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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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Happy Summer All!

Hope you are enjoying travel, family, friends, shopping, loafing, reading, gardening – whatever you like to do on these “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.” Those are all the things I love to do and am enjoying some of each. Just be careful and be safe!

In the midst of all this I must share my latest news. (I thought it would be September when I will have more details, but not so!) Mike and I are moving to the Denver area this fall! We have talked about this since Mike’s son and his wife moved back there two years ago, and it looks like it is time to make the move. Our condo is sold – closed July 27 – but we have 60 days occupancy rent-free so will be here into September. We will be out there some of that time house hunting, of course. We have an agent, some additional family, and friends helping us too. Needless to say, I will miss all of you and the many things we do and enjoy together.

So, next steps here. Our by-laws are very clear on the process for filling vacancies of elected officers. In my case, having one more year on this term we followed the steps indicating the order of Vice Presidents to approach. I’m happy to report in an Executive Board meeting on July 10, we accepted the decline from our 1st VP – Program (Lee Doyle), and the acceptance of our 2nd VP-Membership (Karen Zyczynski) to fill the position for one year. September 1 will be the starting for Karen. We are fortunate!

So, we have more steps to complete. Karen is not going to wear two hats! Corinne Vincent has graciously accepted the offer to fill in as 2nd VP – Membership for next year! That decision will be made final at the Board of directors meeting August 22. Corinne will remain as our College and University Relations liaison also. We are fortunate and grateful!

Of course, we have other positions to fill such as Initiatives Chair, and a Chair for the Nominating Committee (Karen’s also current position) since the President cannot fill that role.

At this time Rose Dankis has agreed to be the Chair for Career Path Day. We also need a Financial Development Chair and one of our Mah Jongg players to take over the preparation for our popular tournament scheduled for November.

Lots of changes! Lots of opportunities! Think about it! Karen and I await your message!

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The [Shape the Future](#) membership campaign is a tool that branches can use to recruit and retain members. If a new or “lapsed” member joins at an event where the public is welcome, they pay half the AAUW National Dues, and the Branch is entitled to one free member for each two new members with a limit of three free members per year. Congratulations to Janet Beaber, Judy Poole and Kumudini Sanghvi whose names were pulled from a hat at a meeting in late June.

Meet our newest member, Renee Palmer.

I'm a native of Northville, Michigan; #2 of 8 children, I have 6 sisters and 1 brother. I graduated from Northville High and moved to Colorado where I graduated from Regis University. My career started in banking and progressed to real estate. I'm an award-winning Realtor and am currently licensed in Colorado and Michigan.

Community Service is important to me. I've been a member of Rotary and was awarded Rotarian of the Year for my Colorado Rotary Club in Castle Pines

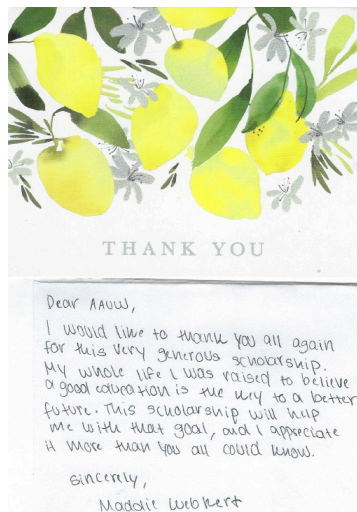
When not serving my clients, I love spending time with family and friends, and enjoy cooking, reading, photography, hiking with my dog Gracie, traveling and playing the banjo.

May and June are the usual membership renewal months for a majority of our members. If you forgot, please do so ASAP or you will be receiving a phone call reminder from a member of our membership team in August. Just mail your check for \$94 made out to AAUWNN and mail it to AAUWNN, P.O. Box 511, Northville MI 48167.



New Members Are Joining

See you in September!



**Thank you note from
one of our
Scholarship winners**

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PREVIEW OF PROGRAMS

The Program Committee work is underway, creating an exciting array of programs for the following year. You can expect evening meetings again from September through December and April. From January through March, we will again have luncheon meetings.

The September meeting, “Welcome and Get to Know us”, will kick off the year with presentations by committee chairs and interest group leaders. It will drum up interest in and excitement for the fashion show and ways to get involved.

In October we will celebrate with our 2023 NCCWSL student delegates and hear their conference highlights. We will wear our own school spirit gear.

The November program, “Talking about Guns” will address this charged issue and how we talk with people about it. Plus our “Travel Silent Auction” is this evening.

In December our “Christmas Giving” celebration will include a presentation and shopping opportunity from an organization that makes jewelry and empowers women and girls.

In January we will cover “Handling the Ageism Bias and other Elder Law Issues”. February will address “Neighborhood and County Issues”. Issues may include human trafficking, mass transit and others. In March we will discuss new developments in “Public Policy and Government Activity”. Finally, in April a presenter from a woman-run urban farm will speak to us about “Urban gardens and Nutrition” and some challenges faced by local populations.

We will update you as these programs develop. If you have any thoughts on any of these programs, or speakers we should consider, please reach out to Lee Doyle.

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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



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[Michigan Designer Fashion Showcase April, 2024](#)

The Committee is reviewing venues and will have a final announcement for the September Newsletter.

Any member not already working on a Designer Fashion Showcase Committee is encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Chair Mary Ann MacLaren at maryann@maclareninc.com

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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

Hope that many of you will join me at this event. Give me a quick e-mail at mjkeams@outlook.com

Save the Date ...
Registration information and more details to come.
11:30 am on Sat., Aug. 26, 2023
Women's Equality Day Celebration!
St. Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merriman, Livonia

This event is sponsored by:
AAUW
of Michigan

In Partnership with: Coalition of Labor Women/Metro Detroit;
International Federation of Business Professional Women;
International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit; League
of Women Voters; Michigan ACE Women's Network; NOW;
Women's Zonta International.

NOTE: You should have received an email July 31st from the state AAUW with detailed information about this event. Online registration can be done by [clicking here](#).





Please join us for a luncheon
in celebration of the **90th Anniversary of our branch**

Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
at Park Place Banquet Center
23400 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124

Menu choices:

Chicken Piccata or Broiled Whitefish,
Green Beans Almondine, Roasted Redskin Potatoes,
Michigan Salad and Crusty Rolls
Strawberry Layer Cake

Ticket price \$30.00
~Cash bar available~

Please **RSVP** with your **check** made out to **AAUW-D**,
your **menu selection, dietary restrictions, and seating preference,**
and send to:

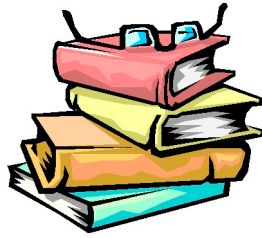
Judith Buck
4 Woodbury Lane, Dearborn 48120
no later than September 6, 2023

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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

September's newsletter will have details of the books to be read for 2023-24.



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.

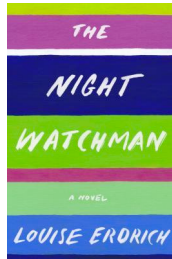


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Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

September 25, 2023 we commence the 2023-24 book group discussion at the home of Mary Jane at 7:00 P.M.



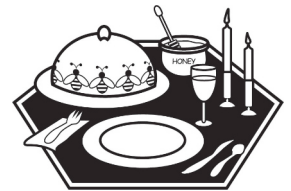
Selections for the 2023-24 year can be found on our website. [Or click here.](#)

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

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

We will gather again in September. September's newsletter will have detailed information.



If you plan on joining this group, please contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350

Movie Goers

Rhonda York, Contact

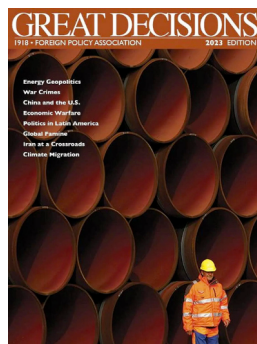


Movie Goers are now meeting the first Tuesday of the month. Rhonda will send an email to those on the list. To be added or for information contact Rhonda York at ryork03@gmail.com.

Great Decisions

Jean Hansen, Contact

The Great Decisions group meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. via ZOOM.



Contact Jean Hansen for details.

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

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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.