



# Branch Bulletin

December '14 - January '15 Issue

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## Lunch with Santa Saturday, December 6

Central United Methodist Church (by Esky HS - use back door)

**Helpers needed at 10:15 a.m.**

*(ticket takers, set-up, pizza servers, toy raffle)*

**Also need raffle toys &/or**

**\$5 donations mailed to:**

AAUW Santa Lunch, PO Box 40,  
Escanaba, MI 49829

Call Deb Trombly 420-3083 or

[debtkmg365@charter.net](mailto:debtkmg365@charter.net)

if you can **"Ho, Ho, Help Out!"**



## Branch New Year's Party

## De-Stress & Unwind from the Holidays

Thursday, January 15 - 5:00 p.m. House of Ludington

**\$15 - Holiday Hors d'oeuvres & Cash bar**

Help support the Tri-County Safe Harbor women's shelter that provides an important service to women and their children who are in need of a safe place to

escape from domestic violence. The following is a list of suggested items:

Gifts, Toys, Toiletries / Gift Cards

- Nonperishable Food Items / Women's & Children Clothing (new)

- Household Cleaning, Storage, Paper Products / Baby-Care Items

RSVP to Kathy Bennett **by January 12** by calling 786-3415 or

[kbennett3415@charter.net](mailto:kbennett3415@charter.net). An accurate count is needed for food

preparation and pricing. **Please make every effort to honor your**

**reservation in person or in payment** as a courtesy to your program

chairs (Sandy and Kathy). **Treat yourself to a great evening!**





# 2nd Annual M. Jean Jokipii Speech Trek 2015

January 14, 2015, has been set at the date for the 2nd Annual M. Jean Jokipii Speech Trek contest to be held at the DSISD. This year's topic: **"How to be a Change Maker Against Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Violence."**

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Members wishing to help with this event may contact event chairs:

**Susan Hampton:** Susan.hampton2@gmail.com (906) 630-1577

**Christine Ryan:** cryan1015@aol.com

**Margaret Carignan:** mmcar@charter.net



## SAVE THE DATE!

### AAUW of Michigan "Above the Bridge"

2015 Annual Meeting & State Convention

**Hosted by the Escanaba, Iron Mountain, and Marquette Branches**

Island Resort Hotel & Casino - Harris, Michigan

*Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2015*

We have got some great things planned for attendees!:

Speakers: **Frieda Waara**, Inspirational Speaker

**Lisa Maatz**, AAUW National VP of Government Relations (pictured right)

Watch for more on breakout sessions, side excursions, Yoga, Slot Tourney - plan to spend the night!



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## Holiday Gift Guide for Girls: 2014 Edition

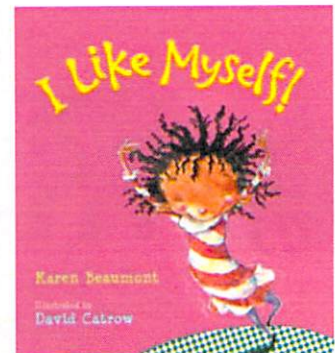
***I Like Myself*** by Karen Beaumont: Help girls build a healthy sense of self-esteem with this hilarious, fun book, which is all about being confident and appreciating who you are.

***Shadow Spinner*** by Susan Fletcher, this book tells the story from the perspective of a clever young woman who uses her creativity and quick thinking to gain confidence and become an unlikely heroine.

**Giant Art Jar** by Alex Toys

**Squishy Circuits** combine art and engineering to teach kids how to design real circuits with modeling clay you can make at home.

**"I Throw Like a Girl"** T-shirt





*Oh, What a Show!*

## *Branch Fashion Show at the House of Ludington*

Coordinators, Kathy Bennett and Susan Hampton, report the Branch Fashion Show was a smashing success. Many thanks to the stores (Christopher & Banks, Lisa Ann's, Morrison Shop, Victorian Gift House, Pink Sugar Co., Positively, Walgreens, Staples), the models, Iris Robare, Bay President Coleman, Peggy Schumann, The House of Ludington, Travis DuBord, Jack Thomas, and all the members who bought tickets for the fashion show. You can still donate to our scholarship fund if you were unable to attend. Just make a check to AAUW, send to Laura LaPine at PO Box 40, and let her know it is earmarked for scholarship fund. We hope all members will support this fund as it is one of our long-standing annual goals.



## **Escanaba Area AAUW and League of Women Voters Host a Successful Candidates Forum**

**MI Senate District 38 Candidates:**

Chris Germain (D); Tom Casperson (R)

Branch President, **Shannon Taylor**, moderates  
Sue Scheeneman, LWV, assists with questions



**"Thank you"** to the many members who helped with this important community event at the Escanaba City Hall!





**Branch Officers**

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**Calendar****- 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**

Kathy Bennett's 6 p.m.

**May 16-17, 2015 - AAUW of MI Conf in Esky!!!****- March -****TBA - Player's de Noc Musical & Dinner****- April -****14 - Equal Pay Day****- May -****15-16 - AAUW State Convention &  
Election of Officers - Island Resort**

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