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AAUWNN MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 6:45 p.m.
Schoolcraft College - McDowell Student Center
Room MC100

Programs
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AAUWNN’S COLLEGE UNIVERISITY CELEBRATION



Celebrate our investment in Student Leadership Development

Wear your alma mater Spirit Wear

Parmenter’s cider & donuts “Tailgate”

Featuring AAUWNN’s 2024 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.

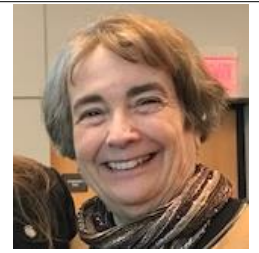
AAUW Diversity Statement

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.

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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Fall, A Time to Recharge

Fall is rapidly approaching. In fact, by the time you receive this newsletter it will officially be fall in spite of the unusually warm weather. Having been a teacher for over thirty years, September was always a time to recharge my batteries, a time for optimism, a time to start over, to do better, to make a positive difference in the lives of my students. And so, as you read through the September newsletter, I hope you found some programs and activities that piqued your interest and that will motivate you to become more involved and to make a difference in AAUWNN and in our local communities. *You can get started by participating in our Shoe Drive!*

You may recall that in the 2023 October newsletter I talked about change and transitions. In order to survive as an organization, we must adapt and change to successfully move forward. And, indeed, we did make some changes including, but not limited to, upgrading our technology so that we could improve the quality of our ZOOM meetings, and we increased the amount of our scholarships to high school students to better reflect the rising costs of a college education.

In 2024-25 we will be updating our Bylaws and hopefully our Policies and Procedures. The final draft of the Bylaw changes has been approved by our Board and will be voted upon by the membership at our November meeting. You will receive an email with the amended version of the Bylaws during the week of October 7. A special thank you to Jane Hecker, Chairperson, and her committee including Harriet Sawyer and Marianne Pinkham for their work on this project.

According to ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS TO AAUWNN BYLAWS

Section 3. AAUWNN Vote. Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended at an AAUWNN meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided written notice shall have been sent to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Karen



NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

College University Relations
Ruth Rickard, Chair
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***National Conference for
College Women Student Leaders***

The NCCWSL conference was held May 30, 2024 – June 1, 2024, at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. 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.

Seven students from Schoolcraft college attended, thanks to the generous support of AAUW Northville-Novu, AAUW Livonia, and Schoolcraft College President’s office.

NCCWSL THANK YOU

Our treasurer received this Thank You Note from national regarding this year’s NCCWSL. You can read the thank you notes from the attendees by clicking [this link](#) or capturing the QR code below.



To access all handwritten thank you notes from NCCWSL participants, open your smartphone's camera (or a QR code scanning app), then aim it at the QR code. Once scanned, your device will automatically redirect you to the designated webpage on AAUW's website.



Janice,

This year, AAUW was able to offer a NCCWSL scholarship to all 100+ applicants! This would not have been possible without your support. Thank you for your generous contribution.

In solidarity,

Mikaela Romero
Advancement
Associate



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.**
- **Bring the shoes to our October meeting!**
- **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.

Public Policy
Mary Jane Kearns, Chair
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Public Policy News You Can Use



!!!Be Sure to Vote!!!

We were so very fortunate to have Cortney Hanson, the Novi City Clerk, speak to us at our September meeting. She outlined the many ways it is possible to vote in this upcoming election. I urge each and every one of you to remember the values of AAUW and to vote considering those. **Our work is not done...** If you have questions about voting in your jurisdiction, contact your city clerk or the appropriate official there.

Good News from Lansing...

LANSING – Press Release from the Attorney General - September 16, 2024, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and the YWCA Kalamazoo held a roundtable discussion celebrating a year since the launch of the [Address Confidentiality Program \(ACP\)](#). The ACP was created to provide certain protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or those who fear that disclosure of their physical address will increase their risk of harm.

“Whether it’s casting their ballot or signing their kids up for school, government services should foster security, not create more hurdles to safety for those escaping abuse,” said Nessel. “The Address Confidentiality Program is a valuable tool we have to help victims of violent crimes and those at risk of threats or physical harm keep their addresses confidential and safe from further danger.”

ACP is a statewide confidentiality program administered by the Michigan Department of Attorney General. ACP operates to shield a program participant’s actual physical address by providing an official designated/substitute address, free mail forwarding service, and a guidebook that outlines how to vote, how to change their address, information on schools and bussing, what to do when contacting the police or emergency services, and much more.

There are currently 215 participants in the program, including 104 children and 111 households. Participants have expressed their excitement about being able to vote and get a library card without risking their safety.

Today’s roundtable featured participants from the Department of Attorney General, local law enforcement, partner organizations, and victim advocates.

Anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, or anyone at risk of being threatened or physically harmed if their address is revealed is potentially eligible to participate. Qualified applicants must:

- Be moving or planning to move as pre-existing addresses may already be compromised;

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!!!Be Sure to Vote!!! (continued from page 5)

- Be at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor; or
- Be a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or ward.

Applications must be submitted by a certified application assistant. While there are currently 358 certified application assistants and victim advocates across the state, the Department is looking for more to be trained, especially in the mid-Michigan region.

“If you are part of an advocacy organization providing support to the survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, I highly encourage you to have a member of your staff sign up for our training to become a part of this growing network for Michigan survivors,” Nessel said. “Join us in our effort to make this state a safer place for all our residents.”

Those interested in being certified application assistants or learning more about ACP can visit [the Department of Attorney General’s website](#).



\$\$\$ 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.

Membership
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Membership Matters

Your personal investment in AAUW-NN membership

Invite – Invite potential member guests to the all-member October and November programs... both exciting evenings to help introduce the value of AAUW Northville-Novu membership.

October 8, 6:45 p.m.– Meet NCCWSL Delegates– College Night Celebration on Schoolcraft Campus.

November 12, 6:45 p.m.- “Gun Violence Prevention: Researching What Works” – UofM Institute for Firearms Injury Prevention at Northville Community Center

Engage – Ask new/newer members to be part of whatever you are involved in. Help them find their way. The shoe collecting project is a fun example.

Reach Out – “A little help from our friends.” Long time members are silently in pain and fatigue emotionally or physically. Rides to medical appointments, rides to AAUWNN events, calls, cards, emails are valued ways that you can make a difference. Remember, in our AAUWNN Community sometimes we give and sometimes we receive.

Trivia That Matters – November, 2024

Women Get Things Done.... Leading

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has named **Nicole Sherard-Freeman** Foundation President effective January, 2025. *She* became Chief Operating Officer (COO) in 2023, was previously Group Executive for Jobs, Economy and Detroit at Work and Executive Director of Mayor Duggan’s Workforce Development Board. Wonder if any has asked her to become an AAUW member.

Why is Nicole’s position of interest?

AAUWNN leaders are proud to have established its Endowment Fund in 2012 with CFSEM and now, because of its high-powered investment strategists, we enjoy an annual distribution that helps support our actions to empower women and girls. *To make a lasting investment in AAUWNN’s future*, members are encouraged to make annual gifts *directly - check or directly* (do not cash in your gift in advance) to *CFSEM for the AAUW Northville-Novu Non-Profit Endowment* - Examples, annual RMD, appreciated stocks, bonds, real estate, a will or trust bequest are several of the options. CFSEM advisors are available to help with charitable planning.

Karen Zyczynski, Novi was recently one of eight Oakland County residents to receive the Board of Commissioners “Outstanding Older Adult Award” which recognizes a resident “older than 60 who consistently goes above and beyond.” Each commissioner selects one awardee. Karen was nominated by Commissioner Gwen Markham representing District 15.

Members **Gwen Markham** and **Carol Souchock** are candidates for County Commissioner in their respective counties, Oakland and Wayne. Carol is a first-time candidate. Gwen has been an Oakland County Commissioner since 2018. Additionally, July 2, 2024, she was elected Executive Vice Chair of SEMCOG –
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Membership Matters (continued from page 7)

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. For the first time, *every person elected to serve as an officer is a woman.*

Kathryn Wenske is one of our 2023 NCCWSL delegates that we met last October at AAUWNN's on campus College Night Celebration. Kathy served as Editor-in-Chief of *Schoolcraft Connection*, the campus newspaper and, in May, she was awarded Most Valuable Employee out of 16 nominations for her roll mentoring other students. Graduated now, she is at the University of Michigan working on a double major - math and philosophy, politics and economics program hoping to later earn a law degree.

This is a sample of *AAUWNN related women getting things done.... LEADING.*
Tell us more!



Happy 75th Anniversary

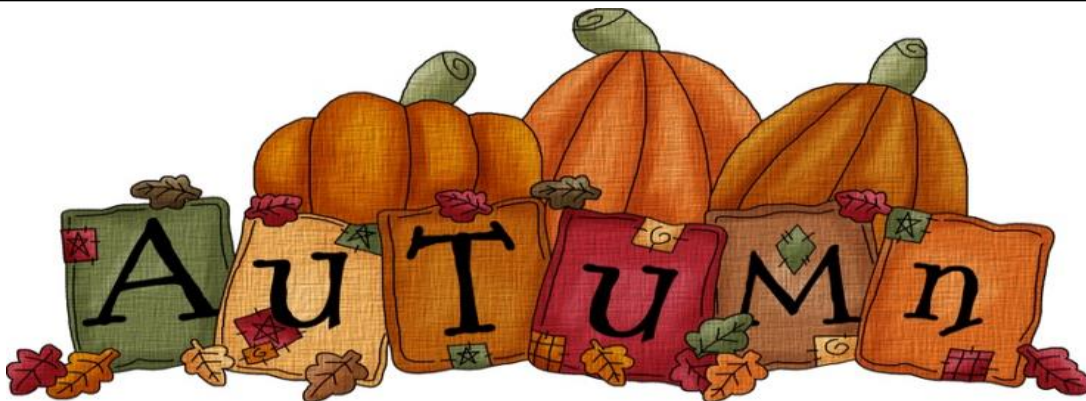
Member Vickie Dickinson and her husband Harold celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 13. They met at a New Year's Eve party in 1947. Their first date was a smorgasbord dinner date at "A Bit of Sweden."

According to Harold she was a hard date to get. When he would call and asked her for a date, she would say, "Call next Thursday." Her daughter says her mother believed in playing the field and that is what she told her children to do.

In addition to dinner dates, Harold wooed Vickie with dates to the symphony, the library, the movies, dances and to lectures at Wayne State University. On Valentine's Day in 1949 Harold went to Vickie's parents to ask for their daughter's hand in marriage.

Their first home was in Inkster where they began their family. Richard, Rebecca, and Amy were born during those years. Then they moved to Dearborn and they added David and Kathleen to their brood.

Vickie and Harold credit their long marriage to having patience, a short memory and an unwavering commitment to their family, which now also includes 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, with one on the way. As you can see from the pictures, they have not changed a bit.



BOARD BRIEFS - SEPTEMBER

Your board met on September 24.

We are excited to begin planning for our 50th anniversary in September 2025. Share your ideas for the celebration, including advertising and community involvement. Where can you help? Send your thoughts to a board member or info@aauwmn.org.

Thanks to Jane Hecker, Harriet Sawyer and Marianne Pinkham for getting our By-laws to align with national By-laws. More info is coming.

Plans for the program year are complete, and we are in need of a facilitator who can offer our speakers all the necessary information about facilities. Please help.

Start gathering your unwanted shoes. Fund-raising info is in the newsletter.

Caryn Doehler, secretary



THANK YOU

I am beyond grateful to be a recipient of your scholarship. I can't wait for what is to come in this next chapter of my life. It is an honor to be chosen and would love to give back in any way possible.

Thank you again,
Sienna Spooner

November Program
Corinne Vincent, Facilitator
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Get Ready for a **Stunning** AAUWNN November Program

Star your calendar, invite guests now –

Tuesday, November 12 - 6:45, Northville Community Center

“Gun Violence Prevention- Researching What Works”

Elyse J Thulin, PhD, Asst Research Professor

U of M Institute for Firearms Injury Prevention

Gathering research from all over the US to help find solutions

What is stunning? Something urgent and close to home...a health crisis!

Firearms- the #1 cause of death for children in US and Michigan.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - 67% of unintentional firearms deaths among children occur when the shooter was playing with or showing firearms to others.

76% of injury deaths were stored unlocked.

We value the lives of our children!

Every child should come home from school safe.

Know the safety and security practices in our local schools

Winder, GA is the latest Oxford, MI

A ritual that plays out 1.5 times per day in America

Seven children are killed daily by firearms

50% of suicide deaths involve firearms

60% of Michigan gun deaths are suicides, an average of more than 700 annually

On February 3, 2024, *Michigan gained 3 powerful tools* to help PREVENT accidental, intentional and suicidal firearms use.

1. Secure Storage – Public Act 17, 2023

Inexpensive gun locks or more complex storage available.

Gun shop owners are eager to explain choices. Some sheriff offices offer complimentary gun safety locks.

2. Loophole closing law expanding background checks to all firearms

3. Extreme Risk Protection Order Law (ERPO)

Allows family, doctor or law enforcement to ask a judge to temporarily disarm someone who has become a danger to themselves or others.

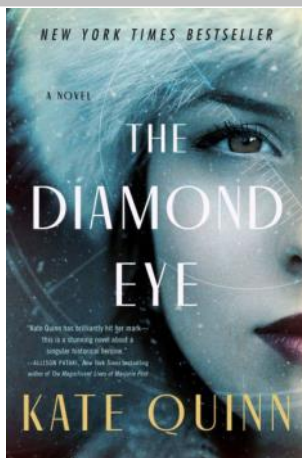
Each of us can help everyone in our personal community understand and share word of Michigan’s new gun laws.



NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

Daytime Book Group
Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, October 11, we will be discussing “**The Diamond Eye**” by **Kate Quinn**. We will meet at the Northville Library Study Room with Zoom link availability from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Caryn Doehler will be the discussion leader.



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

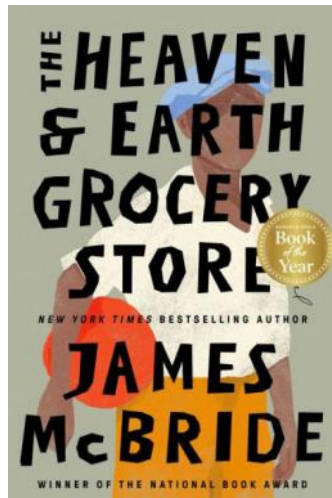
The Restaurant Rovers will be going to Cantoro’s, 15550 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, on October 16 at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us, please notify me by 6 p.m. on October 14.



If you would like to join this group, please contact Joyce Murdock at (313) 381-2350 or jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com.

Evening Book Group
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group will once again meet in person on October 21, at Mary Jane Kearns’ home at 7 p.m. We will discuss “**The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**” by **James McBride**. Rhonda York will be leading our discussion. A chart outlining our choices for 2024-25 can be found 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 rlyork03@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The group meets every Friday 1 to 4 p.m. in a players’ homes.

To learn to play or join us, contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com or (248) 449-8693. New player are always welcome.



Great Decisions
Marcia Horngren, Contact (Temporary)



We meet via ZOOM on the third Tuesday of the month (October 15) at 1:30 p.m. In October we will discuss Pandemic Preparedness: ending the deadly cycle of panic and neglect. We will consider questions like, “What is the most important investment we can make to help stop infectious disease outbreaks from becoming deadly pandemics?”

We encourage new members and guests. **We are in need of a leader.** For more information or a ZOOM invitation contact Marcia Horngren at marcia.horngren@gmail.com or (734) 445-9241.

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 _____

College/University/Equivalent _____ State _____ Highest Degree _____

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

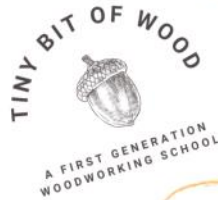
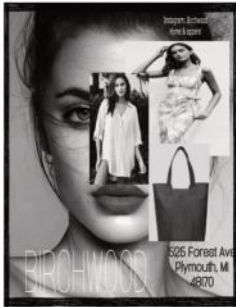
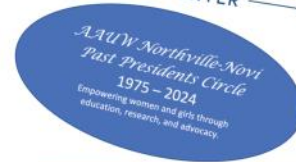
AAUW National membership fee	\$72
\$72 tax deductible	
State of Michigan fee – not tax deductible	15
AAUW-NN fee - \$10 tax deductible	10
TOTAL	\$97

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

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Mary Ann MacLaren
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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.
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