



The Twig

AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

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President's Message by Carol Arnosky

Happy 2025 to everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful December with families, friends, presents, food and most of all: Love!

Our AAUW branch had another successful year in 2024, including earning 4 stars (Advancement, Communications, Programs, and Governance) in the AAUW Five Star Recognition.

This year will be a very unique year, and we must do what we can to support AAUW and Women's Rights.

President Joe Biden still has a few more days to do at least one more important task. A coalition of more than 100 House Democrats, as well as AAUW, have urged the administration to ratify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th amendment to the United

States Constitution. The ERA will advance gender equality and defend constitutional rights, particularly as the country prepares for a new government that is openly hostile to reproductive freedom and LGBTQIA+ rights.

I hope you all will stay involved, write or call your representatives (local, state and national), and utilize the Two Minute Activist provided by AAUW.

Thank you for your ongoing support and advocacy!



January General Meeting by Chris Ferrando



There will be no January General Meeting. The Program Committee would like to thank all the members and their guests who have attended branch meetings this year.

We hope you found the meetings not only informative but also stimulating. Thank you for your continued patronage. We welcome program suggestions from our membership anytime.

We look forward to seeing you in February.

Branch Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, and Liz Kapla

December General Meeting Success by Carol Arnosky

We had a wonderful December luncheon at the Midland Country Club, topped off by their delicious Peppermint Sundae Pie! Our members brought and then talked about their favorite ornament or Christmas accessory. Some items were 50 or 60 years old, and some were newer. They all have interesting and loving stories. We enjoyed the table chats and camaraderie with each other.

We also heard about the Midland County Food Assistance Network or MCFAN during this Season of Giving. Their Outreach Manager, Pesi Kennett told us how MCFAN provides coordination among pantries, supporting churches, groups, and agencies in the distribution of food and supplies. Our generous members donated funds to this organization to help them continue their work.



Branch members at our December meeting

Mark Your Calendar

May 2-4, 2025 – Used Book Sale at the Midland Mall

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