

2026 Biennial Convention



Educate to Elevate
WOMEN LEADING THE WAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9 AM - 3 PM

FireKeepers Casino & Hotel
11177 East Michigan Ave.,
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Host Branch: Battle Creek AAUW

- Friday Afternoon Local Women's Art Bus Tour
- Friday Night Reception, Trivia Game & Great Prizes
- Tools to Lead and Operate Branches More Effectively
- In-Person Annual Membership Meeting and Live Vote
- AAUW National Presenter
- Expert Presenters
- Awards Ceremony

To Register, click this link
or scan the QR code.



CONVENTION INFORMATION

Our 2026 convention, hosted by the Battle Creek Branch, focuses on “Educate to Elevate” and empowering women to lead the way.

Our convention starts Friday afternoon at 2 PM, April 24th, with an event put on by our host branch. Join the Battle Creek AAUW branch on a historic and character-filled bus adventure through town from 2-5 PM.

They're proud to spotlight their Underground Railroad and Sojourner Truth roots, celebrate Kellogg, Post and Ralston cereal inventors, note the peculiar sanitarium and religious village it inspired, visit Kimball House, and more. Attendees will meet HOPE, the AAUW-commissioned sculpture at Kellogg Community College, pop in at our beloved downtown used book site and visitors' center/museum, and conclude with a snack stop at HORROCKS! Step back in time with us through fascinating stories, unique sites, warm camaraderie and joyful entertainment!

On Friday evening at 6 PM, we will hold a special welcome reception that includes a full dinner, cash bar, Golden Awards (50-year members), networking, trivia team games and great prizes.

On Saturday, April 25th, we will serve you breakfast starting at 8 AM and get you checked into the convention, which starts promptly at 9 AM. Our presenter lineup is diverse and inspiring, starting with a Keynote Presentation from Tremayne A. Parquet, AAUW's Deputy Director of Advancement, along with a Q & A session for our AAUW National representative. We have several amazing announcements that will impact our members statewide. Don't miss any of the tools this event offers to help you manage your branch more efficiently. Following a delicious lunch, which is included in the cost of your convention ticket, we will hold our awards ceremony. Our annual membership meeting will follow, where members in good standing may vote on the issues. Officers will be installed and our incoming state President, Barb Duran (Wyandotte-Downriver), will speak about her plans for AAUW of Michigan's future.

Following our afternoon snack break and final presenters, we will conclude our convention by 3 PM.

While this convention will be held at FireKeepers Casino & Hotel, casino activities are optional. The convention and casino are in separate areas.





Q. What will it cost me to attend the events?

Early bird pricing (now through Mar. 15)

Friday Afternoon Art Bus Tour = \$10 pp

Friday Evening Dinner, Trivia & Prizes = \$40

Saturday Convention, breakfast, lunch, snack = \$150

Regular rates (Mar. 16-Apr. 16)

Friday Afternoon Art Bus Tour = \$10 pp

Friday Evening Dinner, Networking, Golden Awards, Trivia & Prizes = \$50

Saturday Convention, breakfast, lunch, snack = \$160

Receive a \$10 discount when you book Friday and Saturday tickets together.

QUESTION	ANSWER
What do I need to bring with me to these events?	It is suggested that you bring pen and paper to take notes and cash for cash bar on Friday evening.
What if I have special dietary needs?	Please indicate so when you register (either in the enclosed form or online).
What if my branch needs a vendor table to sell items?	Please indicate so when you register. Check with other members of your branch to ensure you aren't registering for more than one. Vendor table is \$40.
Who should attend the convention?	Every branch and state member is invited to attend. It is especially important for branch board members and future leaders to attend and learn the latest information to help them move branches forward.
Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?	Any AAUW of Michigan member in good standing (dues paid, etc.) as of the final registration date.
Does AAUWMI make money on the biennial convention?	Likely, at one time, it did. However, now that pricing for everything has skyrocketed, we do what we can to keep ticket prices as low as possible for you, which means there are little to no proceeds left for AAUWMI. Instead, we now think of this event as an essential learning opportunity for our members and leaders.



Special AAUW Guest Room Rate = \$259 per night

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BOOK ROOM

We encourage you to make a couple's or girls' weekend out of this opportunity and share room costs when possible. Stay Friday and Saturday night and enjoy your "weekend away."

Amenities

- Convenience of all weekend events under one roof
- Free valet parking (please tip)
- Free WiFi
- Bell Service
- Multiple restaurants and room service
- Multi-level pool area with fountain, hot tub, sauna and steam room
- State-of-the-art fitness center
- \$10 free play in the casino
- On-site shopping
- Lounges and bars

7th Best
Casino Outside
of Las Vegas

Four Diamond
Restaurant



Alternate Lodging:

Quality Inn & Suites (next to casino)
11081 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014
(269) 924-0227
Average room rate \$166 per night



For each convention, individuals and branches have the opportunity to sponsor an ad in the convention program to market their branch, their product or service, or an upcoming event. These ads help AAUWMI cover the cost of printing the booklets.

If you or your branch would like an ad in the convention program, please complete the enclosed form and mail it in per the instructions, or simply add the ad to your online ticket purchase.

You will need to design the ad yourself and email it to sheilablairpmp@gmail.com or send her all the elements of the ad and Sheila will put it together for you. The program pages will be a full 8.5"x11" size. **All ads are full color.**

Ad Size	Price
Quarter Page Ad 5.5"x4.25"	\$100
Half Page Ad 8.5"x5.5"	\$175
Full Page Ad 8.5"x11"	\$250

Vendor Tables

Vendor Tables are available to branches or sponsors at a rate of \$40 per table. You may request a table when you purchase your ticket through this document or through the online ticketing process.



Ticket Cancellation Policy:

No refunds will be made if registrant cancels after April 11, 2026. Prior to that date, registrants may receive a full refund, minus any credit card processing fees. Cancellations and requests for refunds shall be in writing to aauwofmichigan@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION FORM



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PLEASE READ: It is preferred that you register online for this event. If you cannot, please complete this form and mail it in. Credit cards are taken online while only checks are accepted by mailing in the paper form. You may pay for more than one individual, but please complete a separate form for each attendee. You must book your lodging by contacting your hotel choice directly.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

BUY TICKETS



First Name:		Last Name:		Branch:	
Phone:			Email:		
Dietary Restrictions:					
Tickets:	<i>Early Bird (until Mar. 15)</i>	☐ Friday Afternoon Bus Tour (\$10 per person) ☐ Friday Dinner/Awards/Games/Prizes (\$40 pp) ☐ Saturday Convention/Meals (\$150 pp)			
	<i>Regular Rate (Mar. 16-Apr. 16)</i>	☐ Friday Afternoon Bus Tour (\$10 per person) ☐ Friday Dinner/Awards/Games/Prizes (\$50 pp) ☐ Saturday Convention/Meals (\$160 pp)			
Extras:	Conference Ad:	☐ ¼ page ad (\$100) ☐ ½ page ad (\$175) ☐ full page ad (\$250)	Vendor Table:	☐ \$40	
Total:		A check in this amount must be received with form(s).			

If you book both the Friday Dinner and the Saturday Convention Tickets, please take \$10 off your total. Please make checks payable to AAUW of Michigan and mail form and check to Sheila Blair, 4143 McKenna Dr., Adrian, MI 49221