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Dearborn AAUW presents annual fellowship awards

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Nearly \$9,000 in scholarships and grants to support local educational programs for women were presented by the Dearborn AAUW on Saturday. Those on hand included: 2011 Fellowship Honoree Jan Frank (seated left), Brenda Hildreth, who represented and received the Henry Ford Community College award, AAUW Funds Chair Janet Good, University of Michigan-Dearborn

representatives Lee Savage (standing left) Ellen Judge-Gonzalez, Sabrina Guyton and Jennifer Irwin.

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Once again University of Michigan-Dearborn and Henry Ford Community College were prime beneficiaries as AAUW Dearborn presented nearly \$9,000 in grants to support educational programs for women at their 51st Annual Fellowship Awards Luncheon April 16.

Started by the Dearborn branch in 1934, the awards support scholarships and a variety of academic, leadership and personal growth programs designed to encourage women to “stretch” and develop individual talents and potential.

“The American Association of University Women established the national Fellowships Program in 1888, and today is one of the largest sources of funding for women,” noted Dearborn 2011 Funds Chair Janet Good.

“In fact, during the last academic year alone, AAUW contributed more than \$3 million for more than 200 fellowships and grants,” Good added. “It’s a vital local, national and even global program.”

This year, awards were given in the name of 2011 Honoree Jan Frank, retired Lincoln Park schoolteacher, long-time Dearborn resident and local AAUW activist.

Keynoting the spring event, held at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, was Suzette McGraw-Price, Michigan director of Student Veterans of America, herself an Army veteran and a past AAUW award recipient. She noted ongoing equal pay and gender diversity issues:

“Women now earn 77 cents to every \$1 earned by men in similar positions,” said McGraw-Price, who also outlined state efforts to increase the scope of outreach programs provided for student veterans, male and female, on Michigan college campuses.

Accepting awards for UM-Dearborn and HFCC, college representatives cited the “critical difference’ AAUW funds can make for women who might not be able to complete a semester without financial assistance, professional counseling or, in some cases, help brushing up on basic academic skills.

“AAUW Fellowship Awards not only provide scholarships, but also help provide fees for leadership workshops and emergency support for women students facing a variety of socio-economic challenges,” said Good.

Recipients of 2011 Fellowship monies are:

UM-Dearborn Women’s Resource Center; CASL SOAR (College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Student outreach and Academic Resource Program); On the Move Workshop; U of M

Scholarship Foundation, and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

HFCC Student Outreach and Support Program; HFCC Scholarship Foundation, and NCCWSL.

The major source for the scholarships and funding is the Annual Dearborn AAUW used book sale each fall at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center .

Sept. 15-17 will mark the group's 60th annual three-day event.

“Thirteen book barrels are now out throughout the Dearborn area, and we need your books!” said Dearborn AAUW President Carolyn Blackmore. “Teams of workers are again working weekly to pick up, sort and ready books for our big fall sale.”

Welcome are all kinds of books in good condition as well as CDs, DVDs and textbooks published after 2005. But, no encyclopedias, which do not sell.

Book barrel locations are:

-Dearborn Ice Skating Center, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn City Clerk's Office City Hall, Dearborn Farm Market, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Methodist Church, Littlefield Presbyterian Church, The Ford Center , U of M-Dearborn Student Lounge/University Mall, HFCC Support & Outreach Office, and Canfield Center Dearborn Heights.

Large quantities of books may be taken directly to DISC, 14900 Ford Road east of Greenfield, 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.