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Join us for
some literary fun!

Book Night

Thurs, February 19

Bring a book to share - we will order out for pizza

5:30 p.m. - Kathy Bennett's home: 321 S. 6th St - Esc.

RSVP to 786-3415 by Tuesday, February 17

50 Years of Players - Behind the Musicals

Take a trip down memory lane as Players revisits some of their favorite productions!

Sunday, March 1st - Bonifas Theater - 2:00 p.m.

Play Tickets \$15

Followed by dinner at Hereford & Hops

RSVP to Deb Trombly by **Wed. Feb 25** @ 420-3083

or respond to email for the following:

a.) Tickets & Dinner, b.) Tickets Only, or c.) Dinner Only





The Bay College
Start Smart training is scheduled for
Equal Pay Day itself:
 Tuesday, April 14
 2 to 4:30 pm Rm CB 231

Seating is limited, so AAUW members wishing to attend should sign up at least 2 weeks in advance with Molly Campbell at campbelm@baycollege.edu

I also have confirmed at least one student, **Sarah Unger** (some of you may remember her from our fall luncheon a few years ago on politically active young women) will join me for the **Start Smart overview Breakout sessions at the Convention in May**. We may also have a couple of other students also, but Sarah for sure!

Molly V. Campbell
 Social Sciences & Humanities - Bay College

Homes for the Holidays - 2015

It is not too early to be thinking of ways to help with the **Homes For the Holidays** house tours in December.

Ellie O'Donnell and **Kathy Bennett** are co-chairs. Call Kathy at 786-3415 with any possible homeowners to contact.

Women & Men Agree: Gender Pay Gap Is a Top Problem

A new Gallup poll reports that, when asked what are the most important issues facing working women in America, both women (41%) and men (37%) listed **fair pay** at the top issue. Next were **equal opportunity** for promotion and advancement, and **ending gender discrimination**.
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ESEA Legislation

Urge representatives to support the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)**. Until it is updated, the current and flawed **No Child Left Behind Act** remains the law of the land. It will:

- Spends public funds on public education only & not private school vouchers or "portability" schemes that would pave the way for vouchers in the future;
- Holds schools accountable for demonstrating that they are meeting educational goals;
- Requires annual, statewide assessments that measure each student's progress toward meeting the state's college and career-ready standards;
- Requires schools to collect and break-down data on students' performance by subgroups and cross-tabulated by gender so they can identify and close achievement gaps; and
- Reauthorizes and fully funds the Women's Educational Equity Act to provide resources to fully implement Title IX. AAUW.org



Lunch with Santa

Another sellout crowd enjoyed a **Super Swingin' Time with Santa** on December 5th!

We couldn't put on this community event year after year without help from so many; branch members, Gladstone HS GHS, musicians, Central United Methodist Church, Walgreens, Gladstone & Escanaba Schools, Bay College, Saykllys, and of course, Santa (Dennis Swanson). Thank you, all!



Back L-R: Liz Labay, Ryan Hubert, Cailin Carignan, Sophie Carlson, Zoie Berg, Brooke Labumbard, Santa, Carol Berquist, Margaret Carignan, Betty Wagner - **Front**: Bev Ladin, Helmi Lepisto, Deb Trombly, Dorothy Kollmann, Iris Robare



2nd Annual M. Jean Jokipii Memorial SpeechTrek Contest

Seven students from area high schools (Bark River-Harris, Escanaba, Gladstone, & Mid-Peninsula) participated in this year's SpeechTrek contest. Winner, Iris Robare, moves on to the state-level competition with the winner to be announced at our AAUW of MI State Convention in May.

Thanks to everyone who helped in making this another successful event: branch members, spouses parents, teachers, administrators, Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, Toastmasters Int'l, and of course, the participants.

This year's topic was **"How to be a Change Agent Against Bullying, Sexual Harassment, and Violence."**



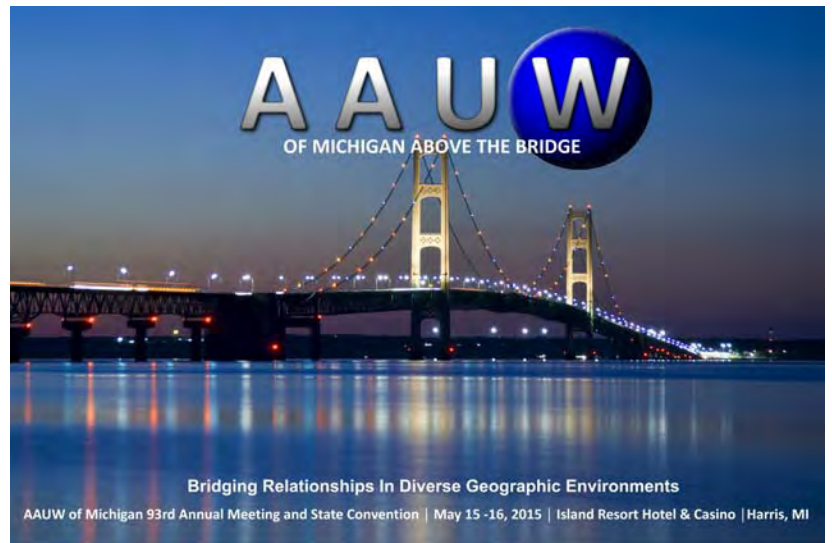
Back (L-R) Liz LaBay, Dan Sampson, Mitch Taylor, Neil Hivala, Betty Hivala, Janet Viau, Sharon Gray. **Front**: Shirley Gollach, Sue Hampton, Terry Hampton, Christina Hanson, Iris Robare, Brianna Allen, Margaret Carignan, JoAnn Clark



Winners (L-R):
 3rd - Christine Hanson (Mid-Pen)
 1st - Iris Robare - (Gladstone)
 2nd - Brianna Allen (Esky)

Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Attend the 2015 AAUW of Michigan State Convention in Escanaba, Michigan!

Save the Date:
May 16-17, 2015



Reason # 1: It will be the education of a lifetime! Did you know long, long ago an alliance known as the "Three Fires" was started by three brothers who shared similar lands and backgrounds. All were of the Anishinabe and lived in the eastern part of North America. After numerous wars and migrations, the tribes moved to the Great Lakes area. The oldest brother, Chippewa (Ojibwa), was given the responsibility of Keeper of the Faith. The middle brother, Ottawa (Odawa), was the Keeper of the Trade, and the youngest brother, Potawatomi (Bode Wad Mi), was responsible for keeping the Sacred Fire; hence the name, "Keeper of the Fire."
[<http://hannahvilleschool.net/HOW/>]

"Wise women always look for a return on their investments." This year's 2015 AAUW of Michigan Annual Meeting & Convention is such a good deal. Combining investing in your growth as a leader with vacationing in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, you get the most bang for your buck.

Learn about the history of the Potawatomi (pronounced: Poh-tuh-WAH-toh-mee) nation, tour Escanaba, hone your leadership skills, network with other AAUW members, learn more about AAUW programs in our skill-building workshops, such as the **How to Teach College Women Salary Negotiation: \$start \$mart**, get up to date on public policy issues like **Campus Safety and the Campus SaVe Act**, and how to bring the power of **One Member One Vote** to the 2015 AAUW national elections. Gain new insights and inspiration from women leaders such as adventurer and inspiration keynote speaker **Frida Waara**, and **AAUW VP of Government Relations, Lisa Maatz**, as well as a dynamic panel of local women leaders from the Escanaba, Iron Mountain/Kingsford & Marquette areas. Early registration is open now through May 3. Visit the AAUW of Michigan website for complete details about how to register, book travel and hotel. Looking forward to seeing you Above the Bridge!

Watch for more reasons in the coming months.

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Calendar

- *February* -
- 19 - Book Night: Pizza & Pages**
Kathy Bennett's 6 p.m.
- *March* -
- 1 - Player's de Noc Musical - 2pm**
Dinner @ Hereford & Hops - 5 pm
- *April* -
- 14 - Equal Pay Day**
- Bay College \$tart \$mart
2 to 4:30 p.m. - Room CB 231
- *May* -
- 15-16 - AAUW State Convention & Election of Officers - Island Resort**
- *June* -
- 18-21- AAUW National Convention In San Diego**

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