



Monthly Newsletter

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting lives of women and girls.

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General Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Church

2441 Nichols St., Trenton, MI 48183

After our wonderful "Welcome Back" dinner for our September Meeting, Programs would like to extend an invitation to you for our October meeting.

Our local branch of AAUW is honored to host local resident **Kristin Jordan Shamus** to our October meeting. Mrs. Shamus is a reporter at the **Detroit Free Press**, covering women's issues, lifestyle and family stories from metro Detroit and throughout Michigan. Her additional areas of expertise include media communications, marketing, social networking and management.

The public is welcome to attend this free program and refreshments will be served. Students of Journalism will find this presentation particularly informative. Hope to see you there!



Contact Lee Ann Shade or Colleen Lough
313-460-3700

[Click Here To Take Survey Now](#)

If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact Sheila Blair at 734-674-2246 or blair.s@live.com and she will be happy to send one to you.

PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!

We want to hear what you think! Please take a few moments to take this survey. Results will be provided at our **October 10th** event and in the next newsletter. Your feedback will help shape the future of our branch. **To take the survey, please click the button on the left.**



2017 Leadership Conference

Preliminary feedback from the evaluations of the Fall Leadership Conference indicates attendees enjoyed the conference and came away with valuable insights feeling it was a day well spent. A number of them directly shared their compliments expressing how well organized it was, that they loved the keynote, SAC and leadership panels, pleased with the food, and the facility.

Special thanks goes out to Kathy Sullivan, Ruth Briggs, the Wyandotte-Downriver STEM Team, Susan Ball, Jan Piana, Mary Sue Sickafus, Sheila Blair, all of the workshop facilitators, Joan Hemsworth, Deb Kennedy, Betty Priskorn, Denise Brooks Williams, Erika Geiss, Annette May, Mary Pollock, Julia Pulver, Elizabeth Haynes, Deborah Debose, Penny Larsen, Jackie Hector, Anthony Arminiak, Dawn Piper, Madeleine Jones, Jane Russ, Diana Mente, Ruth Opalewski, Janet Watkins, and Abby Kurlfink, conference attendees and everyone who helped make this conference a success.

You can check out more pictures on the [AAUW of Michigan](#) website.



Yearbook Revisions/Additions

There were a number of members who notified the Branch of revisions/additions needed in the Yearbook. Unfortunately, we cannot change them all in the printed version, but we can list them here so that you can make the necessary changes on your home copy.

[Please click here for a full list of corrections.](#)

If we have missed any additions/revisions that need to be corrected, we apologize. Please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting Sheila Blair at 734-674-2246, blair.s@live.com and/or Abby Kurlfink at 313-



Correspondence

Please let Bea know of any surgeries, illnesses, accidents, etc. or any passings that would warrant a note or card of caring from us, as a community of concerned women.

You can reach her by e-mail at tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com or leave her a message at her home phone 734-287-8945 or iPhone at 734-552-9597.



Bridge Group

Hostesses for October are as follows: October 3- Barbara Denman and October 17- Sylvia Pollack. We begin playing at 12:30 PM and quit before 4 PM.

If you are interested, contact Dianne Batch at (734) 675-0181 or at diannebatch@wowway.com.



Daytime Book Club

Spend time with great books and great friends. Daytime Book Club meets the first



Attention Food Enthusiasts! Couple's Gourmet

Our next event is an outing. No cooking; no dishes to clean and put away! We will dine at **Giulio & Sons at the Edward Hotel in Dearborn. Sunday, October 22, 12:15 PM.** Contact Bebe Hartman 479-4049 if you and your spouse are interested in trying out the Couple's Gourmet group in October.



Detroit Symphony

Series of 6 or 12. Meet at Holiday Inn in Southgate at 9:30 am. Carpool to Friday Coffee Concerts and lunch out.

If you are interested, contact Mary Sue Sickafus at mssickafus@u-sit.net.

Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

Oct 24 "Small Great Thing" by Jodi Picoult
Dec. 5 "The life We Bury" by Allen Eskens
Feb. 27 "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan
April 24 "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
June 26 "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff

Discussions start at 7:30 at the Southgate Library (14680 Dix Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195) on the 4th Tuesday except our annual Christmas dinner in Dec.

Everyone is welcome to join us for one meeting or all. Call Jean Carnahan at [313-382-1914](tel:313-382-1914) for information.

Friday of each month from September through June at 1:00 PM. Our 2017-2018 books will keep you coming back for more.

Check out all of the book selections and full schedule [here](#).

Contact Janet at janingle40@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



Our Deepest Condolences

Our AAUW member Sue Stoll's husband, Walt, passed away yesterday. We were all blessed to have Walter and Sue enriching our lives...dining, singing, traveling, discussing...living life to its fullest. Walt left open ended instructions to his loved ones to celebrate his mission here on earth, which he has now completed. Details of that celebration will follow.

Cards may be sent to:
Sue Stoll
22230 Miami
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

November 6, 1941 - August 28, 2017



STEM Committee

Join the STEM Committee in encouraging girls to love and excel in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics!

This is the beginning of a New STEM Year and we are looking for members who are interested in making a long term commitment (September-May) to our STEM Program. If you are interested in becoming a member of our STEM Team, we invite you to join us at our next STEM Meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 at 1:30 at Riverview Library.**

Our first STEM Meeting for 2017-2018 was held on September 20. This was our annual organizational meeting. Sub committee positions and STEM Liaisons with our seventeen Downriver Schools were assigned. The framework toward building another successful STEM Symposium for May 10, 2018 is now underway. Your input is also important. Please contact us if you know of any young women who are currently working in STEM Careers and who may be interested in conducting an interactive workshop.

Thank you for your continued support of the STEM Program.

Susan Ball
STEM Co-Chair

NEW!! Mentoring Group

The new Mentoring Group is looking for members interested in helping young women starting out in their careers by offering guidance and support as they navigate through the murky and often unequal world of employment. Please contact the leader if you are interested in helping to shape this new group and help shape the future of our young people on their career journey.

If you are interested or have any questions contact Sheila Blair at blair.s@live.com.



Mean Girls Grow Up

Supporting Victims of Bullying in the Workplace

- 60% of all women in the workplace are bullied.
- Nearly all of them are bullied by other women.

Help **STOP** Workplace Bullying!

Volunteer to mentor local young women alongside other members of this branch. Contact Sheila Blair for more information.



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the following play:

Sun Oct 22 "Love Never Dies"

We will meet at the west side of the Holiday Inn at 11:30 and carpool to Traffic Jam for brunch. Please RSVP.

Dec.3, "American in Paris" at the Opera House. Time and place TBD

Call Jean Carnahan for information or if you are interested in subbing for a season ticket holder that may be unable to attend.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jean Carnahan at frankandjean@outlook.com.

Great Decisions

The discussion chapters for the 2017 book are as follows:

Nov. 28 "Latin America's Political Pendulum"

Jan 23, 2018 "Nuclear Security....."

All meetings are on the 4th Tues. at the Southgate Library at 7:00.

For information call Jean Carnahan at [313-382-1914](tel:313-382-1914).



Out and About Group

If you are interested in getting "out and about" with AAUW friends, please contact Deb Kennedy at aauwkennedy@gmail.com, 734-479-1360

Meet-N-Eat

Tuesday, October 24 Mystery Trip

On Tuesday, October 24 the group will journey on a "Mystery Trip" to a destination known only to chairs Barbara Denman ([734-671-1597](tel:734-671-1597)) and Sharon Vollmar ([734-285-](tel:734-285-)



Hilberry Theater

Our first Hilberry play will be **The Underpants** on **October 7th**. We will meet at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn in Southgate for lunch and the play.

If you are interested, contact the leader at maeaxelrood@gmail.com.



Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

Join us on alternate Mondays at noon for lunch at Sportsman's Den, Riverview and euchre beginning at 1 PM.

Join us for lots of laughter and a great time sharing lunch together!

Cost \$2.00 to play and .10 cents if you are euchred.

If you have any questions, contact Beatrice Cassidy at tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com.

[1741](#). You will be called for further instructions- where and when to meet, etc. This should be fun!

Tuesday, November 29
Dearborn Inn
6:00 PM

Bea Cassidy [\(734\)287-8945](tel:7342878945) will have made the arrangements for dinner at the at . We will complete our 2018 program as we enjoy dinner and the Christmas decorations. As always, any Branch member is welcome to join us at any event planned- just call the hostess or arrangements chair.

Call Dianne for a reservation 734-675-0181 or at diannebatch@wowway.com.



Open Book Theater

Spend Saturday afternoons with great AAUW friends at the female run Trenton Theatre. The 2017-2018 Season will be directed by talented women. Check out the Season Schedule here:

[Open Book Theatre 2017-2018 Season](#)

Contact Madeleine if you are interested by phone or at mizmadlin@yahoo.com.

Needle Arts

The group (and any interested members) is to meet on **Friday, October 20**, at **9:30 AM** at the home of Cathy Stallman on Grosse Ile- [\(734\)676-2763](tel:7346762763). The project will also be presented by Cathy is a small Halloween appliqued wall hanging- For materials- call Cathy when you let her know that you are coming.



Travel Group

By the time you read this newsletter the Travel Group will have gone to Hyde Park and NY. Please consider the upcoming trips to Costa Rica (contact [Kay Cozzi](#)), Albuquerque Balloon Festival ([Patty Smart](#)), India ([Madeleine Jones](#)), Beluga Whale Adventure ([Patty Smart](#)).

Possible short trips to be added. Email [Kay Cozzi](#) with ideas especially if you will organize the trip. We would love to have you join us.

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Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to include anything to our newsletters, please contact Abby Kurlfink at abkfink@gmail.com or 313-949-3166. Please also notify Abby of any revisions or corrections to be made. It is our hope that all members and interest groups be included and represented.