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THE BOARD AND THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE AAUW-NORTHVILLE-NOVI BRANCH

Cordially invite you to the
"Season of Giving" **HOLIDAY Party**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At the

Living and Learning Enrichment Center

801 Griswold Street

Northville, MI 48167

Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres Buffet & Desserts

Wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and Water

****Suggested Donation \$20 toward venue wish list purchases such as requested outdoor heaters*

****Program includes tours of the center (the original Massey estate), welcome and comments from Rachele Vartanian, Center Founder and Director, Mod Market sharing and door prizes.*

Guests are welcome! Please send names to Jane Hecker, Jane Domzalski, or Caryn Doehler.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: *When facing the center, the drive to the east is EXIT ONLY. The center drive is one way allowing about 10-12 spaces in front. Use the drive to the west for additional parking inside and along the iron fence and the 5-6 spaces in front of the garage/Art Center. CAR POOLS ARE VERY IMPORTANT!*

SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER: *Pairs of shoes tied together can be deposited in the car parked in front of the Center during the party. Thanks for your support!*



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AAUW Mission

The AAUW MISSION is to advance gender equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership teams and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic basis.

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President's Message
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This is us...Empowering women and girls through research, education, and advocacy!

Happy Holidays everyone! Here we go – “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” I truly hope it is for all of you and yours. ***Detailed directions for our Holiday Party on December 14 is on the front page of this newsletter. And let us know if you are coming.*** Looking forward to a great evening with thanks to our Board members, Program Committee members, and co-chairs Jane Domzalski and Caryn Doehler. The Living and Learning Enrichment Center is very happy to welcome us to their campus.

Welcome to our newest new members as of the November meeting: Leslie Cleland Bazini, Diana Chirillo, Andrea Cortelyou, Patty Sneed, and Christine Verleye! Hope to see you in December! We are planning a “Welcome Orientation Gathering” in January.

I want to share with you today some highlights from an AAUW Webinar I joined at 4pm on November 17 in celebration of the 140th Anniversary of AAUW. 1500 Members across the world were registered. If you have a moment, take a look at the video on <https://www.aauw.org/> showcasing our mission-based progress over the years centering on equal pay progress, which began the webinar. Several branches (affiliates) were recognized who are also celebrating milestone years this year.

Our new CEO, Gloria Blackwell continued by introducing the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award (begun in 2013) winner: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, first African woman to hold this position. She was recognized on the cover of TIME magazine in 2021. As a Nigerian graduate student in Development Economics she WAS recipient of a grant from the AAUW International Fellowship Program at her career start. The interview with her was a delightful sharing of her passions and accomplishments. She feels the biggest challenge in the global community today (for women) is “being accepted as one in the global community.”

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PROGRAM NOTES

Season of Giving 2021

Hello AAUWNN Members and warm wishes for the upcoming Holiday Season!

I would just say thanks for your support with our Programs in October and November.

Our October Program featured Angie Schultz from Better Way Designs. I am happy to report that, based on our sales, we were able to provide over 180 hours of work for women around the world that are supported by the Better Way organization! As a “hostess” gift, I was also able to purchase a gift for the 2021-2022 AAUWNN Named Honoree. Thanks to all who participated.

Our November Program featured Kari Klinski from Spectrum Human Services discussing the many issues facing children and young adults in Michigan’s foster care system as well as other aspects of care and protection that Spectrum provides. It was a very informative and, at times, difficult conversation, but opened our eyes to the many issues involved.

As part of this program, we collected luggage, bags, etc., for the children involved with Spectrum’s many programs. I am happy to report that we collected well over 100 bags!! These will certainly go to good use in providing a child the sense of dignity and pride in owning something that is “theirs”. A big thank you to all that participated!

If you would like to learn more about Spectrum or are interested in ways to help, please contact Ms. Klinski directly at 313-300-0624.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Holiday Party at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center on December 14!

Thanks again for all your support!

Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and New Year!

Just a note about on-going luggage donations...

I have had many inquiries about additional luggage donations and I am so happy about that!

You can ALWAYS donate luggage and I will be HAPPY to pick them up!

Both Val and I are friends with Ms. Klinski and can easily get donations to her. Feel free to keep asking neighbors, family, etc., especially those you will be seeing this Holiday Season, for donations and I will make arrangements to collect them up from you.

Thanks for your overwhelming support for this project! For luggage pick-up service call 248-514-0363



President's Message from Page 2...

I want to highlight her comments on leadership qualities of women of today:

- ◆ More risk-taking (possibly than those of us in the past – more fearless!
- ◆ The definition of success has changed for women of today

For me, the best comment I heard was in answer to Gloria's question of "What advice do you have for those women starting out?" Her answer – "Do what you love at least 70% of the time/day! Do something you are passionate about and can make a change in people's lives." (As grandma of a graduating college senior and a HS graduate this year I loved it)

I highly recommend the book "Women and Leadership - Real Lives, Real Lessons." Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. MIT Press. Amazon.com. Book Clubs – what do you think?

This is Us out in the Community!

Thanks very much to Corinne Vincent , Emily Doubler, Carol Murchison, and Patty Sneed for getting our AAUW tree decorated for the "**Festival of Trees**" on display annually through the month of December at the Northville Community Center on Main Street. Stop by and enjoy the display of trees decorated by local businesses and non-profits.



Thanks also to Corinne Vincent and Janice Wargo for hosting our booth at the "**Community Volunteer Fair**" held at the Northville District Library on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Non-profits from the Northville area welcomed local residents interested in volunteering their time the opportunity to learn all about these organizations. We were fortunate to speak with several citizens interested in AAUW-NN, our mission, activities, and membership possibilities.



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AAUWNN Mah Jongg Tournament

Report by Tournament Chair—Jane Hecker

YAY FOR US! We had 34 players from around southeast Michigan attend our tournament on Friday, November 5, 2021 from noon-5pm. Our new venue, *Fins Kitchen and Bar* in the Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park Place turned out with great food and a great place to play. Several players have attended our tournaments twice a year since 2018.

Thank you to Mary Jane Kearns, Janice Wargo, Pat Noworyta, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Rhonda York, and Barbara Wilson for donating prizes, helping with prep and set-up, and playing. We made \$700 in profits.

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Michigan Fashion Designer Showcase Luncheon 2022 **'Peek At the Unique'**

Moving right along with the Michigan Fashion Designers Showcase Luncheon 2022. The success of this event depends on all of us working together. Right now the committee needs your help on two fronts;

- ◆ *We have 'SAVE THE DATE' postcards which we hope members will share with family and friends over the holidays. I will bring them to our December Holiday Party or you can pick them up from my front porch between December 6-10.*
- ◆ *We are currently reaching out to potential sponsors. I have 'SPONSOR PACKETS' with the information or I can email you the information which you can pass along to potential sponsors. Will also bring some to the holiday party. Think about businesses that did well during the pandemic or ones that you have a personal connection to.*

In the January Newsletter will be information on how members can obtain tickets. Tickets will go on sale to the general public February 1.

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Membership Matters

AAUW is a community of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

Your AAUW membership will help close the gender pay gap, ensure schools and workplaces are free of discrimination and harassment, and create more opportunities for women to lead. It connects you to a powerful network of women and men across the country who are as passionate as you are about building a fairer future — with a few other perks to boot.

By becoming a member, you're not only joining a community committed to our cause, you're also directly funding AAUW's work to:

- ◆ Train millions of women to negotiate for higher salaries and benefits.
- ◆ Support state and local fair-pay legislation to ban the use of salary history in hiring, a practice that puts women at a financial disadvantage.
- ◆ Develop more women leaders through workshops and conferences.
- ◆ Fund the research that is informing national conversations on the gender pay gap, women's student-debt burden, and other key equity issues.

Get Discounts and Services

Go to <https://www.aauw.org/> - click on **Membership** and click on **Why Join** and scroll down to **Discounts and Services** to learn more.



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‘Secure MI Vote’ – Not What it Seems

What is it?

The “Secure MI Vote” petition is an effort to silence the voice of the people. It is not about election security. It’s about making it harder to vote and more difficult for clerks to run elections. It also goes against the will of the people who voted in 2018 to make it easier to vote absentee.

Michigan already has secure elections and strong, effective voter ID laws that work. We just had the most secure, accessible, high turnout election in our state’s history. This is simply a ploy to change the rules because some people didn’t like the results of the 2020 election.

What would it do?

- ◆ Require people to disclose partial social security numbers when registering to vote
- ◆ Eliminate the option that registered voters currently have to securely verify their identity by signing an affidavit and vote normally
- ◆ Require registered absentee voters to disclose driver’s license, personal ID, or partial social security numbers when applying for their ballots
- ◆ Throw out the ballots of registered voters (in person and absentee) who can’t satisfy these new restrictive identity requirements, unless they go in person to their clerk’s office and present acceptable documentation within six days after the election
- ◆ Prohibit election officials from making absentee ballot applications available except upon the voter’s request
- ◆ Ban charitable contributions, including volunteer time, and the use of donated spaces like places of worship as polling locations.

What can we, as AAUWMI members do to stop initiative?

Decline to Sign the Secure MI Vote petition, and tell everyone you know to Decline to Sign it! Paid petition circulators will say anything to get you to sign their petition. Don’t fall for their lies! No matter what they say, their goal is not to get a proposal on the ballot, and it’s not to “make it easier to vote.” Read any petition you’re asked to sign, and don’t sign one that takes away voting rights.

Notify the sighting hotline. Protect MI Vote is a ballot committee opposing the Secure MI Vote petition. They will send field teams to help educate voters about the reasons not to sign the petition, but they need to know where the petition circulators are active. Anytime you see a petition circulator, call or text 517-481-2165.

You can also help by *reporting the location of petition circulators to the Protect MI Vote petitioner.*

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SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Mary Jane Kearns—Chair



AAUW Northville Novi Shoe Drive Fundraiser Help Us Meet Our Goal of 2500 pairs of shoes

- **Collect** new or gently worn shoes of any type (men, women and children) from your closets, and those of friends, neighbors, and family
- **Ask everyone** you can think of – we need a LOT of shoes!!
- No slippers please
- **Collect and tie together.**
- **Drop off** at our **Holiday party** or with Rhonda York. 24423 North LeBost, Novi, MI 48375-2837. Please leave the shoes on her porch. 248 476-0898 or 1 248 444-9982 by February 1, 2022.
- Shoes are cleaned, refurbished and distributed to micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries

WIN – your closet gets cleared of unwanted and cluttering shoes

WIN – Shoes are recycled and not put into the garbage

Win – Assist small entrepreneurs, often women, in developing countries

WIN – Easy fundraising for our Branch



Remember the Ladies
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“Remember the Ladies”

Our “Remember the Ladies” project is our **no work fundraiser**. A book about women put in a school library is a great and unusual Christmas gift for a mom, daughter, granddaughter, or anyone on your list. The holidays are coming up. Do you need a holiday hostess gift and still can’t think of a good idea? Instead of another knickknack, 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 (313) 381-2350 or contact me at my e-mail address, jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com.

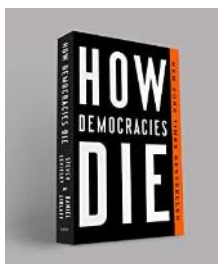
The purpose of our “Remember the Ladies” Program is to place women’s biographies in the Northville and Novi school libraries so there is a more equitable distribution of male and female biographies. The minimum contribution is only \$15, and an order form is on our website.

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.”



Great Decisions

Please Join Us



Last year we selected two books of current interest to discuss at our January and February Meetings. This was so well received that we have decided to continue with this format for the coming year. We urge you to join us! We will meet January 18 and February 15, 2022.

January’s selection is “How Democracies Die” by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. Levitsky and Ziblatt, professors of government at Harvard, are two of the most respected scholars in the field of democracy studies. The book gives a readable but thorough look at democratic break downs in countries around the world. It then compares what happened in these countries with current developments in the United States. This enlightening, timely book should lead to a lively discussion.

In February we will be discussing “Wildland: The Making of America’s Fury” by Evan Osnos. There will be more information about this book in a future newsletter.

Please Jean Hansen at jhansen_48167@yahoo.com for additional information or to join.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BRANCH

“Remember the Ladies” Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

School District (Please check one) Northville _____ Novi _____

Preferred school library _____

This donation is for the purpose of purchasing women’s biographies, histories, or related resources for the media center.

In honor _____ In memory _____

Of _____

Would you like a certificate sent to the person or family of the person listed above?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, to whom and where would you like it sent?

Send this form along with a check (minimum \$15) made payable to the proper school district with “Remember the Ladies” on the memo line to:

Remember the Ladies Committee, 12338 Woodlands Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170

Office use only

Order form # _____ Date _____

Receipt # _____

Book plate completed _____ sent _____
(date) (date)

Certificate completed _____ sent _____
(date) (date)

Thank You completed _____

\$\$\$ PASSIVE FUNDRAISING \$\$\$

Shopping, it's what we all do well, several times a week. We visit Kroger for food and gasoline, browse the treasures of Amazon in our pajamas, and purchase AAUWNN spirit clothing from Big Frog. You can EASILY add to the coffers of AUW/NN by signing up with these three companies. A portion of your purchase will go directly into our account. You do not have to do a thing but shop! **You know how to do that, don't you???** Sign up now!



KROGER

Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program to help AAUWNN achieve its financial goals! Go online to <https://www.kroger.com/o/store-services/community-rewards>. Sign in using your email address and designate American Association of University Women Northville/Novi as the recipient of your rewards. If you do not already have a Kroger Plus Card, you will be issued one.



AMAZON

Sign up to help AAUWNN in this silent fundraiser. Attach AAUWNN to your Amazon purchases by following the link on our website. You must search for our name exactly as shown below:

American Assoc of University Women Northville Novi Branch Inc

BIG FROG

Sign up from the homepage of our website: <https://aauwnn.org/> . Scroll down to Spirit Wear and click to be linked to Big Frog, Novi.

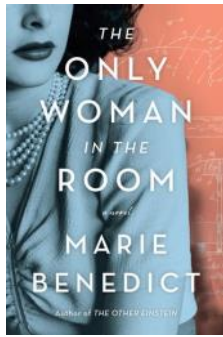


NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

Daytime Book Group
Marian Brockie, Contact

Our December 10 book discussions will take place at Laurel Park Food Court at 10:00 A.M.

The book discussion is "The Only Woman in the Room" by Maire Benedict and led by Marcia. For more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.



Bridge Group
Marian Brockie, Contact

The Bridge Group currently is meeting at Laurel Park Food Court area every Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.



Evening Book Group
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact



Happy Holidays to all of our members, their friends and families. We do not meet in December. Watch the January newsletter for meeting details for January.

New members are welcome and if you wish to join us please contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com

Restaurant Rovers
Joyce Murdock, Contact

The Restaurant Rovers—for details please contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or call 313-381-2350.



Movie Goers
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Movie Goers are not meeting at this time. For information contact Rhonda York at rlyork03@gmail.com.



Mah Jongg
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Our group meets every Friday to play American Mah Jongg, from 1-4pm at members' homes.

Our Fall class is completed and we welcome three new members. If interest exists, I will hold another 3-4 week class in the spring.

To join the group please contact Jane Hecker at jhecker101@gmail.com



Great Decisions
Jean Hansen, Contact

Great Decisions will not meet in December. See article on page 9 for details on the book discussion for January.

Please Join us in our discussion of these timely topics! We welcome guests and encourage new members. For additional information or a Zoom invite, contact Jean Hansen at jhansen_48167@yahoo.com.



AAUW Northville-Novu 2021-22 Programs

As we return to in-person meetings, we will be following the current CDC guidelines on indoor mask wearing. Currently, we will be wearing masks at our indoor events.

September 14, 2021: Presentation and conversation from our **NCCWSL Scholarship Participants.** Rhonda Donovan, Schoolcraft College. Northville Art House at 6:45 pm.



October 12, 2021: Better Way Designs. A Fair Trade organization that supports women rescued from human trafficking. Angie Schultz, presenter. Northville Art House at 6:45 pm.



November 9, 2021: Issues facing Michigan's Foster Care System. We will be collecting used luggage, backpacks, etc. for children currently in foster care. Kari Klinski, presenter. Northville Art House at 6:45pm.



December 14, 2021: Holiday Event! Living and Learning Enrichment Center, 801 Griswold, Northville from 6-8:30 pm. Holiday fare, tours, and presentation by Rachelle Vartanian, owner. Personal gift donations are welcome.



January 11, 2022: via ZOOM. Lunch meeting 11:30 am-1 pm. **Fire and Fall Prevention in your home.** Novi Fire Department, presenters.



February 8, 2022: via ZOOM. Lunch meeting 11:30 am-1 pm. **Perficient and Hackbright Academy,** a company that focuses on helping, educating, and employing under-represented women in the STEM fields.



March 8, 2022: via ZOOM. Lunch meeting 11:30 am-1 pm. **Gardening to attract essential pollinators.** David Lowenstein, PhD, MSU Tollgate Center, presenter.



April 12, 2022: Women in History Trivia Night! Novi Police Station Training Room, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road at 6:45 pm. Join us for a fun night of team trivia, snacks, and prizes.



May 10, 2022: Annual Meeting and Celebration. Bravo! Italian Kitchen, Northville at 5:45 pm. Scholarship winners, guests, election of officers and installation, Named Honoree announced. Dinner reservations. Cash bar available.



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PLEASE FREQUENT THEIR BUSINESSES**



As we acquire sponsors, their information will be posted on this page.

Please contact Karen Zyczynski at zyczynski2002@aol.com for a sponsor packet.



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At The Dental Office Of Dr. Tomei*



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December 20, 2021 to:
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AAUW Northville-Novu (MI) Calendar of Events
visit the website for more information at

<https://aauwnn.org/>

- Board MeetingFourth Tuesday, 6:45 P.M.
- Bridge Group.....Wednesdays, 1:00 P.M.
- Mah Jong.....Fridays, 1:00 P.M.
- Restaurant Rovers.....Third Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.
- Day Book Group.....Second Friday, 10:00 A.M.
- Evening Book Group.....Fourth Monday, 7:00 P.M.
- Great DecisionsThird Tuesday, 1:30 P.M.

