

Branch Bulletin

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It's almost here!! **AAUW of MI Annual State Convention** May 15 - 16 at Island Resort & Casino Escanaba Area Branch, Michigan So many great things are planned: What's Inside? National speakers 2 - Election of Officers Informational breakout sessions - Start Smart Shopping, dining, & socializing - Rummage Sale - Holiday Home Tours Of course, we would like to see STRONG U.P. 3 - AAUW of MI representation so, PLEASE be sure to register Convention either online: <u>http://aauwmi.org/convention/</u> or **Registration form** 4 - Convention Flyer mail in registration form is enclosed

Bridging Relationships In Diverse Geographic Environments

OF MICHIGAN ABOVE THE BRIDGE

AAUW of Michigan 93rd Annual Meeting and State Convention | May 15 -16, 2015 | Island Resort Hotel & Casino | Harris, MI

Branch Officer Elections



The 2015 Branch Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates:

- Recording Officer: Jo Ann Clark
- Membership VP: Sharon Gray
- Program VP: Kathleen Bennett

The election will be held Friday evening at Island Resort & Casino - watch for info

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee (Liz LaBay, Bev Ladin, Cindy Blahnik), and to the candidates for their willingness to serve!



* REMINDER *

The Bay College **\$tart \$mart** 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 <u>campbelm@baycollege.edu</u>

Molly V. Campbell

Social Sciences & Humanities - Bay College

Rummage for Scholarships

Calling All Members! Please start collecting your rummage items for the **Branch Rummage Sale** being held in conjunction with the City Wide Sale on

June 5 & 6 - 9 am to 2 pm

Watch e-mails for drop-off and set-up dates. Call Kathy Bennett at 786-3415 if

you can help. We would like members who cannot donate items to contribute \$5 towards the fundraising efforts!





Homes for the Holidays

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

- home history researchers & writers
- ticket takers / crowd control 12:30-2:30 and 2:30 to 4:30 shifts
- cookies
- 1 more homeowner to participate

Ellie O'Donnell (280-1787) and **Kathy Bennett** (786-3415) are co-chairs. Call for more information or with any possible homeowners to contact. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for scholarships - we need everyone's help!



Bozho Nikan! (Boh-Zho Nee Kahn Potawatomi welcome for "Hello Friend!")

Convention Highlights

At this year's convention, you'll meet and hear from leading experts, educators, and distinguished leaders, enhance leadership skills in workshops, enjoy a tour into Escanaba and the history of the area:



Lisa Maatz, AAUW's top policy adviser and V.P. Government Relations, with her engaging personality, knowledge, and wonderful wit will deliver the AAUW national update, moderate Friday's public policy panel, engage AAUW members during Friday evening's reception and conversation.



Frida Waara, adventurer, leader and inspirational speaker, "Journey to the Top of the World" with Frida as she shares her story of courage and survival in the most unforgiving diverse environments on the planet! Be inspired by her experiences to push beyond limitations and pursue your own dreams and adventures.



Dr. June Klees, professor and historian at Bay de Noc Community College, will establish a historical framework for our public policy panel discussion on Friday, as a distinguished group of U.P. women leaders dialogue on issues impacting women and girls in the UP and how AAUW public policy priorities Intersect and respond to them.



Hear 2014-15 AAUW of Michigan M. Jean Jokippi Speech Trek winner (2013-14 winner Alyson Barra pictured left).

AAUW of MI Leadership Workshops				
Α	Constant Contact			
В	Start Smart: Teaching College Women Salary			
	Negotiation			
С	Campus Safety – Campus SaVe Act			
D	AAUW One Member One Vote			

Workshops are designed to increase knowledge and enhance leadership skills

The following speakers have been confirmed for the convention:

Lisa Maatz, AAUW V. P. Government Relations

Frida Waara, Keynote Adventurer & Inspirational Speaker

Dr. Laura Coleman, Speaker President Bay de Noc Community College

Karlyn Rapport, Panelist Public Policy Director, AAUW Marquette

Earl Meshigaud

Cultural Director & Spiritual Leader Hannahville-Potawatomi Tribal Council

Kenneth Meshigaud, Tribal Chairman Hannahville-Potawatomi Tribal Council

Molly Campbell, History Professor \$tart \$mart Facilitator Breakout Session Bay de Noc Community College

Senator Tom Casperson Michigan 38th District

Dr. June Klees, Speaker/Panelist Professor of History, Bay College de Noc Community College

Karen Lindquist, Panelist Board Member –Delta County Historical Society

Molly Meshigaud, Panelist Hannahville-Potawatomi Tribal Council

Noreena Dwyer Meshigaud, Panelist Hannahville-Potawatomi Tribal Council



Escanaba & Harris History, Shopping, Fun!

Join AAUW members for an afternoon (Friday) of history, shopping and fun. Enjoy a delicious boxed lunch or opt for lunch at the House of Ludington (it is reputed to be haunted) in Escanaba. Built in 1864, E. Gaynor built the Gaynor House hotel, which he renamed the Ludington House in 1871, after lumberman Nelson Ludington. The hotel exemplifies Queen Anne resort architecture, popular in the 1880s and 1890s. Or, take in the history of the Potawatomi people at the Hannahville Potawatomi Heritage Center.

Tour sites and activities scheduled:

- Afternoon in Escanaba (Friday, May 15)
- Shopping!
- Historic House of Ludington
- Leigh's Garden Winery (enjoy your boxed lunch here and some wine tasting)
- Sand Point Lighthouse (beautiful restored lighthouse and historical center)

Mary Terry was one of the first women lighthouse keepers on the Great Lakes, and would feel right at home in the fully furnished and restored light house if she visited today. Rumors abound that decades after her death she occasionally makes an appearance to check on the lighthouse. - See more at: <u>http://www.visitescanaba.com/lighthouses-46/#sthash.YEsgpMXa.dpuf</u>

- Delta County Historical Society (\$3 donation)
- Hannahville Indian Community Cultural Center
- William Bonifas Art Center (adjacent to the Sand Point Lighthouse)
- Reception at Island Resort Hotel & Casino (heavy hors d'oeuvres and conversation with Lisa Maatz)

Register for the 2015 convention at the AAUW of Michigan website: <u>www.aauwmi.org/convention</u>. **Registration fee: \$85** (before May 3).

Fee covers: Friday's breakfast, lunch and dinner and Saturday's breakfast and lunch.

Hotel: Special AAUW rate Thurs (\$89); Fri (\$99; Sat (\$99)

Charter Bus Transportation: April 1 deadline to book seat - \$170 roundtrip (64% capacity or 34 persons each bus). Two 56 passenger buses leaving from 5 designated stops. Fare slides as we approach 100% capacity (\$103 at 56 persons each bus). Members will receive refund for difference day of travel day. Buses leave 7:30 AM Thursday morning.

Reserve your seat at the website: <u>aauwmi.org/convention#transportation</u>.

House of Ludington





Contact: Janet Watkins, VP Program, AAUW of Michigan – <u>idenisewatkins@aol.com</u> or by phone 248-884-4732

Branch Officers			Calendar
President	Shannon Taylor	428-4491	- April-
President-Elect	Margaret Carignan		14 - Equal Pay Day
V.P. Membership	Janice Gayan	789-9096	- Bay College \$tart \$mart 2 to 4:30 p.m Room CB 231
Co-VP Programming	Sandra Walker	786-7636	- May -
Finance Officer	Laura LaPine	428-3891	15-16 - AAUW State Convention & Election of Officers - Island Resort
Recording Officer	Liz LaBay	786-8122	- June -
AAUW Funds	Bev Ladin	786-1067	5-6 - Branch Rumma3ge Sale, 9 am-2 pm
Col/Univ Relations	Molly Campbell	789-6377	18-21- AAUW Natl Convention - San Diego
Historian	Kathy Bennett	786-3415	- Jwly - 19 - Summer Social - Kathy Bennett's 2 pm
Int'l Affairs	Anne Schaaf	786-3818	- December -
Newsletter,Bylaws	Deb Trombly	428-1745	6 - Lunch with Santa
Public Policy	Sandra Walker	786-7636	13 - Homes for the Holidays

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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.