



## **Kay Calley-Martin** **AAUWMI Co-Secretary**

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Kay Calley-Martin is continuing her journey as a Secretary of AAUWMI Executive Board. She joined AAUW of Battle Creek, 8 years ago. Currently, she is a Reading Interventionist at Minges Brook Elementary School for 4 years. I am hoping to retire again to travel more with my special friend/companion, Brian.

Kay graduated from Grosse Ile High School and went on to pursue her dream as an elementary school teacher. Her passions were science, drama and reading which gave her three minors towards a bachelor's degree in Education at Eastern Michigan University. As

an eager student wanting to know more, she continued to a master's degree in Reading. Kay's teaching career started out in Belleville, Michigan for seven years as a Title I Reading teacher as well as second and first grade teacher. She relocated to Battle Creek, Mi, to continue her educational career of thirty two plus years as a reading recovery teacher and Grades 1-3 were taught in the Battle Creek Public School system.

Reading has taken her to many educational reading conferences and classrooms: Australia/New Zealand (Lesley College), England (Hope College), Maui(MSU),and Reading Recovery Training(WMU.)

Kay is actively involved in her community with volunteerism and many meaningful organizations. Two of her favorites are DKG (Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and AAUW).

DKG (Delta Kappa Gamma Society International) is also a key women educator's society which believes in women's advancement. She has been a member for thirty-five plus years, holding many offices at the chapter level including President (2), VP, Membership, Projects, Secretary, "Woman of Distinction" Award. At Alpha Iota State level, PAC Committee (president's advisory committee 7+ years, Conference Chair (3+) Membership, Program, State Secretary, and North East Regional Registrar. Norway, Sweden and Denmark was a very memorable planned trip for DKG members to attend their International Conference.

AAUW of the BC Branch won her heart with all the historical events and accomplishments that have been achieved for over 100 years! Kay was appointed to plan a centennial celebration for the occasion. She was joined by Kathy Shaw to form a committee locating all the records of the branch and celebrate the event. This Legacy Committee (renamed) went further to make this the most memorable event! A concept was formed, an account set up as a fiduciary with the Battle Creek Community Fund, an artist was contacted from the area now in Kansas and Texas, fundraising, grants etc. After several years, a bronze statue was born! In Fall of 2020, the branch gifted "Hope" to Kellogg Community College(benefactor) The bronze statue represents hope, challenges (careers, pay equity etc.) women face in their lives, while holding the world in their hands, empowering them to seek out education for advancement. This awesome project, a bronze statue, was named Hope (What's Next World?) So appropriate for this "Covid-19" change to our lives.