



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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2017 Member 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 Sylvia Pollack, 24163 West River Road, Grosse Ile, 48138, by Dec. 5.



Personal Donations Requested

At our holiday dinner, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for Mimi's Mission. Mimi's Mission is a local non-profit organization that helps Downriver families in need and brings awareness of child safety on the internet and in everyday life. Mimi's Mission extends programs and assistance to residents of the following Downriver communities: Allen Park, Brownstown Charter Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, Huron Charter Township, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven, and Wyandotte.

We also will be collecting personal monetary donations (cash or checks) to Cass Community Social Services (Rev. Faith Fowler, our November presenter).



Letter from Chris Mathews to Members

*"To the soul, there is hardly anything more
healing than friendship."*

Thomas Moore

11/15/17

Dear AAUW Sisters,

Thank you for
your visits, notes,
and support not only
through the funeral
week — but for 11
years of support from
many of you.

God bless you,
Chris

NCCWSL Registrants Needed Quickly!



Coming in May, 2018, our Branch will be sending three young women to NCCWSL ("Nick Whistle"), which is a leadership training conference for college student women leaders. We have already booked three seats on the bus that will take them from Dearborn to the University of Maryland campus. Now we need three college

students with the willingness to participate in this conference. All their bus costs and registration fees will be paid for by our Foundation. We need our Branch members to begin making recommendations so that selections can be made and registrations completed early in 2018. Neighbors, nieces, granddaughters, or friends of friends are all good choices. Please send your recommendations to Andrea Witkowski or Jackie Hector. Our contact information is in the new Membership Directory.

If you know of young women attending Wayne County Community College in Taylor, Baker College, Lawrence Technological Institute, or Henry Ford Community College, please inform them of the scholarships we provide to Downriver women at these institutions. They can ask at the counseling offices at those colleges for the application forms.

We hope to hear from you soon. Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season to you all.

Jackie, Hector, Chair of AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Foundation



Survey says ...

Recently, our Branch participated in a membership survey to inform Branch leaders of the desires of members.

We had amazing results! Nearly 40% of our members responded to the survey. If you would like to view the survey results, which were presented at the November branch meeting, please click the link below.

[Click here to see the Survey Results!](#)

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.



[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



Attention Food Enthusiasts! Couple's Gourmet

Couple's Gourmet will dine out at PARC restaurant in Detroit on **Saturday, Dec. 2..** We'll be right downtown to view the spectacular Christmas lights. Dianne Batch is our hostess for this 5 PM event.

women.

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



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.



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](#).

We will meet on Friday, December 1 at 1:00 pm. Deb has secured a room upstairs at Bacon Memorial Library in Wyandotte. We plan to discuss "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Snacks are welcome but optional.

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

If you and your spouse like to cook, we have room in our group for you. We meet in homes for a pre planned meal. Each couple hosts about once every other year. Please contact Janice Acker if you are interested in cooking with us



Bridge Group

LADIES' TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

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 4th 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!



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.

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.

Susan Ball
STEM Co-Chair



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.



Great Decisions

The discussion chapters for the 2017 book are as follows:

- **Nov. 28** "Latin America's Political Pen"
- **Jan 23** "Nuclear Security....."

The order deadline for the 2018-19 books is **Dec. 12**, the cost is \$30

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

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



Out and About Group



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.



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.



Open Book Theater

If you would like to be part of this interest group and receive e-mail reminders please email Deb Kennedy, aauwkennedy@gmail.com (no email? call 734-479-1360) See you out and about!

- **Jan. 18** at Truago in Trenton at 6 PM
- **Feb. 15** at Magdelano Ristorante in Wyandotte at 6 PM
- **Mar. 15** at R. P. McMurphy's in Wyandotte at 6 PM

Our purpose is to try new locations for local cuisine always on the third Thursday of the month.



Meet-N-Eat

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.



Needle Arts

This information will be updated in the next newsletter.

Travel Group

Our tour to Hyde Park and New York City

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.

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 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.
