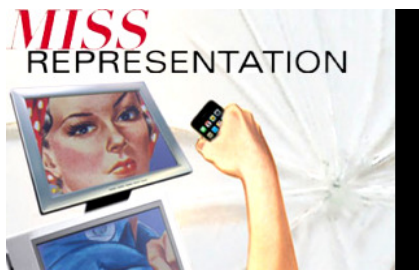


What a great year our Escanaba Area Branch is going to have! We continue to grow and we welcome new members: **Cindy Bender, Sharon Gray, Beth Noreus, Barb Van Ermen, Christine Wilson, Shirley Gollach** and **Ellie O'Donnell** (who rejoins us after a brief hiatus). ***Welcome aboard all of you!***

If you may have overlooked renewing your membership, simply use the form included in this newsletter and send it with a \$72.00 check (covers local, state and national dues for one year) to: AAUW, PO Box 40, Escanaba, MI 49829. OR, submit your dues at our annual fall Kick-Off Luncheon on Saturday, September 21. Please consider bringing a friend with you to the luncheon.

Jan Gayan and Sandra Walker have exciting events planned for us for the 2013-2014 year. Check out the calendar in this newsletter and mark your calendars for AAUW!

I've turned my President Hat inside out and now come to you as V.P. for Membership. Please call 906-789-0816 or e-mail me at 9susanmoo@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns regarding membership.



Join us at Bay College to watch "**Miss Representation**"
Thursday, October 17 - Room 952C Heirman Bldg

This film explores how the media's misrepresentations of women have led to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence.

5:30 p.m. Guided Campus Tour / 6:30 p.m. Film

Homes for the Holidays

AAUW Members: We will need all of you to help with the house tours on December 1st!! Five homeowners have agreed to open up both their first and second floors for viewing. This means we will need extra **woman-power** at each home.

There will be a list of the five homes and a sign-up sheet at the Kick-Off Luncheon. Ticket information will be available as well.

If you can't make the luncheon but are willing to help, please call Kathy at 786-3415. The tours will run on Sunday, December 1, from 1 until 4. We are expecting a sellout crowd!

Kathleen Bennett



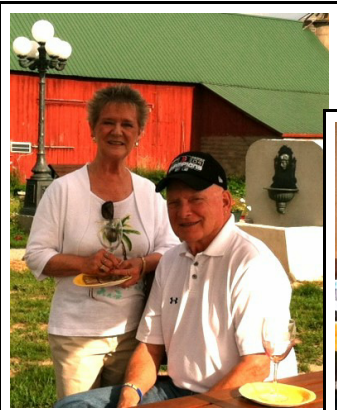


Summer Events

Garden Party



Winery Tour





Our branch, in partnership with Bay College, is planning another **\$tart \$mart** workshop for 2014. In the meantime, keep up with \$tart \$mart online.

"Like" the **\$tart \$mart Facebook** page to stay up-to-date on the latest news about \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops, and join the national discussion on negotiation and fair pay! We need your voice!

Four-Star Charity - *Again!*

AAUW Mission in Action

Only 10 percent of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized rating agency, have been given the coveted four-star rating for the past three years in a row. AAUW is one of these few! That means that AAUW efficiently applies your generous donations to efforts that achieve our mission — advancing equity for women and girls.



2013 Impact Grant Advances Advocacy

The AAUW Convention in New Orleans was the occasion for the announcement that **Michigan** was again selected to receive a 2013 AAUW Public Policy Impact Grant. Other states and combined state projects receiving grants are: Illinois, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York,

Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wyoming, Illinois-Missouri and Oregon-Washington.

The 2013 Impact Grant awarded to AAUW of Michigan will focus on two priority issues:

- **Pay Equity** issues including advocacy for legislation at both the federal and state levels of government;
- **Human Trafficking in Michigan.** Two AAUW of Michigan state board members, President Janet Watkins and Membership V.P. Penny Larsen, Ed. D., are members of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) and will share information for branch members to use in their programming and their branch action plans.



*"When women succeed, America succeeds. This agenda is about the future of America's families and the growth of America's economy." **Pelosi** - July 2013*

AAUW Supports the *Economic Agenda for Women and Families* recently revealed by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and House Democrats

This year, our nation marks the 165th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights convention that addressed women in social, economic and political life. The Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions at the convention recognized the potential of women's contributions to our nation and demanded that women be granted all the rights and privileges that men possessed.

American women have made great strides since that historic gathering – but there is more work to do to provide women with the economic security and opportunities they deserve and their families need.

That is why House Democrats are offering the ***When Women Succeed, America Succeeds: An Economic Agenda for Women and Families***—an agenda that stands on the shoulders of what was accomplished at Seneca Falls by addressing the economic challenges facing women and families today.

PAY - The Problems: *Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law, women continue to earn less than men:*

- Women make only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, amounting to a yearly gap of \$11,084 between full-time men and women. That \$11,084 lost could purchase 89 more weeks of food or more than 3,000 additional gallons of gas or more than one year of rent for a woman's family.
- For African American women and Latinas the pay gap is even larger. African American women on average earn only 64 cents and Latinas on average earn only 55 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men.
- The minimum wage is a women's issue; nearly two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. Yet the minimum wage has not kept up with inflation over the last 45 years – with the minimum wage now, in inflation-adjusted terms, more than 30 percent lower than it was in 1968.

The Solutions:

- Paycheck Fairness
- Increase Minimum Wage (Including Tipped)
- Invest in Job Training and Education Opportunities
- Protect and Restore Employment Rights
- Support Women Entrepreneurs/Small Businesses
- Pregnant Workers Fairness
- Adequate Tools to Investigate Wage Discrimination

AAUW Mission In Action

Branch Officers

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Calendar**- September -****21 - Fall Kick-Off Luncheon****- October -****16 - Candidates Forums****17 - Movie Night - "Miss****Representation"** Bay College 6:30 Rm
952C / Bay tours @ 5:30**- December -****1 - Homes for the Holidays****7 - Lunch with Santa****- January -****16 - Branch New Year's Party - 6 p.m.**

Sue Peterson's

- February -**18 - Book Night****- March -****2- Dinner/Theater - 2 p.m. "Spamalot"**
followed by dinner @ Hereford & Hops

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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.