



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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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

*****Please note that this tour takes the place of the regular evening meeting held at St. Thomas Church each month*****

Join us for an historical journey on Tuesday, February 13th to the Underground Railroad in Detroit. Any members interested in carpooling will first meet at Southland parking lot in Taylor near the corner of Eureka and Pardee at 9:00 am.

Our tour will begin at the First Congregational Church located at 33 E. Forest Street in Detroit from 10:00 am till 12 noon. Cost is \$12 at the door.

Lunch will be at Otto Via, 1400 Michigan Ave., Detroit from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.



The day will conclude at the Motown Museum (also known as Hitsville, USA) at 2648 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, where the tour will begin at 2:00. Cost is \$10.



Fact Action Required!



[Download Flyer Here](#)

Free PMP Course Offered!

AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver affiliate member, Sheila Blair, PMP, is conducting a FREE Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Exam Prep Course for fellow branch members.

If interested, please contact Sheila via email at blair.s@live.com or call (734-674-2246) by **February 2, 2018**.



Nominations may be made by AAUW members and interest groups, along with community individuals or organizations. Nominees must live or work downriver. First time nominees only please.

The AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Branch is seeking nominations for the 2018 Woman of the Year Award

**Nominations are due by
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

[Download the Nomination Form
Here](#)

Please note that the nomination **deadline has been extended to Tuesday, February 27th**. Nominations may be submitted to Jane Russ at jaej@peoplepc.com, or by mailing to 8830 Voigt, Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

Save the date for our 2018 Annual Woman of the Year event!

The program will be held on Tuesday, March 13, at Wayne County Community College at 2100 Northline, Taylor, MI. The evening will start with a social at 6:00 pm with the program beginning at 6:30 pm.

This inspiring evening will again honor **ALL** nominees, the selected recipient, NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders), and

scholarship awardees.

Refreshments are served before and after the program. Thanks to those members bringing goodies purchased by the branch.

Any questions please contact co-chairs
Karen Ogden, karen@homespunfurniture.com 734-284-6277
OR
Deb Kennedy, aauwkennedy@gmail.com 734-479-1360



STEM Committee Update

The STEM Committee's plans for the May 10, 2018, event are progressing at a fast pace. All of the 19 Downriver school districts have been contacted. Follow up telephone calls by committee members to determine if the districts will be participating this year have been made. Their responses have been most enthusiastic.

Presenters are being secured, who are engaged in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, and will do hands on activities with the girls related to their expertise. The speaker committee has been hard at work, and expect to secure the keynote and final speaker before February.

The registration forms with workshop titles will be delivered to the individual schools in late February, with the responses due back to the committee around Easter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The committee has a goodie bag which is given to each participant upon her arrival at Wayne County Community College. They are delighted with the contents, which are mainly advertising give aways from businesses, professional offices (e.g., medical, dental, restaurants, etc.). Each donor is recognized as a sponsor in the STEM Savvy Program. I am soliciting your help in assisting the committee members to "fill the bag".

Please call Julie Treves at (313) 386-4588 and volunteer. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

The STEM Savvy project is a highlight of our Association in the Downriver community, as we encourage middle school girls to THINK BIG.

Audrey Lyden, STEM Committee

NCCWSL Registrants Still Needed!



In May, 2018, our Branch will be sending three young women to NCCSWL, 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 U of M 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 continue making recommendations so that selections can be made. Neighbors, nieces, granddaughters, or friends of friends are all good choices. Only one young woman has completed the essay and registration process so far. Early registration ends on January 31, 2018, but registration continues through April. Our search continues.

****Please send your recommendations to [Andrea Witkowski](#) or [Jackie Hector](#). (Contact information is in the new Members 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 of those colleges for the application forms. We hope to hear from you soon.

Jackie Hector, Chair of AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Foundation

Wyandotte-Downriver Branch
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Riverview Library at 6:00 pm

14300 Sibley Road, Riverview, MI

The purpose of this Board of Directors meeting will be to discuss potential changes to the branch that will impact our bylaws. Please note that members interested in volunteering for a board position for the 2018-2019 fiscal year should plan to attend this meeting. All members are welcome at any board meeting.

New Newsletter Editor!

Starting with the February issue, Lorna Hardin will serve as the editor for the AAUW Wyandotte - Downriver monthly newsletter. Please contact Lorna with information and articles by the 20th of each month for inclusion into the next month's newsletter. Email submissions are the easiest to work with but you may also mail articles or call Lorna with information. Contact information is below:

Email - ljhardin@gmail.com

Please put 'AAUW Newsletter' in the Subject field of your email.

Phone - 313-231-5712

Address -
23341 Edward Street
Dearborn, MI 48128



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 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.



Attention Food Enthusiasts! Couple's Gourmet

If you and your spouse like to cook, please consider joining our group. For questions about the group, contact Janice Acker at janiceaacker@yahoo.com.



Bridge Group

LADIES' TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

February 6, 2018 - We will meet at home of Jan Mans

February 20, 2018 - We will meet at the home of Bebe Hartman.

We begin playing at 12:30 pm and finish before 4:00 pm.

Substitutes are always needed. Call Dianne Batch (734) 675-0181 if you are interested.



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 if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



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.



Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

- **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.



Great Decisions

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

Our purpose is to try new locations for local



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the following plays:

- **Feb. 11** "Finding Neverland"
- **April 15** "School of Rock"
- **May 6** "On Your Feet"

Please RSVP to Patty Smart. Please contact Jean Carnahan at frankandjean@outlook.com for information or if you are interested in subbing for a season ticket holder that may be unable to attend.



Hilberry Theater

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



Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

cuisine always on the third Thursday of the month.

If you would like to be part of this interest group and receive email reminders please email Deb Kennedy, aauwkennedy@gmail.com

No email? call 734-479-1360.

See you out and about!

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



Meet-N-Eat

A program will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Members will be called with details.

Call Dianne at 734-675-0181 for more information or email at diannebatch@wowway.com.



Needle Arts

The group will meet on Friday, February 16, at 9:30 AM at the home of Carol Sniderman in Dearborn. Carol is in charge of the pincushion project and members have a pattern.

Please call Carol if you have questions and/or plan to attend at (734) 347-7347

Travel Group

Our tour to Hyde Park and New York City was a great success. Thank you to all who

Join us on alternate Mondays at noon for lunch at Sportsman's Den, Riverview and eudhre 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 eudhred.

If you have any questions, contact Beatrice Cassidy at 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.

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 - October 2018 ([Patty Smart](#) - please call ASAP if you are interested), 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.



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.](#)

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