## **Elevator Speech**

The American Association of University Women or AAUW is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity. Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political.

Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

I am a member of the Iron Mountain/Kingsford Branch of AAUW. Our main projects are our book sale, which raises funds for our scholarships for traditional and non-traditional students; our Candidates' Forum, which features candidates running for public office, so that our public can be informed; and Speech Trek, which is a speech contest for local high school students. We also have monthly programs, which feature timely and interesting programs related our mission.

All degreed individuals are welcome to join us. Would you like to be my guest at our next monthly meeting?