



# TRAVERSE CITY AREA BRANCH

## ANNUAL MEETING

*SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011, 9 AM*  
*HISTORY CENTER*

### New Members

#### April 2010–March 2011

- Joyce Boynton
- Amber Buist, 2010 Scholarship winner
- Sondra Hardy
- Kari Kahler, College/University Representative
- Kathleen Keller
- Carol LeGray
- Metta Lansdale
- Martha Norris
- Amy Shamroe
- Kay Steed
- Judy Strickland

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### Agenda

- **Welcome**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Introduction of New Members and Guests**, Darlene Garland, membership vice president
- **Introduction of 2010–2011 Board of Directors**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Introduction of NCCWSL delegate**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **2010 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Appointment of Minutes Reading Committee (3)**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Board Reports**
  - » **Branch**, Laurie Gabel, president
  - » **Program**, Laurie Gabel for Deb Jackson, vice president
  - » **Membership**, Darlene Garland, vice president
  - » **Finance**, Etta Rajkovich, finance officer
  - » **AAUW Funds**, Irene Brown, chair
  - » **Public Policy**, Amy Shamroe, chair
  - » **Interest Groups**, Sis Leake, interest group liaison (*see individual interest group reports below*)
  - » **Fundraisers**, Shirley Murray, communications chair
- **Presentation of the Slate of Officers for 2011–12**, Nominating Committee: Shirley Murray, chair (board), Ellie Tacke, Eleanor Shaw (at large)
  - » **Program Vice-President: Deb Jackson**
  - » **Membership Vice-President: Jo Collins**
  - » **Nominating Committee: Eleanor Tacke, chair; Jan Coley, member-at-large**
- **Election of Officers**, Shirley Murray, chair of Nominating Committee
- **Appointment of Nominating Committee Member-at-Large for 2011–2012**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Comments and questions from members**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Adjournment**, Laurie Gabel, president
- **Program begins**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

**GRAND TRAVERSE AREA BRANCH**

**ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 13, 2010**

**GRAND TRAVERSE HERITAGE CENTER, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN**

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Murray at 6:45 p.m. Board members were introduced. In addition, Murray mentioned Jill Fenton and Jan Coley are retiring from the Board. Members who have joined within the last year and attending the meeting were introduced. Metta Lansdale, the new Director of the Traverse Area District Library, was also introduced.

Murray announced that Erica Hamilton will be attending the NCCWSL for women student leaders in June near Washington, D.C., representing Northwestern Michigan College. Kari Kahler of NMC will serve as the liaison for this selection.

The 2009 minutes, as printed in the annual meeting booklet, were approved by the members. Jan Coley and Dotty French agreed to serve on the Minutes Reading Committee for 2010.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Coley presented the Financial Report and Proposed Budget, as printed in the annual meeting booklet. She also mentioned 2010-11 dues are now due.

President Murray introduced the book, *Eleanor, Quiet No More*, which will be presented to local school libraries next fall by the AAUW.

In addition, the Education/LAF committee was mentioned. Irene Brown has served as its chair for a long time. The local AAUW scholarship recipient will be selected in May and introduced at our June meeting.

President Murray listed the numerous interest and study groups in AAUW. Groups new in 2009-10 include Writing, Foreign Affairs/Travel, and Poetry. Sis Leake was introduced as the new Interest Group Chair. She informed the group of the new Mahjongg group. Murray mentioned the Book Sale group will meet additional times prior to the book sale, and Barbara Disborough agreed to serve as publicity chair, when requested.

Election of officers: Ellie Shaw introduced the two additional members of the nominating committee, Darlene Garland and Shirley Murray. The slate of officers was introduced: Laurie Gabel, President; Etta Rajkovich, Finance; and Sandra Seppala, Secretary. Sis Leake made a motion to elect the slate, which was seconded by Margaret Jones; approval was unanimous. Shaw announced a nominating committee was needed for 2011, and Jane Vitkus agreed to serve with two additional members necessary.

Murray introduced the new president, Laurie Gabel, who spoke briefly and then presented a plant to Shirley Murray.

Program Vice President Deb Jackson introduced the program. Speakers were Maryln Lawrence, Gloria McClay, Vicky McDonnell, and Jo-Ann Henle, all AAUW members. Lawrence, McClay, and McDonnell all spoke of personal experiences and Henle read a story she wrote about her grandmother.

Shirley Murray stated the following members will be attending the state convention in May: Shirley Murray, Sandy Seppala, and Laurie Gabel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor Tacke, secretary *pro tem*

**BRANCH OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

**President**

Laurie Gabel

**Vice President Program**

Deb Jackson

**Vice President Membership**

Darlene Garland

**Finance Officer**

Etta Rajkovich

**Secretary & Newsletter Editor**

Sandy Seppala

**AAUW Funds, Scholarship,**

**Books for Schools**

Irene Brown

**Public Policy**

Amy Shamroe

**Communications**

Shirley Murray

**University/College Liaison**

Kari Kahler

**Community Outreach**

Letha Cairns

**Member Outreach**

Ellie Tacke

**Interest Groups**

Sis Leake

**Hospitality**

Sandra McDonald

**Interest Groups**

**Verna Mae Daytime Book**

**Group**

Maryln Lawrence

**Evening Book Study**

Deanna Kelly

**Bridge**

Cyndy Newton

**Lunch at Lobdell's**

Alta Cameron

**State Theater Volunteers**

Bonnie Willings

**Foreign Affairs Group**

Margaret Jones and Sandy Seppala

**Recreation Group**

Jane Kirschke

**Stitch & Talk (SAT)**

Sandy Seppala

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## Board Reports

### Branch

*Laurie Gabel, president*

This has been a year of learning for me. I have been a member of our AAUW branch for several years, but never active in more than some meetings and playing bridge. In this one year I have become more knowledgeable from sharing the branch leadership with our excellent board. I hope that you, the branch members, feel that you have gained also.

Some of the programs we have done this year include supporting the Cherry Festival, offering a program of art and books to kids at Friday Night Live downtown (a huge success), the book sales, our involvement in the Children's Book Fair, and our holiday auction sales and party. It's been a good year!

We have accomplished some other things this year as well:

- Joined the History Center where we now have an office for meetings, a space for sorting and storing books, a phone number, and an address.
- Established a Facebook page and a new Google email account.
- Began having monthly meetings. This year, since it is the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW, we are meeting around the theme of "Visions for the Future." Our programs have been interesting and informative and have connected us to other organizations in the community.
- Began monthly board meetings where we attend to the business of the organization and try to make inroads into new programming as well.
- Had a planning workshop to create a vision for our own

future as a branch.

- Increased attendance at the State AAUW Convention from four in 2010 (Shirley Murray, Sandra Seppala, Deb Jackson, and Laurie Gabel) to six in 2011 (add Jo Collins and Etta Rajkovich to the list from 2010). It is a good way to learn more about the AAUW and to see what other branches are doing.
- Three people will attend the national convention in Washington, D. C. in June where Michelle Obama will be the keynote speaker.
- Increased email correspondence to the board and our branch members.
- Revised our bylaws with updated language and organizational structure to conform to AAUW standards. As we begin a new fiscal year, I hope to meet more of you, to see us begin to offer more of the programs available through AAUW, and to help us continue our work on behalf of women and girls.

### Program

*Deb Jackson, Vice President*

#### *Program*

The board instituted monthly branch meetings beginning in September 2010. Most meetings were held at the History Center, following our partnership there.

The Program Committee met in January and chose the program theme, *Visions of the Future*, for 2011.

#### **2010-2011 Meetings**

##### **2010**

- April 13: **Annual Meeting, Supper and Program.** Heritage Center, Tuesday, 6:30 PM. Annual branch business

meeting, elections, and program. Speakers from our membership were Maryln Lawrence, Gloria McClay, JoAnn Henle, Vicky McDonnel.

- May (20) 21-23: **Book Sale.** Heritage (now History) Center, Friday, setup; Saturday-Sunday, sale.
- June 8: **Branch Outing.** Tuesday, 6 PM. Tour of the Iris Farm followed by a tour of and presentation at the Light of Day Organics Tea Company.
- July 8: **Cherry Festival Junior Royale Parade with the Heritage Center.** Thursday, 5 PM. Marched with AAUW banner and book sale information.
- August 15: **Annual Picnic.** Settlers Cove at Long Lake, Sunday, 4 PM.
- August 20: **Friday Night Live Booth on Front Street.** Distributed children's books and information about AAUW. Snow White (Deb Jackson) and the Tin Man (Irene Brown) made appearances.
- September 1: **Branch Meeting.** G. T. Pavilions, Wednesday, 7 PM. Topic: *Healthy Aging*. Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Jackson, Certified Geriatrician.
- October 9: **Fall Kick-off Meeting.** History Center, Saturday, 9:30 AM. Guest speakers: AAUW State President Sally Doty and NCCWSL attendees and Minnie Votruba Moore Scholarship awardee.
- December 2: **Holiday Party.** History Center, Thursday, 6 PM. Silent auction for single items and themed baskets; set-priced items; door prizes. Program included: entertainment provided by musical duo, *Family Reunion*; short talk

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by Branch President Laurie Gabel; and poetry reading by emcee Jill Fenton. Sixty people in attendance and we raised more than \$1,300 for our scholarships.

### 2011

- **January 20: Branch Meeting.** History Center, Thursday, 7 PM. Topic: *Vision of the Y in Traverse City*. Guest speaker: Tom van Deirse, The Y director.
- **February 16: Branch Meeting.** History Center, Wednesday, 7 PM. Topic: *Vision of our Library*. Guest speaker: Metta Lansdale, director, Traverse Area District Library (TADL).
- **March 8: Branch Meeting.** History Center, Tuesday, 7 PM. Topic: *Vision of the Water around the Bay*. Guest speaker: Ellen Kohler, policy specialist, Watershed Center.
- **April 9: Annual Meeting, Brunch, and Program.** History Center, Saturday, 9 AM. Annual branch business meeting, elections, and program. Program topic: *Run Across Ethiopia*. Guest speakers: Mary Moore and Anne Stanton

### Membership

*Darlene Garland, Membership VP*

This was an exciting year for Membership. On November 18, we held a membership drive initiative at Fustini's Oils and Vinegars on Front St. in Traverse City. Members were asked to bring at least one potential AAUW member for the vinegar and oil sampling, fellowship, and introduction to AAUW.

As a result, Kay Christian, Laurie Gabel, and Ellie Shaw received certificates for successfully

recruiting new members.

During the year, members provided me with names of women they thought might be interested in joining our branch. I sent invitations to all of them.

At our March branch meeting, Marge Eckert was presented with an Honorary Life Membership certificate after 50 years of being an AAUW member. She spent most of those years in the Dearborn Branch but became an active member in our branch when she moved here in 2007.

#### New Members

Eleven women have joined our branch between April 2010 and March 2011:

- Joyce Boynton
- Amber Buist, 2010 Scholarship winner
- Sondra Hardy
- Kari Kahler, College/University Representative
- Kathleen Keller
- Carol LeGray
- Metta Lansdale
- Martha Norris
- Amy Shamroe
- Kay Steed
- Judy Strickland

### Finance

*Etta Rajkovich, Finance Officer*  
See the Finance Report on p. 4.

## AAUW - Traverse City Area Branch

### Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

	7/1/2010
<u>Statement of Income and Expenses</u>	<u>to 3/31/2011</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Dues - National, State, Local	\$ 3,054
Book Sales	7,726
Program Income	2,839
Investment Income	332
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 13,951</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Dues -National, State	\$ 2,569
Branch Programs	2,053
Program Support	2,205
AAUW Support - Education Foundation & Legal Advocacy	3,060
Management & General	1,542
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,429</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,522</b>

### Statement of Financial Position - March 31, 2011

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash & Savings	\$ 46,389
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 46,389</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity - Retained Earnings	\$ 43,867
Net Income	2,522
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>46,389</b>
<b>Net Assets - March 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 46,389</b>

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## Secretary

*Sandra Seppala, secretary*

### Minutes

I've prepared minutes for each board meeting. They included an action list at the beginning of the minutes and clearly identified motions. After approval, I archived the minutes in a binder. The binders are up to date for April 2010–April 2011.

### Bylaws

Working with Ellie Tacke and using new bylaw content from the State AAUW Bylaws chair, I updated our branch bylaws. They were reviewed and approved by the State Bylaws chair.

### Northern Views Newsletter

As editor, I prepared the newsletter every other month throughout the year: April–May 2010; Summer 2010; September–October 2010; November–December 2010; February–March 2011; April–May 2011. Members contributed articles, and I wrote articles, edited all articles, and designed and prepared the newsletter in InDesign, a desktop publishing program. For publication, I prepared a color, PDF copy for the website and for sending through email, and a grayscale copy for printing.

Additionally, I maintained mailing lists; prepared and printed labels; and folded, labeled, stamped, and mailed newsletters.

I sent a PDF copy of the newsletter and the calendar to the webmaster to post on our website.

## AAUW Funds, Scholarship, Books for Schools

*Irene Brown, AAUW Funds and Education chair*

### AAUW Funds

To support women in higher education and to achieve their full potential, our branch contribution in 2010 to AAUW Funds included \$500 to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and \$2,500 to the Educational Foundation.

### 2010 Women's Book Project

Since 1998, AAUW-TC has participated in the Women's Book Project that has as its goal the distribution of books featuring girls and women as the major subject.

The 2010 selection, *Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt* by Doreen Rappaport, was distributed to 14 Traverse City elementary school libraries, 5 Leelanau county elementary school libraries, 6 Traverse Area District libraries, 1 each to the Suttons Bay and Empire libraries.

Including this year, we have donated 427 books at a cost of \$3,046.

### Minnie Votruba Moore Scholarship

In 1975, Minnie Votruba Moore contributed the first \$1,000 to establish this scholarship that carries her name. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and assist area women who are enrolled in full or part-time accredited college or university programs who reside in the Grand Traverse area.

Amber Buist, 2009 graduate of Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree and currently enrolled at Central Michigan University in the MSA

Public Administration program, was the recipient of the \$1,500 scholarship in 2010.

The scholarship awardee is announced and introduced at the June branch meeting.

## Public Policy

*Amy Shamroe, Public Policy Chair*

In 2011, AAUW is still leading the charge for pay equity. Though the Paycheck Fairness Act was not passed, we can continue to work towards our goal and join efforts by President Obama to pass pay equity legislation.

Information regarding action on policy issues like health care reform, funding for family planning, and threats to education have been provided as they arose.

Nadine Dolan, Public Policy chair until June 2010, participated in an AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) phone conference in May 2010. The primary subject was the nomination of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Our branch continues to support the national *Elect Her* program with the goal of encouraging more women to run for political office. We will work more with this program in 2011 in preparation for the 2012 election season.

## Communications

*Shirley Murray, Communications chair*

My focus has been on keeping communication lines open and to ensure that AAUW continues to be known for its support of women and girls.

Accomplishments include—

- Served as webmaster for our website and provided input to our Facebook page. Posted a

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color version of the newsletter and the calendar.

- Ensured that our activities were published in our local newspapers. Several meetings merited articles in addition to a calendar listing.
- Networked with other organizations that share our goals in activities and to recruit for our branch.

## University/College Liaison

*Kari Kahler, College/University Liaison*

### NCCWSL

Last June, AAUW and Northwestern Michigan College co-sponsored **Erica Hamilton**, an NMC student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus, from June 3–5. NCCWSL is sponsored by AAUW and the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA).

Erica applied online for a scholarship and was awarded one by the State of Illinois AAUW.

Erica was inspired by her time at NCCWSL and coupled with her passion for Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two Year Colleges, she is running for the International Vice President of Division III office of Phi Theta Kappa in April.

The final two candidates will present a speech on the Honors Study Topic—*The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, Promise* to 4000+ delegates on April 9. The winners will be announced on that evening.

**Shauna Quick**, another NMC student has been selected to attend this year's NCCWSL conference, June 2–4.

Shauna is finishing her Associate's Degree at Northwestern Michigan College and transferring to the University Center. Shauna works part-time for both the NMC Osterlin Library and the Traverse Area District Library. Her career goal is to be a media librarian.

### Women's History Month

AAUW-TC, the Women's History Project of Northwest Michigan (WHPNM) and the Alpha Rho Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa co-hosted *Strength in Numbers: Working Women and Unions in the 1900s* on Saturday, March 12, in the Fine Arts Auditorium at Northwestern Michigan College.

AAUW contributed and served the refreshments for this event.

## Community Outreach

*Letha Cairns, chair*

### Women's Resource Center

We supported the Women's Resource Center by asking members to donate items that could be sold on eBay to raise money for the WRC.

### Friday Night Live

This year, the outreach committee participated in the Traverse City's Friday Night Live. Members staffed a booth where children drew pictures of favorite scenes from books and also received new books, which were donated by The Jenkins Group.

It was a huge success with the children, in particular the visits from Snow White (Deb Jackson) and the Tin Man (Irene Brown). AAUW members also had a great time. We will participate again in 2011.

## Member Outreach

*Ellie Tacke, chair*

New members were contacted by email prior to our February 2011 meeting inviting and encouraging them to attend.

Several responded, especially those who were not currently near Traverse City—in other words, enjoying warmth and sunshine elsewhere. They plan to come to the branch meeting following their return to Traverse City.

It is good to know we have so many new members.

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## Interest and Study Groups

### Writing

*Shirley Murray, chair*

The AAUW sponsored writing group met on the first Wednesday of the month, year round from 3–5 PM at the Traverse Area District Library. Members bring multiple copies of manuscripts for peer editing. There are currently 20 members in the group.

### Evening Book Study

*Deanna Kelly, Chair*

The group meets the second Thursday from September–May, 7 PM, at one of our member's homes. We discuss the book selection for that month with the help of a discussion leader.

### April 2010–May 2011 Schedule

- April 8: *The Eight* by Katherine Neville
- May 13: Potluck and book selection for next year
- Sept. 10: Local author or TC Reads book *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell
- Oct. 14: *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D

- Nov. 11: *Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven* by Susan Jane Gilman
- Dec. 9: *Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- Jan. 13: *Annie's Ghost* by Steve Luxenberg
- Feb. 10: *I See You Everywhere* by Julie Glass
- March 10: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- April 14: *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Cadavers* by Mary Roach
- May 12: Potluck and book selection for next year

## Verna Mae Daytime Book Group

*Maryln Lawrence, Chair*

The Verna Mae book study meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Horizon Books. We gather at 10:15 AM then begin the discussion at 10:30. There are currently 20 members. We welcome newcomers to the group.

The group chooses the following year's books in June. Each member is expected to lead the group once. She selects one book to review and research background information to present to the group. Books selected for TC Reads and the Great Michigan Read are always included.

### April 2010–June 2011 Schedule

- April 28: *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan
- May 26: *Elegance of a Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
- June 30: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
- Aug. 25: *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- Sept. 30: *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell
- Oct. 27: *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

- Nov. 17: *Astrid and Veronica* by Linda Olsson
- Jan. 26: *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann
- Feb. 23: *A Short History of Women* by Kate Walbert
- March 30: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
- April 27: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Sloop
- May 25: *Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama
- June 29: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

## Bridge

*Cyndy Newton, chair*

In February, the Bridge group decided to add a second bridge day on the fourth Wednesday each month. The Bridge group now meets for lunch and bridge on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

We have averaged three tables on the second Wednesday and two tables on the fourth Wednesday in February and March.

Beginning in April, we will experiment with eating at noon (instead of 11:30) and beginning play by 1 PM so that people can attend Wednesday morning movies at the State Theatre.

Bridge does not meet on days when the Traverse Area Public Schools are closed due to weather.

The group met at Fire Fly Restaurant, 310 Cass. Reservations with the chair are necessary.

## Recreation

*Jane Kirschke, Chair*

AAUW walkers met in the lobby of Traverse Area District Library to walk the Boardman path in good weather, and at the Grand Traverse Mall during the colder months. We walk from 9:30–10:30 AM on Friday mornings.

## State Theatre Volunteers and Film Festival Sponsorship

*Bonnie Willings, Chair*

### State Theatre Volunteers

There are 15–20 members on the State Theatre Volunteer list. Twice a month (the second Thursday and the third Saturday) from 12–3 PM, we don our AAUW teeshirts (or any white shirt/sweater), black slacks/skirts, and the State Theatre vests for our ushering and concessions shift.

On Saturdays, our shift follows the morning's usually sold-out children's movie, so we are busy putting away booster seats and tidying the theatre to prepare for the 1 PM show.

We've become experts on the popcorn and pop machines and the cash register, and a few take pride in washing the windows.

About a week before our assigned day, an email goes out asking who is available for our next shift.

### TCFF Film Sponsorship

Ten AAUW members, mostly from the book groups, combined their resources to sponsor "12th and Delaware," one of the films in the 2010 Traverse City Film Festival. Attendees gave it rave reviews; it also was chosen as one of the facilitated "discussion in the park" films.

AAUW Book Group, listed as a sponsor in TCFF publications, is thanked by the host introducing the film, and is given screen credit before the film rolls.

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## Foreign Affairs

Margaret Jones and Sandy Seppala,  
co-chairs

The group meets once a month on a Monday at 1 PM to discuss topical issues related to foreign affairs. The group selects issues that correspond either to those presented by speakers at the International Affairs Forum or those in the Foreign Affairs Council Great Decisions' book. This year, we also discussed a few books.

In addition, if the topic is from Great Decisions, we view the corresponding panel discussion on DVD.

### April 2010–June 2011 Schedule

- April 19: *Halting Atrocities in Kenya* (Great Decisions topic)
- May 17: *The Global Financial Crisis and its Effects* (Great Decisions topic).
- June 21: *The U.S. and the Persian Gulf* (Great Decisions topic)
- September 20: Planning meeting for the year
- November 1: *Challenges of the 21st Century on Sub-Saharan Africa*
- December 20: Book: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond
- Jan. 24: Continued discussion of book: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond
- February 21: *Israel/Palestine Conflict*
- March 21: *U.S. National Security* (Great Decisions topic). Book: *The Next 100 Years* by George Friedman
- April 25: *India and the Middle East; Muslims and Hindus*
- May 23: TBD

- June 20: Books: *Generations* and *The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy* by William Strauss and Neil Howe

## Lunch at NMC Lobdell's Restaurant

Alta Cameron, chair

This social group, originally organized for working women, met at Lobdell's: A Learning Restaurant, part of NMC's Great Lakes Culinary Institute located in the Hagerty Center, for lunch six times during 2010–11.

We make reservations for 16 people; this year we often had fewer than 16 people. Reservations are required; cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance or the lunch cost must be paid by whomever cancelled (we are charged for the number of reservations).

Lobdell's offers the best views of the Bay in town, outstanding service, and a very interesting and delicious cuisine. All members are invited to join us for lunch.

## Poetry Circle

Jill Fenton, chair

The Poetry Circle met a few times this year on the last Sunday of the month at various members' homes. However, because of a low attendance (but enthusiasm among those who did attend), we agreed only to meet occasionally for the rest of the year.

## Stitch & Talk (SAT)

Sandy Seppala, chair

This new Stitch & Talk group started on March 1, 2011, with an organizational gathering. We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 1–3 PM, initially at the home of Sandy Seppala but at members' homes in the future.

## Sponsorships and Partnering

Our branch partnered with other organizations with common missions to sponsor community activities. We provided sponsorship funds and sometimes participated in the activity.

### • Children's Book Festival.

Organized by The Jenkins Group. Became a sponsor for the event, had volunteers there, and had an AAUW table in the lobby. Opera House, Saturday, November 13, 2010.  
Contribution: \$150

- **GirlTECH.** Event for tenth-grade girls to encourage them to consider non-traditional careers. More than 200 students attended the event. NMC's Great Lakes Campus. Thursday, November 4, 2010.  
Contribution: \$500

- **Run Across Ethiopia.** A group of local people, organized by Higher Grounds non-profit organization, raised money for organizations in Ethiopia that benefit girls and women there by running 400 kilometers across southern Ethiopia in 12 days. We contributed to the sponsorship of runner Mary Moore. January 8–12, 2011.  
Contribution: \$500

- **Interlochen Public Radio.** We contribute to Public Radio by sponsoring ads for AAUW on a weekly program.  
Contribution: \$600.08

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## Sponsorships and Partnering

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- **Women's History Month.** We partner with NMC's Phi Theta Kappa and the Women's History Project of Northwest Michigan in an annual presentation at NMC. The program highlights women and their impact on our country. Fine Arts Bldg., NMC campus, Saturday, March 12, 2011  
Contribution: \$30 for refreshments

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AAUW Michigan: [www.aauwmi.org](http://www.aauwmi.org)  
AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
Join Action Network: <http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/signup/>

## Fundraisers

Each year, we hold several fundraising activities that provide income to our branch and help fund our scholarship fund.

Note: profits below reflect the time period July 1, 2010–March 31, 2011

### Amazon Book Sales

*Shirley Murray, chair*

Our AAUW branch had another successful online book-sale year. Members helped to sort donated books, separating books that could be sold through Amazon and those that would be sold in the May Book Sale.

Profit: \$7,496.50

### AAUW Book Sale

*Shirley Murray, chair*

The second annual AAUW-TC book sale was held at the Grand Traverse History Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 22–23, 2010. Volunteers set up the sale on Friday, May 21.

Nearly every AAUW member participated. Members collected books from friends and neighbors, separating fiction from non-fiction.

Members dropped off books at homes of Sandy Seppala or Shirley Murray and at the History Center. Many members worked shifts at the sale.

Profit: \$2,428.25

### Member Book Purchases

The branch sells used books at each meeting. The books are donated by members.

Profit: \$130.50

### Parade of Homes

*Dotty French and Jane Vitkas, co-chairs*

This year we volunteered to staff a house for the Parade of Homes and were accepted. However, there weren't enough houses for all volunteer organizations. Consequently, we did not actually volunteer but received a flat fee for being selected.

Profit: \$500.00

### Cherry Festival

*Shirley Murray, chair*

This year we staffed the bingo tent and had quite a few volunteers.

Profit: \$265.00

### History Center Gift Shop

*Shirley Murray, chair*

Our branch has a display case in the History Center Gift Shop, featuring the artwork of Judy Anderson.

Profit: \$27.00

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