



# Branch Bulletin

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## Please Join Us!

**Sunday, July 19**  
2 - 5 p.m.

**Kathy Bennett's**  
321 S. 6th Street, Esc



### Bring Yourself - Bring a Guest

Meet new board members & branch members

Get a look at the new program schedule

Summer refreshments provided by the Board

RSVP to Kathleen 786-3415 or kbennett3415@charter.net  
by Friday, July 17

## Picnic in the Park / City Band Concert

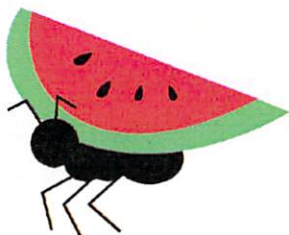
**Wednesday, August 5 (rain date, Aug. 6) Ludington Park**

Look for the AAUW picnic table near the Band Shell

**Members & Guests should bring their own picnic  
supper - 6:30 pm**

**Escanaba City Band Concert**  
**7:30 pm**

*Hope for great weather!*







## New Branch Officers

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

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



Branch Board 2015-16 (L-R): Margaret Carignan, Kathleen Bennett, Laura LaPine, Sharon Gray, JoAnn Clark

## Branch Rummage Sale ...

... cleared over \$300 again this year!



Many thanks to Kathy Bennett for organizing the event, and for all the members who worked and donated items.

**Lunch With Santa - December 5** - Watch for sign up sheets at the Fall Kickoff Luncheon. You won't want to miss out on the holly, jolly fun!

It is never too early to shop for raffle toys - remember, we need about **30 new toys / books / games**, etc. for the drawing.

## *Holiday Home Tour*



## Homes for the Holidays

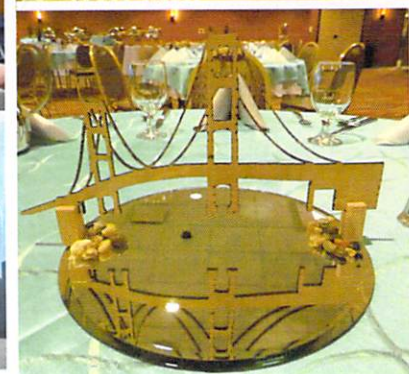
The 2015 house tours are set for **Sunday, December 13**. Needed are:

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

Call co-chairs **Ellie O'Donnell** (280-1787) and **Kathy Bennett** (786-3415) for more information or offers to work the event. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for scholarships - we need everyone's help!



**Above the Bridge - AAUW of MI State Convention-goers received VIP treatment thanks to Sue Harris, Sue Hampton and countless others who worked to make the first U.P. event a success!**





## Association News

### AAUW National Election

The 2015 election was a great success, with 12 percent of the membership voting — more than double the 5% quorum required by Association bylaws.

**All proposed bylaws and public policy changes passes except for eliminating the degree requirement with 56% voting "No."**

**2017 Convention will be held in Washington D.C.**

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### Legislative Update

Early next week the Senate will vote on the **Every Child Achieves Act (ECAA)**, the first major update to federal K-12 education laws since the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Yet, incredibly, the legislation would eliminate the Women's

Educational Equity Act, which authorizes grants to implement Title IX, at a time when gender equity work in the states is more important than ever. That's why the Senate must pass Sen. Blumenthal's (D-CT) Gender Educational Equity Amendment, which keeps this important assistance in schools.

AAUW Action Network

### Demand More Than the Symbolic Change

While strides have been made since the Equal Pay Act was signed into law in 1963, women are still paid on average only **78 cents** to every dollar paid to men. And things aren't getting much better. Our research shows that the gender pay gap has barely budged in a decade. **At the current rate, the gap won't close for another 124 years, or until 2139.**

The US Treasury asked for feedback on the design to have a **woman appear on the \$10 bill** which will be unveiled in 2020 - AAUW provided their feedback below:

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### President's Ponderings *Margaret Carignan*

Greetings,

Happy Summer! Yes, summer is here. The calendar says so and the weather person is predicting that warmer weather is on the way. This month we hold our annual **Summer Social** at **Kathleen Bennett's** home, and this is a fine time to invite people who might be interested in our mission of **"Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls"** to come along, enjoy a pleasant afternoon, have a look at us, and ask some questions about AAUW. Helping women to complete their education by providing scholarships is the ideal that led me to join this wonderful bunch of strong women.

As your new president, I am looking forward to the next two years and intend to give my best effort leading our local AAUW chapter in established activities while seeking out and being open to new ones. I know that you are also very interested in all of the issues that impact the lives of women. With this in mind, please feel free at any time to give suggestions to myself or any other board member. You can find their names listed in this newsletter.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you that helped in any way to make our AAUW of MI State Convention such a **huge** success. Many compliments were received while at the convention and I received a note from the President-Elect of the State Board, Penny Larson, saying what an amazing job everyone had done.

Hoping to see you on the 19th at Kathy's place.

**Margaret**



Escanaba Area Branch, MI

## Membership Dues

Eligibility: Any individual, regardless of gender,  
with an associate's or equivalent degree or higher.

2015/16

\$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 and a 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	<b>Margaret Carignan</b>	786-4189
V.P. Membership	<b>Sharon Gray</b>	280-2424
VP Programming	<b>Kathy Bennett</b>	786-3415
Finance Officer	<b>Laura LaPine</b>	428-3891
Recording Officer	<b>Joanne Clark</b>	786-8150
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	- Open -	
Newsletter, Bylaws	<b>Deb Trombly</b>	428-1745
Public Policy	<b>Sandra Walker</b>	786-7636

**Calendar****- July -**

19 - Summer Social - Kathy Bennett's 2 pm

**- August -**

5 - Picnic in the Park/City Band Concert  
6:30 - Picnic supper / 7:30 Concert

**- September -**

26 - Kick Off Luncheon - Island Resort  
5 Bridges Restaurant - 11:30 am

**- October -**

TBA - Candidates Forum  
TBA - Down Town Business Women  
31 - AAUW of MI Leadership Conf in Livonia

**- November -**

19 - Women in the Arts @Leigh's Garden

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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.