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AAUWNN MEETING Tuesday, November 12, 6:45 p.m. Northville Community Center Russell/Ebert Rooms 303 W. Main Street, Northville

Programs
Corinne Vincent, Facilitator
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“Gun Violence Prevention: Researching What Works”

*Invite Guests – friends, significant
other, future members*
Enjoy good company,
treats of the season
Tackle a crisis subject!

Elyse J. Thulin, PhD,
Assistant Research Professor
University of Michigan Institute for
Firearms Injury Prevention
Department of Health Behavior and
Health Education



Elyse J. Thulin, PhD

Funded by the Center for Disease Prevention and Control

Enter via Northville Community Center Cady Street parking lot.
Shared with the library. Barrier Free.

Dr. Thulin has two UofM PhD’s - Health Behavior Education and Computational Science, two dual post doctorate fellowships in Psychiatry at Michigan Medicine and Data Science at Michigan Institute for Data Science. Dr. Thulin lived in Kenya and Sierra Leone managing mixed method research.



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AAUW Mission

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

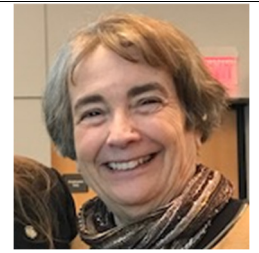
AAUW Diversity Statement

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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Thanksgiving Time is Here

By the time you receive this newsletter October will have flown by and taken with it most of those lovely sunny days and beautiful fall colors. November will be here and we will be anticipating Thanksgiving and beyond.

For those of you who missed our October meeting, we spent a delightful session with some of our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Scholarship Recipients. These delightful, smart, enthusiastic, inspiring young women shared some of their experiences with us and their Schoolcraft College Sponsor Rhonda Donovan shared a power point presentation highlighting some of their activities. A very enjoyable evening.

Our shoe drive is well underway. Thanks to our AAUW Consortium Members and all of you, at the point where I am writing this newsletter article, we have close to forty bags of shoes. Need at least sixty more, so keep up the good work! Can't do it without you.

Our November 8 Mah Jongg Tournament is almost here. If you are a player and have not signed up yet, there may still be some spots available. Contact Janice Wargo.

We have several new members who have yet to join us for a meeting this fall. I hope some of you will be interested in joining us for our November 12 meeting focusing on issues around gun safety and what works. Our guest speaker, Elyse Thulin PhD, Assistant Research Professor University of Michigan Institute for Firearms Injury Prevention, will be speaking on "Gun Violence Prevention: Researching What Works".

In addition, we will be voting on some adjustments to our bylaws. While most are editorial in nature, there are a few notable changes. In Article VIII, Section 2, our national organization has changed their Dues Collection Process and we needed to reflect that in our bylaws. Article IX Section A (1) moved from Article X. Article XX, AAUWMI Annual Meetings were changed to even numbered years in person and odd numbered years virtually. The voting process should not take long.

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

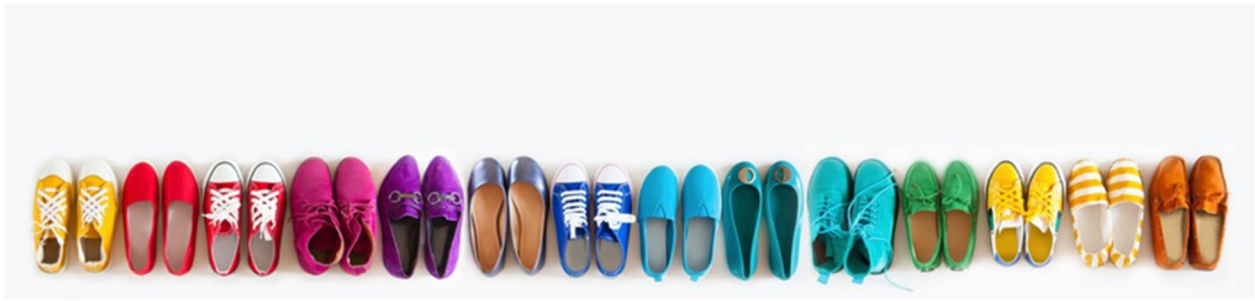
Karen



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

Pictures from October Meeting





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 November 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



!!!Vote, Vote, Vote!!!

I imagine that most of you have already voted – but if you haven't please take care of that. Also remind those around you to do so as well. Remember to vote by issues and philosophy, remembering AAUW values.

On October 17 Jocelyn Benson Announces New Election Dashboard; Shows 781K Absentee Ballots Already Cast.

Interesting information from Mary Pollock on AAUWMI Lobby Corps.

Gongwer 10-16-24 Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced a new state dashboard to view voting information, with a focus on absentee ballots and early voting usage, ahead of the November 5 general election.

The updated data released Wednesday showed more than 10 percent of registered voters have already cast ballots before in-person voting begins.

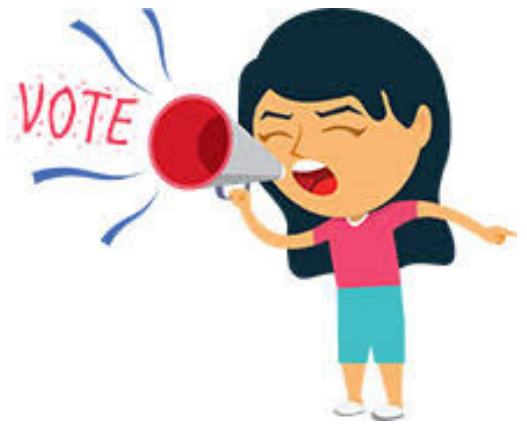
"For every statewide election since 2020, we have regularly released public mail-in voting information in the weeks leading up to Election Day. These early snapshots provide valuable information to voters, media, candidates and elected officials about how Michigan citizens are engaging in our democracy," Benson said in a Wednesday press conference. "This dashboard will allow anyone to see how many Michigan citizens are casting ballots ahead of Election Day. It includes views for county and municipality level data and allows users to compare trends across different geographic areas of the state."

About 10.8 percent of registered voters have already cast ballots via mail, with 781,534 received of the 2,136,907 absentee ballots received by voters so far. The dashboard will be updated daily and will also include data on early in-person voting once polls open on October 26.

Benson emphasized that the dashboard will not replace the websites of county clerks, which will still post unofficial results beginning on election night. The dashboard itself does not contain any information other than how many ballots have been cast and where they're coming from.

Benson said having an easily accessible, user-friendly apparatus for displaying voter information is helpful in combatting misinformation about elections and can ultimately bolster election security.

"Placing numbers in context of the laws and procedures that govern our elections, understanding is one of the most important tools to fighting misinformation, and we've all seen the ways that data taken out of context and can be used to distort the truth that will escalate in the weeks ahead," Benson said. "We know that,
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!!!Vote, Vote, Vote!!! (Continued from page 5)

as it does, voters will become more and more frustrated as election misinformation becomes increasingly noisier. We also know that official sources of information are more important than ever to help center our conversation on facts and the rule of law on the truth and the security of our elections."

Future iterations of the dashboard, being designed in partnership with the University of Michigan's School of Information, will include election results and information about voter registration alongside ballot numbers.

Election officials praised the new dashboard as a way for voters to receive key information from an accurate source.

"It's important that voters are able to distinguish a trusted source by providing a look under the hood like this tool does in the ballot request, ballot returns, early voting, and turnout statewide," Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist said in a statement. "Most importantly, the information is provided by legal members and is distributed through the department's trusted dashboard. It is trusted, reliable information that anyone can see how their community is, and the public will have a better understanding of how elections work."

<https://www.michigan.gov/.../voter-participation-dashboard>



\$\$\$ 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

Corinne Vincent, VP Membership
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Membership Matters

Invite Guests - friends, colleagues, significant others to the November 12 All Member Program, 6:45 p.m., Northville Community Center. The topic tackles a crisis that impacts everyone in every community- “Gun Violence Prevention: Researching What Works.” Maybe some guests will become future AAUW-NN members.

Welcome new member Dianne Hartman, Northville, who is a social worker and an accomplished musician and composer. She has combined the two in a composition titled “Music and Healing.” Her portfolio includes a B.M.Ed. from Vandercook College of Music, IL, and an MSW from Wayne State University. Dianne is also a member of AAUW Plymouth-Canton.



Dianne Hartman

Loss – AAUW has lost a Pay Equity Champion – Lily Ledbetter (1938-2024). The Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first legislation that President Obama signed in 2009. AAUW leadership was right there in the oval office along with other organizations who had worked on the effort. Lily learned that after 20 years as a Goodyear supervisor, her male peers earned 40% more. The Supreme Court had ruled against her, claiming it had been too long. AAUW and Ms. Ledbetter had a long-lasting, productive relationship. AAUW is now supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Our Endowment at Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

It has been a while since we have discussed our endowment at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. When it grew to \$100,000, we started taking distributions from it. It was set up so that we could work smarter and not harder. No donation is too small or too big.

There are a number of ways to give: Direct gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate; Bequests by will or living trust; Name AAUWNN Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your life insurance or retirement plan; A Charitable Gift Annuity lets you receive tax benefits or donate cash or property now, while receiving a fixed income for life; or Set up a Charitable Remainder Trust.

For those of you with IRAs who have to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), a good way to reduce your income is to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for our endowment. You must notify the trustee of your IRA of your intention because the donation must go directly from the trustee of your IRA to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. You will then receive a letter saying the donation has been made to give to your tax preparer. However, you cannot take the donation as a charitable contribution. Remember you are not taking it as income.

If you just want to make a check out to Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, write AAUW-NN in the memo line and mail to AAUW-NN, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167. This would not be a QCD.

BOARD BRIEFS - OCTOBER



Your board met on October 29, 2024.

Look for information on our Endowment, what it is, and how this is a valuable resource for our branch.

Our 50th anniversary is less than a year away, and already a committee of Karen Zyczynski, Corinne Vincent, Carol Murchison, Lee Doyle, and Joyce Murdock are ready to work. They would love your input and help.

Motion by Joyce Murdock, second by Karen Zyczynski, to donate \$25 to Remember the Ladies in memory of former member Sue Seelye. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Caryn Doehler, secretary



In Memoriam



Former member Susan Seelye, age 81, passed away on October 3, 2024. She was a member of our branch from 2002 until 2018. Although she did not hold any offices, she was active in the Evening Book Group and in the Mercy Education Project. She had a lifelong career as an educator.

As a grandmother she loved celebrating milestones and creating special memories, especially for her grandchildren. When each of them turned nine, she would take them on a unique trip. Sympathy cards can be sent to Robert Harper (one of her sons, she was married twice), 14050 Ludlow Street, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Her family kindly requests donations be made to the Detroit Mercy Education Project (<https://www.mercyed.net//donate>) in her memory.

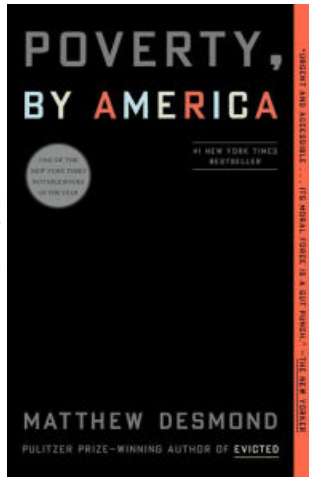
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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, November 8, we will be discussing “**Poverty by America**” by **Matthew Desmond**. We will meet at the Northville Library Study Room with Zoom link availability from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Marian Brockie 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

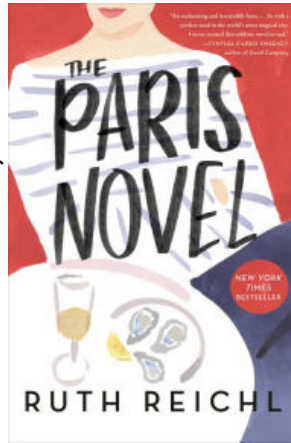
The Restaurant Rovers will be going to Cantoro's, 15550 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, on November 20 at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us, please notify me by 6 p.m. on November 18. Our October visit to Cantoro's was cancelled.



Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group will return to Zoom meetings for the cold dark days of winter, beginning this month. On November 25, at 7 p.m. we will meet to discuss “**The Paris Novel**” by **Ruth Reichl**. Barb Wilson will lead our discussion that evening. A chart outlining our choices for 2024-25 can be found on our website.



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

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.

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

Great Decisions

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact (Temporary)



We meet via ZOOM on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On November 19, we will discuss ‘**Technology Denial and Sino-American Rivalry.**’ Our discussion will center around the questions at the end of Chapter 4.

We encourage new members and guests. This is the perfect time to join us as we will order new books shortly. **This group is in need of a leader.** For more information or a ZOOM invitation contact Mary Jane Kearns at mjkearns1@outlook.co or (248) 449-893.

Mah Jongg

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Mah Jongg group plays Friday afternoons at members' homes. The November schedule follows.
Nov. 1 – Jan W.
Nov. 8 - Maj Tournament
Nov. 15 – Pat N.
Nov. 22 – Emily
Nov. 29 – Rhonda



New members are welcome. Contact Mary Jane Kearns to join us. mjkearns1@outlook.com or (248) 449-8693

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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 _____

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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) _____

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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

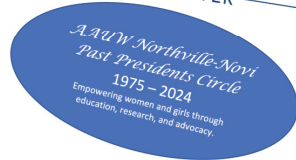
AAUW National membership fee	\$72
\$72 tax deductible	
State of Michigan fee – not tax deductible	15
AAUW-NN fee - \$10 tax deductible	10
TOTAL	\$97

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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AAUW Northville-Nov (MI) Calendar of Events
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- 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.