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**AAUW Mission**

The AAUW MISSION is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

**AAUW Diversity Statement**

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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President's Message  
Mary Jane Kearns



**THINGS WORTH KNOWING**

- We are about to unveil a new **Strategic Plan**. The purpose of a Strategic Plan is to set overall goals for the organization and to develop a plan to achieve them. It involves stepping back from our day-to-day operations and deciding what our priorities should be. As you may be aware, the committee and I have been working on it diligently for several months and have determined that the following are the issues we would like to address moving forward.
  - Leadership development within our organization.
  - Enhance our financial sustainability.
  - Advance the perception and value of AAUWNN in the community through our communication strategy.
  - Grow and engage our membership.
  - Maximize our ability to be dynamic, forward thinking, and innovative by implementing best practices in governance and sustainability.
- The **Leadership Conference** will be in Albion, Michigan **October 27** with a special reception for CEO **Kim Churches**, on **Friday night, October 26**. This Conference is located close by and is inexpensive. I would like to see as many of us attend as possible. My check has already been sent. Please contact me at 248 449-8693 to let me know if you will be joining us. More information follows at the end this newsletter.
- Our **endowment** at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is over \$100K. Please see Karen's piece on page three of the newsletter for more thoughts on this.
- **Find a way to get more involved.** You will find that what we do is both fun and rewarding. This newsletter is full of ways to do that!

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or planning event soon!

*Mary Jane*

A NOTE FROM THE (new) EDITOR

- I want to thank all of you who have sent your newsletter information to me in a timely manner. I'm still learning how to control my computer. I know the task will become easier as my computer begins to adapt to my demands! The Publisher Program is foreign to me, but I promise that I will win the battle!
- The application for Leadership Conference at the end of October has added two additional pages to the newsletter. It is an important event. Please consider attending. The experience will benefit both you and our AAUWNN chapter.

Kathy Fenchel

AAUWNN Endowment  
Karen Zyczynski, Chair

## AAUWNN ENDOWMENT

Our endowment was established with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in 2012 with \$30,000 to build our future...to help us work smarter not harder. It is now just over \$100,000.

The Board of Directors has committed to continue to grow our AAUWNN Endowment Fund. Originally our goal was \$100,000 by 2019 before considering taking an annual distribution. We obviously have reached our goal and then some, sooner than anticipated.

The plan was for our endowment to provide a steady, sustainable flow of funds to support important mission based activity. Less time and energy would need to be spent on fundraising.

While we have done very well since initiating this program, we realized that our yearly disbursement would only be around \$3,000. This is enough to perhaps cut one smaller fundraiser, but not enough to make a huge difference in our fundraising efforts. And so we have set our sights on getting closer to \$200,000.

During the last three years our members have generously made end-of-the year donations which are tax deductible when filing your federal income tax. The potential is great. How great is up to us.

**We hope you will consider making a tax deductible donation this year.**

If you would like to make a donation on line, please visit the Home Page of our website [aauwnn.org](http://aauwnn.org) and click on Endowment under Branch Programs and follow the instructions.

If you prefer to write a check, please make your check out to; Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, write AAUWNN endowment in the memo line and mail to AAUWNN, Box 511, Northville MI 48167.

**NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL.**

**EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS US REACH OUR GOAL!!!**

*If you wish to make a donation to the Endowment in memory of a friend or family member, please follow the process above and add the person's name you wish to recognize on the memo line.*

Financial Development  
Mary Ann MacLaren, Chair

Financial Development has several fund raising events.

- Sign up for Amazon Smile. Reference the September newsletter for details.
- Mah Jongg Tournament is November 2. Details are on page five in this newsletter.
- "A Comedy of Tenors" at the Tipping Point Theater November 24. Details are on page four.

Initiatives  
Jane Hecker, Chair



Our Initiatives – to provide opportunities for women and girls in our Northville and Novi communities. Each and every time you volunteer to help us implement these programs you are doing your part to help advance our mission. Please note these opportunities:

**Let's Read Math** – Sign-up to help with our Fall sessions – as many as you'd like - November 17 and 24 and December 1 from noon – 3PM at Northville District Library. Contact Jane Hecker to volunteer at [jhecker101@gmail.com](mailto:jhecker101@gmail.com) or 734-276-6160. Thank you!!

**STEAM GIRLS COUNT** – Join a discussion to develop a new “conference like” opportunity for 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents in partnership with Novi Meadows Elementary (Novi Public Schools) targeted for January, 2019. It will have a career focus and hopefully be a segue to our very successful Career Path Day opportunities for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Please contact Jane Hecker at [jhecker101@gmail.com](mailto:jhecker101@gmail.com) if interested.

These are just a few of the opportunities available, as other projects will unfold throughout the year. Please review the information on our website about each of these projects and how to be involved. Thank you!!

*AAUW Northville-Nov  
Afternoon Benefit*

*Tipping Point Theatre  
361 E. Cady Street  
Northville*

*Sunday, November 25  
Reception – 12:45 pm  
Performance – 2:00 pm*



There are three hours until the curtain opens on the musical event of the decade and Tito Merelli is not ready to perform. His singing partners cancelled, his daughter is growing up too fast, and the food spread in his five-star hotel is all wrong. It's a race against the clock to sort out his personal issues but they just seem to be getting more complicated! This non-stop barrage of hilarity sets out to remind us all that family is really what's important.

Plan to gather with members, family and friends for the AAUW Northville-Nov  
benefit at the Tipping Point Theatre on Sunday afternoon, November 25, 2018. The reception prior to the performance with food and beverages will provide an occasion to socialize. Please consider purchasing tickets for family, friends, as a special way to say "thanks" to someone, or as a treat for yourself. This is our major fund-raising event for the fall; proceeds will help us meet our financial goals.

Tickets are \$45 each. If you wish to pay by credit card, please go to [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org). Otherwise, please pay with checks make payable to AAUW-NN, complete the form below, mail to the address on the form. Direct any questions to Darlene Ursel, 248-349-7849 or [darleneursel@att.net](mailto:darleneursel@att.net)  
Deadline: November 10, 2018

**AAUWNN Benefit Afternoon at the Tipping Point Theatre Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Barrier free seating: YES NO (Circle)

Number of tickets for the Tipping Point Theatre Benefit @ \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of SeasonPASS ticket holders @ \$16.00 (see directions) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A donation to support the work of AAUW-NN **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** AAUWNN

**Mail to:** Darlene Ursel, 319 Saint Lawrence Blvd., Northville, MI 48168

**\$16.00 of each reservation is a tax-deductible donation to AAUW-NN, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.**

**Memo for Tipping Point Theatre SeasonPASS Ticket Owners**

This memo is for Tipping Point Theatre Season PASS ticket owners who choose to use their passes to attend the AAUWNN performance of "A Comedy of Tenors" on Sunday afternoon, November 25 at 2:00pm.

Please follow these steps by the first week in November:

After November 1, 2018, contact Darlene Ursel ([darleneursel@att.net](mailto:darleneursel@att.net)) or 248-349-7849) to indicate your desire to use your Season PASS. Non-AAUW-NN members may also be included in this offer; all names need to be included. Please be aware that Tipping Point Theatre will not make any adjustments to your SeasonPASS price.

Tipping Point Theatre will be notified of your intent by AAUW-NN.

**You may then contact** the Tipping Point Theatre for your request, 248-347-0003. Let them know that you are a part of our group.

Complete the AAUW-NN order form, submit the payment by check of \$16.00 per person, mail to the address on the form.

Your tickets will be distributed at the Theatre on the day of the performance as "Will Call."



**AAUWNN MAH JONGG  
TOURNAMENT  
AND LUNCHEON**

Friday November 2, 2018  
You will find the registration form on the  
AAUWNN Website



joy huyck

**Art Exhibit & Reception**

*Saturday, October 13  
1-4 PM*

All AAUWNN members are invited to a  
reception showing joy huyck's recent  
paintings.

**The Art of Custom  
Framing Art Gallery**

3863 Rochester Rd. Troy,  
MI 48083



SAVE THE DATE  MARCH 30, 2019

**Michigan Fashion Designer Showcase  
and Luncheon**



**Mistress of Ceremonies  
ELIZABETH JOHNSON – 2018 Miss Michigan USA**

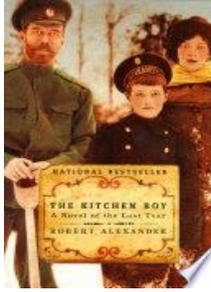
If you know of someone or a business that might be  
a potential sponsor, table vendor or designer partici-  
pant please contact one of the people listed below  
and that person will follow up with you.

Jane Hecker - [jhecker101@gmail.com](mailto:jhecker101@gmail.com)  
Mary Ann MacLaren - [maryann@maclareninc.com](mailto:maryann@maclareninc.com)



**NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE**

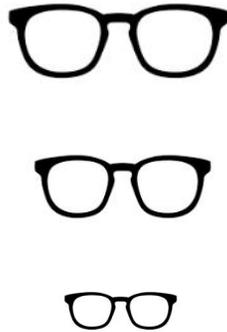
Daytime Book Group  
Susan Schanne, Contact



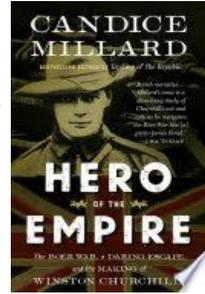
The daytime book group will continue to meet at The Little Paris Café and Bookstore on the SECOND Friday of each month . 10:00-11:30AM.

The October selection is THE KITCHEN BOY: ANOVEL OF THE LAST TSAR by Robert Alexander. Jan will be leading the discussion.

Everyone is welcome!



Evening Book Group  
Pat Amireskandari, Contact



The evening book group meets at the homes of various members . The meetings are the FOURTH Monday of the month at 7PM.

The October 22 book to be discussed is HERO OF THE EMPIRE by Candance Millard. Kathy Fenchel will lead the discussion. Karen Olson will be our hostess.

Everyone is welcome, but please RSVP your hostess in advance!!!!

Restaurant Rovers  
Joyce Murdock, Contact

**Restaurant Rovers**

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
Time: 6 PM  
Location: Garage Grill & Fuel Bar  
202 W. Main Street  
Northville  
(248) 924-3367



If you plan on joining us, please contact Joyce Murdock at [jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com](mailto:jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com) or at (734) 207-1942 by 6PM on Monday, October 15.

Bridge Group  
Marian Brockie, Contact

The AAUW Bridge Group meets every Wednesday from 1-4 PM at My Little Paris Café and Bookstore in downtown Northville. If you have any bridge experience we would love to have you join us for an enjoyable afternoon of conversation and mental fitness!



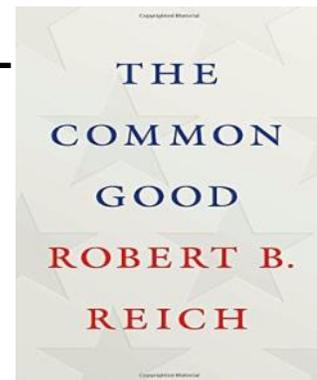
Great Decisions  
Joan Cotton, Contact

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
**Place:** Northville Library: Lower Level Conference Room  
**Time:** 1:30 PM  
**Topic:** The Common Good by Robert B. Reich  
**Discussion Leader:** Jean Hansen

October's discussion will be based on the book **The Common Good** by Robert Reich. "In a bracing answer to the prevailing headwinds of division, cynicism and self-interest, Robert Reich makes a powerful case for the expansion of America's moral imagination." His argument is rooted in common sense and everyday reality. He shows that a common good not only exists but constitutes the very essence of any society or nation.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Joan Cotton with questions.



## NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

*Remember the Ladies*  
Joyce Murdock, Chair



### “Remember the Ladies”

The purpose of our “Remember the Ladies” Program is to place women’s biographies and autobiographies in the Northville and Novi elementary school libraries so there is a more equitable distribution of male and female books. This is a **no-work fundraiser!** A woman’s biography may inspire a daughter or granddaughter to become the person who discovers the cure for breast cancer.

To donate a book call me at (734) 207-1942 or contact me at my e-mail address, [jgmurock12051942@wowway.com](mailto:jgmurock12051942@wowway.com). **The minimum contribution is only \$15 and an order form can be found on our new website!** A donation can be made in honor of or in memory of someone. The donation could even be just by you.

The title of the program came from a quote that Abigail Adams wrote in a letter to her husband John Adams when he was drafting the code of laws for the fledgling nation. She wrote, “I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would *remember the ladies* and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.”

### AAUWNN SPIRIT WEAR

Let’s spread the spirit of AAUWNN into the community! We are now offering spirit wear embroidered with the AAUWNN logo. There are a variety of styles that are very well made. These products run very true to size.

In addition **tote bags** are also available in three styles.

You can visit the store in the Novi Town-Center. It is next to Christopher Banks in the Walmart parking lot. Or go to: <https://agpestores.com/bigfrogofnovi/groups.php>

You will then be directed to a list of organizations. Select AAUW by pressing on “go” next to our name. You will see FIVE choices, each in multiple colors. Call 248-347-3764 for additional information.



### TIDBITS FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

- Several board members plan to attend the Michigan AAUW Leadership Conference the end of October.
- 78 AAUWNN members have renewed for the 2018-2019 AAUW year.
- At future Branch meetings, the program will be first, followed by the Branch business meeting.
- In October, an emphasis will be made to sell **all** 100 tickets to the Tipping Point Theatre gala.
- The Branch recently joined the Novi Chamber of Commerce to make our presence known in the community.
- The Branch holiday donation will be **Project Night Night**; an effort at helping homeless children to have sweeter dreams.



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American Association of University Women  
Northville-Novu

c/o Kathy Fenchel  
23606 Nilan Drive  
Novi, MI 48375



Promoting education and equity for women and girls

**Articles for the November, 2018  
issue are due by **October 15** to:**

**Kathy Fenchel**  
23606 Nilan Dr.  
Novi, MI 48375  
E-mail:  
kfenchel@mi.rr.com

If you did not renew your AAUW membership by September 30, your benefits and services were discontinued. This does not mean you cannot still renew. Do it now while you are thinking of it if you have not already done so. The easiest method is to go to **AAUW.org**. The second easiest method is to send a check for \$81 made out to **AAUW** (not AAU-WNN) to Joyce Murdock, Treasurer.

**AAUW Northville-Novu (MI) Calendar of Events  
(visit the website for more information at  
[www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org))**

- Board Meeting .....October 30, 6:45 PM
- Bridge Group.....Wednesdays, 1:00 PM
- Mah Jongg.....Fridays, 1:00 PM
- Foodies .....First Wednesday, 12:30 PM
- Day Book Group.....Second Friday, 10:00 AM
- Evening Book Group.....Fourth Monday, 7:00 PM
- Restaurant Rovers.....Wednesday, October 17
- Great Decisions .....Third Tuesday, 1:30 PM
- Articles for October Newsletter Due.....October 15
- October General Meeting.....October 9

**Be sure to mark  
these dates on your  
calendar!**



**Fall Leadership Conference: Financially Empowered Women**  
**Albion College**  
**Saturday, October 27th**

**Please fill out the registration form and send a check to the address below for the TOTAL of all tickets and donations as applicable.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Ticket Type**

*\$55 per person before October 7th. \$65 per person there after.*

- AAUW Branch Member. Branch: \_\_\_\_\_
- AAUWMI Board Member
- SAC Member
- Host Branch Member
- Other

**Are you in AAUW Branch Leadership?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, what is your branch role?

- President
- VP Program
- VP Membership
- Secretary
- Finance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:**

*Lunch will be a buffet with vegetarian option.*

**Do you have any dietary needs, allergies, or restrictions?**

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**Are you attending the Reception for Kim Churches the evening of Friday, October 26th?**

*Cost \$35*

- Yes
- No

**Would you like to make an additional donation to AAUWMI Funds?**

- Student Advisory Council (SAC) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- NCCWSL \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Policy Advocacy \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Leadership in Action \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- AAUWMI General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send payment for total amount to:  
AAUW of Michigan c/o: Jane Russ,  
VP Finance  
8830 Voigt Ave Grosse Ile, MI 48138**

<p><b>HOTELS</b></p> <p>Courtyard by Marriott Albion 517-629-8520 Book with front desk and ask for 20% Albion College alumni and friends rate</p> <p>Albion Heritage Bed and Breakfast 517-620-3550 Owned by Albion, MI AAUW member Mary Slater</p> <p>Palmer House Bed and Breakfast 517-629-0001</p>
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