



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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2018 Annual Woman of the Year Plan to attend & bring a friend!

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

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.

AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund



Each year we donate money to the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund in the name of one or two of our outstanding members.

This is called a Named Gift Award. Please submit nominations with the reasons you are nominating this person to:

ruthbriggs1@comcast.net

Nominations will be accepted until the April General meeting. Please do not nominate anyone who has received the award in the past 5 years; past recipients are listed in the Directory.

For information about what this donation is used for follow the link below to the AAUW website

[AAUW Educational Funding & Awards](#)



Click [HERE](#) for
Association Dues & Fees Table
& Information On
2017 Tax Deductibility



E3 Women's Summit Equity, Energy and Empowerment

AAUW of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Branch, is presenting its first ...

WOMEN'S SUMMIT
Saturday, April 21, 2018
9:00 - 11:30 am
First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
800 Vernier
Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Summit features women who have experience in STEM professions. Panelists include:

- Pam Turner, Former Director, Detroit Water and Sewerage
- Suzy Elfshawy, Director of Development, Quality Assurance & Production Support, Billhighway
- Dr. Evon Ereifej, Fellow at Case Western University.
- Moderator: Beth Chappell, Immediate Past President, Detroit Economic Club.

The program will begin with a presentation on the historical timeline of important contributions made by women, presented by members of the AAUW Grosse Pointe branch. The presentation will be followed by the panel discussion focusing on ADVANCING EQUITY IN THE WORKPLACE. These 3 E's are essential: EQUITY – ENERGY – EMPOWERMENT

Additional information and tickets are available on the GP AAUW website:

<https://grossepointe-mi.aauw.net/>

Please join us as we further our mission and yours - to advance equity for women and girls.

Sincerely,



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

Newsletter Article Submissions

Please contact Lorna Hardin 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@icloud.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



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

Our dining choice for March 10, 2018 has been changed to **BOLERO LATIN CUISINE**, newly opened in December. Their menu is Latin-American from Spain to Venezuela, Peru, and Brazil. Entrees include a dozen dinner tapas, ceviche, paella, and many others. The chef also oversees Vicente's Cuban Cuisine downtown

A note on parking from Jan - They do have valet parking located on the bottom floor of a WSU parking structure. My son parked in the structure when he and his wife went there a month ago. He found out too late the structure cost the same as the valet. He did report that the food was very good.

Jan will be contacting members of the group soon.

Hoping to see you at

Bolero Latin Cuisine
51 W. Forest Ave.
(first block west of Woodward)
Detroit, MI 48201
313-800-5059

Saturday, March 10th at 5:30 pm.



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.



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the following plays:

- **April 15** "School of Rock"
- **May 6** "On Your Feet"

On April 15 we will meet at the Holiday Inn at 10:30 am to carpool to Traffic Jam for brunch and then to the theatre for the 1:00 pm performance. Please RSVP to Patty Smart at [734-676-9074](tel:734-676-9074).

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.

Bridge Group

LADIES' TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Hostesses for March are:

March 6, Mary Sue Sickafus
March 20, Beverly Framalin.

The play begins at 12:30 PM and continues until about 3:30 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:

- **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.

At our meeting on Tues., March 27 we will discuss Chapter 3, "China And America" from the 2018 book.

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



Hilberry Theater

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

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.

Travel Group

Please consider joining us for these upcoming trips:



Out and About Group

Come "Out & About" to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early at ...

R. P. McMurphy's
2922 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte
Thursday, March 15th
6:00 pm.

Please reserve your seat with Deb Kennedy by Monday, March 12th. Call [734-479-1360](tel:734-479-1360) or email aauwkennedy@gmail.com

Our purpose is to try new locations for local 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.



Meet-N-Eat

After stuffing ourselves with a Chinese New Year's feast at the New Peking (on Ford Rd.) the evening of February 19th, we are ready to tackle another session of cooking!

The **March 27th** meeting will be at the home of Kathy Levillier at ...

[29737 East River Rd, Grosse Ile.](#)

Our topic will be

**"Breakfast Casseroles and Other
Great Ideas For Special
Mornings"**

Planning the recipes are Dianne Batch and Grace Baclawski.

Please call Kathy at [\(734\) 671-1160](tel:734-671-1160) and there will be a place at the table for you. Also, for this March meeting be prepared to be part of the kitchen "crew"!

All Branch members are welcome to attend any of our cooking sessions or evenings out.

- 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.

Do you have a place/city you would like to visit? Email [Kay Cozzi](#) with ideas especially if you will organize the trip. We would love to have you join us!



Needle Arts

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 16 at 9:30 in the morning, at the home of Dianne Batch on Grosse Ile.

Cathy Stallman will be back from Florida to teach us how to make a darling and timely Easter Bunny table Runner (members have the pattern and supplies list).

A light breakfast will be served and lunch at a local restaurant usually follows.

Any member of the Branch is welcome if you are interested in making this project.

Please call Dianne Batch if you have questions and/or plan to attend at [\(734\) 675-0181](tel:7346750181).

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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