



The Twig

AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

May
2025

May Branch Meeting

by Liz Kapla

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 12:00 pm
(doors open at 11:45 am)
Midland Country Club – Ballroom C
(handicapped accessible)

Have you wondered what is going on at the Midland Center for the Arts? Has the Center recovered from the flood? How are they changing the building? What is happening in the Museum?

Joe Davis, the Center's Project Manager, will update us on all the exciting changes being made at the Center for the Arts. The meeting will also include the presentation of the 2025 Named Gift Honoree and an update on the Spring Used Book Sale.



The luncheon will feature a grilled chicken citrus salad with arugula and mixed greens, orange and grapefruit segments, thyme citrus vinaigrette (on the side) with blueberry and banana muffins and almond angel food cake for dessert and coffee and tea. Guests are welcome. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations will be welcomed until May 20. Make checks payable to AAUW – Midland Branch. Send your payment to Liz Kapla, 1205 Bayberry, Midland, MI 48640. You may also contact Liz at ekapla@charter.net or call her at 989-631-7365.

Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, Liz Kapla

President's Message by Carol Arnosky



Hooray!! Another very successful Book Sale is in the books (and packed away in the storage locker). Our methods and traditions have worked so well for over 60 years; I guess you can say they have gotten even better with age! We have an incredible team of volunteers to handle the thousands of donations. I was asked for my final step count for the sale weekend - it was approximately 77,000 steps, walking in circles around the mall center court, but I never got dizzy! Happy May to all!

Used Book Sale Success by Trudy Dutot



Eager shoppers

Photo credit: Carol Arnosky

The Spring 2025 Used Book Sale was a great success thanks to the many hours of hard work by dedicated AAUW Midland Branch members, family, and friends. The deposits for this sale, including net credit card deposits totaled \$17,736. The sales for Friday were \$13,036.70 which makes it the second highest for a Friday. Saturday was a great day as well. Sales amounted to \$3,503.57 which is the highest we have had for a Saturday.

Thousands of books were donated. We started with 255 banana boxes and 95% of the books sold so we had about 12.75 banana boxes left at the end of the sale! Clean-up was very easy!

Branch members, spouses and friends listed below are to be thanked for their contributions towards the success of the Spring sale. Special thanks to Joe Sepesey, Steve Arnosky, and Mike Dutot for setting up the A-Frames. As always, the Exchange Club did a great job bringing out the books to the sales area.

**The next sale is scheduled for
September 26, 27, 28, 2025.**

Thank you all! See you then.



Good night banana boxes. Good night barrels. Good night berry trays and crates. Good night moon. See you in September.

Credit: Photo and Magical Organization by Trudy Dutot

Thank You...

Carol & Steve Arnosky
Teresa Beadlescomb
Jill, Mike, Addison, & Ethan
Birchmeier
Kerry Buell
Judy Cline
Ruth Copp
Judi Cox & Nate V.
Judy & Tom Donahue
Trudy & Mike Dutot

Chris Ferrando
Barb Galloway
Nancy & Ed Hannum
Mary Harding
Meg Harding and Stan
Halpin
Marge Haskell
Carol Hoerneman-Plaush
Jean & Bob Julier
Deb and Mark Kaiser
Liz & Roger Kapla
Julie Kennedy
Candy Keysor-Oudman
Jan Lanter

Mary Sydney Matuska
Alice Morgan
Pam Murchison
Gina Pederson
Pauline Pittsley
Carolyn Robert
Carol Sarnacke
Joe Sepesey
Kim Steinke
Valerie Trabucchi
Sharon Voss
Donna & Roy Wedge
Jane & Dave Wirth

Public Policy Update by Jane Wirth

Here are a few tidbits from the AAUWMI virtual annual meeting:

* Every member has the opportunity to vote for national officers. Voting closes on May 13. Have you voted??

* AAUW's Strategic Plan will be released on May 13 with a webinar. It will focus on education.

* A state version of the "two-minute activist" is in the works by AAUWMI.

* Midland Branch ranked 4th among state branches in donations to national AAUW.

* Midland Branch ranked 2nd among state branches in per capita giving!

Let's revisit and revive our AAUW "elevator speech" to quickly define AAUW's goals.

Have you been a Two-Minute Activist recently? Go to AAUW.org and click on the "Take Action" option in the heading.

NCCWSL Scholarship Winners

by Carol Hoerneman Plaush



Isabel Cole

The 2025 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland/College Park is May 28th through May 30th, 2025. Our two Scholarship Winners, Paige Filice, a nursing major, and Isabel Cole, a social work major, have registered with Naspa, made travel arrangements, and are looking forward to a wonderful experience at NCCWSL.



Paige Filice

Mark Your Calendar

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