

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nationwide organization that advances equity and education for women and girls. The Gaylord Area Branch empowers through education awards, educational programs, and honoring the achievements of local women.



Fall 2017

**When the Gaylord Branch meets:**  
2nd Wednesday - from September to June at noon (unless otherwise announced)

**Where the Gaylord Branch meets:**  
Unless otherwise announced, the branch meets at:

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## Fall Education Awards

In the fall, AAUW Gaylord Area Branch gives two \$500 awards, one to a woman going back to school after a break in her education, and another to a woman continuing her higher education.

One of the awards was given to Ariane Hawkins. She is a graduate of Gaylord High School, attended Greenville College and North Central Michigan College, and presently works at Northern Speech Services. After an extended break, Ariane is now going back to school and pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She is attending Kirtland Community College to accomplish her educational goals.

Gaylord St. Mary alum Natalie Burzynski graduated with distinction with an Associates Degree from NCMC. Now, she is at Michigan State University pursuing a degree in Packaging.

In the spring AAUW Gaylord Area Branch will give Education Awards to girls leaving high school and entering college next fall.

## Branch to Provide Community Meal

The branch will again donate and serve the Community Meal on Friday, November 10. The meal is a weekly event at the Congregational Church and provides a meal for anyone in the community. Those wanting to be involved in the meal, please contact Brenda Brummel.

## Business Ownership & Women Forum

AAUW Gaylord Area Branch is hosting a Women in Business forum on October 24 from 7:30 am until 9:00 am at the Headwaters Conference Room at Jay's Sporting Goods in Gaylord. The forum is for current and aspiring women business owners and those who support their efforts. The forum is free and the door opens at 7:00 am.

There will be a moderated panel discussion and a question and answer session. Business owners are encouraged to share their successes, problems and solutions to their problems. There will be an open discussion on business ownership experiences. One focus of the event is that self-employment is a viable career option. Data on the economic impact of women in business in the county will be presented and there will also be a table with connections to available resources and information.

The forum is sponsored by our AAUW Gaylord Area Branch as well as the Otsego County Economic Alliance.

The AAUW Gaylord Area Branch is also in partnership with the Gaylord Area County Chamber of Commerce for the Connecting Women luncheons. The next luncheon, November 7, will focus on personal finance. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce.

The next AAUW Gaylord Area Branch meeting is on November 8 at noon and will take place at the University Center.



## Kane Receives Grant

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women awarded a 2017-18 Career Development Grant to Jessica Kane of Gaylord.

Kane is pursuing an online master's degree in geographic information systems and web map programming at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

AAUW Career Development Grants help women advance in their careers. These awards were originally created to offer funding to AAUW members who sought to renew or resume academic work for career or employment advancement.

"I am honored to be an AAUW Career Development Grant recipient," Kane said. "The support from AAUW has been invaluable as I take steps to gain the skills needed to build GIS programs and web maps instead of just using them. This grant will make it possible for me to get my master's degree without taking on more debt as I'm still paying off undergraduate student loans."

"We know that education opens doors and we also know from AAUW's latest research report that women hold more student debt than men," said Gloria Blackwell, AAUW vice president of fellowships, grants and global programs.

"One way AAUW is trying to solve the gendered student debt problem is by providing funding to women to pursue additional training and education."

## Annual Book Sale

The AAUW Gaylord Area Branch Used Book Sale will be held October 13-14 at the United Way Building at 116 E. 5th Street in Gaylord, at the back of the building.

Set-up will be Thursday, October 12 beginning at 3:00 pm. Workers will set up tables and sort the donated books. The branch usually receives about 10,000 books. For those who volunteer, a light dinner will be served. The sorting is usually finished by 9:00 but members are welcome to come for any of that time frame. Also, members may invite others who would like to help or students who might need volunteer hours.

On Friday, the sale will be open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturday the sale is open from 9:00 am until noon. After 11:00 am on Saturday, books will cost \$1.00 a bag. Break-down and clean-up will follow.

Mary Tomaski (989-732-4981 or [tomaski@hotmail.com](mailto:tomaski@hotmail.com)) is in charge of collection of the books. She has asked that donations be limited to hardbacks, paperbacks, books on CDs, fiction and non-fiction books, and not include textbooks, magazines or VCR cassettes.

Joan Becker is handling the scheduling of workers (989-732-0444, 989-370-1653, [dandjbecker@gmail.com](mailto:dandjbecker@gmail.com)). Also members are asked to save bags and boxes to be used by the customers. Please wear your AAUW shirt if you have one.

This event is the main fund raiser for AAUW Gaylord Area Branch's education awards.

## Book Group

The Book Club meeting is held at noon on the third Wednesday of each month. The group meets at the Congregational Church in Gaylord. It is open to everyone; and you do not have to have read the book to attend and take part in the discussion.

On October 18, the group will be discussing the book *Compulsion* by Meyer Levin. This is a docu-novel about the famous Leopold and Loeb murder case of the 1920's. Since the Loeb family were the original owners of what we now know as Castle Farms in Charlevoix, the group decided to go to Charlevoix for lunch and to discuss the book. Anyone is welcome to come.

Upcoming books are:  
November - *Readers at Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald  
December *Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware  
January: *Orphan Tale* by Pam Jenoff  
Any questions? Contact Brenda Brummel.

## AAUW-Gaylord Involved in Many Facets

- AAUW-Gaylord is supporting the "Girls Only Robotics" for middle school girls, and is led by our member, Teresa Collins. The group is looking for mentors (experience not necessary) who are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- At the Women Can Women Do luncheon, AAUW-Gaylord decorated a table and had 2 tables of participants. This event is a fund raiser for the Women's Resource Center.
- The branch is already starting to plan Tech Savvy in which STEM is promoted for 6th - 9th grade girls. The date will be April 21, 2018.