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Please Join Us!

Summer Pot Luck Social

Sunday, July 20 - 4:00 p.m.

Kathy Bennett's home at 321 So. 6th Street, Escanaba

Members are encouraged to **bring a guest** who might be interested in joining or learning more about AAUW

Fashionable Hats *optional*

Bring Your Favorite Summer Dish - Beverages Provided

Please RSVP to 786-3415 **by July 18** if you plan to attend

Hope to see you there!



Delta County Historical Society Museum Tour set for Wednesday, August 20 - 5:30 p.m.

Here is your chance to tour the ***newly renovated museum!*** Branch member and DCHS member, **Karen Lindquist**, will open the museum after hours to provide us with a tour. Donations are encouraged.

A **picnic potluck** will follow at **Susan Peterson's home** - 6:30 at 720 Lake Shore Dr. - Escanaba. The Band Concert in the Park (across the street) is at 7:30

RSVP to **Janice Gayan**, 789-9096 or 280-0907 or **Sandy Walker**, 786-7636 or 399-1196

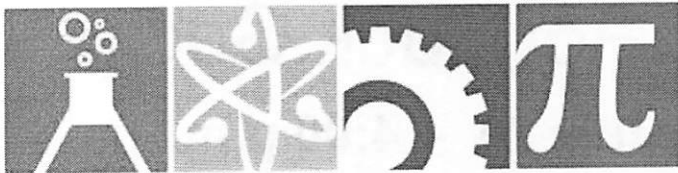


Membership Matters - Susan Peterson, V.P. Membership



Only 17 of our 50 members have renewed membership thus far. The **2014/15 Dues Form is enclosed** on page 5 for your convenience.

If you are unsure if you have mailed in a check yet, contact Finance Officer, **Laura LaPine** at 428-3891 or lapinel@slh-cpa.com



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in **science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)** as part of our mission to break through barriers for women and girls.

Our research, policy, and nationwide programs encourage members to work from their own communities to ensure that we reach equity in these important fields.

The Escanaba Area AAUW is pleased to announce the 2014 STEM Award Winners! Escanaba Area AAUW Branch STEM Awards were given to outstanding Math and Science student at:

Escanaba High School: Rylee Doucette & Taylor Oswald

Gladstone High School: Abby Flaminio & Mikayla Depuydt

Each student was presented with an AAUW STEM Certificate of Achievement and \$100 at their school's awards ceremony.



Don't tell her she is pretty...

**Tell her she is
*pretty amazing!***

AAUW of Michigan - State Convention News

Three local branch members were able to attend this year's state convention held in Detroit. **Deb Trombly**, **Joy Holman**, and **Laura Lapine** are pictured below with Association President, Pat Hoe.

Our local winner of the **first annual M.Jean Jokipii SpeechTrek contest**, Alyson Barra (Bark River HS), was awarded the top state award at the convention. Alyson was present to give her winning speech on the topic "*Women at the Top: Why So Few?*" and earned a standing ovation from attendees. Everyone was thrilled to have Jean's lifelong friend, **Joy Holman**, present the award (*center below*).

"Thank you!" to **Susan Peterson** and the Chamber of Commerce for providing the Delta County tourism bags and Saykly's Yooper chocolate bars that were distributed at the convention to help promote next year's event to be hosted by our branch at the Island Resort and Casino!



Election Dinner Update

Attendees of the May 22 Election Dinner at the House of Ludington enjoyed a Year In Review of the past programs and events, and a look at what is in store for next year.

Margaret Carignan (below far left) is the new President-Elect, and **Laura Lapine**, elected Finance Officer, is shown giving a report below (center). **Kathleen Bennett** received the Member of the Year award (in red below).

The evening concluded with a tour of the historic House of Ludington guided and narrated by **Kathleen Bennett**.



Rummage Report

Profits totaled \$338!

A BIG "thank you" to those who set up, donated treasures or money, worked the sale, or helped clean up. Next year we hope to involve more members.

Start saving your treasures now!





AAUW LAF -

Favorable Decision Upheld in Discrimination Case

The Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination recently upheld a 2011 decision in favor of **Legal Advocacy Fund-supported** plaintiff Associate Professor Lulu Sun, concluding that the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, engaged in unlawful discrimination in denying Sun, an English professor, a promotion.

AAUW is thrilled by the decision and proud to play a part in supporting her case. AAUW Mission & Action

Title IX Turns 42!

Although we've made great progress with 42 years of Title IX, today's athletes need your help to break down a significant barrier that still remains: a lack of information.

Unlike colleges, **high schools are not required to release data** on equity in sports, making it difficult for parents, students, and high schools to determine if boys and girls have equal access to athletic opportunities.

The **High School Data Transparency Act** (H.R. 455/S. 217) would address this gap by requiring high schools to report basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams.

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Title IX and the Clery Act laws work together to protect students from sexual violence

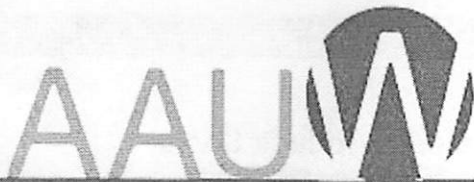
Title IX is an invaluable tool to fight campus sexual assault. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education, including protecting students from sexual harassment in all of a school's programs or activities. Although Title IX is too often known only for its role in women's sports, the law also requires schools to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual violence, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects on campus. Title IX also provides the mechanism through which students can file a complaint if schools do not act accordingly.

Last year, the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization updated the **Clery Act**, and just this week the U.S. Department of Education took the next step in the process of finalizing the new regulations. The regulations will clarify the updated law, which requires schools to make their campus disciplinary processes more transparent, to train and educate students as well as faculty and staff, and to update sexual assault policies. The updates to the Clery Act also call for gathering new statistics, starting this year, about domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

The newly created website **NotAlone.gov** details for students what responsibilities schools have under Title IX to respond to sexual violence and aims to ensure that students know their rights and how to file a complaint.

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Escanaba Area Branch, MI

Membership Dues

Eligibility: Any individual, regardless of gender, 2014/15
with an **associate's or equivalent degree or higher.** \$75.00

Name: _____ Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Degrees: _____ College/Univ: _____

Occupation/Title: _____

Employer: _____ ☐ Current ☐ Retired

**** Note: \$46 (National AAUW portion) is now tax deductible! ****

Checks payable to "AAUW" and mail to: Escanaba Area AAUW, PO Box 40, Escanaba, MI 49829

New Members or Changes

Making an Impact for Women & Girls

AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Your membership makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger on critical issues affecting women and girls.

Locally: AAUW has a network of nearly 1,000 branches across the United States, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Branch members enjoy opportunities to network at the local level, sponsor community action projects to promote equity, serve in branch leadership positions, and lobby local and state legislators on AAUW priority issues.

The Escanaba Area branch supports two Bay College scholarships, and hosts community events an monthly program events.

Nationally: AAUW is a leader, supporting precedent setting cases for women workers denied promotions at Wal-Mart, military veteran survivors of sexual assault, college/university staff experiencing unfair pay, and many more.

Globally: AAUW promotes the empowerment of women and girls every day — across the US and around the world. Leaders in global affairs for more than a century, AAUW has awarded more than 3,300 international fellowships to women from 132 countries. We collaborate with leading international organizations and coalitions and advocate on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations to break through barriers for women and girls.

Also Includes:

- Subscriptions to Michigan AAUW & AAUW Outlook
- Membership in the **oldest** and one of the most **highly respected** women's organizations

Branch Officers

President	Shannon Taylor	428-4491
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V.P. Membership	Susan Peterson	789-0816
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Newsletter, Bylaws	Deb Trombly	428-1745
Public Policy	Sandra Walker	786-7636

Calendar**- July -**

20 - Cocktails & Potluck Social -
Kathy Bennet's Home - 4 pm

- August -

20 - Museum Tour / Picnic Potluck
5:30 Tour / 6:30 Potluck / 7:30 Band Concert

- September -

27 - Kick Off Luncheon- Island Resort &
Casino 11:30 a.m.

- October - TBA**- November -**

8 - Fashion & Accessories Show
Hse of Ludington

- December -

6 - Lunch with Santa - CU Methodist Church

May 2015 - AAUW of MI Conf in Esky!!!

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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.