



# Branch Bulletin

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## Remember when?



How many recognize  
this earlier version  
of the AAUW logo?

# General Membership Dinner



- ☒ Election of Officers
- ☒ Awards / Recognition
- ☒ Programming Plans including **M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Trek Project**

**Thursday, May 16 - House of Ludington**  
**5:30 Social - 6:00 Dinner & Programs**

Dinner Selections: - Honey Bourbon Salmon  
- Chicken Marsala  
- Bacon-Wrapped Pork Fillet

Dinner is \$20 (includes tip) - payable to House of Ludington at event

Also includes: beverage, roll, side salad, baked potato, and dessert.

\*Dinner selections & reservations to Sue Hampton @ 630-1577 **by Monday, May 6** \*

***The Nominating Committee of Kathy Bennett, Bev Ladin, and Sandra Anderson is pleased to announce the election slate for 13/14:***

- Membership Vice President: **Susan Peterson**
- Program Co-Vice Presidents: **Janice Gayan & Sandra Walker**
- Recording Officer: **Liz LaBay**

*"Thank you" for the Committee's hard work and everyone's willingness to serve!*



## 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.*

On the recommendation of the LAF Committee, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to **seven ongoing LAF cases**:

- *Cioca v. Rumsfeld, Klay v. Panetta, and Hoffman v. Panetta (military)* - \$15,000
- *LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana Univ* - \$6,500
- *Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College* - \$5,000
- *Thein v. Feather River Comm College* - \$5,000
- *Wartluft v. Feather River Comm College* - \$5,000

### Updates on Two Military Cases

In February 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the defendants' motion to dismiss ***Klay v. Panetta***, stating, "As the Supreme Court has made clear: Judges are not given the task of running the Army." This was the same reasoning offered in the ***Cioca v. Rumsfeld*** lawsuit, which essentially classified rape as an occupational hazard. Lawyer Susan Burke will appeal the decision.

## President's Ponderings

by Susan Peterson  
Branch President



Hello Everybody. Last weekend I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the **AAUW State Convention** in Ann Arbor. There were two days of talks by fantastic speakers including **U.S. Senator Carl Levin** and **State Senator Rebecca Warren**. The theme of the convention was "**Empowering Women**" and if we weren't all empowered by the time we left, we were certainly inspired.

A true highlight of the weekend was viewing the Academy Award Nominated documentary, ***The Invisible War***. This film records the interviews of several women and a couple of men who have been sexually harassed, abused, and ultimately raped by fellow servicemen while serving in the military. The most shocking aspect is the fact that the military judicial system does not function as does the civilian system. The victims were mostly powerless as in so many cases it was a commanding officer who had committed the

crime. Reports often ended in horrible retribution. One of the women in the film, **Kari Cioca**, of Saginaw, MI, became the main focus of attention. She was serving in the US Coast Guard when she was physically and sexually abused and raped, and is still recovering emotionally and physically.

When the film ended, Kari appeared on stage willing to elaborate on her experience and answer questions. We AAUW members should be so proud to be supporting this fragile young woman through our **Legal Advocacy Funds**. It will be a long journey for her and her peers.

**This will be the last newsletter item I will be writing as your Branch President.** I was reluctant to take on the position two years ago, as I felt I was too new to the community. But, it has been such fun because of your many words of encouragement and support! You are all such a great group of women who always respond so positively to requests of the membership. I will be around, perhaps in another capacity, but if not, at least as a member. Thanks again to all of you.

**Susan**



## *April's Road Scholar Program* with **Anne Schaaf**

Over 30 members and guests attended the International Program event last month at Stone's Deli.

**Anne Schaff** shared how she felt the need to "find herself" after the demands of raising a family had subsided. Anne did this through travel

with the help of the Road Scholar Program which offers over 5,500 travel plans for the United States and 150 countries.

Anne shared photos and experiences from dozens of destinations. Her first trip was to Manitoba, Canada, and her last trip was aboard a clipper ship in the Mediterranean. Some of her other exotic destinations include: Fiji, Tonga, India, Tibet, Japan, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Israel, Cambodia, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Chile. Anne's next stop will be Greece - bon voyage!

We were very pleased to be joined by AAUW of MI State Board Member, Dr. Penny Larsen (of Marquette's Branch). Dr. Larsen is running for the State Membership V.P. position.

*The **Road Scholar Program** has been the not-for-profit leader in travel since 1975, that organizes enjoy cultural tours, study cruises, inter-generational explores, and hundreds more opportunities.*



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## **Rummage Sale Date Set: June 7 & 8, (9 am to 2 pm)**

HELP WANTED! Members are needed for the following shifts:

- **June 6 (Thur):** Set-up 4 pm to 6 pm (**Kathy Bennett's**, 321 S. 6th St, Esky)
- **June 7 (Fri) :** 8:45 am - 11 am / 11 am - 1:30 pm
- **June 8 (Sat):** 8:45 am - 11 am / 11 am - 1:30 pm / Clean up: 2 pm to 3 pm

Items can be dropped at Kathy's garage June 3 (Mon) - June 5 (Wed)

all day/evening - no clothing - **MAKE SURE everything is PRICED!**

*Remember, the profits for this event goes to the general fund to help with costs such as dinner speakers and new member recruiting.*

Call **Kathleen Bennett** @ 786-3415 if you can help in any way!



# Membership Matters - Janice Gayan, V.P. Membership



Be sure to thank **Susan Hampton** for all her hard work on the Membership Directories that were recently distributed. If you have not received yours, please contact Sue at 630-1577 or s1hampton@chartermi.net. Also inform **Sue or Jan Gayan** of any changes to your contact or educational information so we can make sure you get all our important and exciting news and announcements!

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership as Program VP. We have a wonderful Board of Directors who truly is dedicated to the Mission of AAUW: **Empowering Women and Girls since 1881**. I am certain that the next leadership team will keep us all focused on that mission. I personally am very appreciative of **Susan Peterson's** fine leadership as our Branch President and the help and support of our AAUWMI Board of Directors.

As members, we can all feel proud of supporting a variety of activities that serve our goals to give women and girls a fair chance. I am particularly proud of and satisfied with our College Partnership with **Bay College** and for initiating the **\$tart \$mart Workshop** that has been ongoing since 2011 to address pay equity.

## Program Highlights by

**Susan Hampton**

V.P. Programming



We have stayed the course with our cooperative **Voter Education** events with the League of Women Voters; started a local **STEM** promotion and recognition for high school girls; worked to **stop bullying**; continued to **support the Alliance Against Abuse**; and maintained our support for **educational issues, scholarships, and leadership training**. ***I am proud to be an AAUW member!*** We do make a difference in the lives of women!

*Susan*



## Join us for a Garden Party!

Members and guests are invited to the **Annual Branch Garden Party** at **Kathy Bennett's home - 321 S. 6th St, Escanaba**

**Sunday, July 21 - 2 to 5 pm**

This is one of our very popular summer fun events. The Branch Board will provide food and beverages. Wear a hat (we'll have some to borrow). Members, please bring a guest - it is the perfect way to introduce prospective members to AAUW.

**RSVP to Kathy @ 786-3415 by July 18**

## Branch Officers

President	<b>Susan Peterson</b>	789-0816
President Elect	<b>Shannon Taylor</b>	428-4491
V.P. Membership	<b>Janice Gayan</b>	789-9096
V.P. Programming	<b>Susan Hampton</b>	428-1254
Finance Officer	<b>Dorothy Kollmann</b>	553-7367
Recording Officer	<b>Laura LaPine</b>	428-3891
AAUW Funds	<b>Bev Ladin</b>	786-1067
Col/Univ Relations	<b>Molly Campbell</b>	789-6377
Historian	<b>Kathy Bennett</b>	786-3415
Int'l Affairs	<b>Anne Schaaf</b>	786-3818
Newsletter, Bylaws	<b>Deb Trombly</b>	428-1745
Public Policy	<b>Sandra Walker</b>	786-7636

## Calendar

- *May* -

**16 - Annual Membership / Election Meeting**  
Hse of Ludington 5:30 Social / 6 Dinner

- *June* -

**7-8 - Rummage for Scholarships**  
Kathy Bennett's Home, 9-2 each day

**9-13 - AAUW Nat'l Convention** - New Orleans

- *July* -

**21 - Garden Party** - Kathy Bennett's 2-5 pm

- *August* -

**TBA - A Night in the Vineyard**

- *September* -

**TBA - Fall Kick-Off Luncheon**

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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.