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AAUWNN MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 6:45 PM

Schoolcraft College

McDowell Student Center, Room MC 100

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AAUWNN’s COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

Tuesday October 10th 6:45–8:45pm

Schoolcraft College Campus

McDowell Student Center, Room MC100



Celebrate our Investment in Student Leadership Development

Wear your alma mater Spirit Wear

Parmenter’s cider & donuts “Tailgate”

Featuring AAUWNN’s 2023 NCCWSL DELEGATES

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

(Details about the conference are on page 3)

18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Allegan Drive, easy parking in front, barrier free

Meeting room right behind Welcome Desk

Carpool with your friends or contact us at info@aauwnn.org for transportation arrangements

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AAUW Mission

The AAUW MISSION is to advance gender equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

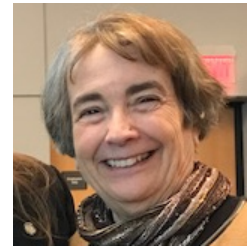
AAUW Diversity Statement

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

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TRANSITIONS

“Summer’s over, now it’s fall, the very nicest time of all.” is a line from an old children’s book by Lois Lenski that I used to read to my first grade students in the mid 1960s to kick off the fall season and focus on the changes we see happening all around us in the natural world. And, in fact, fall is one of my favorite seasons. The crisp fall mornings, the changing colors, the crunch of leaves under foot as I walk my dog and the flocks of birds flying overhead as they get ready to migrate. A time of transition.

Although it is not exactly the same for all of us, as we journey through our lives we are constantly transitioning; from childhood to adulthood, from youth to middle age, from middle age to old age, from children at home to an empty nest, from work life to retirement and much more. The point is, most of us manage these many changes quite successfully and find joy and happiness as we adapt to our new circumstances.

And so, in order to survive as an organization, we too must adapt and change to successfully move forward. Jane Hecker and her husband Mike are transitioning to a new home in another state and AAUWNN is adapting to a new leadership team. You will also notice that the color of our logo is changing to keep us in line with our State and National Organizations.

You may have noticed that over the last ten years more and more of our communications are online, if you want a paper copy you have to print it yourself. During the pandemic we had to change to online meetings. You may have noticed that over the years AAUW has become more political, more vocal and supportive of issues that directly impact women and girls. All transitions to manage an ever changing world. We are scrambling to keep up, sometimes it is stressful but we need to do better!

Many of us were born in the middle of the industrial age, but we now live in the information age. We cannot stop the world from changing. If we are to succeed, we must adapt. If we do not adapt, we will become history.



NOTE from Jane Hecker:

Thanks everyone for the wonderful farewell gifts. Mary Jane delivered the Past Presidents pin before we left and I’ve used the beautiful pen many times. Thanks for thinking of me. I’m still a member and will keep in touch from afar!

College University Relations
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National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

The NCCWSL conference was held at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland May 31-June 3, 2023. Participants included female college students from all over the country and Puerto Rico.

The conference featured inspiring keynote speeches from leaders in politics, activism, and business. Their stories and advice left attendees motivated and empowered to make a difference in their own communities.

Students attended workshops, activities, and breakout sessions to exchange ideas and experiences as well as to learn from the experienced presenters from many walks of life.

Six students from Schoolcraft College attended thanks to the generous support of the AAUW Novi/Northville, AAUW Livonia, and the Schoolcraft College President's office.

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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT



REMINDER ABOUT NOVEMBER'S MEETING

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

Bring your item/s with you to the October meeting or drop them off or arrange pickup with Janice Wargo (248-719-2900) or Mary Ann MacLaren (734-306-3991) by November 10. Please include your name, a short note about where the item is from, and its value. The value will be used to determine the starting bid.

This is a great opportunity for members to do your holiday shopping. The money raised will go toward one of our initiatives, "Remember The Ladies". ***Please bring cash or check for your purchases.***

Michigan Designer Fashion Showcase April, 2024

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

Packets for sponsorships are available from Mary Jean Kearns. Sponsors may choose from back cover, inside front or back cover, full page and half page. Opportunities for quarter and eighth pages will be available in December.

We are starting our call for fashion designers. If you know of a designer contact Karen Zyczynski.

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 NEWS YOU CAN USE



This month I am passing on the latest iteration of National's Public Policy priorities. These are the important bedrock of our organization. Please read. These goals will make you proud to be a member of AAUW!

Public Policy 2023-25 AAUW Public Policy Priorities

The Public Policy Priorities underscore AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. The work of AAUW builds upon responsible public participation, and the following priorities provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these priorities. We work to increase the number of women, and the diversity of backgrounds they represent, including race, ethnicity, age, income, gender, and sexual identity, in policy- and other decision-making positions. Our positions are shaped by our commitment to being nonpartisan and fact-based, and to acting with integrity. We strive for our work to be inclusive and intersectional, collaborating with diverse allies and coalitions to achieve equity for all.

Basic to all AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW believes that **high-quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society** and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality. We advocate equitable access to education and climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault. We support academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education and programs for students with disabilities. We advocate for increased and more equitable access to higher education, that is affordable and yields high quality credentials or degrees. We promote intentional, equity-focused efforts to close the persistent learning and opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect students from low-income and minority groups.

AAUW **promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.** Opportunities; reduction of poverty; a living wage; quality, affordable dependent care; paid family and medical leave; safe, livable, and affordable housing; quality, affordable, and accessible health care for all, including reproductive health care; and a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. We support a Social Security system that provides inflation-protected, guaranteed lifetime benefits with a progressive benefit formula, spousal and widow benefits, and disability and survivor benefits. We support robust and strong Medicare and Medicaid systems and oppose any efforts to undermine them, including privatization and block grant proposals. AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health and safety crisis.

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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 until December with January through March being luncheon meetings. April and May meetings will be evenings.

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 **believes in the right to privacy and freedom from violence.** We firmly believe in the separation of church and state. We support a fair, balanced, and independent judiciary. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community. We see an urgent need for meaningful campaign finance reform, open and fair elections that are broadly accessible to all voters, and nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office.

AAUW **believes in the need to end white supremacy and address structural and systemic racism.** Efforts to improve racial, ethnic, and gender justice must be embedded into every initiative. This includes working to eradicate intersectional bias and creating a culture of involvement, respect, inclusion, and connection, where the richness of diverse ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives is fully appreciated, understood and utilized.

AAUW **believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking and that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people.** We support the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations. We affirm our active participation in the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and our commitment to ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). We support international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.

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BOARD BRIEFS - SEPTEMBER

Board Briefs, September 26, 2023

- October program at Schoolcraft celebrates colleges and universities and our contribution to leadership. WEAR YOUR COLLEGE SWAG
- November program speaker is State Senator Rosemary Bayer, co-chair of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention
- YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU: Financial development needs a chairperson to lead this dynamic and important committee. The website is in need of maintenance and updates. The newsletter needs a new publisher. The branch needs a broader social media presence. Interested or have questions, talk with a board member or send your queries to info@auwnn.org



NEWS OF OTHER BRANCHES

The Dearborn branch is holding their 70th Annual Used Book and Media Sale October 5-7, 2023 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road (East of Greenfield)

Early Entry Thursday, October 5, 9:00 A.M. - Noon is \$20

Free Entry Thursday Noon - 6:00 P.M.

Free Entry Friday 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Free Entry Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY CELEBRATION

AAUW of Michigan's annual Women's Equality Day Celebration, commemorating the certification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was held on Saturday, August 26, in Livonia. The event drew nearly 100 people--men and women--from all of Michigan's women's advocacy organizations.

The event included a keynote presentation by Speaker Pro Tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives, Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia); a report from Meghan Kissell, AAUW Senior Director of Policy and Membership Advocacy; and an update on the status of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment from Laura Carter Callow, Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductee, AAUW member, and pioneering advocate for the proposed amendment since the 1970s.



AAUW's Meghan Kissell

Speaker Pro Tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives, Laurie Pohutsky from the 17th District

AAUWMI President, Sheila Blair



Laura Carter Callow



Our branch members: Karen Zyczynski, Mary Ann MacLaren, Mary Jane Kearns

Northville–Novi (MI) update

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.



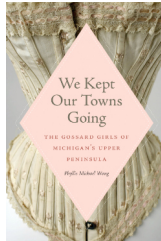
On October 12, 2023 we will be discussing **"Secret Life of Sunflowers"** by Dana Marton writing as Marta Molnar. Tanya will lead our discussion.

For more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group is excited to be meeting in person on October 23, 2023 when we will be discussing **"We Kept Our Town Going"** by Phyllis Michael Wong. She 'tells the stories of the "Gossard Girls," women who sewed corsets and bras at factories in Ispeming and Gwinn in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, from the early twentieth century to the 1970s. Particularly as the Upper Peninsula's mines were exhausted and its stands of timber depleted, the Gossard Girls' income sustained both their families and the local economy' This meeting is at 7:00 pm at Ruth Rickard's home. Ruth will lead 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.](#)

Mah Jongg

Mary Jane Kearns, 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

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 Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Exchange Bar and Grill
157 E. Main Street, Northville
248-349-1715



If you plan on joining this group, please contact Joyce Murdock by 6:00 P.M. Monday, October 16 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 rlYork03@gmail.com.

Great Decisions

Jean Hansen, Contact

The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 1:30pm to discuss **"Famine: a Renewed Threat in the 21st Century."** This is the 6th entry in the Great Decisions 2023 booklet.



This will be a Zoom meeting. Mary 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

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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.