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AAUWNN MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 11:30 AM
Sports Den, 133 W. Main Street, Northville

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NANCY DARGA HISTORY OF HINES PARK

Nancy Darga is the former Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Northville and served on the City council for 12 years. Formerly she served as the Treasurer of the Northville Art House. She also served on the Northville Recreation Commission for over 20 years. In April 2019 Nancy retired from the Ford Piquette Plant as the Executive Director. She was brought in as the first full time employee and Director in which she helped build the National Historic Landmark into an international destination.

Formerly she was the Managing Director of MotorCities National Heritage Area. Dedicated by congress in 1989, Ms. Darga was one of the founding members, and Chairman of the Board before becoming the Director.

A licensed Landscape Architect, Nancy served as Chief of Design for Wayne County Parks from 1978 -2003 spearheading many large regional park and trail development projects,

During her tenure with the County of Wayne she was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Rouge. For her efforts she was awarded the Friends of the Rouge Award in 1997.

In 1999, Nancy was awarded the Michigan Public Servant of the Year Award by the Public Administration Foundation, Inc. for her extensive community outreach programs.

For her continued work in historic preservation and heritage trail development she was awarded the Governor Swanson State of Michigan Historic Preservation, by the Michigan Department of Interior, May 2005.

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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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SHARED HERE AND THERE AND AROUND THE TABLE

Happy New Year! WOW! 2023! Like you I remember the year 2000 as a New Year – Y2K et al.

That New Year's Eve I was with my son John in Las Vegas at Barbara Streisand's Concert. Babs and I sang "Auld Lang Syne" together – with hundreds of others. (I hope I haven't told you this story already). It was a great show, nothing tragic happened that night, and here we are today! Sending my best wishes and blessings to you and yours for this New Year and many more.

My plan for this writing is a number of sharings, so I hope you continue to read on:

- For those who would want to know our Endowment disbursement from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan arrived as expected, so we are now benefiting from the original plan to use these accrued benefits from all the donations over time. Thanks!
- Thanks to the diligent efforts of Mary Ann MacLaren we were able to have a successful hybrid ZOOM and in-person "Holiday Mingle" gathering on December 13. Thanks also to Patty Domin for the delicious refreshments. More at our January lunch meeting about connecting with Refuge for Nations, that night's presenters.
- As I sat around the table for our Consortium gathering on Dec. 8, the conversation came around to our donations to AAUW National. ***A few years ago, I was surprised at a budget meeting that our annual donation to Educational Funds should now be to directed to Areas of Greatest Need. I couldn't figure out why, felt no need to question.*** Evidently, former CEO Kimberly Churches had shared the Educational Fund did not need the donations to continue their work, and we should redirect. Now I get it. It always helps! This budgeted donation is made in honor of our Named Honoree each year.
- I have a new survey to complete for AAUW National – "Tell Us Your Story". It is designed to help them create a one page document about us for our use.
- With dismay I'm following the information in the media about Afghan girls banned from school – among further abuses of women's rights and activities. What a shame. This could affect our annual donation to "Kids for Afghan Kids."
- **Don't forget to make your reservation for the Stratford Trip by January 15 if you can go!**

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LUNCH TIME MEETINGS SPORTS DEN, 133 W. MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 2023



We are happy to present the menu selections for our Sports Den Lunchtime Meetings **Tuesdays January 10, February 14, and March 14, 2023 11:30-2:00**. Prices are as listed. Cash bar available. Each member will have their own tab and will order/pay separately. We do not pay tax. Suggested tip is 20%

We are looking forward to seeing you at our first “in person” lunch meetings in 2 years!!

Maurice Salad

Mixed greens, Bavarian ham, turkey, egg, tomatoes, red onion, cheddar cheese, swiss cheese served with Maurice dressing - 12.50

Salmon Roll

Grilled salmon (blackened or spicy chipotle glaze), coleslaw, lettuce, tomatoes, onions – 14

Soups

Chefs Choice – 5.50 (bowl)

French onion – 5.50 (bowl)

Reuben

Your choice of corned beef or turkey, sauerkraut or coleslaw served on a marble rye bread with swiss cheese & 1000 island dressing – 12

Greek Wrap

Grilled chicken breast, lettuce, feta cheese, pepperoncini, beets, black olives, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, tossed in Greek dressing wrapped in a tomato lavash wrap – 11

[Click here to register for this event or go to our website – \[aauwnn.org\]\(http://aauwnn.org\)](#).

We are not selecting lunch choices or paying, just a count of potential attendees. The restaurant would like to ensure there is enough waitstaff to properly attend to our group!

Members with dietary restrictions should email info@aauwnn.org or contact Mary Ann Maclaren.

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In July of 2017 the Henry Ford Heritage Association's individual Friend of Ford Award was presented to Nancy Darga for her work in establishing the Ford Heritage Trails and historically registering the Ford Village Industry Plants located in Wayne County saving them from demolition. While serving as the Director of the MotorCities Board she organized the Ford 150 Celebration, launched a public awareness campaign on the global significance of auto related innovations and the development of the Fort Dix Bridge Park on the Rouge River in Detroit to honor those laborers who lost their lives fighting for worker rights.

Currently she is Chairing the Northville River Restoration Task Force and Co-Chairing the Northville Mobility Network Team.

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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



The Financial Development Committee will be meeting on January 11 at 10:30 AM at Sweet Brew 'N Spice located at 133 W. Main Street, Northville.

We are looking for fresh ideas for fund raising events. Please join us with your ideas. For additional information email Jan Wargo.

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BOARD BRIEFS



BOARD MEETING

Board Briefs: We have 82 paid members.

Remember to register your January Branch meeting lunch participation with the Sports Den. This is necessary to insure adequate kitchen and wait staff (see Program report)

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COMMUNICATION UPDATES

- There is an updated members' directory on the website under "Member Login." Email me if you need the password.
- A hybrid Zoom meeting will be offered at January's meeting. The link will be emailed along with the agenda a few days prior.
- Register your attendance for the lunchtime meetings. Register once for all three or individually each month. [Click here for the form.](#)

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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

School Safety Task Force issues final report

After months of meeting, the Michigan House School Safety Task Force’s final report is out. The 12-page document breaks up its focus areas to prevention, mitigation, and response measures.

Recommendations on prevention focus on creating threat assessment teams, providing multi-tiered mental health support, and adding social-emotional learning to the curriculum.

“[Social-emotional learning] has been shown to have numerous long term positive impacts on children’s development, including improved socialization, helping them develop long term and meaningful friendships, and reducing the number of students who are involved in acts of physically aggressive behavior,” the report reads.

The group was formed in response to last year’s deadly shooting at Oxford High School. In the time since, **the task force has advocated for several items in the current state budget to provide more resources to schools. But many bills its members introduced didn’t move forward this session.**

Representative Luke Meerman (R-Coopersville) co-chairs the task force. He predicts those policies will come up again next year. “Frankly it is a lot easier to take those drafts and introduce them next year and there has been work done on them already. Just in the process that it took to get to the point we’re at,” Meerman said. He added having the bills introduced once before allows schools, interest groups, and other stakeholders to join the conversation.

The report also lists six consensus recommendations for schools to think about. Those include ideas like keeping lockdown kits and ladders for upper-level rooms, installing classroom cameras, and reducing barriers to becoming a school mental health professional. But there are also six recommendations that the group’s members could not all agree on. Those all deal with gun policies and range from encouraging safe gun storage to eliminating gun-free zones in schools. Meerman said he understands a lot of people had expectations from the task force on the topic. “We had those discussions and we had hours of discussion, multiple hours of discussion on that subject. And we had members on the committee advocating to others from different points of that,” he said.

Ultimately, he hopes the conversation around safety won’t stop with Wednesday’s report.

The group pushed for a \$2 million budget item to fund a new School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

“The report you’re seeing is from a specific task force put together by the Speaker of the House. That one is one I hope to see continue to run for 10 and 20 and more years,” Meerman said. The commission consists of members representing parents, the state police, the state health department, the state Department of Education and others.

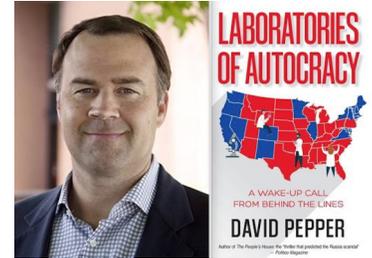
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Great Decisions Interest Group
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GREAT DECISIONS EXCITING NEWS

At our meeting in February, the 21st, we will be discussing ***Laboratories of Autocracy: A Wake-Up Call from Behind the Lines*** by David Pepper. He is also the author of four novels which combine real world politics and fiction with each other and ***A Simple Choice*** which was published this year.



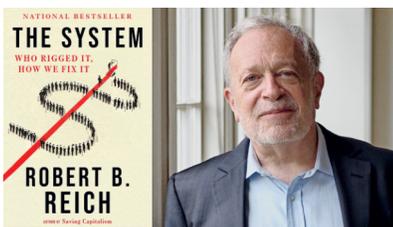
His B.A. and law degree are both from Yale. He clerked for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, served in local elected office in Ohio, worked for major law firms and teaches election and voter rights law. The Wall Street Journal described Pepper “as one of the best political-thriller writers on the scene.” Another reviewer refers to ***Laboratories of Autocracy*** as a “very readable book that is at times astonishing and at other times sobering. It was hard to put down.”

Pepper appeared in the documentary “***All in,***” which highlights Stacey Abrams’ nationwide fight for voting rights, and additionally writes for a variety of newspapers and magazines.

Now for the Exciting News! David Pepper has agreed to speak to our Great Decisions group. And we are inviting all of you to join us for an interesting and informative afternoon. This will be a Zoom meeting.

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

JANUARY’S MEETING



The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:30 P.M. Once again we will meet over Zoom. Our topic for discussion is Robert Reich's new book ***The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It***. He is a prolific writer having authored seventeen books as well as articles for The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. Additionally he writes weekly articles for The Guardian and Newsweek. He is a former US secretary of labor and is a professor of public policy at the University of California.

The discussion will be led by Mary Jane Kearns and Marcia Horngren.

We encourage guests and welcome new members. For more information or a Zoom invite contact Jean Hansen at jhansen_48167@yahoo.com.

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So we move into the new year. Looking forward to the lunch meetings at the Sports Den. I will be there for sure in January and since the place where we usually go on Sanibel Island is not in business this year we have no winter travel plans. Stay well and stay warm!

Lunch Meeting Update – from Jane Hecker

Last week I attended a small information seminar in the room we will be using at the Sports Den. We were a small group, but acoustically it was not noisy (low ceiling) with the sliding door to the main restaurant closed, and I felt quite comfortable. I liked the “feel” of the room with the window blinds up, showing the hallway of Northville Square. Various table sizes – 4 tops and round – would allow for various seating combinations. From the menu selections that day the Club sandwich and Chicken Caesar Salad were generous and very good. Hope this helps! Don’t forget to register your attendance online right away - [click here for the form](#) - and don’t miss our winter gatherings!



\$\$\$ 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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AAUW-NN invites you to join us in Stratford

Deposits are due January 15, 2023!

When: June 7 - 9, 2023

What's included:

- 2 Full Breakfasts per person at the hotel
- 1 Group Dinner our own private Kroehler Room
- 1 Prix Fixe Group Dinner at The Parlour Historic Inn
- 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: \$649 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. Tickets are on sale NOW! 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.

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



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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
- Behind the Scenes Tour (Based on availability)
- 2 Stratford Festival Tickets per person: Rent and Spamalot
- All Taxes, Gratuities and Service Charges



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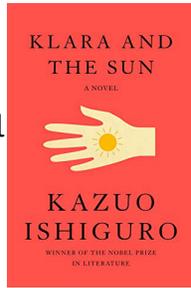
Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, January 13, 2023 we will discuss “Klara and the Sun” by Kazuo Ishiguro. Discussion Leader is Marcia Horngren. We are meeting at the Northville Library, John Carlo Room, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Please [click here](#) for the list of books for January - May, 2023.

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.

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

We are gathering Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Shiro Restaurant and Sushi Bar 43190 W. Nine Mile Rd, Novi

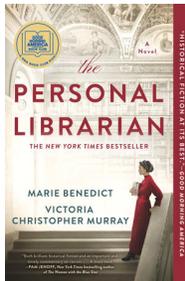


If you plan on joining us, please contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350 by 6 p.m. on Monday, January 16. If the weather is bad, we will cancel.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

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.



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.

Movie Goers

Rhonda York, Contact

Movie Goers are not meeting at this time.

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



Mah Jongg

Jane Hecker, Contact

The group meets every Friday 1:00–4:00 P.M. in a player's home.

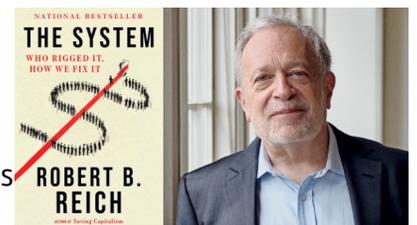


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Great Decisions

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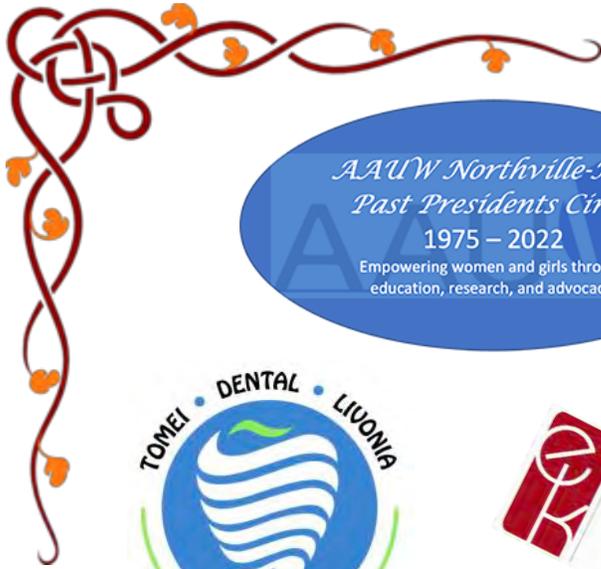
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See page 6 for detailed write-up.

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

<https://aaunw.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.