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AAUWNN MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 6:45 PM
Northville Art House, 215 Cady Street

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WELCOME AND GET TO KNOW US

Join us on September 12 at the Northville Art House as we kick off the year with guest speaker Sally Doty, Treasurer of AAUW Michigan.

Learn why the work we do matters. You will get an update on changes to our executive board and plans for the 2024 Fashion Show: A Peek at the Unique II.

Learn how you can participate in our many interest groups - from book clubs to Mah Jongg.



REMINDER ABOUT NOVEMBER'S MEETING

At our November 14 meeting we will hold a fun fundraising activity featuring items from your travels.

Bring your item/s with you that evening to display on tables for an auction (silent auction) during our meeting.

The cost of these treasures should not exceed \$50. This will be a great opportunity for members to do some holiday shopping. The money raised will go toward one of our initiatives, "Remember The Ladies". ***Please bring cash or check for your purchases.***

Northville–Novi (MI) update



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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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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Here we go on our 48th year! Next May will be our 49th Annual Meeting! WOW!

I trust you all have enjoyed the summer you wanted – travel, leisure, summer reads, gatherings, gardening, fun in the sun and shade, and on and on!

When I see you on September 12 for our first meeting this season, I will be saying (with sadness) farewell and wish you well! Karen Zyczynski will preside. This will be in the midst of our sorting, packing, selling, donating, and gifting all that we will not be taking to our new home – 9045 S. Shawnee Court, Aurora, CO 80016. If you are familiar with the area, it is closest to Parker – south and east of Denver.

The 3-bedroom house is part of Inspiration Hilltop – a 55+ community – including beautiful grounds, clubhouse, trails, pool, clubs, events, and sports courts. Guests welcome! It is definitely downsized for us and is new construction with a mountain view. Eventually we will likely finish the basement area. Incidentally, we are sort of around the corner from June Marshall-Smith Webster, one of our members who moved out there last year! Small world!

At this time our move and exit are not fully scheduled, except for turning over the keys to the new owner here no later than September 26. I told you more about the reason for this move in August, so I'll not repeat that. Again, I will miss all of you and wish AAUW-NN nothing but the joys of community, growth, and success moving our mission and initiatives forward! I will have the same contact information, so please keep in touch!!

Initiatives

We are still looking for this (Board appointed) Standing Committee Chair position. At this time Rose Dankis will organize the Career Path Day events and Joyce Murdock will continue to lead Remember the Ladies.

Leadership is needed for Reading in Schools and any new initiatives that are developed to promote community involvement and support for opportunities for women and girls.

Please contact Karen Zyczynski if you are interested.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

(Correction to August Newsletter)

The recipients of the ‘Shape the Future’ free membership were:

Dorothy Grant

Judy Poole

Kumudini Sanghvi

College University Relations
Corinne Vincent, Chair
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GET Ready.....Find your alma mater Spirit Wear AAUWNN'S COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

Tuesday October 10th 6:45-8:45PM

Schoolcraft College Campus

McDowell Student Center

Easy parking – barrier free

Hear from our student leadership conference delegates

Can't find your school shirt...make a paper banner!

Financial Development
Janice Wargo
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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Calling All Travelers- Fun Fundraising Activity

Silent auction of your items from your travels is at the November 14 meeting. Just bring your item/s to the meeting , we provide tables for display. This will be a great opportunity for members to do some holiday shopping. The money raised will go toward one of our initiatives, “Remember The Ladies”. *Please bring cash or check for payment of your purchases.*

Michigan Designer Fashion Showcase April, 2024

The “Peek at the Unique II” is April 13, 2024 9:30 A.M. - 1:15 P.M. A brunch will be served.

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

Public Policy
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PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Welcome to our newest members and to those returning. The goal of this column is to help keep you informed of national and state government policy of interest to you. As you will see I will cover a wide range of topics and draw on various sources for information – all the time following the mission of our organization.

I am going to begin with contact information to help you stay informed, as we return to regular meetings.

AAUW Policy Resources

AAUW Action Network and Two-Minute Activist Tool: The cornerstone of AAUW’s e-advocacy efforts:

Action Network sends subscribers urgent email notices when their advocacy is needed most.

With *Two-Minute Activist* ([twominuteactivist](http://twominuteactivist.com)) online tool, it takes no time to contact your legislators and make your voice heard. Anyone with an email address can subscribe.

AAUW Washington Update: This weekly email bulletin offers an insider’s view on the public policy process, the latest policy news, and updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department. Join the list (aauw.us/washingtonupdate) today.

Quick Facts: AAUW compiles current information and advocacy resources on issues related to our Public Policy Priorities in order to provide resources that offer rigorous analysis and most effective avenues for action. For updated position papers and quick facts on AAUW’s priority issues, visit the AAUW Issues webpage (aauw.org/issues).

Facebook: Search ‘AAUWMI Lobby Corps’ for frequent and relevant Michigan news from our own Government Relations Coordinator Mary Pollock. This is an invaluable tool for keeping up to date with what is going on in Michigan.

Michigan Women’s Equality Day Celebration

AAUW Michigan hosted a most worthwhile luncheon meeting on Sat. Aug. 26. We were treated to three excellent speakers on the topic of the ERA. Well-known and respected AAUWMI member Laura Callow gave us an enlightening history and update of the ERA and AAUW. She was followed by the erudite Meghan Kissell, Senior Director of Policy and Membership Advocacy at AAUW, who brought us up to date the status of equal rights and the ERA. Although the ERA gained ratification of 30 states within one year of its Senate approval, mounting intense opposition from conservative religious and political organizations effectively brought ratification to a standstill. Keynote speaker, Representative Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) urged us to watch the Michigan House Sessions and spoke about initiatives here in our state. Worthwhile!

I urge each one of you to put Aug. 24/24 on your calendars so you don’t miss this event next year.

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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 feature guest Speaker Sally Doty from the AAUW Michigan. You also will hear from committee chairs and interest group leaders about how you can get involved, and learn about our 2024 fashion show plans.

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. Your silent auction is during November’s meeting. See detail on the front page of this newsletter.

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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AAUW
Dearborn (MI) Branch
1933 - 2023

90
YEARS

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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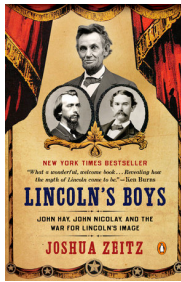
Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

Morning Book Club will be changing the day we meet. It will be the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. at the Northville Friendship Community Room.

On September 7, 2023 we will be discussing “Lincoln’s Boys” by Joshua Zeitz. Pat Metz will be leading our discussion.

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 will gather September 20, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at

160 Main
160 E. Main Street, Northville
248-773-7976

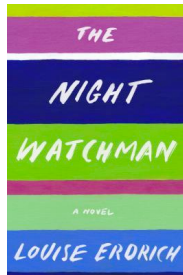


If you plan on joining this group, please contact Joyce Murdock by 6:00 P.M. September 18 at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or at (313) 381-2350

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group is excited to be meeting in person on September 25, 2023 when we will be discussing “The Night Watchman” by Louise Erhard. This meeting is at 7:00 pm at Mary Jane Kearns’ home. Pat Amireskandari will be leading our discussion.



Interested in joining? We’d love to have you. Contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com or 248 449-8693.

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

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 will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:30pm to discuss “Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, and Migration.”

This will be a Zoom meeting. Information for our discussion can be found in the Great Decisions study booklet as well as in additional articles appearing on-line. Jean will be 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

Mary Jane Kerns, Contact

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



To join the group please contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com

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

<https://aauwnn.org/>

Board MeetingFourth 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 Thursday, 10:00 A.M.
Evening Book Group..... Fourth Monday, 7:00 P.M.
Great DecisionsThird Tuesday, 1:30 P.M.