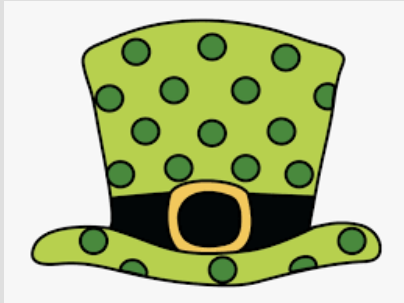


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AAUWNN MEETING

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

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ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE WOMEN OF MICHIGAN

Don't miss this important meeting!

The very well informed and dynamic Mary Pollock, Government Relations Coordinator for AAUW Michigan, will be joining us to talk about “Issues important to the Women of Michigan.”



Those of you who have joined her Lobby Corp Zoom meeting or have heard her speak before, know that her knowledge is encyclopedic.

Bring your friends. Bring your questions.



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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

Jane Hecker

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THIS IS US...MOVING FORWARD...

Mike and I have finally gotten away for a little vacation. We spent February 16 – 20 with his mother in Aiken, SC. As it turns out friends of hers – and ours – offered us a stay at their condo on Hilton Head Island for the rest of the month. I've been here overnight a few years ago. We are looking forward to enjoying the beach, kayaking in the bay, touring Beaufort and Daufuskie Island. I'm a big fan of Pat Conroy's writing, and look forward to spending time near the Gullah settlement and school fictionalized in "The Water is Wide." From our past stays in Charleston I've been able to collect a few treasured sweetgrass baskets. I guess we will keep busy! At the same time, in the midst of all this, my AAUWNN obligations and activities go on – thanks to ZOOM and email!

February 11 we held a new member orientation brunch – "Getting to Know Us" organized by Karen Zyczynski and the Membership committee. Thanks to all who shared snapshots of the various AAUWNN roles, activities, and positions.

This is the time of year the Nominating Committee (Pat Noworyta, Karen Zyczynski, and Deena Alam-Parks) will begin making calls hoping those contacted will agree to taking on an elected position. Of the many opportunities AAUWNN membership offers, filling these positions is vital! These are the vacancies at this time and a brief description of responsibilities:

1st Vice President – Programs: 2 year term. Board of Directors member. Works with the Program committee to schedule programs for our branch meetings September – April. The Annual Meeting in May has a different structure.

Treasurer: 2 year term. Board of Directors member. Joyce Murdock has faithfully served us for four terms. The limit! It is vital to our organization we are able to elect a new Treasurer/Financial Officer. Develops the monthly income and expense reports, reports at Board and branch meetings, and chairs the budget committee each year. Knowledge of Excel very helpful but not required.

Nominating Committee: 3 year term. Meets with the committee each spring to make the calls to fill open positions. The 3rd year one committee member is Chair. The next year the newest member joins and the Chair retires.

We're counting on you to "say yes" if the position interests you and you can accept the responsibilities. The members currently in these positions are available to answer questions, as well as any other Board member. The remaining Board members look forward to having you join us and serve our great organization and in our mission to empower women and girls through our efforts! Think spring! See you in March!

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LUNCH TIME MEETING SPORTS DEN, 133 W. MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE MARCH 14, 2023



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.

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.

Public Policy
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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

Getting Involved in Preventing Gun Violence

I feel it necessary, given the latest mass shootings at MSU, to address another very important issue for us all. As I write this, there have been more mass shootings in the US in 2023 than we have had days in 2023. As stated in AAUW's latest Public Policy Priorities (<https://www.aauwmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AAUW-Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021.pdf>) our organization supports "freedom from violence." Statistics below show that most Americans, including gun owners, support common sense controls.

Gun Violence: The Facts

- 9 out of 10 Americans agree that we should have universal background checks. In 2020, 45,222 people died from gun-related injuries in the U.S*
- 41k Americans die from Gun Violence every year- an average of more than 110 per day**
- Guns are the leading cause of death for children under 18***
- 1,220 firearm deaths occurred in Michigan, 38% of deaths by homicide, 61% suicide****

Despite these grim and sobering statistics, meaningful gun violence prevention legislation continues to be thwarted by politicians influenced by powerful lobbies with deep pockets.

*Pew Research Center **Centers for Disease Control, 2020

Giffords Law Center *The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence

It's time to change the status quo.

- If you would like to become involved personally, I would urge each of you to check out The Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence at <https://michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org/> Their goal is to
- If you would like to work to develop a more pro-active approach to this topic, please let me know of your interest at mjkearns1@outlook.com. I would be interested to know not only if you think this is an issue our Branch should become more involved with, and/or you would like to get involved with the committee.

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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 18 6:00-8:00 P. M. at the Northville Art House. 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 so they receive an official invitation.

No obligation to join. It is an opportunity to learn more about AAUWNN.

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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



The Financial Development Committee will meet on March 22 at noon at Sweet Brew N Spice , 133 W. Main Street, Northville

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we would like to start planning for the Michigan Designer Fashion Showcase scheduled for April 13, 2024. Our tentative planning meeting has been changed to April 12 at 6:00 PM (location to be determined). All members are encouraged to attend, share ideas and help with this event.

We are always looking for new fundraising events. Please contact me with your ideas.

Initiatives
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INITIATIVES NEWS



I have not been able to bring you this news in a long time – since 2019!

We have two Career Path Days scheduled! Meads Mill Middle School on March 17 and Hillside Middle School on May 19! Both groups of 30 8th grade girls with their respective STEM teachers will participate in a morning visit to the Mechanical and Engineering Center of Schoolcraft College for a tour of four of the centers programs.

We are in the planning stages of arranging for the rest of the day with lunch at Genetti's and visits to area businesses owned/operated by women. If all of this works out, I will be scheduling volunteers to join us at lunch to talk about their career path and/or help chaperone for the morning or afternoon. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you can help with any part of either of these days! We are also hoping to get "March Reading in Schools" going.

NOTE: We have been without a Chair for the Initiatives Committee since I became President. It is a Standing Committee appointed position overseeing all the Initiatives – Outreach Projects. Throughout the pandemic we haven't been able to be out in the community, but now we are back! Please let me know if you are interested in the position or the committee. Thanks!!

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COMMUNICATION UPDATES

- A hybrid ZOOM meeting will be offered at March's meeting. The link will be emailed along with the agenda a few days prior.
- Register your attendance, if you haven't already, for the March lunchtime meetings. [Click here for the form.](#)
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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BOARD BRIEFS



Lots of activity with your Board these winter months.

- We had an informative and successful meeting with Stephany Glazier, our representative regarding our endowment fund. (see the Treasurer's report) We are looking forward to the education and opportunities her agency can provide for us.
- Karen Z and membership have been busy putting our name forward at the Chamber of Commerce mixer and the Northville Library Showcase in March. Membership recruitment event is planned for the evening of April 18 at the Art House.
- NCCWSL –leadership opportunities for college women- has returned “in person”. Along with the Livonia Branch, we are sending 3 candidates from Schoolcraft College to University of Maryland April 30-May 2. Schoolcraft has offered valuable staff and financial help.
- Twenty five Novi high school scholarship applications are being reviewed. Northville applications are expected mid-March.
- Review of by-laws, policies and procedures is ongoing by that committee. Additional members are needed on this committee.
- Mary Ann MacLaren participated in a Zoom Meeting of the State Communication Committee. The directory is up to date. Follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.
- In April, Financial Development will begin planning for the 2024 Spring Fashion Show. Forward fund-raising ideas to Jan Wargo.



NORTHVILLE LIBRARY DISPLAY

Stop by the Northville Library during normal operating hours in March to view our display for Women's History month.

Thanks to Janice, Corinne, and Karen for putting together the showcase.



Movie Goers
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MOVIE GOERS



Movie goers has restarted after the pandemic!

The weekend before the first Tuesday of the month, I will send out a short list of movies we might like to see. Most of the movies will be at Phoenix Theater (reclining heated seats) in Laurel Park Place in the morning.

Following the movie, those who want to will go out for lunch to discuss the movie. Your job is to go over the list of suggested movies and vote for the one you want to see by email me at ryork03@gmail.com. You only get to vote if you plan on joining us. The movie getting the most votes is the one we will go to. With that information, I will let you know by Monday late afternoon what the chosen movie is and when it is showing.

Tickets are \$10 or \$7 for seniors purchased in the lobby of the theater – we will all gather before the show to buy tickets because seats are assigned. If you received an email about February's shows, you will remain on my list unless you want your name removed. If you did not get an email and

\$\$\$ 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.

FOUND A QUILTED HEART

At February's meeting we participated in the "I Found a Quilted Heart" (IFAQH) community. It is a group of volunteers that place small quilted hearts around the globe to brighten the day of a stranger. For additional information about this community go to <https://www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com/>

Photos are from our February meeting.



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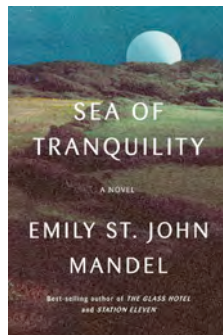
Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, March 10, 2023 we will discuss “Sea of Tranquility” by Emily St. John Mandel. Discussion Leader is Marian. 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 through 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

There is not a report for restaurant rovers.

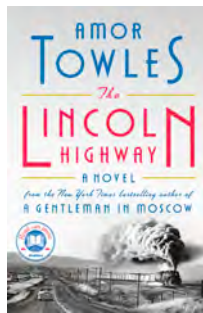


Please contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350 for information.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

March 27, 2023 we will be discussing “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles. The ZOOM meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. with Mary 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 Group.

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

Movie Goers

Rhonda York, Contact

Movie Goers are now meeting the first Tuesday of the month. See page 7 in this newsletter for details.

For information contact Rhonda York at ryork03@gmail.com.



Great Decisions

Jean Hansen, Contact

The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 1:30 P.M. via ZOOM.

Discussion is “China and the United States” from the new Great Decisions Briefing Booklet. Charlotte is the discussion leader.

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



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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.