

# Update

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## AAUWNN MEETING

**Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Sports Den, 133 W. Main Street, Northville**

*VP Programs*  
*Patty Domin*  
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### I FOUND A QUILTED HEART SPREADING JOY ONE GIFT AT A TIME

Please join us as we prepare our own “Quilted Heart”, a random act of kindness to spread joy in our community. Val Gagnon, our guest speaker, will give us the background on this project and supply us with all we need to make our own hearts! ***Details about this project is on page 4 in this newsletter.***



***You need to bring scissors, a needle and thread.***

There will be extra “tags” available for you to make more hearts on your own. This is a great family or group project to continue on your own to help create a bit of happiness for the finder and, perhaps, the maker too!

We hope to see you there!



## Northville–Novi (MI) update



### 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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## FORWARD INTO THE NEW YEAR

Now we are really into the new year! Celebrated, considered and maybe made the resolutions, undecorated (boo hoo!), and moved forward! Congratulations all! Not easy! Here at the Hecker house I'm back on the Peleton and back to meetings! I will try not to bore you with rambling, but will share a few items just for you.

♥ We enjoyed our first lunch meeting in two years at the Northville Sports Den on January 10. Glad to see the 20+ members who attended! The food and service was great! The program was great (Rhonda York, organizer and Nancy Darga, presenter on "History of Hines Park"). As convenient as zoom meetings are, it's even better be with all of you face to face – and enjoy lunch! Don't hesitate to join us in February, but please register your plans to attend on the website!

♥ Thank you to Susan Schanne for organizing our first "Girls Wanna Have Fun" trip to Stratford in June! Mike and I signed up and I know Susan will provide some details soon. Looking forward to a great time!

♥ Watch for the information (*see page 5*) about Plymouth-Canton branch's production of "Alice in Wonderland" the first weekend in February. This is their annual fundraiser. They have always been very supportive of ours, so please try to attend. They are a very creative bunch! Take your children or grandchildren! Support their scholarship fundraising efforts!

♥ I attended a few standing committee meetings this week, so please look for the reports from Membership and Financial Development this month. New plans are in the works especially for our new members. Always consider joining any interest group or committee, which might interest you.

Recently read advice: *aim to be good, and brave and true.*  
Pretty good resolution I'd say!



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



We are happy to present the menu selections for our Sports Den Lunchtime Meetings **Tuesdays 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. Suggested tip is 20%.

We will place our food orders shortly after arrival.

#### ***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](#) if you have not already registered for this month or go to [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](mailto:info@aauwnn.org) or contact Mary Ann MacLaren.

# FEBRUARY

## Northville–Novi (MI) update



### I Found a Quilted Heart...Spreading Joy One Gift at a Time!

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#### BRISBANE, QLD AUSTRALIA

I found this lovely heart in the Brisbane airport. My flight had been canceled and I was waiting on a new one when I found this. Made my day xx

#### PLAINFIELD, IN USA

Son: mom what's that (pointing in a tree)

Mom: idk (walks over) it's a heart. We will look at it when we are done (bathroom break)

Mom: (takes heart from tree) it's a quilted heart

Son: can I have it!?

Mom: I don't see why not. I think it was put here to be found.

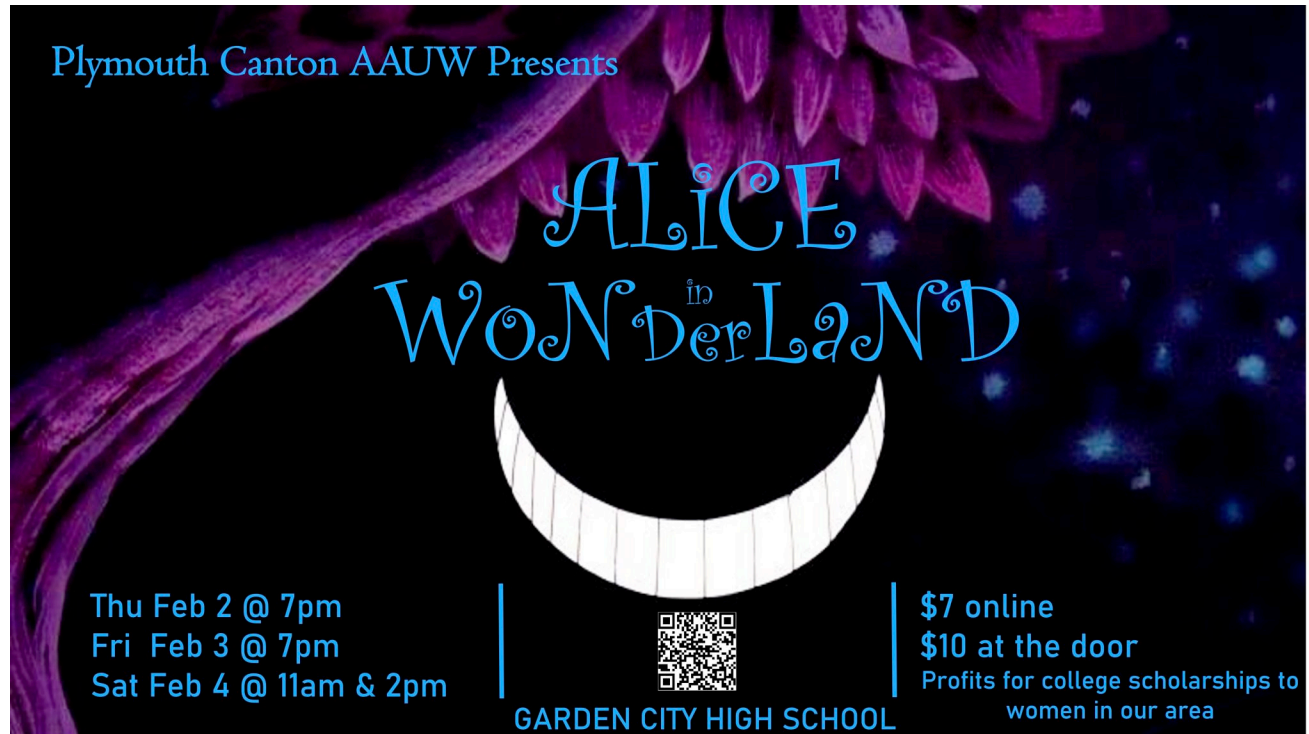
Son: (takes heart and runs to dad to show him)

We were driving from NY to OK to see our daughter graduate from Army BCT. It had already been a REALLY long trip..I've never seen my son so excited over something like this. He was literally running, jumping, and yelling with joy over this little Heart.

#### SPOKANE, WA USA

I found this sweet little heart outside of a library in Spokane Washington. It was a cold day when I leaned over to find the heart on a branch. I was thrilled that people are creating positive ways of caring in our divisive world.






Plymouth Canton AAUW Presents

# ALICE in WonderLAND

Thu Feb 2 @ 7pm  
Fri Feb 3 @ 7pm  
Sat Feb 4 @ 11am & 2pm



GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

\$7 online  
\$10 at the door  
Profits for college scholarships to  
women in our area

To purchase tickets for the AAUW Plymouth Canton Branch's "Alice in Wonderland" [click here.](#)



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## FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



The Financial Development Committee will meet on February 15 at 1:00 PM at Sweet Brew 'N Spice at 133 W. Main Street, Northville.

We are not planning a major fundraiser for 2023. However, we would like to hold the Michigan Designer Fashion Showcase again in 2024. The Fashion Showcase was a success and we received many favorable comments from designers and attendees.

April 13, 2024 has been reserved. We will have a planning meeting on March 22 at 6:00 PM. The location is yet to be determined. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to help with this event. I found working on the Fashion Showcase to be an interesting and rewarding experience.

We are always looking for new fundraising events. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas.

VP Membership  
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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Building our membership is the responsibility of all of us and we could use your help! On Tuesday, April 4 the membership committee will be hosting an event to recruit new members. If you have a friend, or know someone you think might be interested in joining, please send their contact information by March 1 to Karen Zyczynski at [zyczynski2002@aol.com](mailto:zyczynski2002@aol.com) so they receive an official invitation. No obligation to join. It is an opportunity to learn more about AAUWNN.

### *Meet four of our newest members:*

♥ Kathryn (Kay) Bartol, PhD, recently returned to Michigan where she spent her college years (University of Michigan and Michigan State University). She has just stepped from full-time to Professor Emerita in the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland and continues with leadership research, writing, and executive coaching. She loves walking, Tai Chi, and learning about cooking.

♥ Linda Garbarino is a Detroit native and longtime resident of Plymouth Township. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law. A founding partner in Tanoury, Nauts, McKinney & Garbarino, PLLC, she specialized in appellate law until retirement in 2021. She is an avid knitter, a dedicated, but amateur gardener and a so so swimmer (although improving).

♥ Dr. Gena Harrison-Anderson. I am a family medicine physician with Beaumont Hospital. I am a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine. I completed my undergraduate degree with the University of Michigan earning my BS in Biopsychology and Neuroscience. I am board-certified in family medicine. I am also the medical director of FOY med spa located in Southfield, Michigan. I am passionate about self-care. I am married to Michael Anderson. I am excited to join AAUW in honor of my dear friend and inspiration Mrs. Josie Burke

♥ Judy Sherman - My professional career moved along a rather winding path. While my children were young, I worked as a court reporter. Once my children became more independent I returned to school, earning a law degree and spending twenty-plus years as a litigator and appellate attorney. Now that I am retired, I have returned to enjoying time with my children and three wonderful grandchildren. In my free time I pursue my passion for reading and literacy, now mentoring five elementary-aged kids with reading difficulties - and I LOVE it!

WELCOME  
**NEW MEMBERS**

*Public Policy*  
Mary Jane Kearns  
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## **PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS**

For all members, and especially Facebook users, I would like to cast the spotlight on the AAUWMI Lobby Corps and Mary Pollock.

Here in Michigan, we are privileged to have Mary Pollock who has the title “AAUWMI Government Relations Coordinator,” working for us. She is exceptionally passionate about all things legislative, and issues important to AAUW. She also has important insights from long experience working in various roles related to government. Her knowledge is encyclopedic, and she is more than willing to share that with all of us.

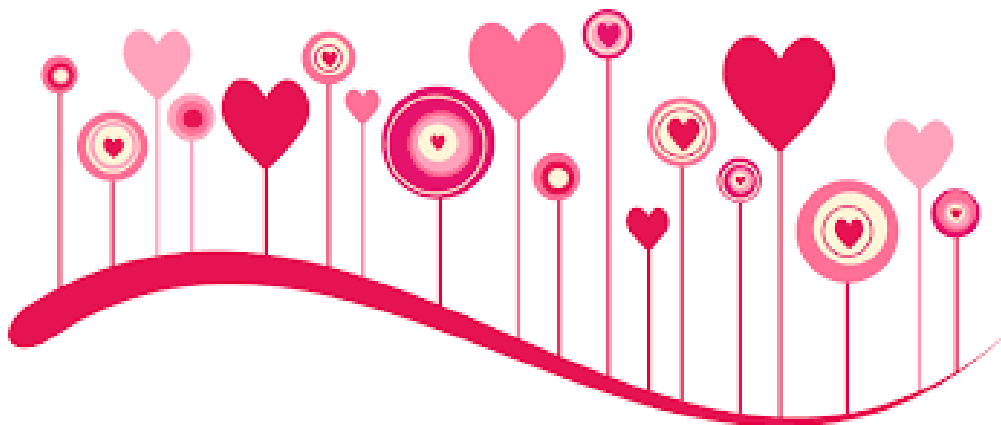
♥ She holds monthly ZOOM meetings on the Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. which anyone can join. I would encourage you to do this to keep current on what is happening in Lansing and learn what other branches in Michigan are doing to promote interest in issues important to us. You can join these by emailing Mary at [pollockm@comcast.net](mailto:pollockm@comcast.net) to request the link.

♥ She also posts daily to Facebook under AAUWMI Lobby Corps. Sadly, due to Facebook restrictions, we are not able to share this site, but I would encourage ALL of you to ‘Like’ it and check it regularly. Also encourage your friends interested in discussion of issues important to women to ‘Like’ it too.

♥ She also writes periodic reports for us and the AAUW Michigan Board, and recently has prepared a fascinating Capital Report and a Tracking List of bills before the Michigan legislature, both of which will be posted shortly on our website under “About Us” and “Public Policy”.

♥ She will be joining us at our luncheon meeting March 14 to bring us up to date on what is happening in the state. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

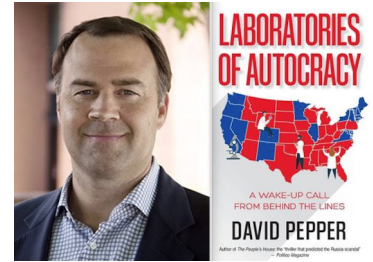
This is just another benefit of your membership in AAUW Northville–Novi. Be sure to take advantage of it.



## Northville–Novi (MI) update

Great Decisions Interest Group  
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### GREAT DECISIONS EXCITING NEWS



At our next meeting on 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, please email Jean Hansen at [jhansen\\_48167@yahoo.com](mailto:jhansen_48167@yahoo.com).



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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 February's meeting. The link will be emailed along with the agenda a few days prior.
- Register your attendance for the lunchtime meetings. Register for February and/or March. [Click here for the form.](#)



### AMAZON SMILE

*Those of you that use Amazon Smile should have received an email recently about their decision to end Amazon Smile.*

"After almost a decade of running AmazonSmile, we learned that with so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin".

Amazon Smile will be winding down by February 20, 2023. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for your charity as normal. "To help nonprofits like you plan ahead, we will also provide you with a one-time payment equivalent to three months of payments based on what you accrued in 2022 through this program. The timing of this final payment will be approximately 60 to 90 days after February 20, 2023".



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

Shopping, it's what we all do well, several times a week. We visit Kroger for food and gasoline, and purchase AAUWNN spirit clothing from Big Frog. You can EASILY add to the coffers of AAUWNN by signing up with these two 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.

#### **BIG FROG**

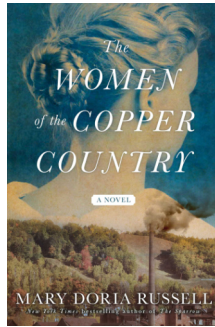
Sign up from the homepage of our website: <https://aauwnn.org>. Scroll down to Spirit Wear and click to be linked to Big Frog, Novi.

## Northville–Novi (MI) update

### Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, February 17, 2023 we will discuss “The Women of the Copper Country” by Mary Doria Russell. Discussion Leader is Jean Hansen. We are meeting at the Northville Library in the Friends Community Room 10:00-11:30 A.M.



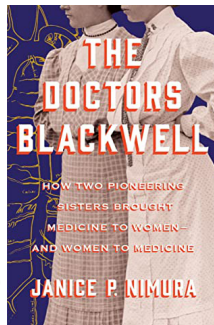
Please [click here](#) for the list of books for January - May, 2023.

Also, for more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at [mbrockie@umich.edu](mailto:mbrockie@umich.edu).

### Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

February 27, 2023 we will be discussing “The Doctors Blackwell” by Janice Nimura. The ZOOM meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. with Barb 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mbrockie@umich.edu).

### Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

We are gathering Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM at 160 Main 160 E. Main Street., Northville



If you plan on joining us, please contact Joyce Murdock at [jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com](mailto:jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com) or at (313) 381-2350 by 6 p.m. on Monday, February 20. If the weather is bad, we will cancel.

### Movie Goers

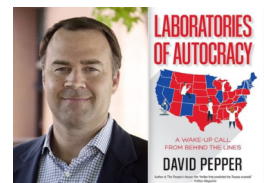
Rhonda York, Contact

Movie Goers are not meeting at this time. For information contact Rhonda York at [ryork03@gmail.com](mailto:ryork03@gmail.com).

### Great Decisions

Jean Hansen, Contact

The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 P.M. via ZOOM. Our topic for discussion is “Laboratories of Autocracy: A Wake-Up Call from Behind the Lines” by David Pepper”. The discussion will be led by Diana with the author joining for part of the discussion.



See page 8 for detailed write-up.

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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 Decisions .....Third Tuesday, 1:30 P.M.