



June Branch Meeting—



Tour Nature Center, Hike & Enjoy Supper

Tuesday, June 9, 5:30 PM

COST: \$5 (PAYABLE AT DOOR)

Grand Traverse Conservation District
Boardman River Nature Center
1450 Cass Road, Traverse City
1.5 miles south of South Airport Rd.

Join us in the community room of the Nature Center where Ben Purdy, land management specialist, will give a presentation starting at 5:45 PM followed by a guided hike. After the hike, we will return to the community room for a light supper.

This is a fun outing and our last official chance to get together and visit until our picnic in August.

Contact Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net to reserve a place and so we can get a count for the supper.

See you there!

August Branch Meeting—

Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 16, 4 PM

Settler's Cove Private Beach

We hope you will bring your friends and family AND prospective members to help us wrap up the AAUW year.

We need to know how many are coming, so PLEASE contact Shirley at sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net or 943-4663 any time you know your plans.

Countdown to the Book Sale

by Shirley Murray, branch president

The AAUW-TC Book Sale—our first in almost 15 years—is set for this Saturday and Sunday, May 30–31, at the Heritage Center. The proceeds from this sale will go to our scholarship fund.



We already have a large selection of books to sell but welcome any contributions you and your friends can make. We have drop-off homes for your books or you can bring them on the Friday, May 29, to the Heritage Center.

Note that we were not selected to participate in the Parade of Homes this year because of the reduced number of homes being shown. Consequently, we will not receive the income from that event.

Here are a couple things you might think about doing to help:

- Bring the books, CDs, DVDs, etc., you have collected to the Grand Traverse Heritage Center between 11 and 3 on Friday, May 29. You won't need to stay, unless you have volunteered to help set up. If you can't bring them in on Friday, call Sandy, 421-3343, or Deb, 922-0449, for delivery or pickup at another time.
- Call Shirley, 943-4663, to work a shift on Sunday, any time you can spare between 12–4. We still have a few spots to fill on Friday afternoon.
- We could use someone who likes to read stories to kids for any of the shifts—to keep them busy while their moms shop.
- We also could use a person who has trouble standing to sit at the better books table.
- Munchies for the workers would be appreciated.

(See Book Sale on p. 4)

State Legislation Affecting Community Colleges

by Nadine Dolan, Public Policy Chair

As an organization interested in the community and one that offers scholarships at NMC, AAUW should note recent state legislation. This legislation will make bachelor degrees in select programs more accessible for women in the Traverse City area.

Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, has introduced legislation that would allow two-year colleges to offer a bachelor's degree program in three high-demand fields: nursing, concrete technology, and culinary arts. It is not the intent of the legislation to make every program at a community college a four-year program.

The programs in these high-demand fields at public four-year universities are at capacity or have waiting lists, according to President Michael Hansen, of the Michigan Community College Association. Also, the two-year programs have waiting lists.

Walsh said he'd also try to add the maritime program at Northwestern Michigan College to the bill. It is the only maritime program in the state.

The Great Lakes Maritime Academy at Northwestern prepares students

(See College Legislation on p. 2)

President's Message—

Filled with Promise, Vision, and Inspiration

Shirley Murray, President, Traverse City Area Branch

As your AAUW, Traverse City Area branch president about to begin my second year, I am filled with promise, vision, and inspiration. Our February meeting with Fleda Brown's poetry and Barbara Disborough's chocolate elevated us to a new level, and inspired a new poetry reading circle to begin this summer.

At our April annual meeting, we brainstormed in small groups, and shared new ideas and goals. Deb Jackson, our new program vice-president brought the compiled list to our board meeting this month and it is impressive!

I attended the state convention the first of May, and heard Dr. Donna M. Randall, the first woman president in Albion College's 172-year history. I hope in the future to share her thoughts with our membership. Carolyn Garfein, speaker and breakout presenter spoke on *The New AAUW*. Carolyn is currently a candidate for AAUW President for 2009–2011, and was available at every breakout session to facilitate discussions about the new bylaws, which will be voted on at the national AAUW convention in St. Louis in June. On the last day of the state convention, we were treated to a panel discussion with four women who have broken through barriers. I encourage all of you to think about attending the state convention next year. It's a brain booster.

I will represent our branch at the national convention in June. I wish I could take all of you with me to share the vision and excitement that I will gain from this experience. I thank the board for helping me achieve this goal. In the meantime, get involved.

We have a great meeting planned for Tuesday, June 9, at the Grand Traverse Boardman River Nature Center. This would be an excellent time to bring a friend. Some of our interest groups—walkers, bridge, writers, and daytime book group—meet all summer. We have our annual picnic on August 16. Bring your family and friends, and help AAUW wrap up the summer.

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

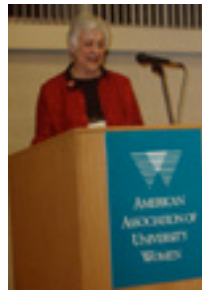
Directions to Annual Picnic at Settlers Cove Beach

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.

See you there!



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to be merchant marine officers and professionals for operating ships. Currently, students get their certification at the academy, and then can earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University. NMC spokesman Paul Heaton feels the students would benefit regardless of the field because they can complete their education closer to home and in a more affordable way.

However, even if the legislation passed, most of the community colleges would not be able to start implementing bachelor's programs for years, according to Hansen. The colleges would first have to become accredited, which is a two- or three-year process, and then hire the faculty, and develop the curriculum. Hansen maintains that this legislation is about access and affordability for students, noting that 17 states now allow their community colleges to award bachelor's degrees.

The legislation is not without controversy. Per Michael Boulus, executive director, the President's Council, State Universities of Michigan, is not on board with the idea and plans to "aggressively oppose" it. The Council feels the legislation would devalue the bachelor's degree and it is concerned about the potentially rushed process of getting such community college programs started.

Seven Democrats and eight Republicans, including Wayne Schmidt, are co-sponsoring the bill.

AAUW-TC: www.aauwtc.org
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Dues are Due!

It's that dues time again! IAAUW dues for the coming year are \$70 and should be paid by June 30 for the year July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010. **And now \$46 of the \$49 National dues are tax deductible!**

- Honorary life members owe only local dues in the amount of \$11.
- Dual members pay national (\$49) and state (ours are \$10) dues to the branch of their primary membership and local dues to both branches.

Make checks payable to AAUW and bring them to the next meeting or send them to Jan Coley, 5020 Lakeview Dr., Interlochen, MI 49643.

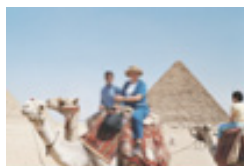
Call Jan, 276-7150, should you have any questions.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURAL GROUP TO ORGANIZE

by *Sandy Seppala, international affairs chair*

Interested in international stuff like politics, art, music & dance, language, people, food, travel?

I invite you to join a new interest group that will explore all things international.



Come to an organizational meeting at my home, 604 2nd St., on Sunday, June 7, 4 PM. We will decide when, where, and how often to meet as well as our focus, including links to the International Affairs series at NMC.

Contact me if you plan to attend, sansep19@earthlink.net, 421-3343 (also if you're interested but can't make it to the meeting).

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

2009 Scholarship Winner Announced

By *Irene Brown, education chair*

Mai Ze Vang was selected as the 2009 winner of the Minnie Votruba Moore scholarship from a competitive field of 16 applicants from the surrounding area.

Mai Ze is a May graduate from NMC and will continue her education at the University of Michigan in the fall.

We were proud to see her quoted in the *Record-Eagle* on May 3 in an article about graduation.

We have invited her to the June meeting as well as the August picnic so that she can tell you about herself and her future plans and so you can become acquainted with her.

Thanks to **Margaret Jones, Mary Kay Montieth, and Bonnie Willings** as readers of the scholarship applications. We were all pleased with the quality of applicants this year.

While reflecting back on our experience, we may cry, we may laugh, but the experience we have had here at Northwestern Michigan College will empower us forever.

—*Mai Ze Vang in Record-Eagle, May 3, 2009*



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Two NMC Women to Attend National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

By *Anne Monroe, university/college liaison*

Our local AAUW chapter and Northwestern Michigan College have partnered this year to send two NMC students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which will be on held June 4–6 at the University of Maryland in College Park.

This two-and-a-half day conference is focused on important and contemporary leadership issues, which will help these young women hone their leadership skills for work both on campus and in our community. We are pleased to send **Kourtney Russell** and **Sara Chauvette**.

Kourtney hails most recently from Roscommon and is currently attending both NMC and Ferris State working on her Bachelor's degree in social work. She has been involved in the Student Government Association, the Student Peace Alliance, and Safe Passage. She plans to graduate in May 2010.

Sara went to Hemlock High School and is currently majoring in political science as a second year student at NMC. She is the co-founder of the student group Feminists United, helped organized Ladyfest Northern Michigan in 2008, and was a volunteer for the Obama campaign.

We are excited to be able to provide this wonderful learning experience to these young women and look forward to seeing their learning in action when they return to campus this fall.

Walk for the Health of It

Join the Walking Group every Friday morning at 9:30 AM for a healthy walk along Boardman Lake. We leave from the lobby of the library promptly at 9:30—rain or shine! If you're late, just catch up along the path.

Don't worry about the pace. We walk a leisurely pace for an hour—30 minutes out and then back. Please join us!

News Roundup—

Sign Up Your Friends and AAUW Colleagues for Action Network!

Visit AAUW's Take Action (http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/index.cfm) page of our website, where AAUW members and nonmembers alike can sign up for Action Network. It is an excellent way to introduce potential members to AAUW's advocacy. You can also print out flyers online. Use flyers to sign up friends, family and coworkers to AAUW Action Network.

National, State, and Local Action on Equal Pay Day

AAUW's Equal Pay Day web page now includes stories of news coverage and events from the national office and state and local branches who participated in Equal Pay Day on April 28, 2009. From Ashland, Oregon to Dover, Delaware, AAUW members had 78 percent bake sales, held rallies, and lobbied their state legislators to establish Equal Pay Day as an official day on state calendars and pass state pay equity legislation. Find out more about Equal Pay Day programs on the Equal Pay Day (http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/EqualPayDay.cfm) web page.

AAUW Partners with the Princeton Review

AAUW and the Princeton Review announced a partnership that will make test preparation more affordable for AAUW members and their families. As one of the world's leading test preparation providers, the Princeton Review's mission is similar to that of AAUW: to help students achieve their dreams in higher education. With this common goal in mind, the organizations have teamed up to bring AAUW members, plus family and friends, a 15-percent discount on classroom and online courses for the SAT, ACT, LSAT, MCAT, GRE, and GMAT. Use the corresponding promotional code from www.princetonreview.com/aauw when enrolling online or call 800-2Review (800/273-8439). To learn more, read the full press release and visit the AAUW membership benefits (<http://www.aauw.org/About/Join/value/discounts.cfm#princeton>) webpage.

Egyptian Young Members to lead illiteracy eradication project

The Cairo Association has announced that illiteracy eradication classes are to be offered at the Cairo Headquarters beginning the first of October. The project, which will be supervised by a new group

(See *News Roundup* on p. 5)

AAUW Views in the News

Nadine Dolan, our public policy chair, wrote a letter to the *Record-Eagle* about the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was published on Friday, April 17.

Her letter succinctly stated the disparity in the ratio of women's to men's median annual earnings in Michigan and spelled out the reasons to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. This act, in her words, is "a comprehensive bill that would create stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay and strengthen enforcement efforts."

She concluded her letter by asking that "the public send letters to our senators asking them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act."

Kudos to Nadine for writing this letter, which informed all readers of the newspaper of the issues surrounding inequity in pay and the importance of the passage of this bill.

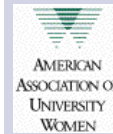
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- Bring your friends and neighbors to shop! 9–4 on Saturday, and 12–3 on Sunday.

Many thanks to all of you who have collected books, sorted, shelved, and withdrawn from the shelves in my lower level over these past 4 weeks. Thanks to **Kaye Krapohl** who, in twenty-four hours, designed the colorful posters and bookmarks, and to **Deb Jackson** and **Sandy Seppala** who are taking calls to collect books.

I still have posters and bookmarks advertising the sale. I'll get some to you if you know a place you could leave them—just let me know.

We're counting on you to help make this event a success by donating books, helping to sell them, AND to telling your friends about the sale.



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Welcome to our New Members!

Be sure to add these new members to your directory AND welcome them at the next meeting!

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New Group Explores Poetry

Fleda Brown has not only inspired us with her poetry, but has inspired a new interest group: *Poetry Reading Circle*.

If this piques your interest, please come to the organization meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 7 PM, at the home of Sandy Seppala. Bring a poem to share and suggestions of poets to read.

RSVP: sansep19@earthlink.net or 421-3343.

Bohemians in Traverse City?

Yes, indeed. And **Dotty Wilhelm French**, long-time member of our branch, is a descendant of these early immigrants.

She, along with her cousin, **Bob Wilhelm**, talked about this part of our historical past in a presentation, "*The Bohemians, from Ondrepou to Traverse City*," for the Traverse Area Historical Society on April 23 at the Heritage Center.

According to the article in the *Record-Eagle* on April 20, the story of the local Bohemians starts in Ondrepou (in what is now the Czech Republic) in the mid-1850s. Lured to Traverse City by lumber companies, a number of Bohemian families purchased farms, became successful in business, and contributed to the growth of the area, including building the first Opera House.

Speaking to an overflow crowd, Dotty and Bob gave an excellent look at their Traverse City Bohemian heritage.

Annual Zonta Golf Outing

By Jill Fenton

Treat yourself and your friends to a Zonta event and help out a great cause at the same time! (And don't forget, your expense is tax-deductible!)

The \$125 includes 18 holes of golf at Crystal Mountain Resort (Mountain Ridge Course) Thompsonville, cart, free golf clinic, lunch, dinner, snacks, gifts and great prizes.

Go to this site for more information: <http://www.zontacluboftraversecity.org/golfouting.html>

The Zonta Club of Traverse City is a Service Organization of women from the business and professional community. Members provide volunteer time and funding to community projects and organizations throughout the year.

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of young members, addresses a critical national problem. According to official estimates, 17 million of Egypt's population of 80 million are illiterate.

Australian duo seeks ways to help genocide survivors

Members from the Australian Federation of University Women (AFUW) including two graduates from Murdoch University in Australia recently visited members of the Rwanda Association of University Women (RAUW), to discuss ways of assisting genocide survivors overcome trauma. With a view towards understanding the mechanisms of human flexibility, Dr Ebert, a clinical psychologist, is studying how people recover from extreme trauma without intervention. In addition, Dr Third is dedicated to the study of cultural and communication practices. She has a research interest in the social and cultural dimensions of new media technologies.

First "Girl's Day" proclamation ceremony in Seoul

The Korean Association of University Women (KAUW) co-organized the first "Girl's Day" at the Olympic Park in Seoul in April 2009, which was attended, among others, by members of Parliament and NGO leaders. Twenty NGO booths introduced girls to their respective programmes and activities.

The KAUW presented a "Mentoring for the Girls" booth with different areas of interest. This was very popular with the many girls who visited. Members were there to answer their questions and give the girls suggestions on how to prepare their studies and select study areas at the university.

French Association Wins Prestigious Award

The French Association of University Women (AFFDU) has been awarded the 2009 Irene Joliot-Curie Prize for mentoring. This prize, awarded annually by the Ministry of Education and EADS Foundation, was created in 2001 and is awarded every year by the Ministry of Education and EADS Foundation to promote women in research and technology in France and to highlight women's exemplary scientific career paths marked by excellence and dynamism. AFFDU was honoured for its outstanding work over the years encouraging and mentoring young women entering scientific careers.

(International articles from International Federation of University Women (IFUW))

Calendar

JUNE

- 3 **Writing Group.** Wed., 3–5 PM. Traverse Area District Library Study Room, second floor. Contact: Shirley Murray, sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net.
- 7 **International Affairs and Cultural Group Organizational Meeting.** Sun., 4 PM. 604 2nd St. RSVP: Sandy Seppala, 421-3343, sansep19@earthlink.net.
- 9 **Branch Meeting.** Tues., 6 PM. Supper, tour, & hike. Boardman River Nature Center, 1450 Cass Rd., 1.5 miles south of South Airport Rd. RSVP: Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.
- 10 **Bridge Group.** Wed., 11:30 AM. Firefly Restaurant, 310 S. Cass St., TC. Contact: Cynthia Defoe, 932-1098.
- 16 **Poetry Reading Circle Organizational Meeting.** Tues., 7 PM. 604 2nd St. RSVP: Sandy Seppala, 421-3343, sansep19@earthlink.net.
- 18 **International Affairs Forum.** 5:15 PM reception; 6 PM speaker. Milliken Auditorium in the Dennon Museum, NMC campus. Tickets are \$10. Contact: Sandy Seppala, 421-3343; sansep19@earthlink.net.
- 20 **State Theatre Volunteers.** 12:30–4:30 PM. Contact Bonnie, 929-2036, bkwillings@yahoo.com.
- 24 **Verna Mae Book Group.** Wed., 10:30–NOON. Book: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Horizon Books, lower level, 243 E. Front St., TC. Contact: Maryln Lawrence, 946-5453, glawrence10@charter.net.

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 16 **Branch Picnic.** Sun., 4 PM. Settlers Cove. RSVP: Shirley Murray, 943-4663 or sgibsonmurray@chartermi.net.

For July and August schedules, check the website or the chairs of interest groups.

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