



## 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.

### Executive Board

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## November General Meeting



Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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

St. Thomas Church

2441 Nichols St., Trenton, MI 48183

The speaker at the next monthly meeting of the AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Branch will be **Rev. Faith**

**Fowler**, Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services (CCSS). The public is encouraged to attend her presentation at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 14. Come to hear this dynamic leader and learn about the CCSS Tiny Homes project in Detroit.

Click [here](#) to read Rev. Fowler's complete bio.

The public is welcome to attend this free program and refreshments will be served.

Contact [Lee Ann Shade](#) or [Colleen Lough](#)  
734-771-2047 and 313-460-3700

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## Member Holiday Dinner

Christmas is around the corner !!! Plan on attending our Holiday Dinner at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Get your reservations in now !!!

**WE WILL ALSO COLLECT MONEY FOR THIS FUN EVENT AT OUR NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING.**

## AAUW 2017 Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 12 from 5:30-9 PM  
Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club, 9339 Bellevue Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138

**Menu:** Hors d'oeuvres, Grosse Ile berry salad, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, punch.

**Your choice of entree:** Roast prime rib, pecan encrusted chicken, sauteed perch, maple glazed salmon.

**Cost:** \$32 and a cash bar is available

**Please print and complete this [form](#) and return it with your payment to the November 12th meeting, or by mail to Sylvia Pollack, 24163 West River Road, Grosse Ile, 48138, by Dec. 5.**

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## STEM Savvy Symposium Gearing Up

The committee for our Fifth Annual STEM SAVVY Symposium for Middle School Girls has just begun the process of organizing for the annual Symposium next year to be held on Thursday, May 10th at WCCCD in Taylor.

This activity promotes the welfare of young women by introducing them to rewarding careers in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields. We'll be hosting 125 Downriver girls and their teacher and counselor chaperones for a day of mini sessions presented by women actively employed in STEM careers.

The committee will be meeting again on Wednesday, November 15th. We will meet at the Riverview Library at 1:30. This event is a win-win, feel good, positive experience for both our members and for all those 125 Downriver students that will be experiencing it. Come and join us. You'll be glad you did!

Jackie Hector STEM Savvy Committee

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## Recent Travels with the Travel Group

Twelve ladies made the journey to the Hudson Valley region of New York to discover its beauty and wonders. The days from Oct. 8-13 were packed full of seeing new sights, tasting new foods and learning new facts. We experienced the FDR estate, wine tastings, boat ride, Vanderbilt Mansion, Rail/Trail Bridge, West Point, Edward Hopper home, Culinary Institute of America, train ride and Manhattan. Topping off the trip was our day in





Manhattan, where, in the afternoon, the ladies split up according to sights they wanted to explore, such as the Botanical Gardens, The Cloisters, and the 9-11 memorial. Reconvening in the evening, we all took a five-hour night time guided tour of Manhattan, which all agreed was wonderful. We returned home to savor our fond memories and photos of a time well enjoyed.

## 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.

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](mailto:blair.s@live.com).



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



## Correspondence

Please let Bea Cassidy 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@idoud.com](mailto:tobeatricecassidy@idoud.com) or leave her a message at her home phone 734-287-8945 or iPhone at 734-552-9597.



## 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 (734) 479-4049 if you and your spouse are interested in trying out the Couple's Gourmet group in October.



## Bridge Group





## 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](mailto:mssickafus@u-sit.net).



## Daytime Book Club

Spend time with great books and great friends. Daytime Book Club meets the first 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](mailto:janingle40@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



## 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.

## LADIES' TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Hostesses for November are:

Nov. 7- Jan Mans

Nov. 21- Mary Sue Sickafus

We begin playing at 12:30 PM. Substitutes are always needed. Call Dianne Batch (734) 675-0181 if you are interested.



## Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

**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 pm at the Southgate Library (14680 Dix Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday except our annual holiday dinner Dec. 12.

Everyone is welcome to join us for one meeting or all. Call Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914 for information.

## 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.

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.



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](mailto:blair.s@live.com).



### Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the following plays:

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

Jan 21 "The Bodyguard"

Feb. 11: "Finding Neverland"

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](mailto:frankandjean@outlook.com).



### Hilberry Theater

Our second Hilberry play will be "A Streetcar Named Desire" on Nov. 11th. 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](mailto:maeaxelrood@gmail.com).

Susan Ball  
STEM Co-Chair



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Southgate Library at 7:00 pm.

For information call Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914.



### Out and About Group

Our next activity will be November 17th at the Wyandotte Bistro at 6 PM. If you are interested in getting "out and about" with AAUW friends, please contact Deb Kennedy at [aauwkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkennedy@gmail.com), 734-479-1360. Our purpose is to try new locations for local cuisine always on the third Thursday of the month.



### Meet-N-Eat





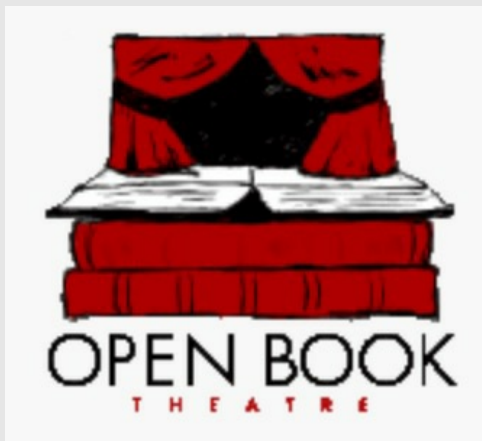
### Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

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](mailto:tobeatricecassidy@icloud.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](mailto:mizmadlin@yahoo.com).

Tuesday, November 29  
Dearborn Inn, 6:00 PM

Bea Cassidy (734) 287-8945 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](mailto:diannebatch@wowway.com).



### Needle Arts

The hostess for November is Sharon Dmochowski (734) 379-5705 on Friday, Nov. 17 at 9:30 AM. Sharon will present the program - a knitted or crocheted sachet for your closet or chest of drawers. Members have the pattern - guests may obtain the list of supplies from Sharon. We enjoy a light breakfast before we launch into the project and often go out to lunch afterward.

### Travel Group

Our tour to Hyde Park and New York City was a great success. Thank you to all who helped Sue Stoll plan the trip. Do you have a place/city you would like to visit? Please contact me with your idea. 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 Sheila Blair at [blair.s@live.com](mailto:blair.s@live.com) or 734-674-2246. Please also notify Sheila of any revisions or corrections to be made. It is our hope that all members and interest groups be included and represented.