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N’KENGE GONZALEZ MICHIGAN DIVERSITY DIRECTOR



N’Kenge Gonzalez began her membership in AAUW in the inaugural 2015 AAUW MI Student Advisory Council and selflessly served in this position for two years. During that time, she also held the position of Vice President/Acting President for the AAUW student organization at the University of Michigan–Dearborn.

As acting president of the AAUW student organization, she collaborated with the Women’s Resource Center and other departments and organizations to host Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops and voting awareness events. In addition, she also created and organized events to raise visibility of the multiple issues surrounding women’s equality. In the capacity of the SAC Coordinator she coordinated female students from the various colleges and universities around Michigan and engaged them in issues of female empowerment, mentorship and panel discussions.

N’Kenge graduated as a nontraditional student from the University of Michigan–Dearborn with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies with a concentration of Business Management. She has dedicated almost ten years to the advancement of women. For the past year, she has worked as a compliance project manager and as AAUW MI Diversity Director, she looks forward to boosting diversity and bringing into focus the lens of inclusion.



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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. Update is published monthly, August through May, for the members and friends of the American Association of University Women Northville–Novi (MI)

President's Message

Jane Hecker

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RANDM THOUGHTS ABOUT VOTING

I'm writing to you today on a sunny afternoon in Denver, closing in our monthlong visit with family, some reminiscing for Mike of his days at University of Denver getting his degree, and learning about living out here. Since we traveled by car, we've been able to enjoy all the fall scenery along the way and around town. We made it out to the mountains - Georgetown - and did catch the aspens in fall array.

Beautiful as it is, I think Michigan's the winner! In the midst of all this I've been thinking about voting and the various decisions we need to make if we haven't already! Here I go:

Local and national elections are a very high priority of course. Best we can do is pay attention, do our homework, help as we can, and don't miss the opportunity to cast a vote.

An interesting ballot issue here (not statewide) is a proposal to allow wine and spirits (Beer is already allowed) to be sold in grocery stores – or at least not only in liquor stores. Not everyone would think about the impact on small businesses should this pass. (June, I hope I got this right)

I was recently approached by Kathy Shaw, AAUWMI Nominations Chair regarding open positions or my willingness to help on the committee. (At this point, help find candidates is the best I can do!) The state board is focused on succession planning – as are we – and whether local or beyond, we need to be helping find interested candidates for open positions. Should the question come to you, please don't hesitate to accept the opportunity to work with smart and talented women as we continue all we are able to do to empower women and girls.

While here in Denver I've been researching the AAUW branches in this area. Of course, none are as wonderful as Northville–Novi, but I've found some interesting stuff. Several of the groups chose to do a program on ballot issues in October, and some have devoted one program during the year for Diversity & Inclusion (DEI) training.

- Aurora branch meets monthly on Saturday morning at 9:30am! I saw a “Non Event Fund Raiser” on their calendar this year. Most are primarily funding scholarships.

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AAUW Northville/Novi Programs 2022–23



October 11 6:45 PM General Meeting
Northville Art House, Upper Gallery

Joanne Ewald, Founder of Mend on the Move will be sharing her business story with us. Mend on the Move is a Detroit-based non-profit that teaches survivors of all forms of abuse the skills needed to produce wearable art from donated car parts.



October 22 Saturday 11:00 AM FIELD TRIP to the Detroit Parade Company. Tour starts at 11:00 am and will last approximately an hour. Dress for the weather as the studio is roughly the same temperature as outside! See attached flier for more information.



November 8 6:45 PM General Meeting
Northville Art House,
Lower Level Classroom

N'Kenge Gonzalez, Diversity and Inclusivity Director of AAUW Michigan will speak to us about diversity and inclusion initiatives in Michigan.



December 13 5:45 PM Holiday Program
Northville Art House, Upper Level

Cynthia Khan, Founder and Director of Refuge for Nations will be sharing her organization's work, vision and mission to help SE Michigan refugee women gain the skills essential to help themselves and their families. After the program, join us for a

Holiday Mingle!

Cookies, warm cider, and music to help get our Holiday Season off to a bright start!



January 10 11:30 AM–2:00 PM Lunch Meeting
Sports Den, Northville

History of Hines Park. Please join us as we learn the fascinating history of one of the Detroit area's hidden gems, Hines Park. Nancy Dargo, guest presenter



February 14 11:30 AM–2:00 PM Lunch Meeting
Novi Police Training Room

Bring your own lunch and beverage.

Special Valentine Treats will be provided!

"I Found a Heart" kindness and giving make-and-take.
Organized by the Crafty Ladies.

Val Gagnon, AAUWNN Member and guest speaker



March 14 11:30 AM–2:00 PM Lunch Meeting
Sports Den, Northville

Issues Important to the Women of Michigan

Mary Pollock, Government Relations Coordinator AAUWMI
Mary Jane Kearns, AAUWNN Member, Past President &
Chair of Public Policy Committee



April 11 6:45 PM General Meeting at
Northville Art House, Upper Gallery

Michelle Dushee Williams of Dushee International. Her hand-painted scarves sold out soon after the Fashion Show started! She will be discussing her business and demonstrate many new ways to use the scarves we all have hanging in our closets!



May 9 Annual Meeting and Banquet TBA
Patty Domin and Deena Alam–Parks, Chairpersons.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

If you have not paid your dues, it is not too late. *Form is on page 10.* However, if you wait too much longer, you will be dropped from the rolls and will need to completely reapply. With the new Community Hub, renewing online was more difficult than it has been in the past. The new system still has some kinks that National is working out. It is easier for me if you do renew online, but I do understand the problem that you are facing this year. I did it online and it was not easy.

You can just send me a check for \$89 made out to AAUWNN and I will renew for you. You can mail the check to me directly (which is faster) at 12338 Woodlands Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170, or to our P. O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167.

On the Northville–Novi Update page that many of you filled out with your personal information, I am only able to make any corrections to your name, address, phone number and email address. I cannot make any other changes to your information.



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the Northville–Novi Branch of AAUW. I hope you will take a few minutes to get to know them at a future meeting.

Rose Dankis from Plymouth
Karen Visger from Commerce Twp. (Jackie Duggan's Mom)
Michelle Williams from Livonia (Fashion Show Scarf Designer)

While most of you have renewed your membership, for those who have not AAUW has extended membership renewal to November 30. If you do not renew by November 30, your National Membership will be cancelled as well as local and state memberships. You can make your check out to AAUWNN for \$89 and mail to AAUWNN, P.O. Box 511, Northville MI 48167 or Joyce's home address which is above.

The Membership/Diversity Committee is hosting the November 8 Meeting at the Northville Art House. Our guest speaker is N'Kenge Gonzalez, AAUWMI Director of Diversity and Inclusion. Kenge spoke at the AAUWMI Annual Convention in April held in Midland. Those of us who attended were very impressed with her presentation. Looking forward to more of the same.

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- Douglas County (Parker, Castle Rock, etc) alternates between morning and evening meetings for the year. They do not list a President, but are seeking an Administrator to report on information received from AAUW state and national.
- Littleton didn't have much information on their website. That was disappointing. That branch is closed to the area we liked the best – Highlands Ranch. We also liked Hilltop at Inspiration where June Smith lives.
- Boulder branch did not have their website updated from 2021. Keeping it current is a big job! Thanks greatly for Mary Ann!
- Longmont holds a joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma each year. Great idea!

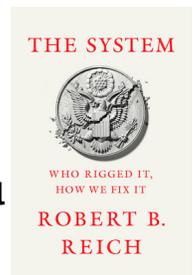
So, you can see we are more alike than different in many ways: joys and struggles, mission-based projects, caring for each other, working for the good of the community, et al. Seeking candidates for open positions and encouraging members to vote as well as “step up” is very evident. I didn't look at all the branches – just the ones near us. I hope you find this interesting! Hope to see you soon as we head back to Michigan October 24!

thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november



GREAT DECISIONS

We have once again selected two books for discussion in January and February. January's selection is **"The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It"** by Robert B. Reich.



LABORATORIES OF AUTOCRACY



A WAKE-UP CALL FROM BEHIND THE LINES

DAVID PEPPER

Author of 'The People's Choice: The Hidden Battle for the White House' and 'Politics by Design'

In February we will discuss **"Laboratories of Autocracy, a Wake-Up Call from Behind the Lines."** By David Pepper.

We invite you to join us in what promises to be two interesting meetings. Contact Jean Hansen at jhansen_48167@yahoo.com for details.



\$\$\$ 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 AAUWNN 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 here: *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.

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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

Remember to Vote in the Upcoming Michigan Election!

Encourage everyone to vote!

Prop 3 Camp Has Asked For Opposing Ad To Be Taken Down

Gongwer News Service 10-28-22 - The Reproductive Freedom for All campaign on Friday responded to a series of claims from the opposition to Proposal 22-3, saying emphatically that the proposed constitutional amendment would ensure abortion remains legal in the state while keeping in place parental consent and having no effect on gender affirming care.

In opposing Proposal 3, Citizens to Protect Michigan Women and Children and other opponents have said in ads, interviews and outreach with voters that it would go far beyond abortion and would eliminate parental consent for minors and allow minors to receive gender affirming care without a say from parents.

Dr. Melissa Bayne, an OBGYN who supports the proposal, and Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit disputed those claims during a press conference.

Steve Liedel, attorney for the Proposal 3 campaign, also said he has asked stations to take down a recent advertisement from the opposition campaign that claims puberty blockers could be prescribed to minors without parental involvement under the proposal. Additionally, the campaign on Friday launched an ad with Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald, Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy saying opponents are spreading outlandish claims. Still, the opponents by all accounts are running an effective campaign. Rep. Kelly Breen (D-Nov) tweeted Friday she is getting questions from voters on what the proposal would mean for gender affirming care for minors. Ms. Bayne said she is also getting similar questions.

Data from AdImpacts, which is tracking ad spending nationwide, showed the supporters of Proposal 3 spent \$15.9 million as of mid-October. Opponents spent \$22.7 million.

"I'm concerned that the opposition continues to provide flat out falsehoods about what this measure would do. And I think it's unfortunate that they are trying to confuse voters by not telling the truth," said Darci McConnell, spokesperson for Reproductive Freedom for All. "Our opponents, what they really want is a return to the 1931 law that bans abortions in most instances. So that's concerning that they would be willing to align with misinformation and deceive the voters in that capacity."

Ms. McConnell said most voters support keeping abortion legal and the campaign is working to stay connected with the roughly 700,000 people who signed the petition to get the proposal on the ballot. She also said the campaign is working to get out the vote and to make sure voters, "understand what is at stake here."

As for the claims from the opponents, Mr. Savit called them, "flatly false," and an effort to "distract from the core issue here which is restoring the rights that were the law of the land for the past 50 years, until Roe v. Wade was overturned."

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He said opponents are focusing on the fact that the amendment says "individuals" have a fundamental right for reproductive freedom rather than using the word "adult." Opponents have used that to say it could lead to invalidation of parental consent laws.

"That's just flatly false. And, you know, constitutional protections are almost never written in terms of adults versus kids or age cut offs," he said. "I'll give you some examples. The Second Amendment in the U.S. Constitution provides that the right of the people to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed. It doesn't say the right of adults to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed. But despite that, we recognize that we can regulate that right differently for children. And so, a five-year-old can't just buy a handgun."

Ms. Bayne said parental involvement is very important in the care of children, including for abortion care.

"We do not ever, ever have the right to do something against a patient's consent. And we especially do not have the right to do something without the consent of a parent when it comes to giving medical care to a child," she said. "And that includes everything with reproductive care, with hormone care, with pregnancy care. Our patients need parental consent when they are minors to navigate complex health care decisions."

On gender affirming treatment, Mr. Savit said opponents focus on the word sterilization in the proposal. But, he said, the text is about matters relating to pregnancy.

"That's obviously in the context of matters relating to pregnancy, meant to protect things like tubal ligations or like vasectomies, which are personal choices that people should be able to make without interference by the state," he said. "So again, this idea of that has anything to do with gender identity, gender affirming care is just nowhere to be found in the text of the amendment and a clear attempt to distract from what the proposed amendment would do."

Mr. Liedel said the campaign has reached out to stations to pull the advertisement from the opponents regarding puberty blockers and gender affirming care as he feels the campaign has a strong argument that the ad was not factual.

"The language of the ... proposal is pretty clear. The proposal relates to the fundamental right to reproductive freedom as it entails pregnancy and status of minors that haven't even entered puberty and are not capable of becoming pregnant until they have completed puberty has nothing to do with the rights addressed by the proposal," he said. "We think the ads are not factual for that basis and have asked a number of broadcasters to remove them. We've received some responses from stations. We have not yet received responses from most of the others. In most instances, I think as is the case with almost all takedown requests, you know in the current cycle, stations are generally unresponsive."

Christen Pollo, spokesperson for the opposition campaign, stood by the claims from their campaign. She points to a Bridge article where a representative of the campaign did not push back on the parental consent claim.

Ms. Pollo did not directly address why the Proposal 3 language would apply to children when Second Amendment protections do not.

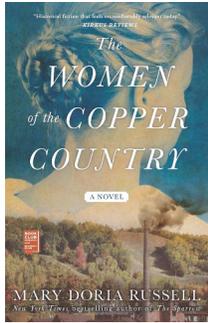
"The language itself is clear: Proposal 3 creates a 'fundamental right' to both abortion and 'sterilization' for 'every individual,' a right that 'shall not be denied, burdened, or infringed upon,'" she said. "They wrote the language. Why didn't they specify that these rights were for women? Or adults?" – By Alethia Kasben

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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, November 11, 2022 we will discuss “Women of the Copper Country” by Mary Doria Russell. Discussion Leader is Jean Hansen. We are meeting at the Northville Library - John Carlo Room, 12:30-2:00 P.M.

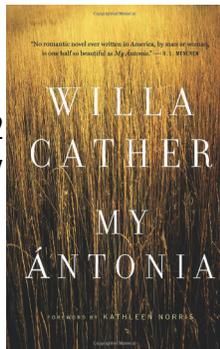


Also, for more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

On Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. we will discuss “My Antonia” by Willa Carter. Discussion leader is Marcia. Hostess is Rhonda.



The complete list of books for 2022-2023 can be found on our website by [clicking here](#) or from our home page, click on About Us, then click on Interest Groups and Evening Book Club.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary Jane for details at: mjkearns1@outlook.com.

Mah Jongg

Jane Hecker, Contact

The group meets every Friday 1:00–4:00 P.M. in a player’s home. A class for new players can be arranged with Jane which will be in November – once a week for 3-4 weeks. There is no charge.



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

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.

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

We are gathering Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at Tiramì Su, 146 Maincentre, Northville (248) 735-0101



If you plan on joining us, please contact Joyce at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350 by 6 p.m. on Monday, November 14.

For additional details contact Joyce Murcock.

Movie Goers

Rhonda York, Contact

Movie Goers are not meeting at this time.

For information contact Rhonda York at rlYork03@gmail.com.



Great Decisions

Jean Hansen, Contact

The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 P.M. This will be a Zoom meeting.

We will discuss “Putin’s Russia” from the Great Decisions briefing book. Leader is Jean Hansen.

There is no meeting in December. See Page 8 in this newsletter for information about January’s book discussion.

We continue to encourage guests as well as new members. For more information or a Zoom invite contact Jean Hansen at jhansen_48167@yahoo.com.



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American Association of University Women Northville – Novi – a 501 (c) (3)

An Affiliate of national AAUW, one of many local groups across the nation.

We are an association of dynamic local women committed to our Community with Action.

AAUW-NN works to break education and economic barriers so that women and girls have fair and equal opportunity, while taking time to network and enjoy personal enrichment.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022-23



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/zip _____

Phone (c) _____ (h) _____ Email _____

Provide graduate associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution:

College/University/Equivalent _____ State _____ Highest Degree _____

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Grad Year/s _____ Major/s _____

Date of Birth (optional) _____

Ethnicity (optional): Hispanic (Y or N) _ White _ American Indian/Alaska Native _ Black/African American _ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander _ Asian _ Other

ELIGIBILITY

I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution (). I am an undergraduate student ()

Signature _____ Date _____

MEMBER RECRUITER if applicable Name _____

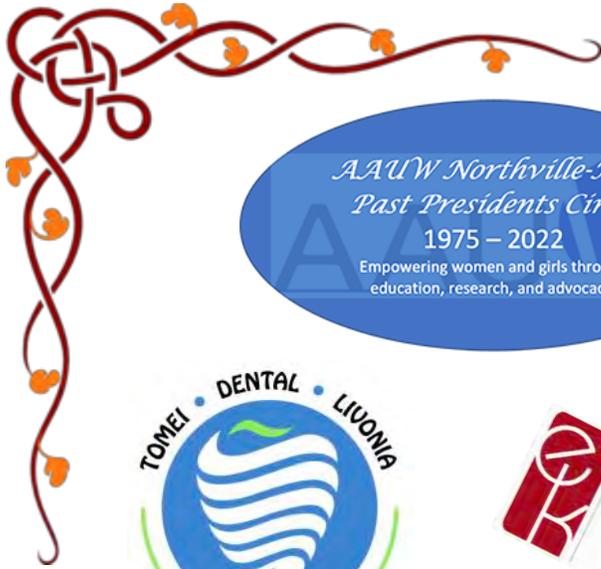
Regular Annual Membership

AAUW National membership fee	\$67.
\$59 is tax deductible	
\$3 supports AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps	
State of Michigan fee (not tax deductible)	\$12.
AAUWNN fee (tax deductible)	\$10.
TOTAL	\$89

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUWNN – mail to AAUW Membership, PO Box 511, Northville, MI 48167.

AAUW affiliate fiscal membership year extends from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

MICHIGAN FASHION DESIGNER SHOWCASE LUNCHEON 2022 SPONSORS
PLEASE FREQUENT THEIR BUSINESSES





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AAUW Northville–Novi (MI) Calendar of Events
visit the website for more information at

<https://aauwnn.org/>

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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.
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