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Auld Lang Syne New Year's Party

Thursday, January 21

House of Ludington

**\$15 - Holiday Hors d'oeuvres & Cash bar
Cocktail hour 5:30-6:30 pm**

"Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish expression meaning "the good old days." Let's bring in the new year by glancing back at vintage branch photos. Please bring any photos you may have to share.

RSVP to **Kathy Bennett** by **January 18** call: 786-3415 or 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.**

Bring items for the Women's Center.

Treat yourself to a great evening!



JESSICA NEUWIRTH

WITH A FOREWORD BY GLORIA STEINER

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL

WHY THE TIME FOR
AN EQUAL RIGHTS
AMENDMENT
IS NOW



"An essential tool for the new movement."
-U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney

Book Night!

 Join us Tuesday, February 23
7 pm at Kathy Bennett's home to discuss:

"Equal Means Equal" by Jessica Neuwirth

- The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972
- 1982 - 3 states short of ratification
- **Where does it stand TODAY???**

Bring a friend - Bring a dessert!

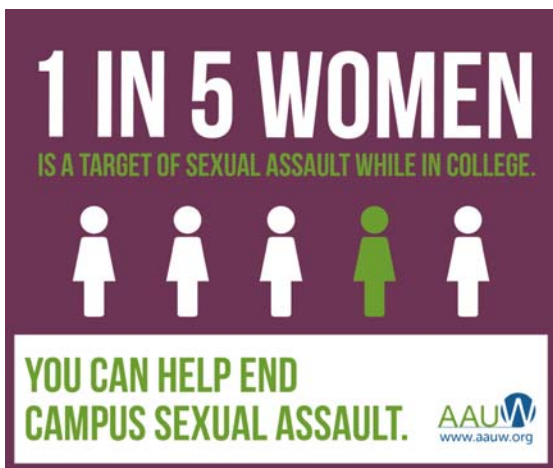
3rd Annual M. Jean Jokipii Speech Trek 2016

Our branch is sponsoring the Third Annual AAUW of Michigan M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Contest for area high school students to be held Wednesday, January 13, at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD in Escanaba. This year's contest theme is **"Pay Equity: I am worth more than...."**

Monetary prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top three contestants. The top contestant will compete at the state level for a \$500 prize. The state winner will deliver his/her speech at the AAUW of Michigan state convention Troy on April 30, 2016. "Thank you" to the many branch members and community members who are helping support this event!



Susan Hampton, Maryanne McLeod, Co-Chairs



AAUW Fights Sexual Assault on Campus

Studies show that one in five women are sexually assaulted while in college. The U.S. Department of Education has, as of February 11, 2014, 39 open investigations into sexual violence on campuses, including such high-profile cases as the University of California, Berkley; Michigan State University; the University of Michigan; and Penn State.

Just as AAUW led efforts to make campus safety a part of VAWA, we will continue to lead efforts to stop campus sexual assault by raising awareness of this issue and ensuring that universities comply with federal laws meant to keep students safe. AAUW.org

Legal Advocacy Fund: Kurz v. Indiana University East (IUE)



IUE has a national championship-qualifying volleyball team. Several former members of the team filed suit against the school under Title IX, alleging that IUE hired a volleyball coach who the players say sexually harassed them. The players claim that IUE hired the coach despite knowing that he had a history of sexually harassing female athletes. The players also allege that they notified the school of the coach's behavior and IUE refused to protect them. Further, the players claim that when the coach learned about the players' complaint to IUE, he dismissed several of them from the team. The dismissed athletes not only lost the opportunity to play, they also lost their school scholarships, jeopardizing their educational futures.

At the time of the harassment, the players say that IUE did not have a Title IX coordinator as required by law. Even after they complained about the coach's behavior, the players claim that IUE did not tell them about their rights under **Title IX**. Although the players went to several different school administrators for help, they claim that IUE failed to intervene to stop either the harassment or the retaliation that followed when the coach learned about the complaints.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund began supporting Kurz v. IUE in 2015.

AAUW.org

Lunch with Santa

There was no shortage of fun at this year's Lunch with Santa.



Homes for the Holidays

How can we ever thank our members enough for all the assistance given during our **Homes for the Holidays** event??? **EVERY TICKET** was sold this year ... **what a great success!**

Ellie O'Donnell and I are already looking at some possible homes for 2017. We would *love* to hear some suggestions from our members - it's not too early to begin contacting home owners about our next tour! No date has been set, but please call with any questions, home suggestions, or ways we can make the tours better!! **THANK YOU**, again, for making the tours sooo wonderful.

Kathy Bennett, Co-Chair



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Calendar

- *January* -
- 13 - Speech Trek Competition**
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- 21 - Branch New Year's Party - 5:30 pm**
House of Ludington
- *February* -
- 23 - Book Night: "Equal Means Equal"**
Kathy Bennett's home - 7 pm
- *March* -
- 6 - Musical Matinee & A Meal: "Lucky Stiff"**
- *April* -
- 12 - Equal Pay Day & \$tart \$mart, Bay**
- 30 - AAUW of MI State Convention**

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