



Carolyn H. Garfein Elected President of AAUW

Carolyn H. Garfein, of Alpharetta, Georgia, was recently elected to a two-year term as president of the AAUW Board of Directors. The election was held at the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, which was attended by more than 1,000 members representing more than 1,300 AAUW states and branches.

In addition to the election of Garfein and other new AAUW board members, last month's national convention featured presentations by a number of high-profile political activists and elected officials who have championed the issues of importance to women and their families, including Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), and the face of pay equity, Lilly Ledbetter.

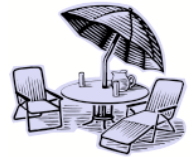
Garfein represents a long tradition of accomplished AAUW leaders rising to higher office after years of previous AAUW service. She most recently served on the Board of Directors of the AAUW Educational Foundation. Before that, she was the state Legal Advocacy Fund chair, leading Georgia to first place in *per capita* giving. Her local branch in North Fulton, Georgia, has raised thousands in scholarship dollars significantly aided by an annual book fair, a tradition of philanthropic activism that dates back to half a century.

Currently, Garfein is senior vice president of The Marketing Workshop, Inc., in Norcross, Georgia.

(Excerpt from AAUW press release.)

August Branch Meeting—

Come to our Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 16, 4 PM
Settler's Cove Private Beach



Bring your friends and family AND prospective members

Let us know if you will be there so we know how many hamburgers to grill!

PLEASE contact Shirley, sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net or 943-4663.

Settlers Cove is on the southwest end of Long Lake. Here are the directions:

1. Take **Silver Lake Road** south to **Secor Road**. There is a sign for Boone's Long Lake Inn on that corner.
2. Turn right onto **Secor Road**. Continue past Boone's Long Lake Inn for about 5 or 6 miles as it winds south around Long Lake.
3. Turn right on **West Long Lake**.
4. Turn right again at the second street, **Lawrence**.
5. Follow **Lawrence** to the parking area for the beach.
6. Park and join the group.

If it's raining, we will meet at Shirley Murray's home, which is one street past Lawrence. Turn right. Address is 9087 Tottenham Dr.

Bylaws Changes Approved at Convention

Delegate action at the June 2009 AAUW Convention changed the organization's bylaws. AAUW has set a deadline of October 31, 2009 for each branch to add the mandatory amendments to their bylaws.

Here is a selection of required changes for our branch bylaws:

- Replace the words "Association" or "Foundation" with "AAUW."
- All references to the Charter should be deleted. The restructured AAUW is now under articles of incorporation. For example if you have a sentence that refers to the "Charter and Bylaws of the American Association of University Women, hereinafter called the Association" that should be changed to "The Bylaws of the American Association of University Women, hereinafter called AAUW."
- The purpose/mission statement in your bylaws must be the same as the revised AAUW Bylaws: "The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."
- Delete any references to regions or regional directors since these no longer exist.
- Delete references to loss of recognition if the branch has fewer than 15 members. Viable branches with fewer than 15 members may continue.
- Remove any reference to delegates for the AAUW convention. All members now have a vote on national AAUW business.

(See Bylaws on p. 5)

President's Message—

National Convention Provides New Ideas

Shirley Murray, President, Traverse City Area Branch

It was my privilege to attend the National AAUW Convention in St. Louis, where I joined 50 Michigan delegates. Highlights included speakers, workshops, and panel discussions in addition to information and voting on new bylaws.

Carolyn Garfein was elected AAUW President for 2009–2011 (see p. 1). I met Carolyn at our State Convention this spring where she was speaker and breakout presenter.

Lily Ledbetter, the first speaker, remained for the entire convention, and impressed everyone by her 12-year effort to get the Pay Fairness Act passed. She encouraged us to continue to urge senators to pass the new Pay Equity Act, already through the House.

As you might guess, I was disappointed with the defeat of the proposal for open membership. There was much controversy about it and, in the end, there wasn't enough support for its passage. However, all of the bylaws changes to streamline AAUW were approved (see story on p. 1). AAUW has been restructured under IRS regulations as a 501(C)(3) charitable entity, which allows \$46 of your national dues for 2010 to be considered a charitable contribution.

The banquet speaker was Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) who praised AAUW for its support over the years on legislation to benefit women and girls.

I attended breakout sessions on *Grassroots Organizing: A Blueprint for Effective Advocacy and Outreach*; *New Members: Fact or Fiction*; *AAUW Website Tools Roundtable*; *Creating a Healthy Branch Culture and Branch Best Practices*; and *Parliamentary Procedure*. I wish more members of our branch could have attended so that we might benefit more from the message of these small groups.

I thank the board for helping me attend both the State and National conventions. I know that many of you share my enthusiasm. Our local board is outstanding.

I also want to thank all of our members for their outstanding volunteerism. No calls were needed for volunteers for the book sale, the Cherry Festival, and the State Theatre. You called us! Volunteering for these events is an excellent opportunity for you to get acquainted while doing something for the community.

We'll end our AAUW year with our annual picnic (see p. 1). Please bring your friends, family, and prospective members.

Some of our interest groups—walkers, bridge, writers, and daytime book group—met all summer, and now we have two new groups starting in the fall (see p. 3).

Check out the web site www.aauwtc.org. Leave a comment on the blog: www.aauwtc.blogspot.com. Call someone in the membership book and plan to do something together.



Shirley Wins Award

Shirley Murray, our president, won the Friends/Trustee Award at the Small and Rural Libraries Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in May.

Shirley has worked with the Interlochen Public Library and the Traverse Area District Library since 1993. She has served in many capacities as a member of the Friends of the Interlochen Public Library, including president and co-chair of the numerous Interlochen book sales for many years. She also sells used books on Amazon.com to benefit Interlochen Public Library.

Our Branch Wins Award

Our Branch was presented at the State convention with the 21st Century Bridge Award for the Coalition with the Women's History Project of Northwest Michigan.

This award recognizes the work we did with another women's organization in our area.

We will continue to do projects with other organizations that also work toward our AAUW goals in bringing equality and education to girls and women.

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AAUW Michigan: www.aauwmi.org
AAUW National: www.aauw.org

Northern Views

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For Sale

- AAUW white scoop-neck, short-sleeved t-shirts, sizes S-M-L. \$10
- Black baseball cap with turquoise AAUW lettering, \$10.

Available at Settlers Cove picnic and October brunch while supplies last.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & TRAVEL GROUP BEGINS

by Sandy Seppala, international affairs chair

Some members met in June to form the International Affairs & Travel Group. It will focus on topics presented at the International Affairs Forum at NMC as well as topics in the Great Decisions 2010 book. Other topics will be chosen by members.

The IATG (if you're into International Affairs you have to learn acronyms) will meet on the third Monday, 1 PM, at my home, 604 2nd St. in TC.

We will discuss (*insha'allah*) "Tunisia: Ancient Rome, Tourism, and Politics." at our first meeting on Mon., Sept. 21.

Contact me if you plan to attend, sansep19@earthlink.net, 421-3343.

Asante sana! (That's Swahili for thank you very much!)

Poetry Opens New Ways of Thinking

Images and ideas that come from reading a poem can change your perception and outlook.

The new Poetry Circle will examine poetry through the ages. We'll learn about its history, its syntax, its nuances. But mostly, we'll just do what must be done with a poem: we'll read it aloud.

Join us every second Sunday, 3 PM, at a member's home.

The first meeting will be held on Sept. 13, at the home of Sandy Seppala, 604 2nd St. in TC. Please bring a favorite poem or two to share.

Contact Sandy if you plan to attend, sansep19@earthlink.net, 421-3343.

HELP MAKE POPCORN AND TAKE TICKETS AT THE STATE THEATRE

A great group of AAUW members (and a few spouses/significant others) volunteer every third Saturday of the month at the State Theatre. We have super popcorn poppers, expert child booster seat wipers, soda jerks, carpet sweepers, ticket takers, and a variety of other specialists.

We would love to have you join us. We work from NOON until 3 PM, see AAUW's name up on the big screen, and often watch the movie. For this we are paid in popcorn and soda and a pass to a future movie.

If you would like to join us, call Bonnie Willings, 929-2036.



Book Groups Reading Books of Community-Wide Importance

The Verna Mae Daytime Book Group is reading books this summer that are of community-wide importance: *The Living Great Lakes* by Jerry Dennis (Traverse City Reads selection) and *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen (Great Michigan Reads selection). Both books are important to those of us in West Michigan—*The Living Great Lakes*, which we discussed on July 29, because we live so close to them; *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, which is the book for Aug. 26, because it takes place in a Grand Rapids suburb. Our third book, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, which we will discuss on Sept. 30, is a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Join us on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM at Horizon Books.

For more information contact Maryln Lawrence, at GLawrence10@Charter.net or 946-5453.

The Evening Book Study, which takes a break each summer, is starting out the year on Thursday, Sept. 10, discussing the books *The Living Great Lakes* (Traverse City Reads selection) or *A Place on the Water* by Jerry Dennis. In October, the group will read *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin, which is about the Supreme Court.

The group meets in a member's home at 7 PM. Some people meet at a restaurant beforehand for a bite to eat.

If evenings work for you, please join us. Contact Deanna (dkelly538@gmail.com, 929-7146) for restaurant and location information.

Keep Walking for the Health of It!

The Walking Group sets out along Boardman Lake at 9:30 AM Friday mornings and will continue into the fall. We can only hope for a late snow! The group sets a steady pace and accommodates those who join the group.

Meet in the lobby of the library a bit before 9:30 so that we can be prompt. We walk 30 minutes out, which takes us to a wood bridge—putting your foot on the bridge is your step of accomplishment—and then we turn around and walk back. One hour a week of steady walking can only improve your health and attitude.

If the weather is bad, we stay home—no sense in catching a cold. If you're not sure, call Shirley Murray. Or if you're hardy, show up anyway. You may have company or not, but it's a great walk in a group or solo. See you on Friday!



News Roundup—

Leading Ladies: A Women's Leadership Workshop Scheduled

The Leelanau Independent Women for Democratic Action will present **Leading Ladies: A Women's Leadership Workshop** at the MSU Horticultural Station on Sat., Sept. 26, 9 AM—3:30 PM. Our Branch is a sponsor.

This workshop will teach how to achieve leadership potential and is designed for anyone who is interested in leadership or already are leading a group or organization or have been wondering what qualities make good leaders. This workshop will enhance leadership skills and provide a greater understanding of yourself and your leadership style.

Registration fee is \$25 (before Sept. 18).

Contact Sandy for an electronic brochure, which includes a registration form: sansep19@earthlink.net.

For more information, call 334-6535 or go to www.liwda.org.

Michigan Has Banner Year!

#3 in contributions to EF

#6 in contributions to LAF

#5 in contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

#10 in *per capita* contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

#6 in total contributions to AAUW programs

#5 in total contributions to AAUW

110 members attended the State convention in Midland

50 members attended the Association convention in St. Louis.

Women's Equality Day

The State AAUW has several events scheduled for Women's Equality Day on August 26.

That day marks the day that women in the U.S. won the hard-earned right to vote. We should never forget the courage it took for our foremothers to make it possible for us to have the right and privilege to vote.

GT Woman's Expo is Set

The annual Grand Traverse Woman's Expo will be held Sept. 19–20 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme.

The event will include dozens of exhibits from local businesses and organizations featuring products and services for women.

It will be held Sept. 10, 10 AM—6 PM, with a "Girls' Night Out" event from 6–9 PM at the Turtle Creek Casino. It will conclude Sept. 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Cosmetics for the Women's Center

The Women's Resource Center provides education, support, counseling, housing, and advocacy through community collaboration to end domestic and sexual violence and promote an equitable, safe environment for all.

To provide support to women who use the Center, our Branch would like to donate bags filled with cosmetics.

We need your help. Would you be part of this by buying your cosmetics from companies that offer free bags with cosmetics when they offer a special, e.g., Clinique, Este Lauder, Lancome? These specials usually run at Macy's and Younkers.

Bring your cosmetics bags to our October and December Branch meetings and we will give them to the Center for the holidays!

Thanks for your support!

Welcome to our New Member!

Be sure to add Camille to your directory AND welcome her at our next meeting!

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Wayne State Univ BA and Masters in Education

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What has not changed?

- The requirement for membership in AAUW remains an associate or equivalent degree or higher. There is no change in the categories of membership or in the student affiliates category.
- Branches continue to be the basic unit of AAUW, although there is more flexibility given for a branch's governance structure.
- No branch is required to change its current leadership structure if it works well and meets the needs of the branch.
- States remain but they are optional structures, and there is flexibility given for the state's governance structure. States also have the flexibility to decide if they want to join in a multi-state structure or other configuration.

There are only two basic AAUW requirements for branch organization:

- One person must be designated as the administrative contact; s/he receives all communications related to branch activities and AAUW programs.
- One person must be designated as the financial contact, receiving membership, dues, and donation information.

AAUW plans to offer alternative structure ideas on its website in the fall. This will include model branch bylaws. The major advice is to keep branch bylaws simple. Bylaws represent your "rules for branch operation." Work toward clear unambiguous statements.

While most of these changes do not affect the operation of our branch, several do affect the overall organization of AAUW.

Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding these changes, contact our president, Shirley Murray.

Kaye Krapohl Featured in Art of the Watershed Exhibit Series

Artist Kaye Krapohl (and new Branch member) straps on waders and paints soul-stirring waterway scenes while standing right in the middle of a stream. Her installment of the Art of the Watershed exhibit series features oils, acrylics, watercolors, and mixed media. The exhibit runs through September 10.

The Watershed Center has worked since 1990 to protect our Grand Traverse Bay region's water quality—and our quality of life. It advocates for clean water in Grand Traverse Bay and protects and preserves its watershed.

Stop by between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday–Friday, to browse Kaye's work at the Watershed Center, 13272 S. West Bay Shore Drive in Greilickville, across the parking lot from the Children's Museum. Call 935-1514 before stopping by to be sure the Center is open.

Kaye is generously donating a portion of all artwork sales to support the Watershed Center's vital work to protect Grand Traverse Bay.

"M" Jacket Finally Arrived!

by Gloria McClay

Last year, a graduate student was looking into the status of women athletes in the 30's, 40's and 50's at the University of Michigan, my *alma mater*. She came to the realization that even though some women competed for the University just as the men did, they were not offered varsity status.

So, the graduate student looked up all the names—my sport was **riflery**—and offered each eligible lady a chance to join the famed "M" Club and the opportunity to buy a jacket. So, I am now the very proud and happy owner of an authentic Varsity block "M" jacket from U of M—60 years after it was earned!

A couple of months ago, I watched the women's volleyball finals. These girls had uniforms, coaches, travel money, and excellent practice facilities as well as national TV coverage. So, we have come a long way.



Did You Know...

- **Anne Magoun** was given the Belle Brotherton Award by the League of Women Voters of Michigan? She is the sixth recipient. Congratulations!
- **Nadine Dolan** is on the committee for the Olde Town Theater?
- **Sandy Seppala** was invited to join the board for the International Affairs Forum?
- Several members of **AAUW** sponsored the film "Crude" at the Film Festival? It was a documentary about a lawsuit against Texaco/Chevron by a group of people in Ecuador.
- **Kaye Krapohl** made the posters and bookmarks for our book sale and is designing our new AAUW brochure bookmark.

Dues are Due!

Your support is so important as we continue to nurture our members and support education and equity for women and girls locally, statewide, and nationally.

Please renew your membership today!

Call Jan, 276-7150, for information about paying your dues.

Calendar

Walking Group walks every Fri., 9:30–10:30 AM. Meet in TC Library Lobby at 9:25 AM.

AUGUST

12 **Bridge Group.** Wed., 11:30 AM. Firefly Restaurant, 310 S. Cass St., TC. Contact: Cynthia, 932-1098.

15 **State Theatre Volunteers.** 12:30–4:30 PM. Contact Bonnie, 929-2036, bkwillings@yahoo.com.

16 **Annual Picnic.** Sun., 4 PM. Settler's Cove Private Beach. RSVP: Shirley, sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net or 943-4663.

26 **Verna Mae Daytime Book Group.** Wed., 10:30–NOON. Book: *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen. Horizon Books, TC, lower level. Contact: Maryln, 946-5453, glawrence10@charter.net.

SEPTEMBER

2 **Writing Group.** Wed., 3–5 PM. Traverse Area District Library Study Room, second floor. Contact: Shirley, sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net.

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13 **Poetry Circle.** Sun., 3 PM. 604 2nd St., TC. RSVP: Sandy, 421-3343, sansep19@earthlink.net.

17 **International Affairs Forum.** Thurs., 5:15 PM reception; 6 PM speaker David Broder. Topic: *U.S. Policy under the Obama Administration*. Milliken Auditorium in the Denno's Museum, NMC campus. Buy tickets through NMC: \$10. Contact: Sandy, 421-3343; sansep19@earthlink.net.

18 **Branch Board Meeting.** Fri., Noon. Contact: Shirley, sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net.

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OCTOBER

17 **Branch Meeting Breakfast.** Sat., 9:30 AM. **Speaker: Sally Doty, State AAUW President-Elect.** Grand Traverse Heritage Center, 322 6th St. Contact: Deb, 922-0449, deb.o.jackson@charter.net.

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