



# Branch Bulletin

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Join us as we *Kick Off* an *exciting new membership year!*

**Branch Kick Off Luncheon**  
**Saturday, September 27**  
Island Resort & Casino - 11:30 am

### Lunch Choices:

- Bridge Salad: \$12** - Spinach with romaine tossed with apple vinaigrette, topped with walnuts, pear, brie cheese, and grilled chicken
- Sirloin Steak: \$12** - 6oz Certified Angus Beef steak grilled to perfection and served with cheddar smashed red potato
- Fish & Chips: \$15** - "Island Ale" battered Lake Superior white fish with French fries and coleslaw

RSVP to Shannon at (906) 428-4491 or 420-0525 by **Tue, Sept. 23rd**

Come see what is in store for our new membership year, and help us start **planning for the AAUW of MI State Convention**

## "Above the Bridge"

**May 16-17, 2015**



## Pre-Holiday Fashion Show & Lunch

**Saturday, November 8** - House of Ludington Ballroom  
**Tickets \$25 at Walgreens & Positively** - Live music by **Travis DuBord**  
Doors open at noon - Lunch 12:30 - Fashion Show 1:15

AAUW Branch members will be modeling fashions and accessories from **Christopher & Banks, Lisa Ann's, The Morrison Shop, and The Victorian Gift House**. If you are interested in modeling, contact **Kathy Bennett** at 786-3415 ASAP!



This is a new and exciting fundraiser for our two Bay College scholarships. **Please tell your family, friends, and co-workers!**

# Membership Matters



We have 36 paid memberships for this new membership year, which means there are still over a dozen we would love to hear from!

We have an exciting and eventful year in store, and will need everyone's help on our many projects! Dues are \$75 mailed to PO Box 40, Escanaba, or renewed at Kick-off lunch.



## New Bullying Prevention App!

**School is Starting ... Unfortunately, so does Bullying**

Tell everyone you know to download the new **KnowBullying App** from **StopBullying.gov**.

KnowBullying, a new mobile app by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), encourages dialogue between children and their parents, caregivers, and educators.

## Victory for AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-Supported Plaintiff

AAUW applauds the recent decision by the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination (MCAD) in the case Sun v. U of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Plaintiff Lulu Sun, *who received case support from the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund*, was awarded significant damages, including \$200,000 for emotional distress. Sun, an English professor, alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)



## AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Supports Sex Discrimination Suit against University of Tennessee - August 12, 2014 [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund announced today that it will provide support to the plaintiffs in ***Moshak v. University of Tennessee***, a case that underscores the everyday nature of gender discrimination in college athletics.

The lawsuit was filed in 2012 by Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser, former employees of the University of Tennessee's women's athletics department. The plaintiffs allege sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, and the **Equal Pay Act of 1963**. They claim they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger of the men's and women's athletic departments.



Schlosser and Mason argue in part that they were fired by UT after making internal complaints alleging unequal pay between the men's and women's athletic departments. Moshak claims she was forced to retire after being demoted and marginalized. The plaintiffs also say that during the merger, which was led by newly hired Athletic Director Dave Hart, the vast majority - 86% - of positions terminated either were held by women or were associated with the women's athletic department.

# Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

According to a 2007 U.S. State Department report, 80 percent of transnational victims are women and girls. Because the majority of victims are female, **girls need to be educated about the dangers of trafficking make them less vulnerable to offenders.**

**1-888-3737-888 National Human Trafficking Resource Center-** a national 24-hour, toll-free, multilingual anti-trafficking hotline.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL  
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS  
800,000 TOTAL



AAUW encourages members and branches to get involved in the fight against trafficking.



## 2014 AAUW of Michigan Presents

### **Innovative Leadership II: What Does It Mean to *LEAN IN?***

Check the AAUW of MI website for conference agenda and registration.

### **Saturday, October 11 in Battle Creek.**

There are many great topics and speakers lined up including Key Note Speaker: **Amanda Knief**, expert on religious freedom and civil liberties. Author of "**Citizen Lobbyist: A How-To-Manual for Making Your Voice Head in Government.**"

### **M.Jean Jokipii SpeechTrek 2015 Topic Announced**

The topic of "campus safety" was authorized for **Speech Trek** at the July AAUWMI board meeting. The state Speech Trek committee refined the topic into something with which high school students could work with:

***"How to be a change maker against bullying, harassment and violence in school."***

I hope all of you will be willing and able to work on this important speech project again this coming year. More details to follow!

Susan Hampton Ph:630-1577

### ***Get Your Jingle On!!!***

**Lunch with Santa** is set for Saturday, December 6. Those wishing to have a *holly, jolly* time may contact Deb Trombly to help at 420-3083

All members are asked to **bring a raffle toy or donate \$5** to support one of our branch's **major fundraiser for the Bay College Scholarships.**

**Verify Registration or Register to Vote at:**

<http://www.aauwaction.org/> or

**ROCK THE VOTE** .com

**Rock the Vote** is the largest non-profit and non-partisan organization in the U.S. driving millions of youth to vote at the polls - ***share the website with the Millennials in your life!***



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**Calendar**

- **September** -
- 27 - Kick Off Luncheon** Island Resort & Casino - 11:30 a.m.
- **October** -
- TBA - Candidates Forum**
- **November** -
- 8 - Fashion & Accessories Show**  
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- **December** -
- 6 - Lunch with Santa**
- **January** -
- 15 - New Year's Party** - Hse of Ludington  
5:30 hors d'oeuvres & cash bar
- **February** -
- 19 - Book Night: Pizza & Pages**
- May16-17, 2015 - AAUW of MI Conf in Esky!!!**

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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.