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AAUWNN MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 11:30 A.M.
Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road

Programs
 Judy Sherman, Facilitator
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Barb Rosso-Norgan

**“Wayne State University
 Body Bequest Program”**

Barb Rosso-Norgan, from Wayne State’s Medical School, will join us for a presentation about the Body Bequest Program. She has a B.S. in Mortuary Science from Wayne State University and has been the Mortuary Supervisor at WSU since August, 1990.

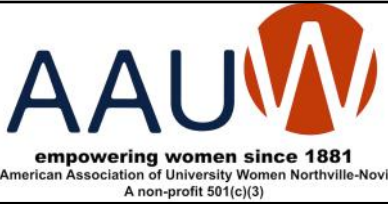
She will be accompanied by one of the Wayne State female medical students, Anne Karle, Wayne State Medical School MD/MBA candidate and Vice President of the Detroit Cancer Screening Initiative, to discuss the importance of this program to the education of the doctors of tomorrow. Also contributing to the discussion will be Darby Trapp Eland. Both of Darby’s parents - Richard Trapp and Rosemary Trapp - donated their bodies to the Body Bequest Program. Darby will describe how their incredible gifts impacted the Trapp family.

The meeting is at the Novi Public Library beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14. Box lunches will be available by pre-order with payment of check (payable to Judy Sherman) or cash of \$11.50 on January 14 to Judy Sherman. The box lunch includes a selection of sandwich, chips, cookie and a bottle of water. Ordering deadline is January 6. Text your choice to Judy at 248-245-5057.

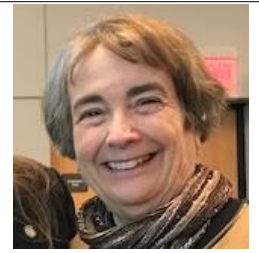
Menu options:

1. California Turkey sandwich - turkey, spring mix, tomato, provolone, roasted red pepper aioli, guacamole on ciabatta.
2. Chicken Caesar Wrap - Chicken, romaine, parmesan Caesar in a wrap.
3. Greek quinoa (vegetarian) - grilled veggies, hummus, feta and spinach in a wrap.

(See page 4 for more information on this program.)



President's Message
Karen Zyczynski
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*Happy New Year
2025 Is Here*

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI)

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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)

Having recently celebrated my eighty-third birthday, I feel very fortunate to be able to serve as your president and to wake up every day feeling optimistic and able to meet life's challenges head on. I look at the new year as an opportunity to reinvent myself, to rethink where I am and where I want to go. New goals, new opportunities, new challenges and new beginnings.

As an organization we have a lot to look forward to. In September, we will be celebrating the 50-year anniversary of AAUWNN. Of course, we will not limit our celebration to just one month, we want to celebrate all year long! We have a committee already making plans. If you would like to join us, just let me know. Also, we want to celebrate the fact that we have achieved AAUW's Five Star Recognition.

Looking at the broader world view the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) has still not passed in Congress. Affirming the ERA as the 28th amendment will strengthen legal protections against discrimination based on gender. There is no longer a path for the ERA in the 118th Congress, but AAUW's work continues in coalition.

AAUW joined the League of Women Voters and more than 140 partners in a recent letter calling on President Biden to act for publication of the ERA. The ERA meets all constitutional requirements to become an amendment, yet the Archivist of the United States, Colleen Shogan, refuses to publish it. AAUW issued an official statement from our CEO Gloria L. Blackwell in mid-December expressing our frustration at the National Archivist's refusal to publish the ERA which goes against the recommendations of legal scholars and the American Bar Association.

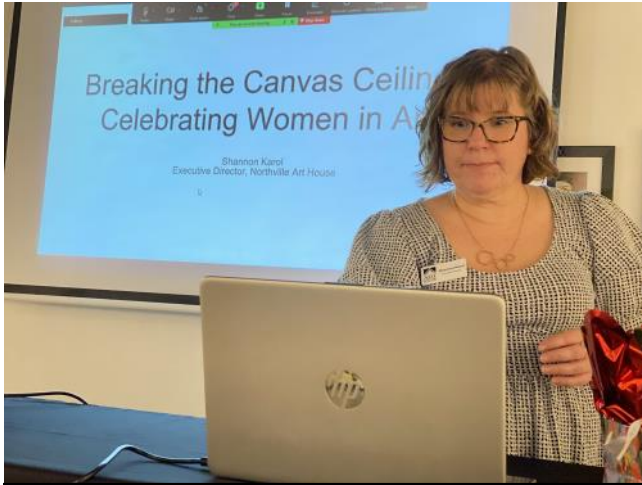
Women's healthcare rights are in jeopardy across the country. Women's pay continues to lag behind that of men. This lifelong pay gap culminates in the fact that women have significantly less income than men during their retirement years, a time when they are particularly vulnerable. You can find information on these issues and more by visiting www.aauw.org.

I look forward to working with all of you to meet the challenges and pursue the opportunities that a new year presents. We can all celebrate our 50-year anniversary together!

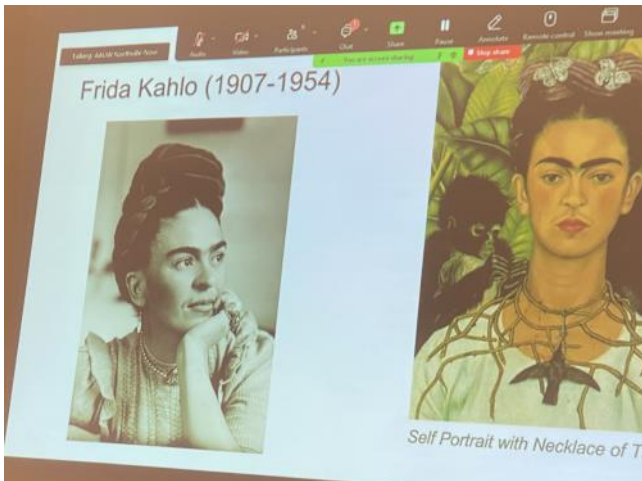
Karen



Pictures from December Meeting



Shannon Karol



NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
BODY BEQUEST PROGRAM**

There is a need for Anatomical Material at the university. Anatomy, which is the study of the structure of the human body, is one of the most important courses in the education of a physician and dentists. And, additionally, of those in ancillary fields, such as nursing and physical therapy.

Anatomy is studied in many ways; one of the most fundamental is dissection of the human body. With advances in medical research, it is increasingly necessary to engage in special anatomical studies, particularly in the field of surgery. In view of the various needs in teaching and research, there is a continued need for anatomical material.

In Michigan, many individuals have willed their bodies to science prior to death. General interest in the procedure is increasing every year, and a number of state legislatures have taken steps to provide state laws to cover such bequests. In Michigan, Revised Anatomical Gift Law, amended 2008, Act 39, section 333.10111 allows for donation to an accredited medical school for research or medical education.

Every year, the University receives an increasing number of bequests. Each such bequest is deeply appreciated, and each plays a vital role in medical and dental teaching and/or research. It seems clear that an increasing number of such bequests will make it possible for medical and dental schools to carry out their anatomical teaching or research in the proper fashion. The wholehearted cooperation received from the general public, the clergy, and the medical, dental, legal, and mortuary science professions is deeply appreciated.

Wayne State University School of Medicine recognizes the equal importance of both a body donation and an organ donation. This is a personal choice, and the decision must be made by the individual. The removal of any major organ at the time of death deems a body unsuitable for medical teaching and/or research. Therefore, an individual who has donated their body to the University may not donate any part of their body, other than the corneas, to another institution for transplantation.

Your New Year Will Be Bright and Cheery

If You Read With Eyes So Merry

The Wonderful Congratulations On The Next Page

And All The Thank You Notes Which Gage

What A Fabulous Job You Have Done

But Doing It, Haven't We Had Fun.



From: "Parquet, Tremayne" <parquett@aauw.org>
Date: December 16, 2024 at 2:47:18 PM EST
To: zyczynski2002@aol.com
Subject: Congratulations on your Five Star Achievement!

Dear Branch President,

It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news - AAUW Novi (MI) Branch has achieved three stars in AAUW's FY24 Five Star Program! Your branch attained the Communications & External Relations, Programming and Public Policy & Advocacy stars. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.

The Five Star Program is designed to honor branches that align their work with AAUW's strategic priorities in areas such as Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations. Earning three stars is an incredible accomplishment, and we are thrilled to celebrate this success with you.

While we will be updating the AAUW website soon to reflect all the branches that have earned stars this year, we wanted to ensure your branch received this good news first. Your achievement will be highlighted alongside other winning branches, showcasing your vital role in supporting AAUW's mission both locally and nationally. State leadership will be informed in the coming days.

Congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to creating a more equitable world. If you have any questions or would like additional resources to help your branch continue its progress in the Five Star Program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards and Happy Holidays,
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NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE



A Sanctuary for Survivors of Human Trafficking

28175 Haggerty Rd. Novi, MI 48377

December 11, 2024

Janice Wargo
AAUW - Northville/Novi Branch
PO Box 511
Northville, MI 48167-0511

Thank you for joining our mission...

Thank you for your generous gift in the amount of \$1,000.00 to ensure the success and well-being of the women survivors at Sanctum House. Your gift will be specifically designated to Job Preparedness Training for our residents.

As a team, our staff at Sanctum House create a home of hope, safety, and love for so many survivors looking for resources and support, in their recovery journey. We pride ourselves in enabling life-changing transformation so survivors can live their best, healthiest lives. Thank you for supporting us to further this mission!

Together, we make it our mission to create a sanctuary for healing, advocate for survivors and tackle the complexities of ending human trafficking.

Your generous support means a lot to each survivor, and to our team here at Sanctum House. Your support reflects your belief in our work and dedication to combatting human trafficking.

With my deepest gratitude,

Edee Franklin
Founder

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We hereby certify that Sanctum House is an IRS 501(c) 3 organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

This notice serves as certification for tax reporting purposes.

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December 11, 2024

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch
Ms. Joyce Murdock
P.O. Box 511
Northville, Michigan 48167-0511

Dear Ms. Murdock:

The impact of the AAUW Northville-Novu Annual and Endowed Scholarship on the lives of our students is truly immeasurable.

Your generosity not only provides financial support but also inspires our students to embrace the values of compassion, dedication, and perseverance. Because of your commitment, OCC students are able to access an affordable, high-quality education that equips them with the tools to build meaningful careers and make a difference in the world.

As a token of their gratitude, every student who benefits from the AAUW Northville-Novu Annual and Endowed Scholarship has written a thank-you letter to share their story. I'm certain you'll enjoy learning more about their journeys, aspirations, and the bright futures they are now able to pursue thanks to your support.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the success of our students at Oakland Community College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Ayar".

Christina S. Ayar
Vice Chancellor for Advancement
Executive Director, OCC Foundation

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NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

11/16/2024

Dear Scholarship Donor:

I am grateful to be a recipient of the AAUW Northville-Novu Branch Endowed Award for the Fall 2024 semester at Oakland Community College. Thank you for your generosity!

I'm from Hartland Michigan and still reside there today. I come from a family of six and I'm the oldest of four; two sisters and one brother. I enjoy cinema and art very much and have practiced creating works of art since I was a child. As a hobby I like to sketch, paint with different mediums and dabble in some graphic design on photoshop. I'm most passionate about books, which is what led me to want to pursue an associates in Library Services and Technology.

Receiving this scholarship will help me accomplish my goal of completing an associates degree. The impact of the scholarship goes beyond financial aide, it gives me the motivation and hope to pursue my dreams. I am so grateful for the generosity and to be awarded this scholarship.

I am working towards the Library Services and Technology degree, and have one semester left before completion. I have future plans to transfer to a four year University to pursue a bachelors degree in either History or Library Science.

I have taken many courses while attending OCC, specifically online classes. I prefer to study and work from home and the online courses at OCC have given me the opportunity to do that. I've enjoyed my classes very much and my professors have been a big part of my success.

I hope to accomplish a career in Library Science with my education. My goal is to one day become an archivist and work in a museum.

By awarding me the AAUW Northville-Novu Branch Endowed Award Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, which is learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Adriane Watson

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

11/15/2024

Dear Scholarship Donor:

I am grateful to be a recipient of the AAUW Northville-Novu Branch Endowed Award for the Fall 2024 semester at Oakland Community College. Thank you for your generosity!

I am born and raised in Michigan and currently live in Royal Oak. My family lineage goes many generations back in the Upper Peninsula, where my mother and ger parents were born. They taught me the value of hard work and a good attitude. I am very passionate about the arts and have enjoyed being part of the Detroit Arts & Entertainment community for 30 years. I am also passionate about helping others and connecting. I am a devoted yoga practitioner, DJ, potter and jewelry maker.

Thank you so much for awarding this scholarship to me. It is so very appreciated and enormously helpful to continue my education and progress. It will allow me to relieve some of the financial stresses and inspires me to continue to strive for excellence. It's a vote of confidence. I hope to pay it forward in the future.

I am working toward my Fine Arts Degree and hope to transfer to Wayne State University for my Bachelors Degree. I am hoping and am on schedule to graduate OCC in Spring of 2025.

I've taken classes if every type now, but primarily in person, which I prefer. Custodian Shirley Davis stands out to me. I was diagnosed with breast cancer this spring and underwent treatment while I took the summer off classes. She and I became pals over my nearly 3 years and when she found out why I was gone she brought me a gift to say keep fighting and Im not alone. She has been there, too. The school found out and did a feature story for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

I hope to be able to continue making great art and possibly teach it to little children. That would be amazing.

Thank you so much, once again. All the best to you! Feel free to contact me at mgrlexy@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

Linda Kruvelis

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

11/18/2024

Dear Scholarship Donor:

I am grateful to be a recipient of the AAUW Northville-Novu Branch Endowed Award for the Fall 2024 semester at Oakland Community College. Thank you for your generosity!

Hello, my name is Tom DesRosiers.

I live in Auburn Hills with my wife and two children, two boys who are 7 and 9 years old.

I am passionate about Technology and how it can be used to improve our lives. I am a non-traditional student who works and takes care of my family. I like to be an example to my children of what hard work in studies can accomplish.

This scholarship will help me complete a certificate in Software Engineering; the skills I am learning will help me gain valuable career skills.

Your generous scholarship helps ease some financial worries, allowing me to focus more on my studies.

I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will help me achieve my dreams.

I am working on completing a certificate in Software Engineering and am within 4 classes to complete this certificate.

I am considering transferring after the completion of this certificate.

I am currently taking software/programming classes and work full time so online/asynchronous classes are often the most convenient.

My current professor Dr. Baugh is very patient and helpful. I enjoy participating in programming/tech meet ups.

I would like to be able to build complete software applications, especially mobile apps.

Eventually, I would like to start my own software development company. This certificate will provide me with some valuable projects and skills to help me accomplish my goals.

I am committed to making the most of this scholarship and pursuing my academic goals with passion and dedication. I am grateful for your support and believe that this scholarship will help me achieve my full potential.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me. The best way to reach me is through my email.

tomadesrosiers@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Thomas Desrosiers

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE



Note From the Program Committee:
Thank you for the food and monetary
donations to Northville Civic Concern.



\$\$\$ 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

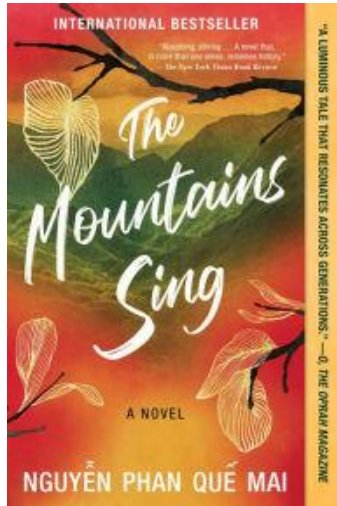
Sign up from the homepage of our website: <https://aauwnn.org/>. Scroll down to Spirit Wear and click to be linked to Big Frog, Novi.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, January 10, we will be discussing **“The Mountain Sings”** by **Nguyen Phan Que Mai**. We will meet at the Northville Library Study Room (lower level) with Zoom link availability from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mary Fowler will lead the 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 p.m. For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.



Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

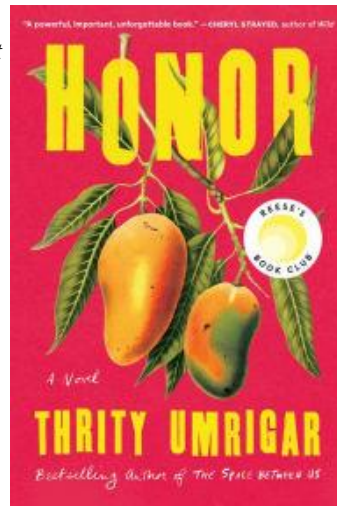
On January 15, the Restaurant Rovers will go to Doyle’s Irish Pub, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth, for lunch at 11:30 a.m. This is in St. John’s Resort.



Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group will discuss **“Honor”** by **Thirty Umrigar**, when Judy Poole will lead our discussion on January 27. This will be a ZOOM meeting.



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 (248) 449-8693 or mjkearns1@outlook.com.

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.

Mah Jongg

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Mah Jongg group plays Friday afternoons at members’ homes. The January schedule follows.

- Jan 3 – Rhonda
- Jan 10 – Ruth
- Jan 17 – Mary Jane
- Jan 24 – Jan
- Jan 31 – Mary Ann



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

Great Decisions

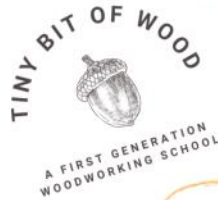
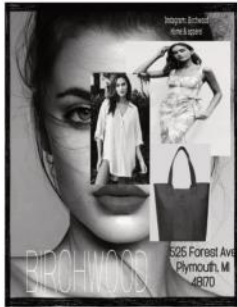
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact (Temporary)

Great Decisions will meet on January 21 at 1:30 p.m. via zoom to discuss **“A Great Disorder: National Myth and the Battle for America”** by Richard Slotkin. The book looks to the myths that have shaped American identity and reveals how they have brought us to the brink of an existential crisis.

A Great Disorder is a bold, urgent work that helps us make sense of today’s culture wars through a brilliant reconsideration of America’s foundational myths and their use in contemporary politics.

We encourage new members and guests. For more information or a ZOOM invitation contact Mary Jane Kearns at mjkearns1@outlook.com or (248) 449-893.

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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, Noon

