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AAUWNN MEETING
Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Northville Community Center - Ebert/Russell Rooms
303 W. Main St., Northville

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Join us on September 10!

For a chance to get to know each other a bit better



“Me, Me, Me... Enough About Me – Now Tell Me About You!”

We invite you to create exhibits of your creative work, hobbies or interests so we can enjoy learning about you.



Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Invite a non-member to join us!

At the Northville Community Center – Ebert/Russell Rooms,
303 W. Main St. Northville, at 6:30 to set up your exhibit and then stroll around and enjoy!

Our program will focus on learning some things we may not know about registering to vote in this important election.





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AAUW Mission

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

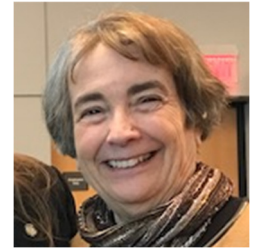
AAUW Diversity Statement

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-Nov (MI)

President's Message

Karen Zyczynski
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Hazy, Lazy Days of Summer

Most of us are still enjoying the relaxed, slower paced days of summer. Early morning walks while it is still cool enough to enjoy, picnics in the backyard with family and friends, sitting in the cool shade of a backyard tree reading a good book, enjoying all the great finds at the local farmer's market, visits to local parks and beaches, or more far-flung trips to places far away. Regardless of how you enjoy the summer season, I hope you have found plenty of opportunities to relax and recharge your inner spirit.

Thanks to the hard work of the Fashion Showcase Committee and our two popular Mah Jongg tournaments, plus the ongoing payouts from our endowment, we netted enough in 2023-24 to come close to meeting our philanthropic obligations for 2024-25 and 2025-26 as well as our commitment to keep ourselves well informed on the issues of the day. We had a grand total of \$16,603.40 from our 2023-24 fundraising efforts.

Looking ahead to the coming year you will notice we are resurrecting our popular shoe drive. Not only do we get to clean out our closets, but we help women in third world countries make a living. A win, win! Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Behind the scenes, the Program Planning Committee, under the leadership of VP Lee Doyle, has been working hard to bring you another year of outstanding programs. The Budget Committee has prepared a tentative budget that will be brought to the membership this fall for your approval.

Oh, and by-the-way; if you haven't heard, it's a presidential election year! As you consider who you will cast your vote for, in every race up and down the ballot, I hope you will keep in mind the political agenda of our national organization and how each candidate stands on the issues important to women and girls. Topics like education, Title IX, economic and workplace equity, access to leadership opportunities, etc. You can find more detailed information on their website www.aauw.org.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting in September! In the meantime, I plan on enjoying the last lazy days of summer. I hope you will too!



Karen



Your Favorite Fundraiser is Back!

Help Us Meet Our Goal of 2,500 Pairs of Shoes

- **Collect** new or gently worn footwear of any type (men, women and children) from your closets, and those of friends, neighbors, and family.
- **Ask everyone** you can think of – we need a LOT of shoes!!
- **Collect what you can.**
- **Drop them off at 24423 North LeBost, Novi 48374 (Rhonda York's.)**
- **Shoes** will be distributed to micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries

PART TWO

- **Ask businesses you patronize to put up a sign and a box to collect shoes for us. ex. Hairdresser, Dentist, etc. You might use those who supported us at the time of our fashion show.**

WIN – your closet gets cleared of unwanted and outdated shoes

WIN – Shoes are recycled and not put into the garbage

Win – Assist small entrepreneurs, mainly women in developing countries

We are a 501(c)(3) charity supporting education, equity and economic security for women and girls.

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Public Policy News You Can Use



Michigan Women’s Equality Day Celebration

Please join me...

Michigan Women's Equality Day Celebration
11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 24, 2024
**Registration Deadline:
Saturday, August 10**

Registration is open for this year's **Women's Equality Day** celebration on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at **St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia**. Women's Equality Day commemorates the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibiting the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States based on sex. This annual event is sponsored by AAUW of Michigan in partnership with the Coalition of Labor Women/Metro Detroit, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit, League of Women Voters, Michigan ACE Women's Network, NOW, and Women's Zonta International.

Cost: \$50/general admission; \$25/students; reserve a table for ten for \$475

Online registration is preferred, but you can also download a printable form to fill out and mail with a check to the address on the form.

Don't forget to wear your suffrage colors of purple, gold, and white!

Register Online

AAUW of Michigan

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday 08 24 24

ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTER - LIVONIA
18100 MERRIMAN, LIVONIA, MI
11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

\$50 PER PERSON OR TABLE OF 10 FOR DISCOUNT LUNCH, DRINKS, DESSERT IS INCLUDED
WEAR YOUR SUFFRAGE COLORS
LIMIT OF 90 SEATS ONLY

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MI Lobby Corps Zoom Meeting – Another Opportunity to Participate in Our Democracy

Chuck Newman from Distill Social shared with us a postcard writing project to mobilize voters who signed the Reproductive Freedom for All ballot proposal.



Distill Social wants to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of Reproductive Freedom for All ballot petition signers come out again in 2024 and vote for pro-choice candidates. Distill Social provides the clever postcards, names, addresses and sample message. Use the power of your pen to write to these voters.

Distill Social (DistillSocial.com) among other activities, fights disinformation and misinformation on social media in Michigan. Its posts attract 1,500,000 views a week in Michigan and in 2022, its team was responsible for collecting 105,000 signatures for Michigan ballot petitions.

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Winners of Complimentary AAUW-NN Memberships

Deena Alam-Parker

Judy Kaye

Christine Verleye

All renewed 2024-25 members were included in a drawing to award 2025-26 National memberships earned by AAUW-NN because of its new member recruitment success last fiscal year. State and local fees are waived by AAUW-NN. Congratulations ladies!



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AAUW-NN Membership REALLY Matters! 2024-25

Summer is one of the greatest seasons of the year. A time to take a very deep breath, make memories with those most dear, wiggle your toes, restore and refresh.

It is a perfect time to restore and refresh our AAUW-NN experience too. Relax from all those stressful, but important things we did last year.

Help do this one thing this summer.

Make a mental list of energetic women you know who should definitely be AAUW Northville-Novu MEMBERS.... but no one ever, seriously, invited them.

Please get your list ready and act on it with a late August in-person invitation to come enjoy a great NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY EVENING
Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Northville Community Center, next to the library

It is AAUW-NN's fall season Monthly Member Enrichment Program kickoff.
The perfect event to share with potential members.

Please pay attention to event details as they appear in this and September newsletters.

Very special events are planned---featuring a hands-on show of member personal interests/hobbies!
Good Food - Great visuals and stories - Gifted, energetic women to meet

Don't forget your elevator speech to go with your personal contact invitation.

In its VERY shortest form, for a two floor ride: What do we do??

American Association of University Women Northville-Novu Empowers Women and Girls, and

You don't have to do any homework. In case your summer memory has gotten TOO relaxed, take a quick look at our June, 2024, newsletter. Much of what we do to empower women and girls, just last year, is reported in that one newsletter. Or review the feature story and photos in the March and April issues of Plymouth "Rock" and Northville "Ville" magazines, delivered to each city and township mailbox.

We are getting pretty good at designing and delivering some of these activities after nearly 50 organizational years! It is impressive by any standard...a record deserving of a humble victory lap. It happened because of the wonderful generosity of AAUW-NN members (you) sharing time, talent and resources.

It is normal to lose some members each year who must step back from active engagement, lose interest or find it not a good fit. It is not normal to just stand by and watch that happen without action!

You know very well that to continue and grow the very impressive accomplishment record that is AAUW Northville-Novu's standard requires NEW MEMBERSHIP GROWTH every year. **It's not optional!** We need your HELP!

MEMBERSHIP is EVERY MEMBER'S BUSINESS.

There is no major benefit to create or tickets to sell this year. Maybe active members can relax and do only one or two jobs this year, instead of half a dozen. **Let's make 2024-25 a year to work on AAUW-NN's**
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AAUW-NN Membership REALLY Matters! 2024-25 (continued from page 6)

infrastructure and the community engagement we do so well that really does empowers women and girls.

Building MEMBERSHIP is major INFRASTRUCTURE Business.

Thank you for your help!

September 20, 2025, is AAUW-NN's 50th official birthday, another great, exciting reason to get serious right now.....Be Strong.... Be Ready Gain New, Engaged Members.

A Membership Application is included in this newsletter for you to share. Potential member September 10 attendees are eligible for the substantial National fee discount.

Membership

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Welcome AAUW-NN New Members



Please warmly welcome two more new members.

Suzanne Bilek, Hamburg Township. Suzanne, an Oakland University graduate with a background in political science and prelaw, is an author. Many of us recall her Saturday AAUW-NN luncheon presentation "Great Female Artists of Detroit," given a few years back at Schoolcraft College.

Priscilla David, Livonia. Priscilla holds LA State art/design and Marygrove MA elementary education degrees. She has retired from the Livonia School District after serving as Livonia Education Association President.

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

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

American Association of University Women Northville – Novi – a 501(c)(3)

An Affiliate of National AAUW, one of many local groups across the nation.
We are an association of dynamic local women committed to our Community with Action.
AAUW-NN works to break education and economic barriers so that women and girls have fair and equal opportunity, while taking time to network and enjoy personal enrichment.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024-25

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/zip _____

Phone (c) _____ (h) _____ (w) _____

Email _____

Provide graduate associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution:

College/University/Equivalent _____ State _____ Highest Degree _____

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Grad Year/s _____ Major/s _____

Date of Birth (optional) _____

Ethnicity (optional): Hispanic (Y or N) _ White _ American Indian/Alaska Native _ Black/African American _
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander _ Asian _ Other _

ELIGIBILITY

I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution (). I am an undergraduate student ()

Signature _____

Date _____

MEMBER RECRUITER if applicable Name _____

Individual Annual Membership

AAUW National membership fee	\$72
\$72 tax deductible	
State of Michigan fee – not tax deductible	15
AAUW-NN fee - \$10 tax deductible	10
TOTAL	\$97

Shape the Future-New Member

\$36
15
10
\$61

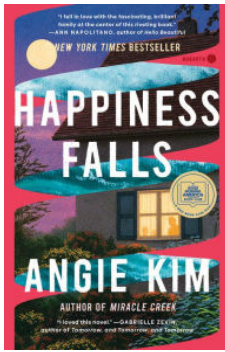
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUWNN – mail to AAUWNN Membership, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167 AAUW fiscal year extends from July 1 through June 30. AAUW membership extends for 12 months from enrollment

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, September 13, we will be discussing “**Happiness Falls**” by Angie Kim (416 pgs.). Our 2024-2025 choices are on page 11 of this newsletter.



When a father goes missing, his family’s desperate search leads them to question everything they know about him and one another in this thrilling page turner. A deeply moving portrait of a family in crisis from the award winning author of Miracle Creek. 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 p.m. For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.



Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

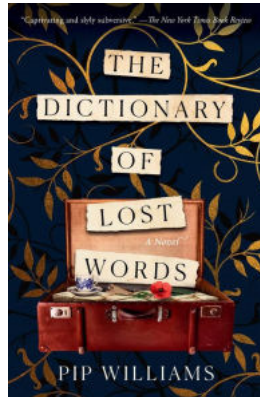
We will gather again in September for dinner. We will also gather for dinner in October and November. We will not meet in December. Then in January, through March, we will meet for lunch. In April Through June, we will go back to the dinner schedule. If you would like to join this group, please contact Joyce Murdock at jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com or (313) 381-2350.



Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group does not meet over the summer. We will meet again on September 23 at Joyce Murdock’s home where we will discuss “**The Dictionary of Lost Words**” by Pip Williams. Ruth Rickard will be leading our discussion. A chart outlining our choices for 2024-25 are on page 10 of this newsletter and on our website.



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

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 to the list or for information, contact Rhonda York at ryork03@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The group meets every Friday 1 to 4 p.m. in a player’s home.

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



Great Decisions

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact (Temporary)



We meet via ZOOM on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Due to technical problems in July, we will meet on Aug. 20, when we will discuss ‘NATO’s Future.’

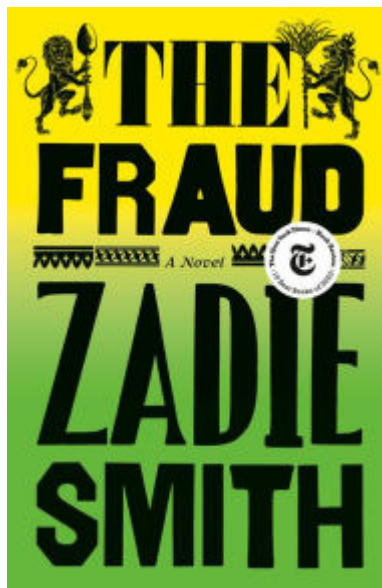
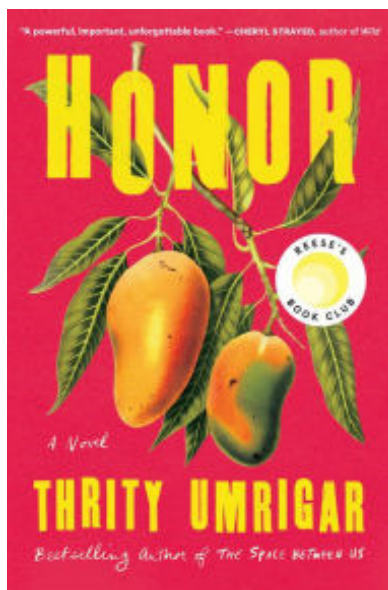
This discussion will be led by Charlotte Neuhauser.

We encourage new members and guests. We are also in need of a leader. For more information or a ZOOM invitation contact Mary Jane Kearns at mjkearns1@outlook.com or (248) 449-8693.

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**AAUW Northville Novi
Evening Book Group 2024-25**

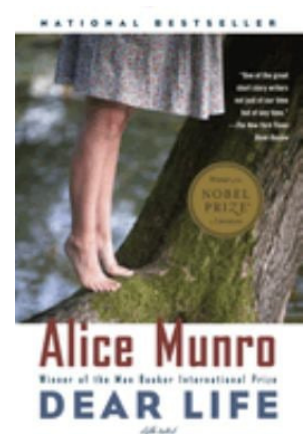
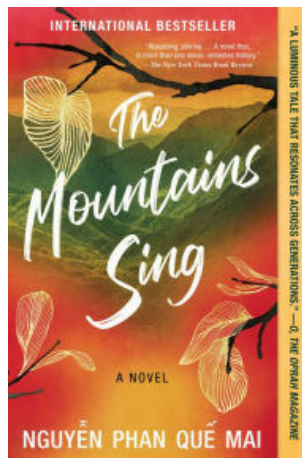
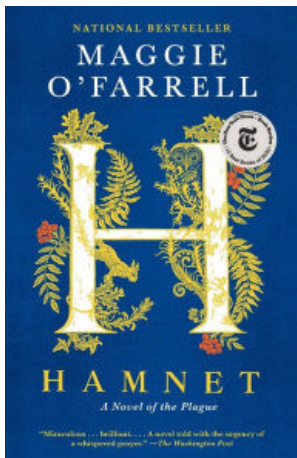
Date	Title	Author	Leader	Location
Sept. 23, 2024	The Dictionary of Lost Words	Pip Williams	Ruth	Joyce
Oct. 21, 2024	The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	Rhonda	Mary Jane
Nov. 25, 2024	The Paris Novel	Ruth Reichl	Barb	Zoom
Jan. 27, 2025	Honor	Thrity Umrigar	Judy	Zoom
Feb. 24, 2025	The Women	Kristin Hannah	Jan	Zoom
Mar. 24, 2025	The Fraud	Zadie Smith	Mary Jane	Zoom
Apr. 28, 2025	All the Beauty in the World	Patrick Bringley	Pat	Pat
May 19, 2025	Decisions for 2025 -26 at The Rusty Bucket	On Haggerty Rd.		



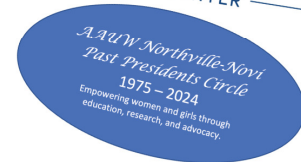
NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

**AAUW Northville Novi
Daytime Book Group 2024-25**

Date	Title	Author	Leader	Location
Sept. 13, 2024	Happiness Falls	Angie Kim	Pat Metz	TBD
Oct. 11, 2024	The Diamond Eye	Kate Quinn	Caryn Doehler	TBD
Nov. 8, 2024	Poverty by America	Matthew Desmond	Marian Brockie	TBD
Dec. 13, 2024	Hamnet	Maggie O'Farrell	LEADER NEEDED	TBD
Jan. 10, 2025	The Mountains Sing	Nguyen Phan Que Mai	Mary Fowler	TBD
Feb. 14, 2025	In the Garden of Beasts	Eric Larson	LEADER NEEDED	TBD
Mar. 14, 2025	Dear Life	Alice Munro	Marcia Horn-gren	TBD
April 11, 2025	2025 Michigan Community Read	Title to be Announced	LEADER NEEDED	TBD
May 9, 2025	Discussion and Selection of Books for 2025-2026			TBD



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AAUW Northville-Nov (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 p.m.
Day Book Group.....Second Thursday, 10 a.m.
Evening Book Group..... Fourth Monday, 7 p.m.
Great DecisionsThird Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg..... ..Fridays, 1 p.m.
Restaurant Rovers.....Third Wednesday, 6 p.m.