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AAUWNN MEETING Tuesday, December 13, 5:45 PM Northville Art House, Upper Gallery

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CYNTHIA KHAN FOUNDER/DIRECTOR OF REFUGE FOR NATIONS

Schedule of Events:
5:45-6:15 Greetings and refreshments
6:15-6:50 Program
6:50- 7:45 Holiday Mingle and General Meeting

Cynthia Khan, Founder and director of Refuge for Nations will be sharing her organization’s work, vision, mission and commitment to empowering women in the Metro Detroit area. Refuge for Nations provides the support needed for immigrant and refugee women to not just survive, but to thrive in the new life ahead of them. By breaking down language barriers and teaching skilled trades that lead to eventual employment,

Refuge for Nations empowers women with the tools needed to build a meaningful life for themselves as well as their families.



In this Season of Giving, Refuge for Nations will gladly accept any donation of fabrics of any weight and yardage, sewing notions and working sewing machines.

Simply bring items to the December meeting!

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NORTHVILLE–NOVI (MI)

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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 June, for the members and friends of the American Association of University Women Northville–Novi (MI)

President's Message

Jane Hecker

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TALENTS AND GIFTS

So I've gotten away from questions for this writing! Maybe you're happy? Maybe you don't read any of them? Who knows? But here I go for the wonderful month of December. Amazing! The end of yet another year! We all know some hours, days, and minutes crawl by – but the years seem to fly by! Especially now.

We all have talents. I'm a singer and have used (and still use) that talent in so many ways all my life. I consider it God given, but have had a number of years of teaching and learning to help it grow. I consider it a gift. It's my part of making church services meaningful, bringing joy to others from various solos and choral performances, and helping children grow their talents through the classes I taught and school performances.

So, in this season of giving, bring your talents and gifts whatever they are. We will find a place for them. Love giving! Be and do what you can to bring forward our mission and opportunities for women and girls in our communities. It will make you and them happy!

At the same time, let's enjoy being together on December 13, share our joys for this year and hopes for 2023, and make the most of our talents and gifts! Happy Holidays!!



AAUWNN TREE-NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER FESTIVAL OF TREES 2022

Tree decorated by our Membership team members:
Emily Doubler, Corinne Vincent, Carol Murchison plus Patty Sneed.



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QCDs and OTHER AAUW TAX INFORMATION

This is December and I am sure all of you have followed your financial advisors and tax accountant's advice and have gotten all your tax documents together this month in preparation for the new tax season.

In relation to your AAUW dues, for tax purposes, \$74 of the \$89 are tax deductible. Your branch dues of \$10 are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) organization and \$64 of the national dues are tax deductible. Three dollars of the \$67 national dues are not deductible because they support the AAUW Action Funds Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps. The state dues of \$12 are also not deductible. Now it is 2022, so what can you do to benefit you and AAUWNN since the previous above-the-line deduction is not going to be available for contributions made during a taxable year that begins after 2021? Your 2022 Required Minimum Distribution is based on the amount in your IRA on December 31, 2021. In 2021 the financial world was doing well. In 2022 inflation hit.

I personally am going to make what are called qualified charitable distributions (QCD). These are distributions that go directly from the trustee of my IRA to a charitable organization, such as AAUWNN. This reduces the income on which I will be paying taxes. These distributions are not counted as income but at the same time they cannot be taken as an itemized deduction. Also, if you do this, make sure you receive a letter from either the trustee of your IRA or the charity to which the donation was made stating that the distribution came directly from your IRA.

Since we are not having a big fundraiser this year, a contribution to our branch would be really, really helpful. How do you do this? To contribute to our branch, have the trustee of your IRA make the check out to AAUWNN and direct them to mail it to AAUWNN, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167. To *contribute to our endowment fund*, have the trustee of your IRA make the check out to *Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and have AAUW Northville–Novi Branch on the memo line* (very important). Direct them to mail the check to Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, 333 W. Fort Street, Suite 2010, Detroit, MI 4826-3134.



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FALL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

We had a great time on November 11 at Fins Kitchen and Bar in the Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park at our gathering. We had 24 players - less than hoped due to lots of competition with craft shows, travel, and other plans - with many returning from past years. Lots of help from our local group as players, scorekeepers, helpers with prep, prize donations, loaning their sets, and collecting registrations. We earned almost \$600. A little short of our \$700 goal, but a good time regardless. Thanks to the AAUWNN players for their donations and help.

Public Policy
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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

As AAUW members, there is much to be thankful for and to celebrate after the recent midterm elections. Our goals of Equity and Advancing Women in Leadership were advanced by voters in the recent Midterm elections.

In Michigan:

- Propositions 2 and 3 passed. Michigan’s constitution will be amended to include expanded voting rights and reproductive freedom.
- Women remain in the three most powerful positions in the state, and there is an additional woman in congress.
- The new Majority Leader in the Senate will be a woman for the first time in Michigan history.

Nationally:

- Nationwide a record number of women were elected state governors
- All 50 states are now sending a woman to Washington
- Vermont was the last state to have never elected a woman to Congress – but on Tuesday, Democrat Becca Balint won the state’s seat in the House of Representatives, becoming the first woman and openly LGBTQ person to represent Vermont in Congress.
- Other milestones included the first female governors to be elected in Arkansas, New York and Massachusetts.

The election results have repercussions for the national economy and you, but there were also smaller statewide ballot measures that could affect pocketbooks.

For example, a victory for Medicaid expansion in South Dakota will make health care available to 42,500 more Americans next year – good news for women and families.

Since Republicans will not have control of the Senate, it’s unlikely that cuts to Social Security benefits will materialize, said Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. But even if the GOP had gained control of both chambers, President Joe Biden indicated he would have prevented any cuts from occurring.

If a recession comes next year, as most economists predict, Americans may be on their own, and as usual women will be hit the hardest.

“If the U.S. enters a recession in 2023, a divided Congress will struggle to pass a fiscal stimulus bill, which will leave the Federal Reserve as the main institution responsible for setting economic policy in the country,” said Brian Gardner, Stifel’s chief Washington policy strategist.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome two new members to our branch:

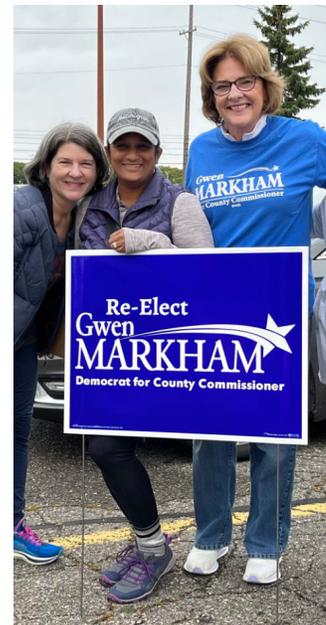
Linda Garbarino

Judy Sherman

Both are recently retired attorneys. I met Judy at the Volunteer Event held at the Northville Library in September and she brought her friend Linda to our November meeting. Please be sure to introduce yourself at an upcoming meeting.



A democracy does not work unless its members turn out to vote. So thank you to all who turned out to vote this election cycle, and a special thank you to our members who helped facilitate the process by working to get out the vote and helping on election day. Here are a few photos of members making a difference. Emily at a rally, Gwen on the campaign trail and Karen phone banking. Janice Wargo and Mary Ann MacLaren worked at the polls.



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AAUWNN WOMEN in ACTION..... Making News

Mary Ann MacLaren – chaired the October Plymouth Fall Colors Event at Plymouth Township Park. Mary Ann serves an appointed term on Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission.

Gwen Markham – was re-elected in November to Oakland County Board of Commissioners representing Novi. Gwen is leader of its Human Trafficking Task Force.

Marianne Pinkham – made news twice.

1. Recognized by Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission for “herculean efforts” and Nobleboro Comprehensive Plan Update Committee for her plan work.
2. Won Amateur Grower 1st for her 784lb. pumpkin at Damariscotta Pumpkin Festival. Marianne is our Maine AAUWNN loyal ZOOM member.



Michelle Dushee’ Williams – was awarded EdD by Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ in Leadership and Organizational Development. A new member, Michelle’s scarf designs were featured at AAUWNN 2022 Michigan Designer Showcase Luncheon.

This is a sample of AAUWNN members in action recently. Tell us what you or other members are doing so that we can keep sharing the Spirit of AAUWNN Women in Action.

\$\$\$ 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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BOARD BRIEFS



Highlights from October Board Meeting:

- We currently have 75 members
- Membership directory is being updated
- "News You Can Use" is being developed for new members
- NCCWSL is returning to campus after 2 years of Zoom
- Branch lunch meetings will be at the Sports Den, ordering from the menu
- Board members are reviewing job descriptions as well as retention of records



“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, jgmurock12051942@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 page 9 of this newsletter.

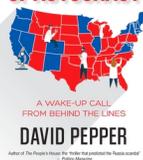
The title of the program came from a quote that Abigail Adams wrote in a letter to her husband John Adams when he was drafting the code of laws for the fledgling nation. She wrote, “I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will 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

We have once again selected two books for discussion in January and February. Zoom meeting time is 1:30 P.M. For both dates.

LABORATORIES OF AUTOCRACY



January 17th’s selection is “**The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It**” by Robert B. Reich.

On February 21st 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.

THE SYSTEM



WHO RIGGED IT,
HOW WE FIX IT
ROBERT B.
REICH

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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 _____

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 _____

**AAUWNN INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN STRATFORD
COLOR FLYER ON PAGE 11**

When: June 7 - 9, 2023

What's included:

- ☒ 2 Full Breakfasts per person at the hotel
- ☒ 1 Full Dinner per person at the hotel
- ☒ 1 Prix Fixe Dinner at The Parlour Historic Inn
- ☒ Behind the Scenes Tour (Based on availability)
- ☒ 2 Stratford Festival Tickets per person: **Rent** and **Spamalot**
- ☒ All Taxes, Gratuities and Service Charge

What is NOT included:

- ☒ Transportation to and from Stratford. It is about a 2 ½ - 3 hour drive.
- ☒ All other incidental charges including alcoholic beverages not included in your package, room service etc.

Cost per person

- ☒ COST: \$659 USD per person based upon two persons sharing one room.
- ☒ COST: \$859 USD per person based upon one person in one room.
- ☒ Yes, your friends, significant others, and guests are welcome to join us!

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT/CANCELLATION POLICY:

1. The actual theatre tickets go on sale December 6, 2022. Check our website to book directly.
2. One half of your package is due upon booking and the balance is due 45 days in advance of arrival.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW FOR PAYMENTS:

<https://tinyurl.com/aauwnn-2023-stratford>

For more information, contact Susan Schanne susan.schanne@gmail.com

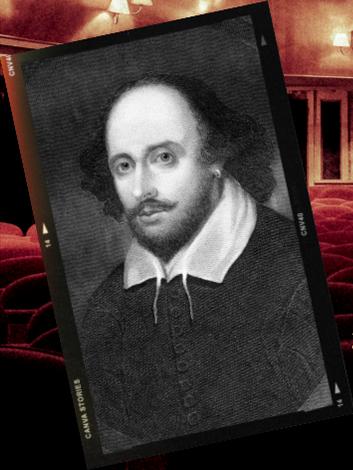
Or check out the site below:

- Festival Theatre www.stratfordfestival.ca
- Best Western Plus the Arden Park Hotel www.ardenpark.on.ca
- The Parlour Inn www.theparlour.ca
- Avon Theatre www.stratfordfestival.ca

When people sign up, I will put together a formal itinerary with links to the hotel etc. all in one place.

Stratford
FESTIVAL

AAUW-NN invites you to join us in Stratford



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights Accommodation - June 7 - 9, 2023
- 2 Full Breakfasts per person at the hotel
- 1 Full Dinner per person at the hotel
- 1 Prix Fixe Dinner at The Parlour Historic Inn
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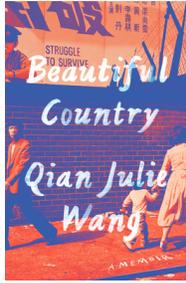
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CLICK LINK FOR PAYMENTS:
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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, December 9, 2022 we will discuss “Beautiful Country” by Qian Julie Wang. Discussion Leader is Mary Fowler. 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.

Bridge Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

The Bridge Group currently is meeting at Laurel Park Food Court area every Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.

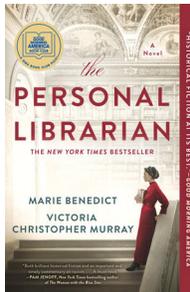


For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

Due to the Holiday Season Evening Book Group does not meet in December. January 23, 2023 we will be discussing “The Personal Librarian” by Marie Benedict. The Zoom meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. With Mary Jane leading the discussion.



Have a wonderful Holiday Season, however you celebrate!

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.



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

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact



We are NOT gathering in December.

For additional details contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350.

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 NOT meet 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 _____

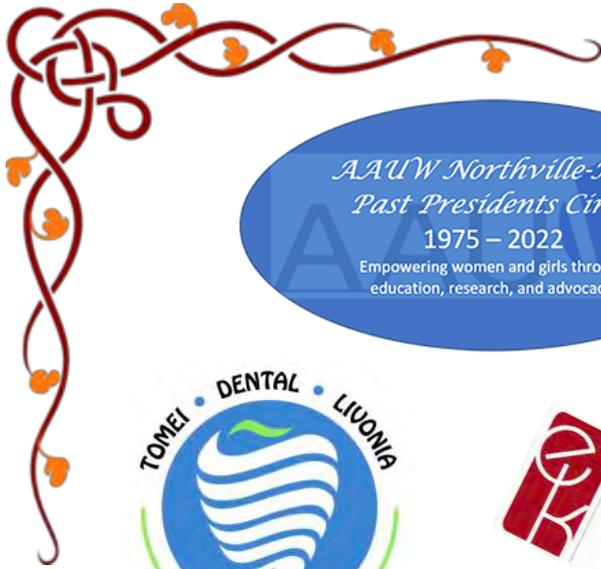
Regular Annual Membership

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.

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

<https://aauwnn.org/>

Board Meeting Fourth 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.